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Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Possible Source Lead

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REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject
B) Van Happer/Case 'in' telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, we asked (Jeffrey G. Peterson (WH/3/Venezuela) for additional assessment information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [Jeffrey Peterson] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Fla., where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. [Peterson] knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

3. According to [Peterson], based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [Peterson] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [Peterson] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [Peterson] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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A. It is believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Salinas is a good candidate for career development. He will be located at 205 E. Street Place, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Engineers Co. He will also represent Penobscot Corporation another military weapons firm.

B. Dan and Eschstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

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