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referring to an expedition against Cuba which the informant thought might leave over the Labor Day weekend. Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 19, 1958, that practically all the Cubans who had been residing at the Tradewinds Hotel were leaving on an expedition but the time of departure and the details concerning it were unknown to the source. The source thought, however, that the expedition might leave over the Labor Day weekend.

The latter source also reported that Jose B. Aleman, owner of the Tradewinds Hotel, was negotiating with Joseph Marola for the sublease of the hotel effective August 31, 1958. He stated the Cuban members of Cuba Rebelde who had been staying at this hotel would reportedly be unable to remain at the Tradewinds after August 31, 1958.

In addition to the above information the Haitian vice-consul, Miami, Florida, advised our Miami Office on August 29, 1958, that an individual identifying himself as Robert Green contacted him at his home on August 29, 1958, stating that he represented Joseph Marola. Green advised the vice-consul that Marola left for New York on August 29, 1958, and if the consul wanted to deal with him he should send word through Green. Green advised that Marola stated "this time we won't miss" which the vice-consul interpreted as meaning that a revolution against Haiti would be successful. Green told the vice-consul that Marola was getting a permit to enable him to deal in automatic weapons.

Robert M. Dillard, Jim-Rite Builders' Supply, 18501 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, the individual referred to as Dillard in my referenced memorandum in the captioned matter, was interviewed on August 29, 1958, and he advised he has no information regarding a gun or expeditions involving Haiti. He stated he has no friends, relatives or acquaintances who are airplane pilots.

Our Miami Office has advised that one H. Leonard Bird, who may be identical with the captioned individual, is confined to his bed as a coronary patient and is presently unable to be interviewed. He previously contacted our Miami Office on August 22, 1958, stating he had information regarding Haitian matters but upon interview could furnish no information concerning the captioned matter.