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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

16 March 1971

Director, Domestic Contact Service  
(Chief, Services Division)MICHILL, Mitchell Livingston, III -- Revocation of DOD Security  
Clearance/Recent Contact --  
#27636  
MD4-076-71

1. The information reported in the enclosed self-explanatory memorandum, regarding Subject's self-initiated contact with our Miami Field Office, may be of interest.
2. The Office of the General Counsel and MI Division have been apprised of Subject's recent activities.
3. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne, Ext. 2730.

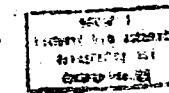
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WILLIAM J. VAUGHAN

Enclosure: As stated above

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10 March 1971

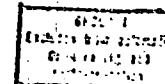
**ATTN :** Director, Domestic Contact Service  
 John McConnell  
 John Creany (OCC)  
 Chief, Miami Field Office

Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III

1. On 9 Mar 71 we received a long distance call, presumably from Powder Springs, Georgia, from subject, who is an old and unsavory contact of this office dating from 1959. Werbell has been involved in a variety of scrapes, the latest of which concerned an abortive invasion of Haiti which John Creany was very much concerned about a year or so ago.
2. Werbell stated that the Department of Defense had just revoked his security clearance on grounds of Werbell's "frivolous behavior" in the Haitian paper. Werbell stated that he intended to "fight it to the Supreme Court", as he had always kept us and other elements of the US Government informed concerning developments in the Haitian matter.
3. Werbell asked if there was anything that we could do for him in the way of interceding for him with the DOD, and we informed him bluntly and in no uncertain terms that he was strictly on his own, and we could do nothing for him. He then asked if it would be worthwhile to subpoena Bart Gremels. We informed him that it was up to his attorney to take such recommendations.
4. Werbell seemed to get the message, and then offered to keep us advised regarding an alleged forthcoming attempt on Haiti which is being sponsored by Rolando Masferrer, even though Masferrer is currently incarcerated in a federal prison. He told Werbell that if he wished to pass any information along we would accept it but under no circumstances should he attempt to elicit any information on our behalf. He agreed that he would operate on this basis and said he might be in touch with us again.
5. In view of Werbell's record we felt that this latest contact should be a matter of record and that OCC should be informed of developments.

JUSTIN F. GLEICHAGG

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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

22 May 1969

Director, Domestic Content Service  
(Chief, Services Division)MURKIL, Mitchell L. -- Local OSI Inquiry to DCB Miami Office for  
Information Concerning 507686

mim - 084-69

1. The enclosed copy of memorandum from our Miami Office, regarding the OSI representative's inquiry for information concerning Subject, is forwarded for your records and possible future reference.
2. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. Virginia Morris, Ext. 2738.

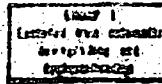
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B. FRANK YOUNG

Enclosure: As stated above

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
MAY 1962 EDITION  
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**Memorandum****SECRET**

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service  
 ACTN - MIAMI

FROM : Chief, Miami Field Office

DATE: 15 May 1969

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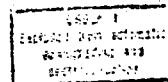
SUBJECT: Local OSI Inquiry Regarding Information on Mitchell  
L. Werbell

1. On 15 May 1969, Special Agent Dave Ploumen, local OSI representative, USAF, visited the Miami Field Office to solicit any information we might have regarding Mitchell L. Werbell who apparently is undergoing a security clearance check as the result of presently being employed by a company with a government contract.
2. Werbell was an unsolicited contact of this office beginning in 1959 and he reached peak notoriety in November 1967 as a result of his involvement in the Rolando Masferrer trial in connection with the abortive Haitian Invasion. John Greaney, OSG was in DIA at the time to oversee Agency interests.
3. Ploumen in contacting other US Government agencies locally including the US Attorney's Office somehow received an indication that CIA had information on Werbell; thus Ploumen's visit to the Miami Field Office.
4. It was indicated to Ploumen, who is known personally by several members of this staff, that we knew of Werbell and that on occasion he had reported unsolicited information. It was suggested, however, that Ploumen direct his request officially through channels via OSI's Agency liaison officer in Washington.
5. This is for background and is being forwarded at the suggestion of local CIA Security.

JUSTIN F. GUTHCHAUF

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Chief, Island Field Office

22 May 1969

ATT : Mr. E. Bayon  
Director, Domestic Contact Service (Services Division)

WHEEL, Mitchell L.

REF : DTM-084-69

Thank you for the information reported in the referent. The suggestion made by your office that OSI direct its request through official security channels is entirely correct. In the future, however, it will be helpful and appreciated if you will forward correspondence pertaining to security matters directly to the Security Liaison Officer, rather than to Support Staff. This saves time in getting the information to the appropriate channel for any action that may be indicated.

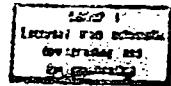
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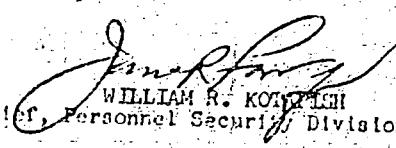
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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE : 5 July 1967  
 TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service  
 SUBJECT: WERBELL, Mitchell Livingston III  
 FILE NO: #27686

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1. Reference is made to your request for security checks on the subject person as a source of intelligence information.
2. This is to inform you that the necessary checks have been completed with the following results:
  - a.  No additional information has been obtained, except for such biographic information as indicated below or in the attachment.
  - b.  Information has been received that Subject was investigated with favorable results in
  - c.  Certain information has been received and appears in the attachment which your Division will wish to consider in determining the extent and level of your use of Subject.
3. It is to be noted that our checks were made on the basis of the identifying information you furnished or in an attachment to this memorandum. Should it be disclosed that this information is erroneous or that Subject is known by a different name, this Division should be notified immediately.



WILLIAM R. KOTEPICH  
Chief, Personnel Security Division

Attachment:  
 State Passport Report  
 Summary

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EYES ONLY  
 #4237

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WERBELL, Mitchell L.  
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26 April 1967

On 19 April 1967, the current passport file of Mitchell L. WERBELL was reviewed at the Passport Office, Department of State. The following is a summary of the information contained therein:

Birth: 8 March 1918 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
(Verified by birth certificate)

PASSPORT ISSUED: At Miami, Florida, on 29 May 1962, Passport Number C-301433, for a two week trip to England and Germany for the purpose of business.

Residence: RD #1, Powder Springs, Georgia

Occupation: Public Relations and Advertising Executive.

SUBJECT's file also reveals that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has information pertaining to SUBJECT concerning his involvement in Haitian Revolutionary activities.

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U.S.C.R.S.T.

DATE 31 July 1957

MEMORANDUM TO : Chief, MIAMI FIELD OFFICE  
 M.M. Director, Domestic Contact Service  
 (Services Division)  
 SUBJECT : Security Check Completion -- US Citizen  
 REFERENCES : (a) DCS R 10-30, dated 1 July 1955  
 (b) Operations Memo 88-64

1. As indicated in a notice of security check completion on the individual listed below, the GS approved Subject's exploitation as a source of intelligence information, but the level of classified information which may be disclosed is left to your discretion.

2. As indicated in the attachment, the GS provided a Summary or derogatory information for you to consider in determining the level of classified disclosure. It will be forwarded by Services Division by an "Eyes Only" memorandum which will bear a number identical to the one marked on the lower left corner of the exploitation. Please use this number to identify a Summary with an individual.

3. The GS directs that the field chief, after reading the information, will use it to establish the level of classified disclosure, if any; and to provide guidance to the Contact Specialist in his relations with the source. He may, at his discretion disclose the nature of the derogatory information to the Contact Specialist. The field chief, after making an appropriate notation in the open files of the office with respect to the security status of the individual, will then either destroy the information or place it in a sealed envelope which will carry the caveat: "To be opened by the Chief or Acting Chief of the Field Office."

JAMES R. MURPHY

Attachment:

WERBELL, MITCHELL Livingston, IL

S.I. Only # 4227

CLASSIFICATION: "Restricted" - No Classified Info  
 to be revealed. Check with Mr. Gleichauf before  
 contacting.

Justin F. Gleichauf  
 Justin F. Gleichauf  
 Excluded from automatic  
 downgrading and  
 declassification

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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

21 February 1967

ATT : Mr. Leland Bunn  
Director, Domestic Contact Service  
(Chief, Services Division)

VERDILL, Mitchell L. -- Recent Telephone Call from Chet GRAY  
of Los Angeles re Possible Assassination  
in US of Close Relative of Middle East  
Ruler

A-127900

1. The enclosed copy of teletype from our Miami Field Office is forwarded for your information and immediate transmittal to the FBI.
2. Mr. John McConnell, of this Office, has discussed this matter with Mr. Leo Papich, FBI, who said the FBI will contact Subject and GRAY, and will subsequently advise us of any action they might want us to take.
3. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne, Ext. 2738.

B. FRANK YCUBO

Enclosure: Teletype Contacts/Miami-1710  
dated 20 February 1967

VThorne:pat

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CC - FBI Via OS

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S E C R E T 201530Z CITE CONTACTS/MIAMI 1710

CONTACTS/WASHINGTON

ATTN: MCCONNELL

FROM: GLEICHAUF

*file*

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A MOST UNUSUAL PHONE CALL FROM MITCHELL WERBELL, POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA, DETAILS OF WHICH FOLLOW:
2. WERBELL IS A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TYPE WHO HAS BEEN IN OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE, OF HIS OWN VOLITION, SINCE 1959. WHILE AN UNSAVORY CHARACTER, MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE HAS FURNISHED HAS PROVED TRUE. HE FURNISHED COMPLETE DETAILS ON THE RECENT HAITIAN INVASION PLAN. THE PHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY BART GONZALES FROM HIM AT 1100 HOURS ON 18 FEBRUARY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD JUST HAD A TELEPHONE CALL FROM CHEP GRAY OF LOS ANGELES, NO ADDRESS (PHONE 274-4922).
3. GRAY STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION IN THE U.S. OF A CLOSE RELATIVE, POSSIBLY A BROTHER OR SON, OF A MIDDLE-EAST RULER, WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. HE DID NOT FURNISH THE NAME OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM, NOR BY WHOM HE WAS APPROACHED. GRAY TOLD WERBELL THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT THAT MIGHT CAUSE INTERNATIONAL

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REPERCUSSIONS AND ASKED WERBELL FOR ADVICE. WER

BELL ADVISED GRAY  
TO INFORM THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES, BUT GRAY WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO.  
WERBELL THEN ASKED GRAY IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH A  
MEMBER OF CIA AND GRAY AGREED. WERBELL TOLD GRAY THAT IF A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF CIA CONTACTED HIM, WERBELL'S NAME WOULD BE  
USED AS ENTREE.

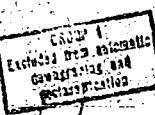
4. THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF THE "ARABIAN NIGHTS,"  
BUT I DID MEET A CHET GRAY FROM LOS ANGELES AT A LOCAL CONTACT'S  
HOUSE IN 1962, SOME DETAILS OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN OOA(S)5681  
AND OOA(S) 5598 DATED 18 DEC 62. GRAY IS A NOTORIOUS HOODLUM  
AND MIGHT EASILY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

54. PLEASE HANDLE THE ABOVE AS YOU SEE FIT.

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FBI WILL TRY ~~SECRET~~ To Werbell  
and Gray - will advise if any  
options they want us to take



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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

28 February 1967

ATT : Mr. Leland Dunn  
Director, Domestic Contact Service  
(Chief, Services Division)

WESTWELL, Mitchell L. -- Communication from Chet GRAY  
re Alleged Assassination Attempt  
Against Foreign Diplomat --- PHI  
Interest  
A127700

REF : DDCI memorandum dated 21 February 1967, same subject

1. Please forward a copy of the enclosed self-explanatory  
diary item to Mr. Sam Papich. Mr. Papich was informed of this  
matter by phone on 23 February 1967.

2. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be  
directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne, Ext. 2733.

B. FRANK YOUNG

Enclosure: As stated above.

