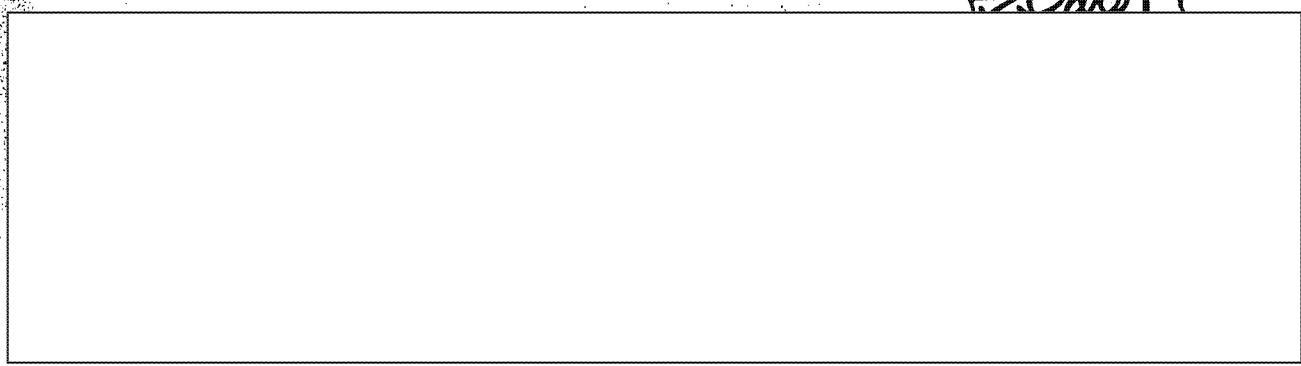




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BOX 55  
- Order 1 (1)



DDO Charles, Bernard Joseph France 1968

3 July 1968. Memo for the Record

Subject: Conversation w/ [REDACTED] - 17

Charles J. Bernard was released on June 20 after paying a ransom of \$250,000 (to Haitian Civil) - (handwritten in)

Signed William R. Van Sledright

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1962 - Charles, Bernard J.

