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John P. Muldoon, residing at 4305 Kentbury Drive, Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed on October 16 and 17, 1974.

Mr. Muldoon advised that in late 1973 a former associate of his in a U.S. Government agency involved in intelligence activities had contacted him to see if he was interested and available to handle an investigative assignment for some people Mr. Muldoon's former associate knew in Atlanta. This individual was identified as Mr. Lucian "Luigi" Conien. Mr. Muldoon stated that prior to this occasion he had been introduced by Mr. Conien to an individual named Mitchell WerBell at the Goal Post Restaurant, Washington, D.C. Apparently Mr. Conien's relationship with Mr. WerBell III dated back to OSS days together. It turned out that Mitchell WerBell IV and Howard Gibson (an ex-Georgia State Trooper) were Vice Presidents and Mr. Bob Bayard (a retired Army Colonel) was President of the Central Investigative Agency located in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Muldoon accepted the assignment referred to which he stated basically involved approximately one week's surveillance activity. He was next contacted and instructed to proceed immediately to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to assist the Central Investigative Agency in a matter they were handling there; however, he got only as far as Atlanta where he received instructions to come to their office and proceed no further. It was on this occasion that he first met Howard Gibson and Bob Bayard, and Mitchell WerBell's youngest son, Jeffrey. Three or four other investigative assignments were discussed and he spent two or

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three days there basically socializing. During this period he was introduced to Mitchell WerBell III (who is the individual he met in Washington) who was, of course, the father of Mitchell WerBell IV. Muldoon was invited to Mitchell WerBell III's rather palatial home in the Atlanta area and immediately noted that the walls of the house and other areas were adorned with guns. He learned that Mitchell WerBell III owned a company known as Defense Systems International which was engaged in the legal buying and selling of guns. Mr. WerBell had also apparently developed a modified submachine gun which was supposed to be silent, but was having difficulty obtaining the necessary clearances for its sale.

Later in March, 1974, Gibson and his wife came to Washington and discussed with Mr. Muldoon his availability to open an office in Washington. Mr. Muldoon agreed and subsequently located an apartment to be used as an office in the LaSalle Building. He subsequently set up in this office with one Mike Morrissey of B & R Fox Laboratories, Washington, D.C. Mr. Morrissey was totally involved in electronic equipment including both the sale of such and its use in connection with electronic countermeasures surveys.

Mr. Muldoon did not know Mr. Morrissey before this time but Morrissey had apparently been utilized by the Central Investigative Agency for electronic sweeps and conceivably positive installations. Mr. Muldoon has no first-hand knowledge of the latter and it is only his opinion. The office in Washington was not to be the Washington office.

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of the Central Investigative Agency and in fact a corporation was formed and registered in Delaware known as Security Consultants International. Mr. Muldoon stated that Security Consultants International was formed to sell electronic gear to the Government and foreign embassies which was actually Morrissey's line of products. It was planned that Security Consultants International would ultimately assume certain investigative and other type requirements using basically Mr. Muldoon's contacts and experience. He recalled that Morrissey had recently received some mention in the local papers incidental to the Galbraith case which involved the sex slaying of a young girl. Morrissey apparently tape recorded some conversations between the defending attorneys (whom he was associated with) and the prosecution during the trial in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Morrissey was there as an electronics expert apparently to testify to the imperfections of lie detectors. Mr. Morrissey has an engineering and law degrees, the latter recently received from the American University.

Some prospective clients for sweeps were foreign embassies but they never actually conducted any such sweeps and the office was only in operation April, May and June, 1974. Mr. Muldoon paid the rent and was reimbursed by Atlanta and was strictly on a commission/percentage basis involving the aforementioned planned sale of electronic equipment.

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Mr. Muldoon advised that the early part of June, 1974, he was apprised of an interest Mitchell WerBell III and others had in the island of Abaco in the Bahamas. There was a meeting the first week of June at Guest Quarters, New Hampshire and Virginia Avenue, N.W., attended by WerBell III, Lord and Lady Bellehaven, Mike Oliver, Andrew St. George, Howard Handleman and a friend of WerBell's from Philadelphia, name unknown, who apparently worked for the Library of Congress. Mr. Muldoon stated that Lord Bellehaven is a member of the House of Lords in England and was interested in assisting Abaco in obtaining independence from the Bahamian Government. Mike Oliver, Carson City, Nevada, was described as an extremely wealthy individual who had written a book entitled "A New Constitution for a New Country" in 1968 and was interested in setting up his concept of government somewhere. Mr. Muldoon pointed out that Oliver was not particularly wedded to Abaco but the Abaco situation appeared to afford an opportunity for Oliver to develop and establish his form of government there. Howard Handleman is a Diplomatic Editor for U.S. News and World Report and Andrew St. George is an independent writer. Mr. Muldoon described Handleman's interest as being identified with the apparent news value of the proposed Abaco project and that St. George's interest was to write a novel. Mr. Muldoon stated that apparently St. George had written something regarding the Central Intelligence Agency in the past and had been called before some Senate committee. Allegedly, investigation and questioning by this committee resulted in St. George admitting that what he had written had been completely made up by him and had

no basis in truth or fact. Muldoon pointed out that with respect to WerBell and Oliver, WerBell's interest in Abaco was purely the profits he could make should Abaco's independence become a reality. He would have a "lock" on several thousand acres and on it he would build casinos and other profitable type operations. Oliver's interest, on the other hand, was idealistic and Mr. Muldoon believes that Oliver was exploited by WerBell with respect to the Abaco project, accepting and using his funding freely.

