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- REFS: A. ²¹⁻²⁶ (SAN SALVADOR) 20685 | IN 134684* |
 B. ²¹⁻⁴ (WH/MIAMI) 20664 | IN 135313** |
 C. ²¹⁻⁴ (WH/MIAMI) 20685 | IN 137730*** |

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1. FOLLOWING INFO IN ADDITION TRACES REF B: JOSEPH RAYMOND M E R O L A (201-257804). PER DBA 68712, 13 APR 64, SUBJ CLAIMED HE CIA AGENT AND ALLEGED CIA OBTAINED PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FIVE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR RUNNING GUNS CUBA. IN ADDITION CLAIMED CIA ISSUED PASSPORT IN NAME MICHAEL JOSEPH M E R O L A FOR TRAVEL CENTRAL AMERICA.

2. PER HQS RECORDS, MEROLA NOT CIA AGENT, BUT HAS BEEN DCD CONTACT SINCE EARLY SIXTIES.

3. 21 DEC 73 MEROLA CONTACTED DCD MIAMI TO ADVISE HE RECENTLY SPOKE WITH FRIEND IN SAN SALVADOR WHO WORKS FOR ANSESAL. FRIEND ADVISED MEROLA NOT GO US EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR TO SEE A MAN NAMED (GRENILLION) BECAUSE (GRENILLION) WHO US EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION OFFICER UNDER SURVEILLANCE ON SUSPICION OF BEING CIA-REF SAN SALVADOR. MEROLA TOLD FRIEND HE NEITHER KNEW NOR WOULD HAVE CAUSE TO

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SEE SUCH A MAN. FRIEND TOLD MEROLA HE ONLY TELLING HIM FOR HIS OWN GOOD BECAUSE IF MEROLA SAW (GREMILLION) MEROLA WOULD BECOME A SUSPECT CIA AGENT AS WELL.

4. DCD MIAMI RECONTACTED MEROLA 15 JANUARY DETERMINE ABOVE IDENTITY "FRIEND" IN SAN SALVADOR. FRIEND IDENTIFIED AS GUILLERMO R O BBE D E R, PRESIDENT INSAFI, MARRIED TO SECRETARY AT US EMBASSY CURRENTLY ON MATERNITY LEAVE.

5. MEROLA TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO AT MTG WITH DCD MIAMI 17 JAN 74. WILL ADVISE.

6. FILE: 201-257804. E2 IMPDET.H

WH COMMENT: *REQUESTED HQS TRACES JOSEPH MEROLA, WHO CLAIMED TO BE AERONAUTICAL CONSULTANT WITH PATTERSON AIRCRAFT COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

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