CC: Mr. Sam Papich

VThorne:pat

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DENY, 23 February 1967

SUBJECT: Mitchell Werbell/Chet Gray

Gleichauf called to say that Werbell had heard from Gray both yesterday and the day before expressing concern over the fact that he and his colleagues had contacted him concerning the alleged assassination attempt against a foreign diplomat. Gray stated that unless he heard from someone immediately he would go to the Governor of California, 23 February. This information was passed to San Francisco by phone.

cc: Chief, Miami Office

JW:McConnell:mg

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Miami (Gonzales)  
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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

*84 FEB 1967*

<b>BIOGRAPHIC DATA</b>								
1. SUBJECT'S LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME WERBELL, Mitchell L.		2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 8 March 1918-Philadelphia, Pa.						
3. ALIASES <i>A-127900</i>		4. SEX 5. CITIZENSHIP Male US						
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10. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING FULL NAME, CITIZENSHIP DATA OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN.								
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A-12-79-00

MICHAEL L. MERRILL  
Powder Springs, Georgia

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10/1970

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Maurice A. Brown  
Chief, PPL Group**

**ATTENTION: Lee E. Carle**

**FROM: George L. Marling  
Chief, Operations Group**

**SUBJECT: Request for Security Search --  
Robert John Morgan, et al. (U)**

**REFERENCE: OGC 79-02691 dated 20 September 1979**

1. An intensive search of the files and indices of the Directorate of Operations has revealed no information concerning Robert John MORGAN, John Duncan LEFOULT, **Albert Stewart COTON**, John Sylvester CARPENTER, Wayne Ernest DANIELS, or Guy Perilton OWEN. (U)

2. However, this search has revealed the following information concerning Wiley Gilmore SIMS (AKA William Gilmore SIMS) and Mitchell Livingston WERBELL, III (AKA Mitch THOMAS). (U)

#### A. Wiley Gilmore SIMS

1) In December 1965 SIMS contacted the United States Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and talked to a representative of this Directorate. He requested assistance in retrieving an airplane impounded by authorities in Venezuela which they suspected was used in smuggling operations. SIMS also stated that he had been in Colombia looking for air freight business. The files of this Directorate contain no indication that any action was taken regarding this matter. (U)

2) SIMS was never employed by this Directorate nor has this Directorate ever had any operational interest in him. (U)

#### B. Mitchell Livingston WERBELL, III

1) WERBELL had never been employed by this Agency nor does this Agency have any operational interest in him. WERBELL was a commissioned officer with the OSS during World War II and served in the China-Burma-India

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theater. In August of 1959, this Agency considered using WERBELL as a source of information on revolutionary activities in the Caribbean area, particularly Cuba, but terminated its consideration of his possible use in October 1959 when it was determined that his information was of little value and it was suspected that he would use the proposed connection with this Agency to promote his personal interests. (S)

2) In 1973 WERBELL was under investigation by the United States Treasury Department Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and by the United States Customs Service for activities relating to possible secessionary activities on Abaco Island in the Bahamas. In this connection, WERBELL contacted three retired CIA employees during 1974 in an attempt to involve them in a scheme concerning the activities of an organization called the Friends of Abaco (FOA) which advocated the secession of the island from the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. All three individuals reported their contact with WERBELL and sought guidance from this Agency. In May and June of 1974 they were advised to break all ties with WERBELL. On 27 June 1974 the Federal Bureau of Investigation was formally apprised of WERBELL'S overtures to the three retired CIA employees. (S)

3. It has been determined that Mitchell Livingston WERBELL III is the subject of PA request number P76-0028. There is no indication that Mitchell Livingston WERBELL III has ever been the subject of an FOIA request or that the remaining individuals listed in reference have ever been the subject of an FOIA or PA request. (U)

George L. Marling

George L. Marling

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FILE IN: 201-259910 Mitchell Livingston WERBELL III

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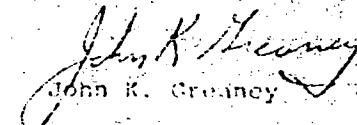
MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration  
Attn: Chief, Security Analysis Group, OS  
Associate Deputy Director for Science &  
Technology  
Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
Attn: ISA/DIP/IP/FIS  
Thru: C/Reference Branch/ISS/IPG

FROM: John K. Greaney  
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search --  
Robert John Morgan, et al.

1. The Department of Justice is currently engaged in an investigation with state and federal law enforcement agencies concerning importation and distribution of marijuana and cocaine. Attached is a copy of the Department's letter to me requesting verification by CIA of any employment or other involvement with certain of the subjects of this investigation.

2. In order to respond to the Department's request, it would be appreciated if your offices could determine if there are any records on the subjects listed in the attached letter from the Justice Department.

  
John K. Greaney

Attachment

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

Address Reply to the  
Thomas J. Johnson  
and Ref to Initialled Number  
**WLM:mas**

Organized Crime Strike Force  
Richard B. Russell Federal Bldg.  
Post Office Box 543  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
September 17, 1979

Mr. John K. Greaney  
Associate General Counsel  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Greaney:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and Clyde Carter last Monday.

As I explained to you at that time, we are engaged in an investigation with state and federal law enforcement agencies concerning importation and distribution of marijuana and cocaine. During the course of this investigation, allegations (unfounded, I am sure) have been made that certain of the subjects of this investigation are employees of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I believe it is necessary to resolve as much in advance of an indictment any problems which may arise should any of the subjects of the investigation be involved with the Central Intelligence Agency.

The following individuals are among the subjects of this investigation:

- ✓ Robert John Morgan - DOB: 3/6/36
- ✓ John Duncan Leibolt - DOB: 1/25/24
- ✓ Michael Stewart Cotton - DOB: 11/19/23
- ✓ John Sylvester Carpenter - DOB: 1/27/35
- ✓ Riley Gilmore Sims - DOB: 11/5/18
- ✓ Mitchell Livingston McElroy - DOB: 3/18/18
- ✓ Wayne Ernest Daniel - DOB: 1/13/40
- ✓ Guy Berlton Green - DOB: 11/1/45

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Mr. Greaney

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September 17, 1979

Please advise as soon as possible if indictment or continued investigation of these individuals will create problems for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

William L. McCulley  
Special Attorney  
U. S. Dept. of Justice

cc: Robert L. Keuché  
Deputy Asst. Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
  
Gerard T. McGuire  
Deputy Chief  
Organized Crime & Racketeering Section  
Criminal Division

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FBI reports extracted from Werbell file (DCD) :

① FBI report dated 6 August 1974 from Washington, FBI file.

(CI-3) 62-108665, SUBJECT: MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III.

INTERNAL SECURITY - ABACO, NEUTRALITY MATTERS - ABACO.

② FBI report dated 22 July 1974 from Atlanta, Georgia, no

Bureau file, Subject: MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III.

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DCD-112/78  
31 January 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDO/ISS/IP/FIS

FROM : Ruth Elliff  
DCD/FIO/PAO

SUBJECT : House Select Committee on Assassinations  
(HSCA) Request (OLC 77-5685/4)

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, Same Subject, 28 December 1977.

1. In response to referenced request, I am forwarding the following material from DCD files:
- a. Dan Carswell -- one memorandum which may relate to the individual you requested.
  - b. Louis Posada -- negative.
  - c. Cesario Dirosada -- copies of all material in DCD files.
  - d. Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III -- file A-12-79-00, containing all DCD material. This file is on loan and should be returned to DCD as soon as possible. PLEASE HAND CARRY.
  - e. David Atlee Phillips -- negative.
  - f. Eugien Conein -- one document. (This document was also furnished in response to Conein's request [P 77-0805] under the Privacy Act.)
  - g. William Stuckey -- negative.
  - h. Ed Butler -- copies of all material in DCD files.

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DCD-11278

31 January 1979

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)  
Request (OLC 77-5685/4)

- i. Priscilla Johnson McMillan -- DCD response to her request (P-76-1861) under the Privacy Act. Full text and sanitized copies of all this material should be available from IPS. Also attached are four intelligence information reports which were not furnished in response to the PA request.
- j. Richard Snyder -- one memorandum which may relate to the individual in whom you are interested.
- k. Alexis Davison -- negative.

2. I have made no attempt to sanitize this material. I understand that HSCA staff members who will be examining these documents are fully cleared, and will not be allowed to remove any of this material from our Headquarters, make any copies of this material, or make any notes therefrom that would reveal any material that is properly classified and deals with intelligence sources and methods. All of the attached material is for your retention except file A-12-79-00.

3. Please direct further inquiries about this matter to the undersigned on extension 3767.

*Ruth Elliff*  
Ruth Elliff

Attachments a/s

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They had to file a libel suit for  
defamation from DOD - Government  
judge demanded and got from him  
translatable for trial - by him (subj)

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22 July

also stored in Miami -

Test is surely set - He will be  
dragged into lawsuit - works for  
Anderson

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Porter to C  
n 24 July

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CITE DCD/MIAMI 13506

TO: PRIORITY DCD/HEADQUARTERS.

TO: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF (SPILMAN) FROM HENNESSEY

WNINTEL

SUBJ: FIELD OFFICE ASSISTANCE TO OGC

REF : SPILMAN/MAINWARING TELECON, 9 SEPTEMBER 1976, SAME SUBJECT

1. IN RESPONSE TO A TELEPHONE CALL FROM DEPUTY CHIEF, OGC, ON 23 AUGUST 1976, WE MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, FOR WALTER LLOYD, OGC, FOR THE NIGHT OF 23 AUGUST. THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE WAS HELD OPEN THAT EVENING FOR A MEETING ATTENDED BY MR. LLOYD, SAMUEL SHERES, US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND WILLIAM WARNER, US DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. JACK HENNESSEY, DCD/MIAMI, ALSO ATTENDED AND PROVIDED A SHORT GENERAL BRIEFING ON DCD OPERATIONS. FOR THE MOST PART, THE MEETING CONSISTED OF A DISCUSSION OF THE PAST RELATIONSHIP OF MITCHELL L. WERSBELL III WITH BRKERAUD, ESPECIALLY WITH DCO AS REVEALED IN THE DCD MEMORANDUM TO OGC DATED 8 MARCH 1976.

2. WE WERE ADVISED BY TELEPHONE DURING THE EVENING OF 27 AUGUST BY A. THOMAS, DCD DUTY OFFICER, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY WALTER LLOYD, THAT LLOYD WOULD VISIT MIAMI AGAIN ON 30 AUGUST IN CONNECTION WITH THE WERSBELL CASE. LLOYD DID NOT TASK DCD/MIAMI IN ANY WAY DURING THIS VISIT. HOWEVER, HE DID CHECK IN WITH US LOCALLY BY TELEPHONE UPON ARRIVAL IN THE MIAMI AREA. HE CALLED US AGAIN DURING THE EVENING OF 31 AUGUST AFTER HIS RETURN FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AS A COURTESY SINCE HE DID NOT HAVE THE TIME TO CONTACT US PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM MIAMI.

3. MR. LLOYD AGAIN RETURNED TO MIAMI, THIS TIME ONBOARD A USAF JET STAR AIRCRAFT, EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 2 SEPTEMBER. HE CONTACTED US THAT AFTERNOON BY TELEPHONE TO REQUEST THAT WE KEEP OPEN THE FIELD OFFICE SO THAT HE COULD DEPOSIT CLASSIFIED FILES IN OUR VAULT OVERNIGHT. HE APPEARED AT THE FIELD OFFICE AT 1730 HOURS AND BRIEFED

PAGE 2 DCD/MIAMI 13506 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
US ON HIS TRAVEL OF THE DAY. HE PLACED TWO FOLDERS OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IN OUR VAULT FOR THE NIGHT, AND RECLAIMED THEM ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING, 3 SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION TO MAKING WORKING SPACE AVAILABLE TO LLOYD FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS DURING THE MORNING OF 3 SEPTEMBER, WE MADE OURSELVES AVAILABLE FOR ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN REQUIRED THAT DAY. HOWEVER, NOTHING FURTHER WAS REQUESTED OF US. THE LOCAL DS OFFICE PROVIDED AN ESCORT FOR LLOYD'S RETURN COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON LATER THAT AFTERNOON. LLOYD ADVISED US IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THAT THE LOCAL JUDGE HANDLING THE WERBELL CASE ASKED FOR LLOYD TO APPEAR IN MIAMI AGAIN DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK, WHICH APPARENTLY BECAME UNNECESSARY SINCE WERBELL AND HIS CO-DEFENDANTS WERE ACQUITTED OF ALL CHARGES BY THE JURY ON 3 SEPTEMBER.

