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STRACHAN DESIRED ANY INFORMATION RE BELL, MARGER OR DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL WHICH THE BUREAU CAN PROVIDE. (G-1)(u)

ON 4/27/73, A RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THAT ERRINGTON W. WATKINS FROM ABACO ISLAND, BAHAMAS, A MEMBER OF THE BAHAMIAN PARLIAMENT, WAS AMONG A GROUP OF PERSONS FROM ABACO WHO RECENTLY CONTACTED GEORGE WACKENHUT OF THE WACKENHUT CORP., MIAMI, FLA., AN AGENCY THAT FURNISHES SECURITY GUARDS.

ALSO AMONG THE GROUP WAS ONE PAUL BETHEL, A BAHAMIAN FROM ABACO AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME SOURCE DID NOT KNOW, BUT WHO REPRESENTED DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL. THIS GROUP WAS CONTACTING WACKENHUT TO INQUIRE IF HE COULD TRAIN A GROUP OF MEN FOR THEM IN THE USE OF FIREARMS AND GUARD TECHNIQUES.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REFERRED TO HEREIN IS FORMER FBI

SA FRANK SMITH, WHO UNTIL JUST RECENTLY WAS EMPLOYED BY THE

BENGUET CORP. OF AMERICA, MIAMI, WHICH COMPANY HAS BUSINESS

INTERESTS IN THE BAHAMAS. SMITH REQUESTED THAT HIS IDENTITY

NOT BE REVEALED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INFORMATION IN THAT

FORMER FBI SA JIM HASTINGS, WHO WORKS FOR WACKENHUT CORP.,

HAD TOLD HIM OF THIS IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE. HASTINGS.