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Enclosed herewith are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled: "Caribbean Political and Revolutionary Activities Involving Cuba, Panama, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua".

This memorandum is being classified "SECRET" in order to further protect the identity of MM 635-S, who furnished information set forth in this memorandum. *(U)*

MM T-1 is JOSEPH MEROLA, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. on May 9, 11, 12 and 16, 1959. It should be noted that MEROLA is alleged to have been a jewel thief in the past. He claims to be completely loyal to the United States. He has furnished a considerable amount of valuable information regarding Cuban and Panamanian revolutionary matters, some of which has been verified by other sources. Therefore, it is believed that information he has furnished in the past has been reliable. MEROLA is presently under indictment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in connection with the robbery of a quantity of guns and other materials from the National Guard Armory at Canton, Ohio, October 14, 1958. MEROLA has been *(U)*

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contacting this office on a voluntary confidential basis. His identity should be fully protected. ~~(U)~~

MM T-2 is RICHARD JAFFE, 666 Northeast 125th Street, North Miami, Florida, contacted May 11, 1959 by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. (by request). ~~(U)~~

MM T-3 is MM 635-S, contacted May 12, 1959 by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. Original information is located in Miami file 134-211-Sub-A. ~~(U)~~

Copies for information purposes are being designated for New York and Washington Field Offices, in view of their interest in the Caribbean political situation. Information copies are being designated for Chicago, Denver, San Diego and Los Angeles Offices in view of recent activity in those divisions relating to Panamanian revolutionary matters.

It should be noted that JOSEPH MEROLA is the individual to whom ROLANDO MASFERRER has furnished a message to be delivered to CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. MEROLA also informed that he was present during the conversation between Sir SIDNEY OAKES and NICO YPERIFANOS.

MEROLA stated that he would attempt to obtain additional information as it comes to him regarding the possible arms purchase by Sir SIDNEY OAKES from YPERIFANOS. He informed that he would also be alert to report other matters as they came to him regarding the Caribbean political situation.

Copies of this memorandum have been disseminated on a local level to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami; United States Customs, Miami; Office of Naval Intelligence, District Intelligence Office, 6th Naval District, United States Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina; G-2 Headquarters, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia; and 7th District Office of Special Investigations, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

Translation of MASFERRER letter to PRIO was made by SOPHIE SALIBA, Translator, Miami Office.

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