US Dept of Justice - 415 Thomas Bldg

Dec 29, 1966 - DOD 4/21/23

US address - Consulate General of Haiti, <sup>Haiti</sup> Fla

July 17, 1966 - DOD 1/13/66

US address - Haitian Local NY

May 3, 1967 - DOD 4/21/23

US address - Waldorf Astor NY

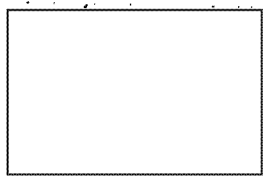
Jan 4, 1966 - DOD 4/21/32

US address - Embassy of Haiti, Wash DC

US Intell Info Cable Dec 19, 1966

Haiti, Mid Nov. 1966 Power Grabbing Army

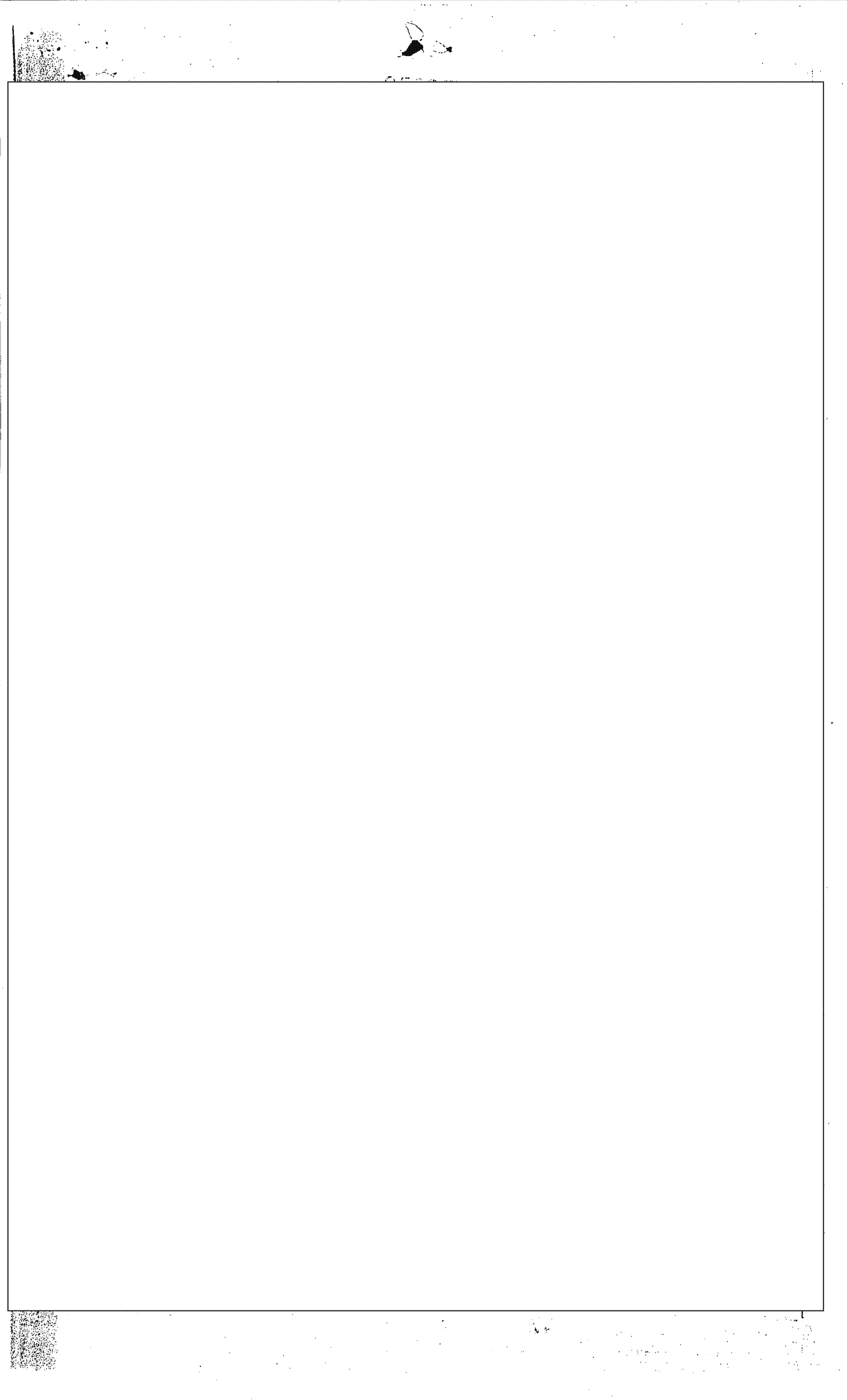
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Haitian student - members of Revolutionary  
Action Movement, Reunion

Central Intelligence Agency  
has no Objection to Release

Date: AS SANITIZED



[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Reference is made to T-57 report from [Redacted] US on 3 April 1966. In file of another office contain the following info more recent than obtained in TDC SIS-312/00477-64 dated Oct 9, 1964.

Identity of Supply Contract for

40 yrs exper in tobacco

Charles was specifically referred to as a self manager. Charles was regarded as

very close to the power & having ready access to source disburse C of a bank.

In 1952 Charles was negotiator on behalf of Haitian gov't w/ Englands for modernization of Haiti's telecomm system. As a result of this contract -

Charles represented a great political scandal - 1 million dollar contract delivered 1 million worth of goods.

Charles was also pres of Haitian Banana Corp. org created by Eric Lippenthaus & Col. Prayor - went bankrupt. Charles headed Esentral Oil Co since

death of Louis de Jace. Charles principal <sup>assistant</sup> in banana industry was Henry Seidman who was dir of Haitian Banana Monopoly. Is believed to be Charles' hatchet man - no verification.

