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TO: PRIORITY LA/MIAMI. Y
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 REF: LA/MIAMI 22730 [IN 432300#] Y

- REGARDING JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA (201-257804), U.S. CITIZEN, SUBJECT PARA 1 REF, PLEASE INFORM DEA THE FOLLOWING: JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA, AN OCCASIONAL CONTACT OF OUR OVERT OFFICE IN MIAMI SINCE 1961, PERIODICALLY PROVIDES THAT OFFICE WITH FOREIGN POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FBI BE CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Y
- DEA HAS INFORMED BKHERALD JUNE 74 THAT MEROLA WAS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST. THEY REQUESTED TRACES AND STATED HE REPORTEDLY WORKED FOR BKHERALD IN LATE 1950'S. WE REPLIED THAT MR. MEROLA HAD NEVER WORKED FOR BKHERALD, ALTHOUGH WE WERE AWARE THAT HE HAD MADE SUCH CLAIMS ON NUMBER OF PREVIOUS INSTANCES. Y
- HQS RELAYING FOR STATION USE ONLY WH/MIAMI 20664, 11 JAN 74 AND DIRECTOR 502254, 17 JAN 74, WHICH REPORTS DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON MEROLA. Y
- MEROLA BEING PROCESSED INTO THE ISR AS DEA SOURCE. WILL

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7. FYI ONLY: POA GRANTED 63 FOR SUBJECT'S USE IN PH BOAT OPERATIONS; HOWEVER POA CANCELLED WHEN HE CLAIMED HE UNABLE SATISFACTORILY TREAT HIS SEASICKNESS. IN 64, SUBJECT INTERVIEWED BY FBI IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA RE GROUP OF CUBANS IN MIAMI INVOLVED IN DRUG OPERATIONS. SUBJECT REVEALED HIS BKHERALD CONNECTIONS TO FBI. Y

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*REQUESTED PRIORITY TRACES ON NEROLA AND BATISTA, DEA SOURCES AND REGISTER IN ISR.

C. CAMPBELL
DCD/OSS (TELECOORD)

LA/NARC *[Signature]*

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 1974
ORIG: ROSA PELAYO/JOANNE HARRIS:AR
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