4. AFTER RECEIVING TWO OR THREE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MR. SHERES, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MIAMI, ON 25 AUGUST, DURING WHICH HE ASKED FOR BKHERALD INFORMATION HELD IN BKHERALD HEADQUARTERS FILES, WE SUGGESTED THAT HE CALL LLOYD DIRECTLY AT HIS OGC OFFICE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ATTEMPTED USE OF DCD/MIAMI AS A CHANNEL BY SHERES STEMMED FROM THE SEEING (TO HIM) EXPEDIENT NATURE OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AS MUCH AS FROM A BASIC MISUNDERSTANDING OF BKHERALD'S CHAIN OF COMMAND AND INFORMATION FLOW STRUCTURE. NEVERTHELESS, NO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES DEVELOPED DURING THE VISITS TO DCD/MIAMI BY LLOYD.  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Watts <sup>20</sup>

Attached is all the material DCD has on Werbel. He has been the subject of several communications between DCD's FIO/PIC staff and OGC and the FIO staff in the DDC.

Also attached is the microfilm records on ~~an~~ Arnold A. Bayard. I don't think he is the Colonel Bayard referred to in the memo, but it is hard to tell since we don't have any bio data on him.

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OGC 76-0844

24 February 1976

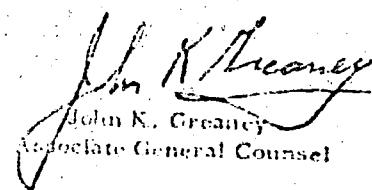
MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SOG  
Chief, DCD  
Chief, LA Division

SUBJECT : Mitchell Livingston Werbel III

1. I was advised by the Justice Department on 23 February that Werbel has been indicted and the trial is scheduled to begin on 29 March in Miami, Florida. The charges relate to importing and distributing quantities of marijuana. With Werbel's propensity to raise his past affiliations with the Agency, we can anticipate problems during this trial. An additional problem is presented because Werbel is defended by Edwin Marger who was the defense attorney for John Hawk in the B-26 case in Buffalo, New York in 1966. It was Edwin Marger who subpoenaed the CIA General Counsel as a defense witness.

2. The Justice Department has received information that a person either currently or formerly affiliated with the CIA has been participating in Werbel's meetings with his attorney. It would be appreciated if all addressees could review their holdings on Werbel and determine if there is any validity to any recent contacts with him. I would urge that instructions be sent to Miami that no, repeat no, contact with Werbel take place between now and the beginning of the trial.

3. It would be helpful if each addressee could prepare a summary of the various contacts Werbel has had with CIA in the past. Please check to see if you have any information on a Colonel Bayard who was killed in Atlanta, Georgia during the summer of 1975. Bayard, reportedly an associate of Werbel's, had previous contacts with the Agency. It would be appreciated if your responses could be received by close of business 2 March.

  
John K. Creaney  
Associate General Counsel

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~~102774~~  
ARNOLD A. BAYARD

1175 York Avenue  
New York City, New York.

BUSINESS

Subject is President of:

102774S - M. L. Bayard Company, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO:	Chief, Contact Division, OS	FROM:	Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS
SUBJECT:	FBI - Portland, Oregon - 5000		

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1. Reference is made to your request for a security clearance on the subject person as a potential source of intelligence information. The necessary checks have been completed with the following results:
  - a.  No additional information has been obtained, except for such biographic information as indicated below or in the attachment.
  - b.  Information has been received that subject was investigated with favorable results in 1920.
  - c.  Certain information has been received and appears in the attachment which your Division will wish to consider in determining the extent and level of your use of Subject.
2. It is to be noted that our checks were only on the basis of the identity of information you furnished or is an attachment to this memorandum. Should, therefore, it be discovered that this information is erroneous or that Subject is known by a different name, this Division should be notified immediately.

*M. L. C.*

M. L. C., Director, Personnel Security Division

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Form No. 1150

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3. ALIASES		4. RANK OR GRADE M
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3 March 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Washington  
Chief, Miami

SUBJECT : Mitchell Livingston Werbell III

1. The attached memorandum was prepared for John Creaney, DDC, who requested a summary of our records on Mitchell L. Werbell III. Werbell is to be tried in March 1976 in Florida on a charge of importing narcotics. DDC anticipates that Werbell may claim some Agency connection because he has done so in the past. Creaney also asked about DDC connections with Colonel Bayard who is mentioned in paragraph 2 of the attached memorandum.
2. DDC has asked that there be no contact with Werbell at least until the trial is over. In view of Werbell's tendency to become involved in schemes with which the Agency cannot afford to be identified, I wish to extend indefinitely the DDC's injunction against contact with him.

*[Signature]*  
JAMES R. BURTON  
Chief, Domestic Collection Division

Attachment: A/S

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2 March 1976

## MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of General Counsel

ATTENTION : John K. Creaney  
VIA : Deputy Director for Operations  
SUBJECT : Mitchell Livingston Werbell III  
REFERENCE : OCC 76-0344 dated 24 February 1976

1. A review of DCD records indicated that Mitchell L. Werbell III was an occasional contact and source of this Division from 24 July 1959, when he first initiated the contact, until March 1971. It appears from our records that all of the contacts were at Werbell's volition and that at no time was he viewed as a particularly useful or reliable source. Werbell did provide unsolicited information which was reported by DCD in seven foreign intelligence information reports. In January 1976 DCD responded to a Freedom of Information inquiry from Werbell. Copies of the documents released to him are available from the DDO/FIC.

2. After meeting with Werbell at his own request in July 1959 the Chief of the Miami Field Office noted in a Memorandum for the Record that little credence could be placed in anything Werbell said. During succeeding contacts Werbell provided information which resulted in the following reports:

- a. Photographs of Camarioca Harbor, Cuba (1965)
- b. Dope and arms running, Dominican Republic (1965)
- c. Planned coup in Guatemala (1966)
- d. Political, economic, military situation in Dominican Republic (1966)
- e. Planned invasion of Haiti (1966)
- f. Planned invasion of Haiti (1966)
- g. Venezuelan request for arms (1967)

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CITE DOD/WASHINGTON 13254

TO: PRIORITY DOD/MIAMI

REINFORCING FROM ZETTER

SUBJECT: MITCHELL L. WERBELL, III

HAS MIAMI FIELD OFFICE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH WERBELL DURING  
PAST YEAR? WHEN WAS LAST CONTACT? OR IMPORT CL BY 030552  
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CITE DCD/MIAMI 13136

TO: PRIORITY DCD/**WASHINGTON**  
ATTN: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF (ZEIMER)  
SUBJ: MITCHELL L. WERBELL, III  
REF : DCD/**WASHINGTON** 13834.

WE HAVE HAD NO RECENT CONTACT WHATSOEVER WITH MITCHELL WERBELL, III.  
THE LAST CONTACT BY THIS OFFICE WAS A TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY  
JAY GLEICHAUF ON 9 MARCH 1971 AND DISCUSSED IN MIR-056-71.  
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CITE DCD/WASHINGTON 43825

TO: PRIORITY DCD/MIAMI

FROM ZEIMER

SUBJECT: MITCHELL L. WERDELL III

12-79-60

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED OGC THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN  
INDICTED AND TRIAL WILL BEGIN ON 29 MARCH 1976. THERE MUST BE  
NO REPEAT NO DCD CONTACT WITH WERDELL EVEN IF HE SHOULD ATTEMPT  
TO INITIATE THE CONTACT. EX. IMPDET CL BY 035500  
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**22 January 1976**

**MEMORANDUM FOR: DDO/PIC**

**ATTENTION : Hal Matter**

**SUBJECT : P 76-023 - Mitchell Livingston WerBell, III**

1. DCD records reflect that Subject has been in contact with the Agency since 1959. The last record of contact with Subject was in March 1971.

2. The documents in DCD's file which pertain to Subject fit into the following categories:

- a. CIA Office of Security namecheck data.  
(OS File Number 27686)

One biographic data sheet is attached for release to Subject provided those portions marked with brackets are deleted from the released version.

- b. Eighteen internal documents are attached and may be released to Subject provided those portions marked with brackets are deleted from the released versions. Deletions are based on exemptions (j) (1) (b), (j) (1) (d), (j) (1) (e), (j) (1) (f) and (k) (1).

- c. Attached are two newspaper articles which pertain to Subject and which may be released to him.

- d. DCD also has a document which reflects that Subject provided DCD with 36 black and white photographs taken of the Camarioca Harbor area of Cuba. DCD has neither the originals nor copies of these photographs although they may be retrievable from NPIIC. Should Subject request that these photographs be returned to him, we would make every effort to surface them.

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SURJECT: P 76-023 - Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III

A copy of this document is attached and may be released to Subject provided those portions marked with brackets are deleted from the released version.

- e. DCD also has two PR Division cables which pertain to Subject. One is from PR/Atlanta (00349) to Director, dated 11 July 1974. The other is to PR/New York (670514) from NE/AWI/I, dated 17 March 1975.
- f. One FBI report (CI-3) 62-108665  
DATE: 6 August 1974  
TO: Director, CIA  
FROM: Director, FBI  
Washington, D.C.  
SUBJECT: Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III
- g. DCD has reference to a report on the Dominican Republic which Subject provided DCD in September 1966. DCD, however, does not have a copy of this document. A notation in our file indicates that the document was sent to OCI/WI/Dominican Desk. DCD records do not reflect the exact title, only that it is a report on the Dominican Republic.
- h. Six internal DCD documents which may not be released to Subject. Copies are attached for your information. Denial is based on exemptions (j) (1) (b), (j) (1) (d) and (k) (1).
- i. DCD suggests that in answering Subject's request he be informed that Agency records indicate that he willingly provided information that resulted in seven foreign intelligence information reports. Four of these reports received advance teletype dissemination. We suggest that Subject be informed that the Agency is reluctant to declassify and release the eleven documents via the mail as such an action would put them in the public domain. Should Subject insist on seeing the documents, DCD will consider sanitizing and showing them to him in the presence of an Agency representative.
- j. DCD also has one memorandum for the record which concerns an OGC trace on Subject's sons, dated 18 April 1975. A copy of this document is attached

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**SUBJECT: P 76-028 - Mitchell Livingston WerBell, III**

for your information. In light of paragraph one  
of OGC 75-4582, dated 10 December 1975, can we  
assume that this is not a record?

3. DCD suggests that a statement thanking Subject  
for his cooperation be included in the Agency's response  
to his request.

JACKSON R. HORTON  
Chief, Domestic Collection Division

**Attachments:**  
As stated

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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## BIOGRAPHIC DATA

NO:

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1. SUBJECT'S LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME VERBELL, Mitchell L.	3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 8 March 1918-Philadelphia, Pa.
2. ALIASES FBI 127900	4. SEX Male
	5. CITIZENSHIP US

6. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP.