SPS - 4/11/66

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NS address - Haitian Cons NY

[Redacted]

Pres. of Commercial Bank in Haiti. This [Redacted]  
[Redacted] term is direct descendant of long [Redacted]  
[Redacted] to [Redacted] [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
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1946 - [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

1953 - went to [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
to Eng by [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

1957 - [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

1960 - Created Banque Commerciale d'Haiti of  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
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1st Nat of Boston  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] ATFA 1359 under at least several [Redacted]

ATFA info cable Oct 9 1964 inquires re possibility [Redacted] for Haiti

[Redacted] acquired - US, Miami, Oct 7, 1964  
[Redacted] US citizen, was operator bus in Haiti where he is a  
friendship of many military & govt. leaders & was  
former military officer & a trained reporter.

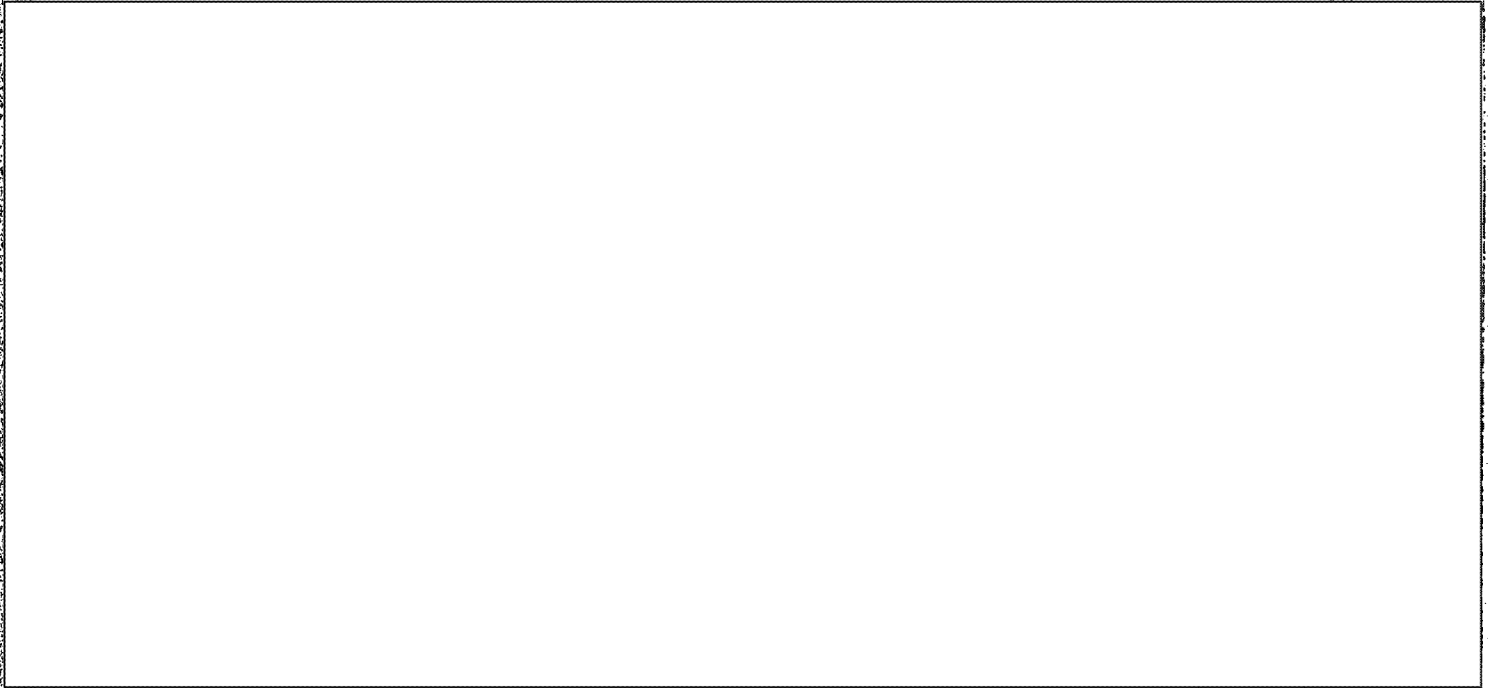
On or about Oct 3 1964 the Aviation Instructors  
of Fort Lauderdale, Fla, received an inquiry about  
the possibility of buying a C-119 Aircraft for the  
Columbian govt. The call was made by Raymond (not  
name ID) to Saunders W. Robeson, an aviation  
instructor employee, who agreed to investigate the  
proposed aircraft purchase.

