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FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA); FPC.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN JUAN, 8/30/73.

VAN CLEAVE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO THE ATLANTA OFFICE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A TOP OFFICIAL OF ADVANCE SECURITY CORPORATION, AN ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIAL SECURITY ORGANISATION HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO VAN CLEAVE RESIGNED AND FORMED HIS OWN SECURITY COMPANY. THREE DAYS BEFORE HE DEPARTED FOR ARGENTINA, VAN CLEAVE VISITED ATLANTA SAC, ADVISED HE WAS UNDER CONTRACT TO COCA COLA EXPORT CORP. TO CONDUCT INQUIRY IN ARGENTINA WITH APPROPRIATE POLICE OFFICIALS IN THAT COUNTRY TO DETERMINE THEIR CAPABILITIES TO COPE WITH THREATS IN CONNECTION WITH EXTORTION DEMANDS AND VIOLANCE POTENTIAL AGAINST COMPANY OFFICIAL IN ARGENTINA, VAN CLEAVE NOTING THAT ONE MILLION DOLLAR DEMAND HAD BEEN MADE OF COMPANY BY ARGENTINA TERRORIST IN RECENT PAST. PURPOSE OF CLEAVE'S VISIT WAS TO REQUEST FROM SAC A "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN" LETTER STATING WHO VAN CLEAVE IS AND THAT HE WAS OF GOOD REPUTATION. HE STATED HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SIMILAR LETTERS FROM OTHER

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CREDIT BUREAU, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED 5/2/73 WERBELL PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS PARTNER OF DEFENSE SERVICES COMPANY, 4321 MACLAND-DALLAS ROAD, POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA. WERBELL WAS EMPLOYED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES, MILITARY ARMAMENTS CORPORATION, 4321 MACLAND-DALLAS ROAD, POWDER SPRINGS, 1969-1971. WERBELL PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS VICE PRESIDENT, SIONICS, INC., 1655 PEACHTREE ROAD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA (COMPANY CONDUCTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AREA OF SIGHT AND FLASH MODIFICATIONS OF EQUIPMENT IN ADVANCED WEAPONRY.) WERBELL EMPLOYED AS PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT 1957-1967 MITCHELL WERBELL ADVERTISING, 926 WEST PEACHTREE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

WERBELL ALSO KNOWN TO USE ALIASES MITCHEL WERBELL, MITCHELL WERESELL, ERIC WILSON, ALEX WILSON, (FNU) THRAFT, MITCH WERBELL, MITCH, MITCHEL MARTINDALE, MITCHEL DALE.

IN 5/62 WERBELL ACCOMPANIED BY EMANUEL FIRESTONE, AKA MANUEL GOMEZ AND J. A. CAIN MADE OFFER TO GUATEMALAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF SMALL ARMS, AMMUNITION AND 500 TRAINED MERCENARY TROOPS. [LT. COL. AGUILAR DE LEON, ACTING MINISTER OF LABOR] (S)(u)

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[OF GUATEMALA, REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INDIVIDUALS
AFTER THE ABOVE NOTED OFFER.] (S) (u)

ON 9/11/62 U. S. CUSTOMS OFFICE, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, WAS
ADVISED THAT ATLANTA SOURCE AT 1762-C OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY
ADVISED THAT A POSSIBLE ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS
AND AMMUNITION BEING CONDUCTED BY COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, OF
WHICH WERBELL IS PRESIDENT, AND ONE [GENERAL FONDOSA OF COSTA RICA.] (S) (u)
A LARGE QUANTITY OF ARMS FOR USE IN REVOLUTIONARY ATTACKS ON CASTRO
REGIME BEING PURCHASED IN BELGIUM BY COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL FOR
SHIPMENT TO [GENERAL FONDOSA.] (S) (u)

WERBELL MENTIONED IN INVESTIGATION "DR. ELMER HENRY LOUGHLIN,
RA-HAITI, OO: NEW YORK, BUFILE 97-3333." DR. LOUGHLIN WAS
ALLEGEDLY WORKING ON BEHALF OF HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. ON 3/14/63
WERBELL DENIED KNOWING LAUGHLIN IN INTERVIEW.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU BY LETTER DATED 6/16/65 ENTITLED
"NATIONALITY GROUP COVERAGE - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."

CASE TITLED MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III, IS - CUBA,
OO: NEW YORK, WERBELL IDENTIFIED AS INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS POSSIBLY
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AGAINST WERBELL. ROJAS AND OTHERS ARRESTED AT TRAINING SIGHT NORTH OF MIAMI IN BATTLE GEAR. WERBELL THOUGHT TO HAVE SUPPLIED WEAPONRY.

CASE TITLED "SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66) IS - CUBA, NEUTRALITY MATTER, OO: MIAMI, MIAMI FILE 105-6243", WERBELL WAS REPORTED TO BE IN CHARGE OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN NECESSARY ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU BY MIAMI LETTER DATED 2/7/68.

CASE TITLED "LT. COL. PAUL A. MARRIOTT, ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS - RACIAL MATTERS, WERBELL LINKED BY NEWSPAPER REPORTS DATED 12/3/69 IN SCHEME TO IMPORT WEAPONS FROM VIETNAM SUPPOSEDLY TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANTI-NEGRO RIGHT WING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SOUTH. WERBELL DENIED THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WEAPONS BUT ADMITTED TRYING TO IMPORT WEAPONS FOR "USE IN MILITARY MUSEUM".

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU BY JACKSONVILLE TEL DATED 12/1/69. SOURCE WAS NEWS ARTICLE OF JACK ANDERSON WHICH APPEARED FLORIDA TIMES - UNION, JACKSONVILLE, 11/25/69.

IN CASE TITLED ["LT. COL. URI YARON, IS - ISRAEL,] BUFILE (s)
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(S)
 [125-198894"] A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
 INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED WERBELL IS REPORTED TO HAVE MET WITH
 [LT. COL. YAROM] FOR PURPOSES UNKNOWN SOMETIME IN DECEMBER, 1969. (S)
 ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU BY ATLANTA LETTER TO BUREAU DATED 1/29/70.

[ON 3/24/70 U. S. ARMY FIELD ACTIVITIES COMMAND UNDER
 CAPTION "SID SHINE, INFORMATION CONCERNING, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE"
 REPORTED RELIABLE SOURCE OF THEIRS STATED SUBJECT IN TOUCH WITH
 WERBELL IN AN ATTEMPT TO BUY 4,000 SWEDISH MACHINE GUNS FOR
 DELIVERY TO UNIDENTIFIED LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY. ABOVE FURNISHED
 FBI HQ BY DEPT. OF ARMY MEMO DATED 2/27/70.] (U) DECLASSIFIED PER Army
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IN THE FOLLOWING CASES "EDWIN BARGER; MITCHELL WERBELL
 IS - GREAT BRITAIN", "UNSUBS, REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS ON ABACO
 ISLAND, IS - REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES" AND "MITCHELL LIVINGSTON
 WERBELL, III; EDWIN MARGER, IS - BAHAMAS, NEUTRALITY MATTER -
 BAHAMAS", BUFILE 62-108665, WERBELL LINKED TO GROUP TRYING TO
 OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT OF BAHAMAS AND ESTABLISH THE FREE
 TERRITORY OF ABACO.

ON 6/28/73, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (BATF),
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA ADVISED CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION PERTAINING
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