7. RESIDENCE (Including No., ent Street, Zone, R.P.D., etc.)

COMPLETE ADDRESS

FROM	TO	RESIDENCE (Including No., ent Street, Zone, R.P.D., etc.)	COMPLETE ADDRESS
	Present	Powder Springs, Georgia	

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8. EMPLOYMENT	NAME OF EMPLOYER	COMPLETE ADDRESS
FROM	TO	
Present	Leader of Organization to Combat Communism	Powder Springs, Georgia
?	Alexis, Inc.	Atlanta, Georgia
?	Cool Roof of Georgia, Inc.	Atlanta, Georgia
?	Werbell-South, Inc.	Atlanta, Georgia

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9. EDUCATION (HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, GRADUATE WORK, etc.)	NAME OF SCHOOL	DEGREE OR MAJOR
FROM	TO	

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10. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING FULL NAME, CITIZENSHIP DATA ON PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

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**ATTN : Chief, Domestic Collection Division  
Support Branch/OSS (Ryan/xxxx)**

**11 January 1974**

**Chief, Miami Field Office**

**Mitchell L. WerDell, III**

**REV : OSS-44-74, Dated 8 January 1974**

**[Thank you for referent.] For the record, subject has made no further effort to contact anyone in this office; similarly, we plan no attempts to get in touch with him. Thus the matter rests there at this writing. Should he call again, however, we will keep the advice contained in referent in mind in dealing with him.**

**BRUCE R. MATHEWS**

**BCM:mbj**

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ATTN : Chief, Miami Field Office  
Mr. Bruce Malavaris

033-44-74  
8 January 1974

Chief, Domestic Collection Division (Support Branch/033)

Mitchell L. Werbell, III

1. We have received subject's 291 file for additional information. Subject was of interest to this Agency in 1959 and was granted a POA in August of that year. This was cancelled in October 1959 when his information proved to be of little value and because it was suspected he was using Agency funds to promote his personal interests. He has subsequently attempted to pass himself off as an Agency employee. He is characterized by the file as unscrupulous, a "cheater-dealer" and a promoter of grandiose schemes. The subject has been under investigation in 1970 by both the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the United States Customs Service for activities relating to possible mercenary activities in Abaco Island, Bahamas.

2. If the subject should contact your office again, we suggest you accept whatever information he has to offer but make no further commitments concerning agency contact. Subject is well known to the appropriate task and is of extremely doubtful character.

3. We trust this memorandum will provide you with useful information concerning this subject. Thank you for bringing his name to our attention.

JACKSON R. NORTON

SPIRAN for ERNEST H.  
cc: Services Br. (Control)  
IP Files

FILE: FBI-23810

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**Clerk, Lockington Field Office**

12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Conflict Service (DCS)

22-10000-10000, Defense Supply Agency, Military Aeronautics Commission, Potters Spring, Ga.

RE : ~~Varanasi/Muzaffarnagar telegrams~~

FT-12.7900

1. Attached for reference telephone conversations in copy of  
and telephone record of recent telephone inquiry from  
Corporation, headquartered in Boston, asking, "Please note  
the address of the plant, in Lakewood, Ohio, which, I am.  
There is no office occupied by you, or your company,  
other than the writer during correspondence in date quoted below.
  2. This writer will be unable to give you any information  
desirable in connection with the above, as he has been  
installed at his new office since October 1st, 1949.  
He is unknown character and reputation to him who has been  
involved in negotiations and operations in that city. He has  
had personal financial difficulties.
  3. Verrell has provided with me a copy of his letter to the  
attention of the above mentioned corporation, and I have  
also furnished him a copy of my letter to him, dated January  
20th, 1950, in which I advised him that such was done  
in connection with the above. We do not desire to go into detail upon this point. It is  
to express to you my appreciation to your administration of your  
case, and for your efforts to obtain justice and otherwise in my behalf  
of TPI and possible information of operational significance.
  4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let

Attachment 1  
GTMoulis/lid  
cc: Services Invictus (Control)  
ID: 15423-32

JESSE B. WOOD

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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

16 March 1971

Director, Domestic Contact Service  
[Chief, Services Division]WILLIAM J. MITCHELL LIVINGSTON, III -- Revision of DOD Security  
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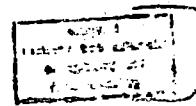
1. The information reported in the enclosed confidential memorandum, regarding Subject's self-initiated contact with the Miami Field Office, may be of interest.
2. [REDACTED] Office of the General Counsel and the Division have been advised of Subject's recent activities.
3. Any questions pertaining to this information should be directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorpe, Ext. 770.

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WILLIAM J. VAUGHN

Enclosure: As stated above

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OCC (John Creany)

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10 March 1971

Director, Domestic Contact Service

ATTN : John McConnell  
 John Creany (OCC)  
 Chief, Miami Field Office

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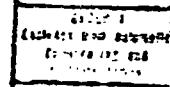
Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III

1. On 9 Mar 71 we received a long distance call, presumably from Powder Springs, Georgia, from subject, who is an old and unsavory contact of this office dating from 1959. Werbell has been involved in a variety of schemes, the latest of which concerned an abortive invasion of Haiti [which John Creany was very much concerned about a year or so ago.]
2. Werbell stated that the Department of Defense had just revoked his security clearance on grounds of Werbell's "frivolous behavior" in the Haitian paper. Werbell stated that he intended to "fight it to the Supreme Court", as he had always kept us and other elements of the US Government informed concerning developments in the Haitian matter.
3. Werbell asked if there was anything that we could do for him in the way of interceding for him with the DOD, and we informed him bluntly and in no uncertain terms that he was strictly on his own, and we could do nothing for him. He then asked if it would be worthwhile to subpoena [Art Goncalves]. We informed him that it was up to his attorney to make such recommendations.
4. Werbell seemed to get the message, and then offered to keep us advised regarding an alleged forthcoming attempt on Haiti [which is being sponsored by] [Rafaelo Masferrer], even though Masferrer is currently incarcerated in a Federal [prison]. We told Werbell that if he wished to pass any information along we would accept it but under no circumstances should he attempt to elicit any information on our behalf. He agreed that he would operate on this basis and could he might be in touch with us again.
5. In view of Werbell's record we felt that this latest contact should be a matter of record [and that OCC should be informed of developments.]

JUSTIN F. GLEICHNER

(NYC/cos)

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CONTACTS/MIAMI

**FROM MCCONNELL**

JOHN GREAHEY, OCG, WILL BE COMING TO MIAMI MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER,  
CONNECTION WITH THE TRIAL OF THE EIGHT INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED  
IN THE BOMBING OF PORT-AU-PRINCE.

NEW SUSPECT: MICHAEL LIVINGSTON WERNER, OF ATLANTA IS MENTIONED  
IN A (WASHINGTON POST) ARTICLE TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED  
RECEPTION OF GUNS SHIPPED FROM VIETNAM THROUGH CHINESE AIR FORCE BASE.

MR. GREAHEY SUGGESTS THAT YOU AVOID, IF POSSIBLE, ANY CONTACT WITH  
**WERNER**.

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Director, Domestic Contact Service  
ATTN : John McConnell

31 March 1967  
NIN - 098-67

Chief, Miami Field Office

Michael L. WerBell

(A-127900)

Think you will be interested in the attached clippings, which  
indicate that all charges have been dropped against WerBell.

Please pass to John Greaney, Office of General Counsel.

JUSTIN F. GLEICHAUF

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Miami Herald

24 March 1967

att to Prine 098-27  
dated 31 Mar 67, Section  
Mitchell K. Harell

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

24 March 1967

ATTN : John McConnell

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Chief, Miami Field Office

Mitchell L. McConnell

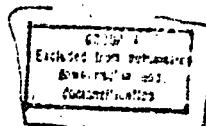
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REF : HDM-000-67

1. McConnell called the Miami office on 23 Mar 67 and when told that [Part Gonzales] was not in, advised the secretary that the federal charges against him had been dropped. We have not confirmed this. We do not intend to renew our contacts with him for the time being at least.
2. Please advise John O'Bryan of the Office of the General Counsel of this development and give us whatever recommendations he or you may have as to our future relations with McConnell.

**SUSIE E. GLEIBERG****BIGIP**

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

2 March 1967

ATTN : John McConnell

100-060-67

Chief, Miami Field Office

Mitchell L. Werbell

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1. You will recall that John Grenney of the Office of General Counsel was interviewed for several days in connection with the federal case pending against subject Werbell was indicted on federal conspiracy charges, arising out of the abortive invasion attempt of Lahti a short time ago.

2. Following the indictment Werbell called us and indicated that he was to be interviewed on "nationwide TV through station WSB-TV in Atlanta." He called Harry McCrea and asked him to monitor local coverage, and [redacted] covered the NBC stations for a period of several days. Werbell did not appear on a national hookup, but Harry McCrea informed us that he did appear on a two-minute tured comment on the WSB-TV, 8:05 A.M. telecast only. Werbell said he would, if he could, "blow a citizen's arrest of Dwight Eisenhower, John Malone, et al, because he did no more than they did." Harry said that he didn't believe that the station took his client [redacted] seriously.

3. Werbell was also interviewed by "The Atlanta Constitution", and we are enclosing a clipping from the "Constitution" of 28 Feb 67 in which Werbell is quoted concerning the indictment.

4. Would you please pass the above to John Grenney. You might inform him that the statement of an undesignated federal official in Miami undoubtedly refers to the Customs agent in charge, with whom Werbell had a conversation prior to calling us. Werbell quoted him in the same fashion in our conversation. We have had no further contact with Werbell.

JUSTIN P. GLEICHauf

JTG:pw

Enclosure:  
As stated

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S E C R E T 231432Z CITE CONTACTS/MIAMI 1714

CONTACTS/WASHINGTON

ATTN: JOHN MCCONNELL

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

REF: A. MIAMI 1710

RE: MC CONNELL/CLEIAHUF TELCONS OF 21 FEB AND 23 FEB 67

BITCHILL FOR BELL CALLED [DAVE GONZALES] YESTERDAY TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TWO PHONE CALLS FROM [CHET GRAY] EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE FACT THAT NO ONE HAD CONTACTED HIM FOR DETAILS CONCERNING THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT REFERRED TO IN [B-67-54] MIAMI 1710. [GRAY] STATED THAT UNLESS HE HEARD FROM SOMEBODY IMMEDIATELY, HE WOULD TAKE HIS INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON THE MORNING OF 23 FEB 67. [HE CURRENTLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR GRAY: 328 NORTH OAKHURST DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS; TELE: 374-4922.]

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Copy F/ # B-67-54 (Chet Gray)

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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

24 February 1967

ATT : Mr. Leland Dunn  
Director, Economic Control Service  
[Chief, Services Division]

WATSON, Mitchell L. -- Communication Group [ ]  
re alleged Administration  
of Inst. Foreign Agent  
Information

PA 27100

REF : DCT memo rendum dated 21 February 1967, same subject

1. Please forward a copy of the enclosed communication  
to Mr. Tom Popich. He, which was informed of this  
matter by phone on 23 February 1967.

2. Any questions pertaining to this document should be  
directed to Mr. Virginia Turner, DDCI.

Enclosure: As stated above

CC: Mr. Tom Popich

VThorne:pat

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*Contact*  
**F-12-79-00**

DIAW, 23 February 1967

SUMMARY: Mitchell Vertell [Chair Gray]

*mitchell* [A-127900] *B-67-51*  
[Cleicheuf called to say that Vertell had heard from Gray both yesterday and the day before expressing concern over the fact that no one had contacted him concerning the alleged assassination attempt against a foreign diplomat. Gray stated that unless he heard from someone immediately he would go to the Governor of California, 23 February. This information was passed to Capt. Papich (by phone).]

[cc: Chief, Miami Office]

[Via Concalling]

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**SEC**

**12-77-00**

Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

21 February 1967

[ATT : Mr. Leland Runa]

Director, Domestic Counter Service  
(Chief, Services Division)

WENELL, Mitchell L. -- Recent Telephone Call from [Chet G.W.Y.]  
[of Los Angeles] re Possible Assassination  
in US or Close Relative of Middle East  
Ruler.

**A 127-900**

1. The enclosed copy of teletype from our Miami Field Office  
is forwarded for your information and immediate transmittal to the  
FBI.

2. Mr. John McConnell, of this Office, has discussed this  
matter with Mr. Sam Nejich, FBI, who said the FBI will contact the  
FBI and G.W.Y., and will subsequently advise us of any action they  
might want us to take.

3. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be  
directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne, Ext. 271.