On Oct 5 Robeson received a telephone call  
from a man who ID himself as "Cash" (phonetic)  
possible purchase of a P-51 aircraft ostensibly  
for the Columbian govt. but it was actually to  
be used for Haiti. Robeson agreed to meet w/ "Cash"  
at the Congress Bldg in Miami to discuss both  
aircrafts.

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Source comment: Robeson is a Caucasian born 1917  
who attempted sugar reg. in Haiti, where he  
was known to General Nathaniel Gaut, officials  
including C. J. Source comment: Under source

[Redacted]

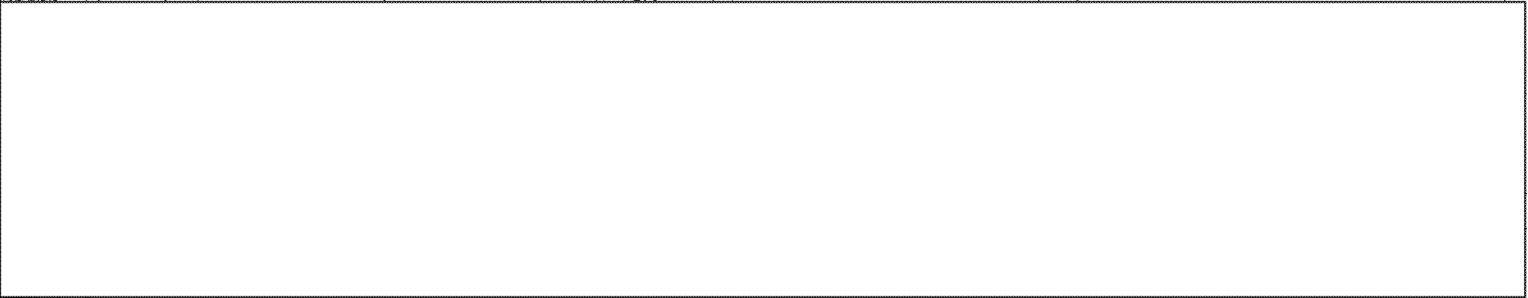


Mem. May 17 1963

At request of May 4 1963 of Buley had a  
council attended by William Barber took place at  
Barber's room at Park Sheraton Hotel in NY. Charles  
produced a letter from Wm Stix Wesserman (40-10411  
NY) addressed to <sup>H.H.</sup> Humphrey according to Charles

[redacted] H.H. are good friends. It was a letter  
[redacted] for Charles. Due to critical period  
[redacted] of Castro & that the Admin [redacted]

to look for means of Charles' ability. Charles  
is wanted to make another trip to DC to see H.H.  
asked his friend & business partner, Joe Dyer  
to present ~~Wesserman's~~ letter to H.H. Offered  
operation of US Coast Guard "one of Captain's  
close friends"



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to Gen. Delmonico concerning

to the US govt.

Marlack alerted Col. Sam Kent in Miami to  
renew Dept for 2 info on background of CJC

May 1 1963 Marlack advised CJC staying at  
Hotel Sheraton NY & had called since her name had  
been supplied to him by Dwyer. CJC had appts to  
Sen LBT, Sen Keating - Cong Rogers. CJC willing to  
go to Dept of Marlack's office. Marlack said  
Haitian desk man would go to CJC & visit Cett  
CJC along James Salas unemployed, NY office,  
due to familiarity w/ French language.

May 2 1963 Dwyer interviewed by Col Kent  
West Palm Beach. Dwyer had appt CJC as director  
of her bank in Haiti.

