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Case # 61401

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Planning of Coup Against the Government of the Bahamas

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11 September 1974

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A) Re Watts/Bem telecon, 10 September 1974. B) The meeting took place the morning of 7 September 1974 in Miami. Joe Merola telephoned Matt MacVane at his home on 7 September 1974 to pass on this information. The telecon was unsolicited by MacVane, who no longer contacts Merola per DCD Headquarters instructions. Com Robinson flew in from Nassau to meet with Joe Merola and Mike Yamanis (Yamanis is apparently from Ft. Lauderdale and like Merola he has close ties to arms dealers and mercenaries). Robinson plans to meet again with Merola and Yamanis after complete financial details have been worked out in Nassau. Filed: 101900Z										Process sheet and report typed in OSS. (MIAMI TWX 12584)  WH/T/CAK HL Nassau 3 8 0 0 0 1																									
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DATE 11 September 1974

COUNTRY Bahamas

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SUBJECT Planning of Coup Against the  
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### DOMESTIC COLLECTION DIVISION OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

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SOURCE U.S. citizen, convicted arms dealer who maintains close ties to known underworld figures.

1. Com (Robinson), a black Bahamian who resides in Nassau, Bahamas, recently has made foreign enquiries into the possibility of hiring armed mercenaries to be used in an attempt to overthrow the Government of Prime Minister Lyndon O. (Pindling). During a meeting with non-Bahamians, who have close ties with foreign arms dealers, that took place outside of the Bahamas Robinson stated that he represents elements of the Bay Street merchants of Nassau, and that funds are available for action against the Bahamian Government. According to Robinson, his group is looking for foreign assistance in the planning, equipping, and execution of a coup against the Government. He said that there are many Bahamians who are in sympathy with his planned course of action, and that after full details are worked out and the required funds are set aside, he will convene another meeting with the foreigners in order to finalize the appropriate arrangements.

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COUNTRY SAHAMAS FIELD NO. XMIM 00A(5) 322/26415-74

SUBJECT PLANNING OF COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SAHAMAS

U.S. CITIZEN, CONVICTED ARMS DEALER WHO MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES TO KNOWN UNDERWORLD FIGURES.

1. BOB ROBINSON, A BLACK BAHAMIAN WHO RESIDES IN NASSAU, BAHAMAS, RECENTLY HAS MADE FOREIGN ENQUIRIES INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING ARMED MERCENARIES TO BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER LYNDON O. (PINDLING). DURING A MEETING WITH NON-BAHAMIANS, WHO HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH FOREIGN ARMS DEALERS, THAT TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE BAHAMAS ROBINSON STATED THAT HE REPRESENTS ELEMENTS OF THE BAY STREET MERCHANTS OF NASSAU, AND THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ACTION AGAINST THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO ROBINSON, HIS GROUP IS LOOKING FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE PLANNING, EQUIPPING, AND EXECUTION OF A COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY BAHAMIANS WHO ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH HIS PLANNED COURSE OF ACTION, AND THAT AFTER FULL DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT AND THE REQUIRED FUNDS ARE SET ASIDE, HE WILL CONVEY ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE FOREIGNERS IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS. END OF REPORT

2. FIELD COMMENTS: (A) RE WATTS/BEN TELECON, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 1974. (B) THE MEETING TOOK PLACE THE MORNING OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1974 IN MIAMI. JOE MEROLA TELEPHONED MATT SAVAGE AT HIS HOME ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1974 TO PASS ON THIS INFORMATION. THE TELECON WAS UNELICITED BY SAVAGE, WHO NO LONGER CONTACTS MEROLA PER DCD HEADQUARTERS INSTRUCTIONS. BOB ROBINSON FLEW IN FROM NASSAU TO MEET WITH JOE MEROLA AND MIKE YAMASIS (YAMASIS IS APPARENTLY FROM FT. LAUDERDALE AND LIKE MEROLA HE HAS CLOSE TIES TO ARMS DEALERS AND UNDERWORLD FIGURES). ROBINSON PLANS TO MEET AGAIN WITH MEROLA AND YAMASIS. UNLESS COMPLETE FINANCIAL DETAILS HAVE BEEN

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