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Memorandum

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TO : Chief, Domestic Collection Division
ATTN : Support Branch/OSS (JGross)
FROM : Chief, Miami Field Office

DATE: 4 January 1974

SUBJECT: CIA Operative in El Salvador

1. Joe Merola contacted the Miami Office on 21 December 1973 to explain that he recently had spoken with a friend of his in San Salvador, El Salvador. The friend, who allegedly works for the El Salvadoran Secret Service, told Merola that when he (Merola) comes to El Salvador not to go to the US Embassy to see a man named [redacted]. The friend told Merola that [redacted] is the Commercial Attache at the embassy and is under surveillance because he is suspected of being the CIA man in San Salvador. Merola told his friend that he did not know a man named [redacted] nor would he ever have cause to see such a man. The friend then told Merola that he was only telling him for his own good, and that if he (Merola) were to see this [redacted] that Merola would become a suspected CIA agent as well.

2. Merola said that he was passing this information to us in case we did indeed have a man in San Salvador by the name of [redacted]. Merola has been a contact of the Miami Field Office for some ten years, and during that period he has passed to this office some very reliable information.

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