**B. FRANK YODER**

Enclosure: Teletype Contacts/Miami-1710  
dated 20 February 1967

**VThorne:pat**

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December 30, 1975

Gene F. Wilson,  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 18th, 1975 concerning our client, Mitchell Livingston WerBell, III and his request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am enclosing a notarized statement providing you with the address and place of birth of Mr. WerBell.

With regard to your last paragraph asking for clarification as to which records he desires to have searched, we, of course, are not familiar with your files or filing system. Mr. WerBell spent sometime in the United States Army during World War II and has traveled extensively since that time. He was in Cuba at the time of the Castro military operation, in the Dominican Republic during that military operation and in Thailand and Viet Nam during the Viet Nam War. We feel quite confident your office must have extensive files and documentation concerning Mr. WerBell and this request for information is intended to

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cover all information contained in the files of your agency.

Should any of the matter contained in your files have a security clearance classification that would preclude its dissemination, we would appreciate being notified that the information exists.

We would appreciate your early attention to the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

  
Reid Kennedy

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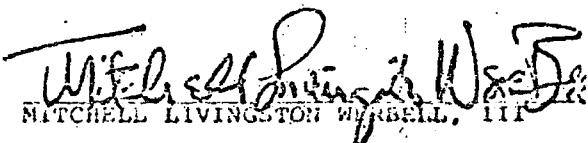
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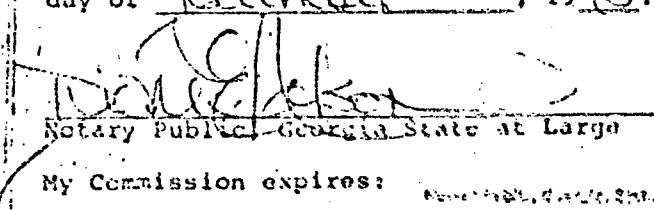
STATE OF GEORGIA:  
SS  
COUNTY OF FULTON:

I, MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III, after first being duly sworn, do hereby, under oath, depose and say that my current address is 4321 MacLand Dallas Road, Powder Springs, Georgia, 37007. Further, that I was born on March 8, 1918, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

I further swear and affirm that I am the same MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III, whose signature appears below and that I am the same person who is making the request for release of information.

  
MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, Notary Public, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1965.

  
Notary Public, Georgia State at Large

My Commission expires:

December 31, 1978  
Notary Public, Georgia State at Large

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SECRET 231937Z CITE CONTACTS/MIAMI 1710

CONTACT WASHINGTON

ATTN: MCCONNELL

FROM: GLEICHART

A 127900

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A MOST UNUSUAL PHONE CALL FROM HITCHCOCK VERBELL, POLEGE SPRINGS, GEORGIA, DETAILS OF WHICH FOLLOW:
2. VERBELL IS A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TYPE WHO HAS BEEN IN OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE, OF HIS OWN VOLITION, SINCE 1959. WHILE AN UNSAVORY CHARACTER, MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE HAS FURNISHED HAS PROVED TRUE. HE FURNISHED COMPLETE DETAILS ON THE RECENT HAITIAN INVASION PLAN. THE PHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] GONZALES FROM HIM AT 11PM HOURS ON 18 FEBRUARY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD JUST HAD A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] GRAY OF LOS ANGELES, NO ADDRESS (PHONE 274-4023) [REDACTED] 002 B-67-57
3. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION IN THE U.S. OF A CLOSE RELATIVE, POSSIBLY A BROTHER OR SON, OF A NICKEL-FAST RULER, WITHIN THE NEXT 12 DAYS. HE DID NOT FURNISH THE NAME OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM, NOR BY WHOM HE WAS APPROACHED. [REDACTED] TOLD VERBELL THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT THAT MIGHT CAUSE INTERNATIONAL

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REPERCUSSIONS AND ASKED VERBELL FOR ADVICE. VER

BELL ADVISED **GRAY**

TO INFORM THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES, BUT **GRAY** WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO. VERBELL THEN ASKED **GRAY** IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH A MEMBER OF CIA AND **GRAY** AGREED. VERBELL TOLD **GRAY** THAT IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF CIA CONTACTED HIM, VERBELL'S NAME WOULD BE USED AS ENTRÉE.

4. **THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF THE "ARABIAN NIGHTS,"**  
BUT I DID MEET A CERT. **GRAY** FROM LOS ANGELES AT A LOCAL CONTACT'S  
HOUSE IN 1962, SOME DETAILS OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN COA(S)5601  
AND COA(G) 5593 DATES 18 DEC 62. **GRAY** IS A NEICIOUS MOODUM  
AND MIGHT EASILY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

5a. PLEASE HANDLE THE ABOVE AS YOU SEE FIT.

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PRIORITY VA FILE #140 1004.

ATTN: MC CANN

SUBJECT: KUBRICK ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON FIDEL CASTRO

REF: NM 677-65 OF 17 DEC [REDACTED] 2,27922

1. MITCHELL WANTS ADVISE [REDACTED] BART GONZALES THAT A GROUP OF 216 MEN IN HIS ORGANIZATION HAS PENETRATED CUBA AND IS CURRENTLY IN THE VARADERO/HAVANA AREA. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE IS ASSASSINATION OF FIDEL CASTRO TO BE ATTEMPTED NO LATER THAN 25 JANUARY. IF FOUND NOT POSS. LR, SECONDARY TARGET WILL BE TO BLOW UP THE ELECTRIC PLANT FOR LACK OF ELECTRICITY TO HAVANA.

2. THE GROUP IS TO USE AN UNKNOWN MODEL TYPE OF BOMB DETERMINED. THEY WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE CONTACT-DETENED FREQUENCY RADIO DETONATORS WHICH WERE PREFERRED IN view OF HIGH SECURITY. THE DETERONATOR ALLEGEDLY WILL BE THROWN AT CASTRO OR THEY WILL USE ONE-MACHINE GUNS IN THE COURSE OF A PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY CASTRO. NO INDICATION AS TO HOW THEY KNOW WHERE OR WHEN HE WILL APPEAR. GROUP SAID TO KNOW MISSION IS SUICIDAL.

3. ATTEMPT ON THE ELECTRIC PLANT WILL BE TO KILL CURRENT AND PENETRATE AREA FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WILL BLOW UP KEY EQUIPMENT.

4. BERNELL SAID [REDACTED] ALSO ALLEGEDLY HAS A GROUP IN CUBA AT PRESENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSASSINATING FIDEL CASTRO.

5. PLEASUE HANDLE AROUND YOU SEE FILE. FILE: BERNELL IS A NOTORIOUS CIA SAX AND A LITTLE OF POLITICS TYPE. HE IS CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE.

[REDACTED]

CFN 1208 PC CONTROL FILE 64070 NM 677 65 17 DEC 65 MITCHELL BERNELL  
BART GONZALES A CUBA WARFARE PLANS 25 JANUARY NOT POSSIBLE  
UNABLE TO DO INCURSES... EYES COV COPIED TO BERNELL

Chief, Contact Division

27 July 1959

NOTE :

Intelligence Branch

Chief, Miami Field Office

**Memorandum of Visit to Mitchell Warbell III**  
**2211 Bayview Circle**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

1. In the evening of 24 July 1959 I received a telephone call from subject, who had been given my name and address by another segment of the intelligence community in connection with the possibility of his passing along late information concerning the rumored impending flight of Batista to the US.
2. Warbell indicated that he spent a great amount of his time in the Dominican Republic and had extremely close association with leaders of the government, and also with General Jose Pedraza. He claimed to have been a former member of the OSS with service in China in WWII. Warbell is a soldier-of-fortune type who wears a monocle, drives a Mercedes-Benz, sports a most attractive blonde girl friend, and is a Big Spender. He also volunteered that he has a wife and six children living in Georgia.
3. Warbell told me that his principle source of income is in dealing with Cuban pesos, and said that he is associated in the business with a John Lipko of Los Angeles, a jazz musician who formerly played with the Jimmy Dorsey and Jim Garber bands.
4. Lipko also claims to have been a member of OSS during WWII, serving in the Rumanian and Eastern European area. Lipko was busily engaged in making long distance phone calls to Mexico City, Guatemala City, and Los Angeles during a part of the time I was with the group.
5. Warbell gave me some information on Batista's plans, which is basically supposition, and furnished some other marginal information which is being forwarded, although in my opinion little credence can be placed in anything he says. It is hard to evaluate what Warbell's motives are in connection with his desire to furnish information regarding Batista to us, but it appeared that he was also attempting to fish for information, throwing out a number of questions concerning the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, reportedly recently to have been purchased by Cuban interests with 9 million Cuban pesos. The penthouse reportedly has been completely redecorated, with heavy steel doors guarding the entrance. This penthouse suite has been rumored to be Batista's intended headquarters once he arrives in the US. All of this has been written about in the gossip columns of the local papers.
6. Inasmuch as Warbell has my name and phone number, probably little can be done to prevent him getting in touch with me from time to time, but contact will not be initiated by me except by direction. The basic purpose of this memo is for the record.

JRC:cm

JUSTIN F. GLICKMAN

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## The Need for MARTOC

~~THE POSSIBILITIES of MARTA are both good and bad and are tremendous. On the good side the area needs a rapid and economical transportation system. The area also needs a big construction project.~~

~~When MARTA was established it was apparent that the good it would bring was balanced by the tremendous possibilities for patronage and featherbedding. So a committee was established by the General Assembly to oversee MARTA and it was called MARTOC.~~

~~The area needs MARTA but it now needs MARTOC as never before.~~

~~Labor contract time is coming up for MARTA and upon its outcome rides the fate of the 15-cent fare. The chairman of MARTA's board is John~~

~~Wright, a bitter man, according to his wife, who has little faith in Mr. Wright's commitment that he would keep his word. Still we're happy that Mr. Wright is still with us. He's been caught up into problems delaying completion of his rail system. This is with condominiums, one another with the government. Whether is insurmountable or not, it means more to him than to anyone else. The efficiency of the operation.~~

~~MARTA's board is responsible for the handling of these problems. Today's board isn't as good as yesterday's. We're happy to see them around to backstop and to see that the committee is aware of their duties here.~~

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18 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Werbell

1. On 17 April 1975, Annet, DDO/FIO, called DCD on the green line to relay the following OGC priority request.

Please check Agency records for:

a. Mitchell Werbell, IV  
DPOB: 16 November 1949; Atlanta, Georgia

b. Godfrey Werbell  
DPOB: 21 June 1951; Atlanta, Georgia

These two have been charged with crimes...  
alleged they work for CIA.

2. After checking DCD's records I found that DCD has had contact with Subject's father in the past. DCD's records reflect no direct contact with the sons. The only mention of the sons appears in an article published in The Washington Post, 27 December 1970, Section D, page 3 and a cable to FR/NY, 17 March 1975 (Director 670514).

3. DDO/FIO was notified of the above by telephone on 17 April 1975.

Rose O'Toole

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1. NO ADDITIONAL HQS TRACES ON EDGAR LEMMENS AND CO. OTHER THAN CONFIRMATION THAT IT LICENSED DEALER OF ARMS LOCATED IN ~~BERTRIDDE~~ TIRLEMONT, BELGIUM AND THAT IT IMPORTED FROM NEW YORK TO BELGIUM A SILENT SUB-MACHINE GUN WHICH LATER SHOWED UP IN SPAIN CONNECTED WITH BASQUE ASSASSINATION. 4.

