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Memorandum

TO: Chief, Domestic Collection Division

FROM: Support Branch/OSS (JGross)

SUBJECT: CIA Operative in El Salvador

DATE: 4 January 1974

1. Joe Kerola 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 Kerola that when he (Kerola) came to El Salvador not to go to the US Embassy to see a man named Verrallion. The friend told Kerola that Verrallion is the Commercial Attache at the embassy and is under surveillance because he is suspected of being the CIA man in San Salvador. Kerola told his friend that he did not know a man named Verrallion, nor would he ever have cause to see such a man. The friend then told Kerola that he was only telling him for his own good, and that if he (Kerola) were to see this Verrallion that Kerola would become a suspected CIA agent as well.

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

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