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In case captioned JOSEPH ~~MEROLA~~, with aliases, ITSP, Bufile 87-39831, MITCHELL L. WER BELL, Powder Springs, Georgia, was mentioned prominently. MEROLA described as top jewel thief and was reportedly in contact with WER BELL in October, 1959, regarding a possible Cuban pesos swindle. The extent of WER BELL's participation in this matter is unknown to Atlanta, as Chicago was origin of this investigation. WER BELL also was reportedly in contact with MEROLA February 28, 1961 and March 4, 1961.

Clerk's Office, USDC, Atlanta, <sup>FBI# 4008419</sup> Ga., reflects that MITCHELL WER BELL, Inc., on 11/21/57 filed petition for bankruptcy. In May, 1962, WER BELL, accompanied by one EMANUEL FIRESTONE, aka. MANUEL LEONIDIS ~~FUEGO~~ GOMEZ and J. A. KANE, 805 Peachtree Street, met at which time an offer was made for the sale of small arms, ammunition, and 500 mercenary trained military troops for use by the Guatemalan Ministry of Defense to fight Communism in that country. Lt. Col. AGUILAR DE LEON, acting Minister of Labor of Guatemala requested information regarding these individuals. It is noted that FIRESTONE was subject of registration action <sup>Guatemala</sup> case Bufile 97-3224, and has FBI Number 4008419.

In this investigation WER BELL was described as being involved in a plan to ship arms to Ecuador. J. A. KANE, described as an associate of WER BELL and a business partner in certain ventures, is subject of ITSP violation Bufile 87-78553, captioned JOSEPH A. KANE. In this instance KANE used certain fraudulent stock certificates of Union Oil and Gasoline Corporation of Louisiana for collateral on bank loans. For this offense he was sentenced 6/12/64 in Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta, Ga.

A check of State Department records reflects MITCHELL WER BELL has passport number C301433, issued 5/29/62 at Miami, Fla. His parents were identified as MITCHELL L. WER BELL, born 8/27/89, New York City, and RHEA GALDECT, born 8/21/94, Bridgeport, Conn. His wife is identified as HILDEGARD E. HEMMERICK whom he married 9/4/42 and who was

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