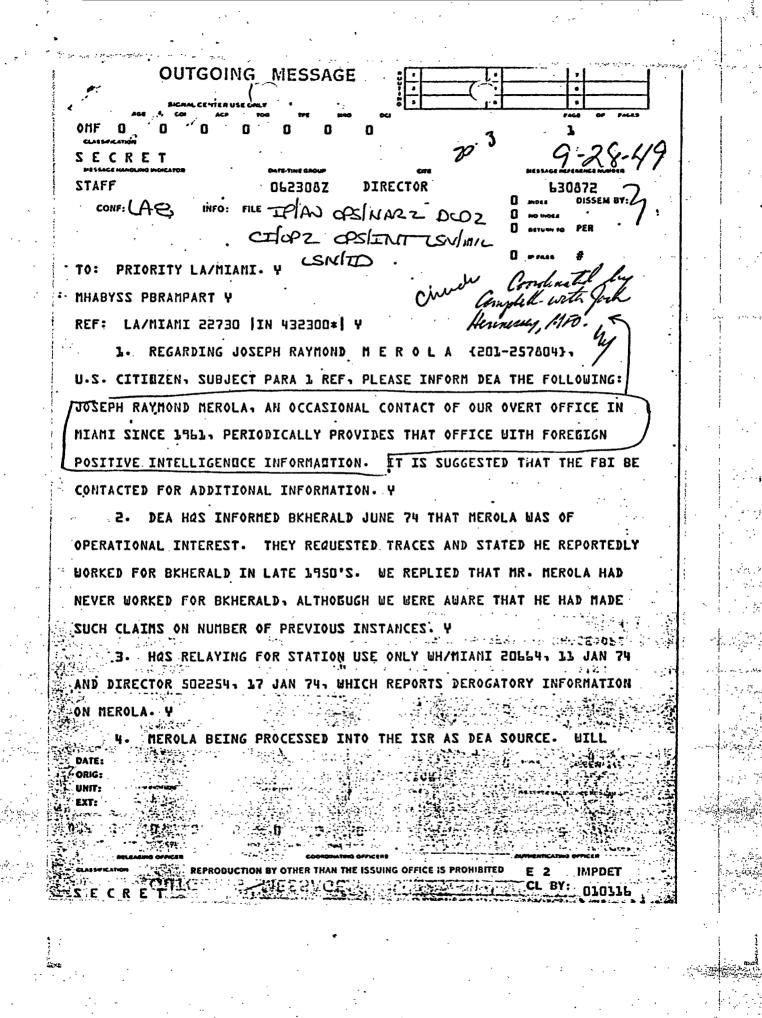
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L. THE FOLLOWING MAY BE PASSED TO DEA: BATISTA WAS BORN ID JULY 1933, HAVANA, CUBA, WAS IN CUBAN NAVY; ARRIVED IN U.S. IN EARLY 60'S AS EXILE. SUBJECT IS MARRIED TO DAISY DE LA ED T O R R E. WAS IN PRISON SEVERAL MONTHS IN 1959 IN CUBA ACCUSED OF BEING MEMBER OF BASTISTA'S ARMED FORCES AND HAVEING IDEAS OPPOSED TO CASTRO REVOLUTION, SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. SUBJECT OF OPS INTEREST TO BKHERALD IN 1963-1964; INTEREST DROPPED IN 1964 AND SUBJECT TERMINATED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. ASK DEA TO REFER TO FBI FOR MORE INFO ON SUBJECT. Y

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