Charles wanted to see JFK. It went to  
White House received by special appt. see

May 3 1963 Belog reported a 5 hour  
visit of CJC. For obtaining background info. Copies  
of info sent to AcSI w/td dw. + later thru Branch

Meeting held w/ de M + CJC - (see press note)  
in course of which CJC desired to see Mr. Wain (State,  
411) to discuss US aid to Haiti. Request passed  
along to State. Mr. Razorski had called her back  
in Paris along to the Haitian desk man's extreme  
pleasure that anyone on the US would be in  
direct contact w/ CJC. Considered CJC steady  
to close to de Valer. Miss Stuntz checked by  
the division and as a result of meeting w/ CJC the  
D/P/Haitian desk had ~~SECRET~~ plans to contact  
her

10. Under - Parker - advisor to Eugene Connors  
Mr. Charles Marshall father. Connors also, past

11. Booklet - Eugene Connors d'Watts of picture  
of CJC 1963

DOB 4/21/23

12. Info Report CIA May 10 1963 OOB-3, 260, 765  
source - US citizen former journalist

4 hour interview. CJC believes this is the  
chance for us to save Haiti.

13. list of personal supporters -  
Clara Demaris - Sec of Commerce + Industry + a  
good friend - (in side page written - Ambrose I HARRNETT  
6201-315467 told the FBI in Nov 62 that Demaris is  
one of 2 card carrying Communists in Govt)

14. Tom Peret - former Haitian military <sup>in</sup> attaché in DC  
If CJC was not made president he would accept  
Sec of Finance + Econ Affairs. Present Sec - Horne  
Dyer has leftist tendencies (written in HARRNETT



[Redacted]

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On his request on May 3 1963 we had an additional  
meeting at CJC. He informed us he had received a  
telephone call from Joe Bryer, Pa. Bryer said CJC  
could not see him over the weekend but would  
see him in NYC next Wed. May 8. Prior to  
that Bryer plans to meet in DC Jacqueline  
Smith 3130 1<sup>st</sup> St., a friend of Mitchell's to  
discuss things of mutual interest to them.  
Then Met G. de M & wife

Re Charles DDO from Mitchell  
Secret Contact NY. In May 20 1968 James H.  
[Redacted] told us that CJC is seeking help in raising  
supposed ransom (for his release from prison) from  
himself (James A. of B & B Interim Corp 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ave NY) + Bryer. Brian + Bryer are meeting  
during the evening of May 20 1968 after which  
[Redacted] will take Bryer to airport. Bryer is to fly to  
[Redacted] on May 24 1968. [Redacted] said Bryer is a friend  
of the family of Joseph P. Kennedy.

[Redacted] was arrested on ~~May 11 1967~~ June 23 1967

Charles Memo May 20 1968. Charles uses pseudonym  
"Jacoby" in his Confidential corner 0003425

Letter from Charles to Mitchell dated June 6 1967  
[Redacted] handling his go to [Redacted] in 1963

May 1965

[Redacted]

- Phone Call June 27 1967  
by CJC + Brian

[Redacted]

- Major Salvo - DOD

1st City Bank NY - US Govt

DL & Co - Donatka Matlack

[Redacted]

- Col ~~Bar~~ Barrios a former military  
aid to Pres Johnson

[Redacted]

- help of US Govt to Charles

... as far as business is concerned, I received  
at my home a rep of Seal & Co. I am very happy and  
think we have no further worry <sup>concerning</sup> the business  
transaction. He accepted to sponsor the business

[Redacted]

D.L. & Co, The Howard Corp + others

[Redacted]

This is a very big success & I  
hope that w/ the assistance of the 1st City Bank  
and we'll make rapid progress. After all our  
goals will not have been in vain & our friend  
will be enlarged."

