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The Attorney General

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It is noted the files of the Registration Section of the Department reveal Frank Barry, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., is a registered agent of the Micaraguan Government. Our source reported on January 31, 1963, that Barry would be in Nicaragua subsequent to February 7, 1963.

No inquiries will be made by this Bureau into the matter outlined above in the absence of a specific request.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr. Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. J. Walter Yeagley Assistant Attorney General

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