2. MICHELL L. WERBELL, III {201-259910} IS PARTNER OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INC. OF POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA. A LICENSED ARMS DEALER. HE BORN 8 MAR 1918, PHILADELPHIA. HQS HAS LENGTHY 201 ON WERBELL WHO HAS LONG HISTORY POPPING UP IN AREAS AND SITUATIONS WHERE CAN MAKE FEW FAST BUCKS. HE CHARACTERIZED AS UNSCRUPULOUS, WHEELER-DEALER AND PROMOTER OF GRANDIOSE SCHEMES. HE OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST IN MID-1959 WHEN BECAME INVOLVED WITH ANTI-CASTRO PLOTTERS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND OFFERED PROVIDE BKHERALD WITH INFO ON REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN CARIBBEAN. HE GRANTED POA IN AUGUST 1959 BUT THIS CANCELLED OCTOBER 1959 WHEN HIS INFO PROVED BE OF

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LITTLE VALUE AND IT SUSPECTED THAT HE USING BKHERALD FUNDS TO PROMOTE PERSONAL INTERESTS. EVER SINCE, BKHERALD HAS BEEN DISCLAIMING WERBELL WHO HAS REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTED PROMOTE SELF AS REP OF LNBUZZ AND BKHERALD. SINCE MUCH OF BKHERALD INFO ON WERBELL ORIGINATES LNERGO, WE SUGGEST LNERGO REP/NEW YORK PERFORM TRACE THROUGH HIS OFFICIAL CHANNEL. (ABOVE INFO MAY NOT BE PASSED FOREIGN NATIONALS BECAUSE WERBELL WODUAL CITIZEN.) 4

3. ONLY TRACE ON MITCHELL WERBELL IV IS THAT HE ALSO INVOLVED FATHER'S IN 1988930 ARMS BUSINESS TRADE. HE HAS HAD NO CONNECTION WITH BKHERALD. 4

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TO: DIRECTOR.

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1. GEORGE KENNY, FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN ATLANTA, HAS ADVISED BASE THAT HOWARD GIBSON HEAD OF ATLANTA BASE CENTRAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AND FORMER SUBURBAN ATLANTA (COBB COUNTY) COP ADVISED HIM BY TELEPHONE THAT WASHINGTON OFFICE SUBLEASED BY HIM TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BEING USED BY BKHERALD AS ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE T.P. GIBSON CLAIMS OFFICE IN CHARGE BKHERALD OFFICER WHOSE NAME IS GARbled ON PHONE. KENNY BELIEVES NAME MAY BE CONGRU. OFFICE IS LOCATED 4 OR 5 BLOCKS FROM WHITE HOUSE. KENNY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN ADDRESSE.

2. OWNER CENTRAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY IS ATLANTAN MICHAEL WARBELL, LOCAL GUN RUNNER AND PRIVATE EYE ON WHOM DDO HAS REPORTED. WARBELL AND GIBSON CURRENTLY IN LITIGATION FOR UNKNOWN REASON. FBI AGENT KENNY STATES GIBSON PROBABLY CAPABLE SPREADING PROPAGANDA AS MEANS TO EMBARRASS WARBELL.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT (Name only) <b>Steve Van Cleave</b>	TO WHOM	IN COM. WITH	REASON	NO
FROM <b>William D. Pangburn, Atlanta RO</b>				ATL-78-74
				DATE 21 June 1974
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (After each comment, draw a line across each column to show to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment)	
1. Support Branch/OSS Attn: Grant	RECEIVED 21 JUN 1974		L111fan: Reference our telephone of 6/21. This is the encoded transcript we discussed. The tape has been cleared and this is the only copy.	
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TELETYPE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PETERSON AND VAN CLEAVE - Tuesday, 6/18/74, 11:31

I had heard a rumor that, I thought at the time that these guys, these idiots can't be doing this again, but in the last week I have picked up a great deal of information that I think needs to be known at this location that involves the Werbel group out of Powder Springs. Are you familiar with that name? [No, I'm not.] Bill has been handling all of that and I just don't know anything about it. Mr. Van Cleave. You can give me what information you have and I will pass it on or do what we can, but Bill has been handling that entirely and we work different accounts and I'm sorry to say that I am totally unfamiliar with it.] Well, let me put it to you this way. Is there any way at all that you will be in touch with Bill, so that I could get this information to him by phone. [Well, he is up in Tennessee and we can get in touch with him, yes. I could give him a call.] Well let me give you a brief synopsis so that you can at least pass that on to him. And in the process, I'll have to give you a bit of background on this subject. I consider it very important, not from the standpoint of the fact that what these people are involved in now is starting to break, but I think it is extremely important that this location gets something in to indicate that their contact lets them know what is going on. <sup>ACT FULL</sup> Mitchell Werbel is a gun dealer basically. He has what is called a farm out at Powder Springs, Georgia. Basically, it is a piece of property with a lake and a firing range and a big house and a gun shop below and a vault with about three thousand Ingram submachine guns and other assorted weapons. Now Werbel has been in and out of all kinds of things. He pops up all over. He loves publicity and he loves to imply a relationship with the Agency. Now, about a year ago they were involved with some people from Britain in an attempt to set up a secession of the Island of Abaco, at the time the Bahamas were granted their independence. Now this was a very serious thing; there were people including members of Parliament from London that came over here and they were going to have a small army on Abaco and the local settlers on Abaco were all for this because they were mostly white and the thing never got off the ground at that time. However, it was known, there were newspaper articles written about it. Lyndon Pindling, the Prime Minister of the Bahamas was incensed by this whole scheme and basically, if you could think of anything that would be against the best interest of the US and the Agency and everybody, it would be some idiotic scheme like this. Now a few weeks ago, I heard a rumor from someone that this thing had been activated and at the time I called Bill and told him I thought I might as well let you know about it. So I did and he took back, I think, and went to see

suddenly grown bigger. And to be more specific about this, when I say that; I can tell you that it is a fact that last Thursday night the new Ambassador from the Bahamas in Washington got Congressman Andrew Young to one side at a reception and they discussed this matter with grave seriousness. OK, now, therefore I am positive that within certain circles in Washington this matter is being discussed at this moment. Now I also learned that last week the whole group of the Herbeifs and their associates were in Washington and I'll give you the names that I know of for sure: Mike Oliver, who is a key figure in this. He represents several wealthy Americans and Britishers who have long had a dream of having their own island and establishing their own country. Now this sounds like something right out of cheap fiction; however, it is a fact. I have met Mike Oliver. And there are about six wealthy individuals, one of whom I think lives in the Bahamas, I believe two are in England, one of them I think is Lord Bellhaven who is a member of Parliament. He has been over to the farm recently and in Washington a few weeks ago with them. About three wealthy Americans, all older fellows with many millions. Now this thing came up once before about eight years ago when they bought a boat and Oliver went out into the Pacific and laid claim to the coral reef in the Samoan Islands I think it was and planted a flag on it and established the free sovereign state of Menerva. Life Magazine had a spread on this. And that lasted for about a week until the King of Samoa, or somebody, some Tribal King sent. [end of side of tape]

putting aside a piece of Nicaraguan soil and giving it extra territorial rights and I know they have money. To make a long story short, Oliver is involved in this. He came in, I understand, two weeks after the Bahamas got their independence and said we've got the money for the Abaco operation. Now I have it on good source from an informant in their organization that a month or so ago a U-Haul truck came up from Fort Lauderdale in the middle of the night and loaded up a bunch of guns and explosives and took them to Fort Lauderdale. The name of the man who drove the truck was Wally Gillis. He is a freelancer soldier of fortune type and doesn't know a lot of other people. In other words, he impulse or whatever, a boat - you know, a good sized cruiser, can go to the Bahamas or wherever. Supposedly this material went to a warehouse in Fort Lauderdale but wasn't. It's being involved down there with a fellow named Lou Pernstine. Pernstine is - it's to narcotics people; he is a pilot and has airplanes and everything and they're

week was Mike Oliver, Mitchell Werbell, III, retired Colonel Robert Bayard, US Army who also lives in this area and is associated with Werbell and a fellow named Chuck Hall who is a resident of the Bahamas in Nassau, who is a key part of this operation. And I don't know who else but they were staying for several days at the Grammercy Inn, Washington. It is my understanding that they made contact there with a former agent of your organization, with an offer of substantial amounts of money for him to recruit covert types, para-military types, technicians - in effect, mercenaries. And I have reason to believe that he is reporting this information. I certainly hope so. So again, what I am showing you is that I think stuff is coming into Washington right fast. Now Werbell has been known to drop Mr. Colby's name to me and to many other people because he wangled - Werbell originally was in the OSS you know. So he has a lot of old friends who are OSS types in those days and I understand one of these old boys did have dinner with Colby and Werbell wangled his way into it a couple of months ago in Washington. So, that is all he needs to start dropping names like mad. He does know some people in and former people. Now I understand that they have also made contacts in Miami recently with two companies who manufacture electronic equipment and used the name of another former Agency man who is now with the DEA in Washington. Again, I have an informant in the organization who is about ready to break with them and he has told me all this. He was in the office when calls were made to these people, talking about buying electronic equipment which is illegal and using the name of this former Agency man in the DEA and indicating that they would like to see the equipment, that he'll probably arrange to buy some, that type of thing. And I know for a fact that that individual knows about this now and he is a good man and in good standing with everybody.

But to summarize this, the point is this - the whole thing is idiotic scheme by a bunch of fools. It is financed by some wealthy idiots; you know, who have money and are behind the scenes and these fools - in other words, if someone came to the president or the attorney general and said "You're not involved in a scheme like this," wouldn't touch it with a 10 foot pole because it is totally against the interests of both governments involved. Even the slightest leak on it can cause a serious diplomatic problem, you know, regardless of how crazy it is, the fact is an involvement of this type involving Americans, anything that comes out, the first thing that is going to be to an Agency involvement. That this the Island of Anguilla

[Is that it?] Yes. You see the Bahamas - I don't know how familiar you are with them, but they don't have an army or anything. They have a small police force and they have some small police boats, little 30 foot jobs that run around the Islands, and they are talking about establishing . . . [Aren't they still under the British protection for foreign troops?] I would certainly think so, but there are no troops stationed there; you follow me? But what I am trying to say is the implications of this thing which I know now are known in Washington by people. When you have the Bahamian Ambassador, the new Ambassador, getting a black American congressman from Georgia aside - you see these people talk a lot, that is another reason - anybody involved with them is crazy. They have all kinds of these mercenary types and they make calls all over in Miami and all over the world and talk about their schemes and it has broken somewhere, you know, along the line, probably in the Bahamas or Miami. [Well do we know now what the essence of the conversation was between the Ambassador and Young?] I think it expressed grave concern about this situation. I think some names were given of the people. You see they know who Werbell is because Pendling, in fact, one time made a very tough speech about this type of thing with the American intervention in the affairs of the Bahamas and the name Werbell is an international soldier of fortune. I am concerned about one thing: No. 1, I know it isn't going to get off the ground now. I knew it never would. It might have got off the ground but the thing is it's one of these things that could be so messy and opponents, let's say people on the other side would love something like this so they could capitalize on it forever - you know, reports hinting at secret involvement of an American intelligence agency and attempts to establish a base in the Bahamas. A good propagandist could just have a field day with this. So I have a feeling that unless I am really crazy I think people in your organization are aware at this moment of this thing surfacing in Washington. And that is why I am calling this office because I have given information here before on these people and I think that it's important that if somebody says - Hey, have you guys heard anything about them and you fellows say no, we haven't heard anything - you know, [Well you're in your own mind that this is something that will come about in the very near future, this attempt?] No, I would have to say I have a feeling now the attempt will not come about at all. If enough people in Washington start asking questions and they do know the names of these people and if the former agent up there goes in and gives information to somebody naming the people who came to him with the amount of money they offered

