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RE: RALPH LAURO SERRANO

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On February 7, 1967, MM T-3, a Haitian citizen residing in the Miami area, who is well acquainted with Haitian personalities, identified a photograph of RALPH SERRANO as that of an individual known to him as RALPH who visited EUGENE MAXIMILIEN, Haitian Consul in Miami, several times in the latter part of 1966. RALPH acted and talked like a hoodlum and in the opinion of the source had a criminal background. He was also a friend of MITCHELL WER BELL, who was in contact with MAXIMILIEN during the same period. (S) (X) (S)

The "Miami Herald" of February 28, 1967, contained an article titled "Ex-Cuban Politico, Priest Charged with Haitian Plot." This article stated that seven individuals were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, on February 27, 1967, charged with conspiring to launch an invasion of Haiti from the Florida Keys. Among those indicted was MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WER BELL, III, age 48, a U. S. Citizen, Powder Springs, Georgia." *Haiti*

On April 11, 1967, Mrs. HELEN WANICK, Office of the U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida, advised that on March 17, 1967, the charges against WER BELL were dropped by the U. S. Attorney's office due to lack of sufficient evidence against him.

The records of the Identification Division of the FBI contain a record relating to RALPH SERRANO under FBI No. 1 013 752. This record reflects that on October 15, 1964, RALPH LAURO SERRANO, #A3 386 567, was arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York, New York, for deportation proceedings. The disposition was indicated as "deported from NYC to Santo Domingo via PAA Flt 231 on 1-9-65."

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