At this meeting a history of Abaco was related by WerBell III from its original settlement by political refugees from the American Revolution. Abaco, at the time independence from England was being sought by the Bahamas, wished to remain a crown colony. After independence was gained, Abaco has apparently been seeking independence from the Bahamian Government currently headed by Prime Minister Pindling. It was apparent at this meeting that the Washington office that Mr. Muldoon and Mr. Morrissey were manning was to be the base of operation for the Abaco project.

Apparently there were two organizations identified by WerBell, "Abaco Independence Movement" and "Friends of Abaco", who together with WerBell, et al., were pushing to break away from the Bahamian Government. Oliver, it was learned, became interested between the time the original independence was granted to the Bahamas and knowledge of the current efforts to gain independence from the Government of the Bahamas. According to Muldoon and stated earlier, Oliver did

not care "where", he just wanted to find a country where he could establish his own constitution. Muldoon pointed out that while Oliver might be a little "flakey", he seemed completely legitimate and dedicated to his idealistic principals.

According to Mr. Muldoon, Security Consultants International (which was Mr. Muldoon) was to make certain feasibility studies in the economic and political areas concerning Abaco's potential as an independent country and make other comparative studies, etc., including research at the U.N. and possibly various Government agencies to determine how similar problems had been handled. The client of this study was to be the "Atlas Corporation" of Carson City, Nevada, which allegedly belonged to Mike Oliver. Muldoon stated that he never actually performed any activity connected in any way with the Abaco project.

Mr. Muldoon stated that he understood that the only materials WerBell, et al., had sent to Abaco were medical supplies, books, etc., which the Government of the Bahamas was not furnishing and the lack of it was allegedly causing health and social problems in Abaco. Apparently the question of whether arms were being sent to Abaco came up and WerBell stated that everything they were doing was above board and that "everyone including Pindling knew about it". It should be noted, according to Muldoon, Mr. WerBell's stated interest in Abaco was that he was afraid they were going Communist which he was trying to prevent.

Mr. Muldoon stated that he immediately reported the results of this meeting to the Central Intelligence Agency in writing but did not maintain a copy. He furnished the writer, however, a copy of a report he furnished the Central Intelligence Agency dated June 18, 1974, which is attached.

Mr. Muldoon stated that he withdrew completely from the Abaco plan on June 18, 1974. Mr. Muldoon stated that he was losing money functioning on a "percentage of sales basis" and advised the Atlanta group that he would need at least a salary of \$1,000 a month plus \$1,000 in expenses. He received one payment of \$1,000, closed the office and got rid of the apartment shortly before the end of June, 1974.

Mr. Muldoon was aware of the fact that an individual he knows named Walter M^xekham (phonetic) went to Abaco for the Atlanta group; spent approximately 2 weeks there and wrote a report. The interest of Oliver in the project stopped in July or August, 1974, and his activities from June on are unknown to him.

During the period that Mr. Muldoon was associated with the Central Investigative Agency, a drastic disagreement developed between Howard Gibson and Messrs. Bayard, WerBell III and WerBell IV. Mr. Muldoon received a call from Gibson during this period stating that he had been contacted by a Mr. P^xhillip Manuel who stated he wanted to talk to him. Gibson, according to Muldoon, either wrongfully assumed or

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deliberately concluded that Manuel's interest pertained to the Abaco project. As it turned out, Phillip Manuel, Senate Investigation Committee, had WerBell III called before the Jackson Sub-Committee and quizzed him with respect to a trip he had taken to Costa Rico to visit Robert Vesco. According to Mr. Muldoon, WerBell III's trip to Costa Rico was apparently to seek the backing and assistance of Vesco and having WerBell III set up and to produce machine guns which he could then more freely sell by not being inhibited by the U.S. Department of State. Apparently this never materialized. Also, "half-way through the testimony of WerBell III", WerBell IV was indicted on charges developed by the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Division of the IRS for a violation involving a machine gun. This indictment caused WerBell III to refuse to testify having not refused to testify by way of the Fifth Amendment privilege up to this point. According to Mr. Muldoon the Jackson Committee is quite upset over what they considered a "quick indictment" causing the aforementioned problem and are trying to learn just what happened.

Mr. Muldoon stated that prior to severing completely the end of June with WerBell, et al., he had received a call from Conien asking him if he had ever done anything regarding the Abaco project. He advised Conien that he had not and Conien told him to "get out immediately" as there was an investigation going on which Muldoon concluded on the basis of Conien's conversation was being conducted by the Department of Justice. Conien indicated to Muldoon on this occasion that an investigator was either there or Conien's office or had just left.

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In reconstructing this situation, Muldoon is now convinced that Conien's call to him was prompted by a visit from one Steve Van Cleve whose company, Intelligence Services Limited, was situated in Atlanta. Van Cleve is a friend of Conien's. Mr. Muldoon is aware of the fact that Van Cleve visited the Washington office of Security Consultants International and accidentally walked into a meeting of WerBell, et al., (Mr. Muldoon was not present) at which the Abaco project was being discussed. Van Cleve, according to Muldoon's theory, being a friend of Conien's and knowing Conien's relationship to WerBell, immediately went to Conien to see if he was involved. Van Cleve was convinced from what little he knew that there was "going to be trouble" and encouraged Conien "to get out" if he was "in". This is when, according to Muldoon, Conien apparently called him encouraging him to "get out" indicating that an investigation was under way by the Department of Justice.

Mr. Muldoon advised that Gibson, as indicated earlier, was "out to get" WerBell and in fact, telephonically contacted him, Muldoon, and offered money to spy on WerBell, et al., in connection with the Abaco project. He later learned Gibson had made a similar offer to Conien and both of them refused the offer. Muldoon later learned that Gibson had taped both conversations. He also believes that Gibson had also been responsible for indicating to Van Cleve that WerBell, et al., were engaged in illegal activities with respect to the Abaco project and were, in fact, principally engaged in shipping arms there. It should be