him to recruit people for this. That's why they were in Washington last week.  
This fellow lives up there and he is now in the function of a private investigator  
but he is a former agent of your organization. So I just want to be sure that you  
fellow down here, you know, if someone asks a question, or if they don't then at  
least you throw a report in indicating that an informant here, namely me, and my  
name has given you this information. Because there is another factor involved  
too. Werbell - see Bill knows about my relationship with him. I was forced to  
take Werbell to Argentina last year for a private client of mine. One of the  
Board of Directors thought he was the greatest international thing in the world  
and he was the biggest millstone I have ever had around my neck. I was down there  
defending against the ERP terrorist group and Werbell was running all over Buenos  
Aires with smugglers and prostitutes and everybody and dropping our names and  
getting drunk and hinting that we were big American secret agents. He stayed on  
after I left and nearly got picked up by the Federal police. They were friends  
of mine I might add, so I got the situation cleared down there. But he loves to  
talk to me. I do international security work for corporations and he wanted to  
get involved with me in business and I refused to have anything to do with him,  
you know. But he loves to get drunk and call me and brag. And he called me  
several months ago and told me he was working with a group in Bolivia and I said  
I hope it is the government. And he said Oh no, it's the other guys. And I said  
well fitch, you're crazy. It's not up to any private citizen or private organization  
to go anywhere in the world and get involved with people against the government.  
It just is trouble, that's all there is to it. And I forgot about that and he  
called me the morning after the attempted coup(ph) down there and named his  
source there as Lt. Colonel Gary Prado and as it turns out Prado was one of the  
two leaders of the attempted coup and he had shipped guns down there through  
New Orleans, through an intermediate renamed Phillips, and here again - well  
frankly, Bonzaire his General, Hugo Bonzaire, the strong man of Bolivia, and I  
don't think we have bad relations with them. In fact, he is getting closer to  
them, in fact, and he is closer to them, in fact, in fact, in fact, in fact, in fact,  
strong men down there and it is a known fact that he hates communist and he  
sends the troops out to kill them so what should anybody be doing, trying to  
overthrow an anti-communist government. I'm an old country boy but that just  
doesn't make sense to me. Furthermore a private individual. So because of this

they round up everybody and interrogate them and say where did you get the guns. And they find Ingram and Ingram's only come from Werbell and then you have State Department you know, saying what is this, do you know who, down here trying to overthrow our government. And since Prado, by the way was leader of the troops that captured Shay Dravarro (ph) then once again you get into a good left-wing journalist can really weave a nice little story of that big bad Agency down there doing things again. So he is like a mosquito in that he doesn't accomplish anything but he is very dangerous in my opinion to our relations. Bad enough to mess up good things. [I will pass this on to Bill.] Well tell him this, that I was in Washington last week and let me emphasize again that I would be the most surprised person in the world if Senior Officers at Langley aren't aware as of the Friday, of this situation and through the Washington surfacing there, you follow me? And really I like Bill and what I'm trying to do, I'm putting myself in his position and this is his area and I know that reports, because I have talked to him before about them and I am sure that this has been made a matter of record. And I just think it would be nice for Bill to be able to say yes, my informant has given me information - this information. Because it will all tie in. You might mention too that within the last two months Werbell has visited Vesco in Costa Rica and after that visit a Vesco associate named Marino came up here from Panama and stayed at Werbell's. So he is dealing now with Vesco too and all of this is just nothing but bad. And he is implying, he talks to newspaper people and writers and he does imply and use names that he is not authorized to use and shouldn't use. I know that he is not an official or unofficial or anything else connected with your Agency but this is the way he is surviving. People are dealing with him thinking that really he is - there are enough problems happening as it is but all we need is one good left-wing newspaper man to get hold of this type of thing and get it in Jack Anderson's column or some place like that and have an official blast from the government of the Bahamas and then everybody in the world is going to think that the Agency was behind this and got caught. The reason I appreciate this, I think timing is important. I think the end of next week is going to be a little bit late because there might even be some public surfacing of this. So I think it is important that they know that this office does have access to information. I can be reached at my number here which is 258-7593 or at my home, which is 217-2474.

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ATKT: SUPPORT BRANCH/026 (OSAC)  
SUBJ: STEVEN VAN CLEAVE, INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, LTD., ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA

REF: GRANT/HENNESSY TELCON, 25 FEBRUARY, SAME SUBJECT

1. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 21 JANUARY 1974, WE RECEIVED A  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM ANSELMO ALLEGREDO, 3501 BOGART ROAD, MIAMI,  
FLORIDA, (A CONTACT OF THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE) WHO ADVISED US  
THAT AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, STEVEN VAN CLEAVE,  
WANTED TO SPEAK WITH US IN CONNECTION WITH INTELLIGENCE MATTERS  
CONCERNING LATIN AMERICA. WE TOLD ALLEGREDO THAT VAN CLEAVE  
SHOULD CONTACT OUR OFFICE IN ATLANTA; HOWEVER, ALLEGREDO SAID  
THAT VAN CLEAVE DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH "RECRUITERS", PREFER  
HE WANTED TO SPEAK WITH A CIA OFFICER "IN THE BUSINESS OF INTE-  
LIGENCE COLLECTION". WE TOLD ALLEGREDO THAT OUR ATLANTA OFFICE  
HAS THE SAME STATURE AS THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE, AND THAT HE SHOULD  
URGE VAN CLEAVE TO CONTACT OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN ATLANTA. ALLEGREDO  
WOULDN'T ACCEPT THIS RESPONSE ON OUR PART AND INSISTED THAT WE AT  
LEAST HEAR WHAT VAN CLEAVE HAD TO SAY. FINALLY, WE AGREED TO  
ACCEPT A CALL FROM VAN CLEAVE SO THAT WE COULD TELL HIM TO CONTACT  
OUR ATLANTA REPRESENTATIVE.

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2. VAN CLEAVE CALLED US AT HIS EXPENSE FROM ATLANTA ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LATER. WE ADVISED HIM AT THE OUTSET THAT HE SHOULD SPEAK WITH BILL PANGBURN IN THE ATLANTA PRESIDENT OFFICE AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. WE EXPLAINED THAT OUR WORK FORCE IS DIVIDED GEOGRAPHICALLY RATHER THAN FUNCTIONALLY, AND THAT SINCE HE LIVES IN ATLANTA, HE MUST DEAL WITH THE ATLANTA BO. WE PROVIDED HIM WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE ATLANTA BO, AND HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT PANGBURN THE SAME DAY. WE CALLED PANGBURN TO ADVISE HIM OF VAN CLEAVE'S INTENTION TO CONTACT HIM. WE LATER LEARNED FROM BOTH PANGBURN AND VAN CLEAVE THAT THE CONTACT WAS MADE.

3. WE PRESUMED THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH VAN CLEAVE. HOWEVER, WE WERE MISTAKEN. VAN CLEAVE PLACED AT LEAST TWO MORE TELEPHONE CALLS TO US FROM ATLANTA (AT HIS EXPENSE), AND ONE FROM DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. EACH TIME WE ADVISED HIM TO CALL PANGBURN RATHER THAN US. HIS RESPONSE ON THESE OCCASIONS WAS THAT HE ALREADY HAD OR INTENDED TO PEEP PANGBURN ADVISED BUT THAT HE WANTED TO KEEP US INFORMED ALSO. THE LOCAL DADE COUNTY CALL WAS MADE TO ADVISE US THAT VAN CLEAVE WAS IN MIAMI IN THE COMPANY OF TWO ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICIALS, WHOM WE COULD DENY IF WE SO DESIRED. WE AGAIN TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD REPORT TO ATLANTA.

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4. VAN CLEAVE TOLD US DURING ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CONVERSATIONS THAT HE IS ACCUSED WITH MITCHELL VARELL. A127960  
POUNDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN "PRESURED" INTO TAKING VARELL TO ARGENTINA WITH HIM IN LATE JANUARY 1974 BY OFFICIALS IN THE COCA COLA COMPANY, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, WITH WHICH VAN CLEAVE HAS (OR HAD) A CONSULTING CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH COCA COLA'S SECURITY SYSTEM IN ARGENTINA. VAN CLEAVE ADVISED US THAT HE NEVER AGAIN WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH VARELL BECAUSE THE LATTER HAD ACTED SO BADLY DURING THIS TRIP. HE TOLD US THAT VARELL HAD CONNECTED TO ARGENTINE OFFICIALS THAT HE (VARELL) WAS SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND ON A FIRST NAME BASIS WITH "BILLY" COLEY, DCI. VAN CLEAVE TOLD US THAT VATTERS HAD DEGENERATED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT HE RETURNED TO THE US WITHOUT VARELL. (OUR MEMORY IS A BIT FUZZY ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS DISCUSSION, BUT WE RECALL SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT VARELL WAS INVOLVED WITH KIDS, WOMEN, AND COKE, AND VAN CLEAVE WAS AFRAID THAT VARELL MIGHT BE ARRESTED BY ARGENTINE POLICE BEFORE IT WAS OVER.) VAN CLEAVE TOLD US THAT HE PERSONALLY NEVER HAS SO MUCH AS IMPLIED A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE Agency TO ANY OUTSIDER.

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5. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT MET VAN CLEAVE IN PERSON, BASED UPON OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM HE APPEARED TO BE AN INTELLIGENT AND REASONABLE MAN. WE ARE SORRY THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH VAN CLEAVE, BUT AS WE MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELECON WE DID NOT TAKE NOTES DURING THE CONVERSATIONS NOR DID WE FEEL IT NECESSARY AT THE TIME TO WRITE A MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD SINCE WE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS A NORMAL, ALBEIT COMPLEX, REFERRAL TO ANOTHER DCD OFFICE. E-Z IMPUT CL PY 212652

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ATL-32-74  
28 February 1974

Chief Domestic Collection Division  
Attn: Sam M. French 'OCS(Grant)

Chief Washington Field Office  
Atlanta Resident Office

Resume of Contacts with Stephen Van Cleave

#12-77-00 A-127900

1. Jack Hennessey, Miami Field Office, called on 21 January 1974 to give us a source lead on Stephen Van Cleave and Mitch Werbell, both from Atlanta, Georgia. Jack briefed us on past Miami contacts with Van Cleave and suggested we might want to contact him concerning his activities in Argentina. At that time we were in the process of moving the office to the present location so did not contact Van Cleave until 25 January 1974. On that date we called, identified ourselves and briefly explained the reason for the call. His first question was, "Do you know Mitch Werbell and does this have anything to do with him?" We assured him he did not know Werbell, and our interest was not related to him. Van Cleave suggested we come to his office at 1:00 that afternoon.

2. He arrived shortly before 1:00 at his office in 171 W. Peachtree Rd., U.P. Atlanta, Georgia. Van Cleave has a telephone office in a modern building located in a moderate to high rent district of Atlanta. After presenting credentials and a business card we asked if we might tape the interview. He could be preformed a favor if we tell him any future transactions, as he wanted to be absolutely sure any information he gave was reported accurately. Enclosure #1 is a rough draft of the first interview. The actual tape has been erased. Some of this information was reported in OO-A(S)-200/07435-74, Secret, CIA Internal Use Only.

3. On 9 February 1974 we received a call from Van Cleave at home. He wanted to report in detail on a recent trip to Oakland, California, where he had supposedly met with police officials and discussed the Hecht kidnapping, the SIA, etc. He told him this was very interesting but not CIA business.

4. Van Cleave called again on 25 February 1974 to fill us in on a visit to the US by Argentine police officials and an operational opportunity in the future. We prepared this information for dissemination as OO-A(S)'s. In view of recent developments we assume neither report should be disseminated. To complete your record of contacts, both reports are enclosed as Enclosures No.'s 2 and 3 (disregard the Atlanta report numbers, they will be used for future reporting or cancelled).

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5. In the meantime the Peg Murphy kidnapping came up to occupy his time until 26 February when he called to say he had some sensitive information of definite interest to CIA. When told we could not get into his office the following day due to a lack of transportation, he said he would come to our office. He reluctantly agreed. Late the morning of 27 February he came to our office and presented us with the information in Enclosure No. h (rough draft--the tape will be saved in case it is needed at a later date).

6. Not on the transcript but of possible interest, before leaving our office he said he was afraid he might be fired by Coca Cola on 4 March 1974. Briefly, what apparently happened (and this is his story) was:

a. When it was learned Peg Murphy had been kidnapped, Chief John Inman of the Atlanta Police Department called Van Cleave requesting his assistance. He asked Van Cleave to come to headquarters and work with Assistant Chief Hollings (we believe this is the correct name) on the Murphy kidnapping.

b. Van Cleave apparently expressed concern to the Assistant Chief that recent members of Coca Cola Company residing in the Atlanta area might be targets for the same kidnappers.

c. The Assistant Chief agreed and went along with Van Cleave notifying, by phone, Coke officials,

d. Van Cleave had not cleared this action with his immediate supervisor at the Coca Cola Company;

e. Apparently the phone calls were made very late in the evening;

f. When the Murphy kidnapping was resolved, Van Cleave was called in by his boss to account for his actions. He apparently has not been able to justify the calls and this will be discussed at the meeting on 4 March. We suspect this may be his last official action for the Coca Cola Company.

