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FROM : [Redacted]
DATE OF INFO : 24-28 AUGUST 1959
SUBJECT : FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF DOMINIC BARTONE

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1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR OUT-90344 TO YOUR BUREAU, DATED 27 AUGUST 1959, WHICH REPORTED THAT DOMINIC BARTONE, ALSO REPORTED AS BERTONE, HAD SENT A LAWYER TO PANAMA WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF CASH TO OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT IN THE PANAMA CITY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AND THAT THESE FUNDS MAY BE CONNECTED WITH WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN CUBA. REFERENCE ALSO IS MADE TO YOUR MEMORANDUM DATED 6 AUGUST 1959, YOUR FILE NUMBER 105-70973, CONCERNING MORGAN AND BARTONE.

2. ON 28 AUGUST 1959 A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE PERSON WHOM BARTONE SENT TO PANAMA TO OPEN THE ACCOUNT WAS ONE ANDREW PSALIDAS, LAW PARTNER OF GREGORY PANULES, ADDRESS 1710 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, MIAMI, FLORIDA. PSALIDAS WAS CARRYING A TOTAL OF \$70,000, OF WHICH \$15,000 WERE IN 1,000 DOLLAR BILLS. HE TRIED TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF SERVICIOS INTERNACIONALES S.A., WITH THE ONLY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ON CHECKS TO BE THAT OF DOMINIC BARTONE. THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES IN PANAMA ARE ARIAS, FABREDA AND FABREDA. THIS FIRM IS HEADED

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BY HARMODIO ARIAS SENIOR, WITH SEVERAL PARTNERS, INCLUDING ARIAS' SON, GILBERTO, AND CARLOS AROSEGOMA. AROSEGOMA HAS BEEN PLACING CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE BANK TO MAKE THE ACCOUNT ACTIVE, BUT AS OF 28 AUGUST THE BANK HAD NOT ACCEPTED THE ACCOUNT.

3. THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION IS SENSITIVE AND CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN DEVELOPING LEADS ON THIS MATTER.

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ABOVE INFO BASED ON: 21-7 4725, IN 19184

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