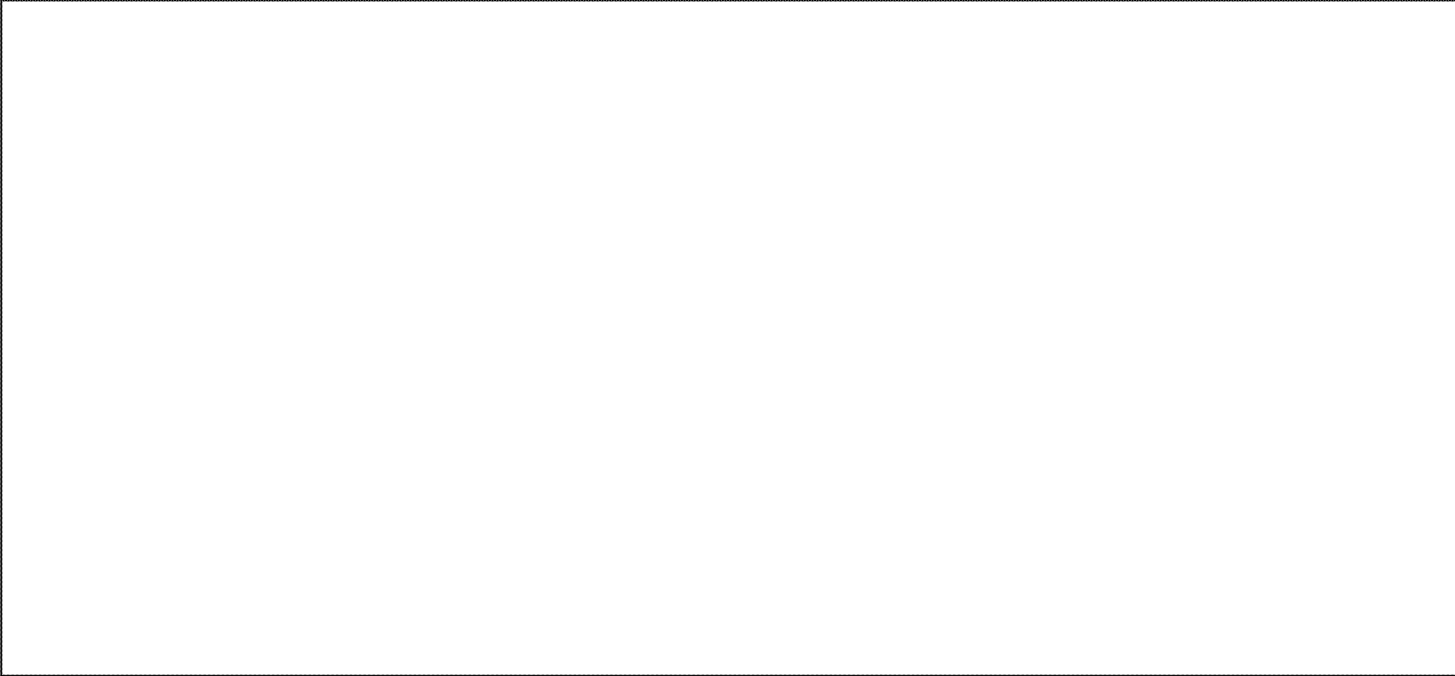
Classified Message June 28 1967 from [Redacted]

Charles' life in danger - relying on US  
to save him. US flag flies over central  
office of Commercial Bank

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June 23 1967 Memo - Report from George Mastin  
Donatka Matlack has now been put out of  
contact between DLS & Mr B. (Reserve  
MB - Louis Brown)

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June 15 1967

Structure Memo - Sun + Bureau discuss events  
Haiti - Bureau who thinks highly of CJC  
and Sun he fully supports CJC's plans &  
he will see LBJ ASHP.

Memo for Record - June 15, 1967 Agency Contact



Back to May  
16 3 when he was recalled in his suite in Hotel  
Dillard to a leak DC by a rep of WH dis-  
miss that time he has made every visit to the US  
on mission to talk to some US official. Most  
present of his approaches have been made to  
US/NSA which he believes leads him to DDD  
has never offered any evidence that he has some-  
thing going for him inside Haiti. Rather he has  
probably have meant little or nothing. No  
proof has been produced. Fabrication in  
some cases observed. CJC's intent to cover the

