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MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WER BELL BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

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REFERENCE - UFGA-23126, 20 SEPTEMBER 1965 - RECENT DETENTION OF AMLEC-3

1. WER BELL, 201-259910, WAS BORN 8 MARCH 1918 IN PHILADELPHIA DURING WORLD WAR II HE SERVED WITH THE CSS IN BURMA AND CHINA. SHORTLY AFTER HIS DISCHARGE, HE OPENED AN ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. THIS BUSINESS FAILED AND HE BECAME INVOLVED IN IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE AND PROMOTION WORK IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. HE WAS GRANTED A PCA ON 13 JULY 1959 BUT WAS CONTACTED ONLY OCCASIONALLY AT HEADQUARTERS UNTIL HE WAS TERMINATED IN OCTOBER 1959. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE HAD NO WORTHWHILE INFORMATION TO OFFER NOR WAS HE ABLE TO DEVELOP ANY. HE WAS ASSESSED BY HEADQUARTERS AS A "WHEELER DEALER" TYPE WITH CONSIDERABLE INTELLIGENCE BUT UNABLE TO REALIZE MUCH SUCCESS IN PROMOTION WORK AND THAT HIS APPROACHES TO KUBARK WERE DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. IN MAY 1962 WER BELL WAS IN MANAGUA AS VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL LTD., OF NASSAU, ATTEMPTING TO SELL NATO SURPLUS ARMS. HE WAS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO SELL AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE OFFERED UNDER WORLDWIDE INFORMATION SERVICE INC., WHICH WER BELL CLAIMED TO OWN. HE WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN EITHER VENTURE.

3. WER BELL WAS REPORTED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN DECEMBER 1964 ASSOCIATED WITH FINCA /FRUTAS INTERCONTINENTALES, - - - - C PCR A/, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH EXPORTS FRUIT FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. LATER, DURING THE FIGHTING IN SANTO DOMINGO, HE WAS WITH AMCARBON-1 WHEN THE LATTER WAS WOUNDED.

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