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~~ROYAL BAHAMIAN POLICE FORCE, FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION. (G-1)(u)~~

~~ON 4/20/73 MIAMI FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:~~

~~A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD ON 4/27/73, COURTNEY V. STRACHAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT~~

~~COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF SECURITY, ROYAL BAHAMIAN POLICE FORCE, NASSAU, BAHAMAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING~~

~~INFORMATION: (G-1)(u)~~

RECENTLY HIS OFFICE HAS LEARNED THAT EDRINGTON W. WATKINS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FROM ABACO ISLAND, IS PRESENTLY IN LONDON, ENGLAND. WATKINS IS TALKING WITH THE BRITISH ABOUT ABACO SECEDING FROM THE BAHAMA ISLANDS WHEN THE ISLANDS RECEIVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE ON 9/10/73. WATKINS DESIRES THAT ABACO REMAIN UNDER BRITISH CONTROL. (G-1)(u)

WITH WATKINS IS AN AMERICAN NAMED MITCHELL BELL, PRESIDENT OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, POWDER SPRINGS, GA., AND ANOTHER AMERICAN NAMED EDWIN MARGER, A 44 YEAR OLD LAWYER

NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. (G-1)(u)

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~~STRACHAN DECIDES ANY INFORMATION RE BELL, HANSEN OR DEFENSE~~~~SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL WHICH THE BUREAU CAN PROVIDE.~~ (G-1)(u)~~SECRET~~

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. u

ADMINISTRATIVE.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD IS COURTNEY V. STRACHAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF SECURITY ROYAL BAHAMIAN POLICE FORCE, NASSAU, BAHAMAS. (G-1)(u)

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 u

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DESIRED SMITH'S OPINION AS TO WHETHER WACKENMUT SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER OR NOT. u

~~ATLANTA AT POWDER SPRINGS, GA., UACB, WILL CHECK INDICES AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES MITCHELL BELL, PRESIDENT OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, AS WELL AS THE COMPANY.~~

~~WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN ANY INFO TO FURTHER IDENTIFY EDWIN MARCHER. u~~

~~LEGAT LONDON WILL BE ADVISED ADVISED OF PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED. u~~

MIAMI ADVISED THAT INFORMATION FROM THE ROYAL BAHAMIAN POLICE FORCE MAY BE PASSED [TO MI-5] ^(S) PROVIDED THAT AGENCY IS CONCEALED AS THE SOURCE. \$

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