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7. Since receiving the 27 February 1974 call from OSS, we have checked with Charles Hayes and Bob Perry of the FBI. Both are familiar with Van Cleave and his operations. Perry confirmed that Van Cleave had passed the information contained in Inclosure No. 4 to the FBI. Perry had a few other things to say about Van Cleave that probably do not need to be repeated in this memorandum.

8. Concerning the future, we intend to be hard to reach when Ven Cleeve calls; if necessary, talk to him on the phone a few times to see if he gets the idea; then if all fails simply tell him we have been told to stay out of this business.

C. B. COLEMAN

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ATTN : Chief, Domestic Collection Division  
Support Branch/OSS (Ryan/Ames)

11 January 1974

Chief, Miami Field Office

Mitchell L. WerBell, III

REZ : OSS-44-74, Dated 8 January 1974

Thank you for referent. For the record, subject has made no further effort to contact anyone in this office; similarly, we plan no attempts to get in touch with him. Thus the matter rests there at this writing. Should he call again, however, we will keep the advice contained in referent in mind in dealing with him.

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ATTN : Chief, Miami Field Office  
Mr. Bruce Maluvaring

OSS-44-74  
8 January 1974

Chief, Domestic Collection Division (Support Branch/OSS)

Mitchell L. Werbell, III

1. We have reviewed subject's 201 file for additional information. Subject was of interest to this Agency in 1959 and was granted a POA in August of that year. This was cancelled in October 1959 when his information proved to be of little value and because it was suspected he was using Agency funds to promote his personal interests. He has subsequently attempted to pass himself off as an Agency employee. He is characterized by the file as unscrupulous, a "wheeler-dealer" and a promoter of grandiose schemes. The subject has been under investigation in 1973 by both the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the United States Customs Service for activities relating to possible mercenary activities in Abaco Island, Bahamas.

2. If the subject should contact your office again, we suggest you accept whatever information he has to offer but make no further commitments concerning Agency contact. Subject is well known to the appropriate Desk and is of extremely doubtful character.

3. We trust this memorandum will provide you with useful information concerning this subject. Thank you for bringing his name to our attention.

JACKSON R. MORTON

cc: Ryan for SBAMES/b  
cc: Services Br. (Control)  
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Chief, Washington Field Office

12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (DCS)

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Dwight D. Eisenhower (Jr.), Military Assistance Corporation, Powder Springs, Georgia

RIF : Von Pepper/Keselich telecons

A-127900

1. Attached hereto referent telephone conversations is copy of Report and Recommendation set on recordable and literary form re: Chapman, R. (supervisor in POW/MIA unit). Your office will note that Chapman is a U.S. citizen, born 1938, in Atlanta, Georgia, and is listed in a file under his name. He is a U.S. Army veteran and is known to this office or have been contacted in our security work.

2. Chapman, as well as other members of his family, have considerable family ties in Georgia. He is a good man, decent, thoughtful, etc., and is a good candidate for placement. He is currently in Atlanta, Georgia, working with insensitive individuals who do not understand him. He has had poor relationships with his superiors.

3. We shall be sending a copy of this report, in conjunction with the attached recommendations, to the appropriate authority in the State of Georgia for consideration and review. We shall be awaiting your instructions concerning the disposition of this individual. We shall be in touch with you at all times in regard to this individual's status and前途 (prospects).

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

JULIA R. KESELICH

Attn: Director  
C: Headquarters  
cc: Services Division (C, D, F, G)  
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OGC (John Creany)

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KIN-056-71

10 March 1971

ATTN : Director, Domestic Contact Service  
John McConnell  
John Greany (OGC)  
Chief, Miami Field Office

Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III

1. On 9 Mar 71 we received a long distance call, presumably from Powder Springs, Georgia, from subject, who is an old and unsavory contact of this office dating from 1959. Werbell has been involved in a variety of scrapes, the latest of which concerned an abortive invasion of Haiti which John Greany was very much concerned about a year or so ago.

2. Werbell stated that the Department of Defense had just revoked his security clearance on grounds of Werbell's "frivolous behavior" in the Haitian caper. Werbell stated that he intended to "fight it to the Supreme Court", as he had always kept us and other elements of the US Government informed concerning developments in the Haitian matter.

3. Werbell asked if there was anything that we could do for him in the way of interceding for him with the DOD, and we informed him bluntly and in no uncertain terms that he was strictly on his own, and we could do nothing for him. He then asked if it would be worthwhile to subpoena Bart Gonzales. We informed him that it was up to his attorney to make such recommendations.

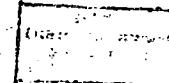
4. Werbell seemed to get the message, and then offered to keep us advised regarding an alleged forthcoming attempt on Haiti which is being sponsored by Rolando Masferrer, even though Masferrer is currently incarcerated in a federal prison. We told Werbell that if he wished to pass any information along we would accept it but under no circumstances should he attempt to elicit any information on our behalf. He agreed that he would operate on this basis and said he might be in touch with us again.

5. In view of Werbell's record we felt that this latest contact should be a matter of record and that OGC should be informed of developments.

JUSTIN F. GLEICHAMP

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# Mitch WerBell: Gunsmith to the 'Right' Side

*By Roger Williams*

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**D**OWN THE DRIVEWAY, the snakes through the country estate came two teenage boys. They were clean-cut and handsome in the traditional college fashion, and they looked at home in the quiet, leafy setting. But one wore a camouflage suit and carried a large pistol in each hand, the other had an M-3 "grease gun" tucked under one arm and a silencer equipped sniper rifle under the other.

Behind them, propelling himself vigorously in a wheelchair, came their father, Mitchell Livingston WerBell III of Powder Springs, Ga., a soldier of fortune, militant anticommunist, and one of the nation's leading developers of military weapons and accessories.

Match IV and Geoff chatted lightly about the weapons they were carrying. Their father, temporarily immobilized by a fractured heel, punctured the conversation with brief bursts of information about the sniper rifle, one of his most prized products. "This weapon had killed 1,800 VC in six months," he said proudly. "Those VC took only 13 pounds per kill. Twenty-seven cents apiece they cost Uncle Sam. That's the greatest and effectiveness the Army's ever known."

Moments later young Match and Goff jumped/round after round from the weapons into the bullet-shattered body of an automobile that served as the primary target on the WerBell firing range. Then Match began firing a pistol, a standard Army .45. The gun twisted upward and the noise echoed across the fields and treetops. He then picked up a strange, smooth, rectangular handgun, an Ingram Model 11, equipped with a "flash and muzzle suppressor," and began firing it. The muzzle barely moved, and the only sound was a metallic click, followed by the ring of the bullet and the pop as it hit a target.

The effect was eerie, almost chilling, especially when young Match put the gun on full automatic and whipped off 50 cracking rounds in one second. Geoff provided the same kind of demonstration with the grease gun, a standard military submarine gun and the snipperette which WerBell calls the XM21.

On the way back to the house, Werner explained why the suppressor, commonly called a silencer, is so effective. The gun accessory "hides the muzzle flash and reduces the firing sound to last metal on metal. You

air weapons given to him by friendly forces in Vietnam, he said, and they were shipped to the States for display in military museums.

Not surprisingly, WerBell has often been called an operative of the Central Intelligence Agency, a charge that angers him only when it is leveled too vehemently. It is not that he has anything against the CIA. He just doesn't, he says, happen to be one of its boys. His paramilitary work, which consists of advising and sometimes directly assisting foreign governments, is done in the employ of what he calls "an independent group of well-intentioned, patriotic Americans." The Birch Society? The Minutemen? A bunch of far-right Texas millionaires? WerBell won't say, other than to insist that it is not the CIA.

It hardly matters, for according to WerBell, it is all in the service not only of freedom and anti-communism but of the U.S. government; he does not supply or advise or fight for regimes not bearing the State Department seal of approval. A heavy percentage of his merchandise goes directly to the U.S. government, which distributes it to its own forces that need silent or exotic weapons. The balance is sold to friendly governments, either directly or through the good offices of the "independent group." He says he does not sell to individuals, not even if they're certified anti-communists.

WerBell takes pains to point out that he is no ordinary arms broker. That is, he is not one of those shadowy figures who sell weapons to both sides at exorbitant prices or who take possession of contraband shipments on the high seas. We've always adhered to a basic policy: There is only one friend of the United States in a given area, and we deal only with that friend."

What does WerBell peddle? A range of firearms from machine guns to tank-sized cannons, from the meanest-looking weapons to innocent looking dagger sticks that fire a bullet or even a small rocket; an array of techniques — "systems," he calls them — that will help an American soldier or a foreign army hold off insurgent forces, and occasionally, his personal services.

These services, present WerBell at most shadowy. Serving as a com-  
mander in the armed forces of a foreign  
nation is against U.S. law, and WerBell  
is understandably reluctant to admit  
having done so. He describes himself  
as "paramilitary" and "adviser," but acquaintances sus-  
pect he has been in the thick of the fighting  
number of times. He may even have



In Operational Geophysics and Computers there are 10 Environmental Investigators in earnest to develop the hardware and software. We have come this far, but much more is to be done.

One day I sat in Weeks' office. Genf displayed a number of Armentaria which he had brought out of the sea, and charged take three months in the report that there was no cartridge. Now the gun goes off, and the bullet goes out, and so on. He has caused the gun at the end barrel. Weeks' company used to secret agents who sent the goods and in return would get a sum of money.

In the same magazine, a  
swagger stick, a wooden  
silver studded stick, was  
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pistol-barrel with one  
cartridge, with one bullet  
in it, a bullet that was  
bullet-shaped. More specifically,  
Verheille's special long-range  
"bullet," a bullet designed for  
a kilometer rifle that could  
hit the eye at 200 meters."

The bulk of Vertec's ground support units and its submachine gunners suppressed, as far as possible, on large as well as small, and in fact have been effective on the smaller machine guns deployed by the helicopters in Vietnam. Army Journal has also sometimes reported that the Americans were early and now possible for the ground troops to be effective when using such weapons.

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fully at the Ingram model's toward making them standard of "permanently suppressed," it integral augers of Armaments and presumably. According to data published by the firms, the Ingram more shorter, lighter and capable of ing more firepower than any in the market. They are also, says, ideal for secret agents snuggly into a dispatch case. Armaments makes the case, complete with suppressor and trines.

## Business Is Business

**D**OES WERBELL feel a t conscience about pros world with such deadly and weapons? No. "I see no reason concerned," he says. "We're a certain product that is indeed a part of the civilized world. If people exist, there's going to be arms business. I don't see anyone between our supporters, combatants and a surgical house supplying gauze to his wounds inflicted."

There is his anticomunism, too. Werbell is fighting Communist menace. It is a must be won and weapons to win it.

Contrary to cynical opinion, Springs was not named in Werbell and his enterprise in fact, stays as aloof from communism as possible. His well-stocked, it is practically a gun safe for occasional grocery and liquor stores. I been, from time to time, on a feeling in Powder Springs. W clares, "The hell with it. Wh tell 'em I'm prepared to part property if they don't like the

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## Corporate Setup

**T**HE HEADQUARTERS for his work, the former Dobbs estate, is on Highway 360 just outside of Powder Springs in a remote section of Cobb County. Actually, corporate headquarters is in Washington, in a firm called Environmental Industries, Inc.—neat euphemism for a company dedicated to killing people. Environmental Industries, WerBell says, is bankrolled by some of the East's most prominent investment houses; he is its director of international operations. He is also president of a subsidiary called Military Armaments Co., Inc., and because he is in Powder Springs, Military Armaments is there, too. (Behind Environmental Industries, WerBell says, is "a third shadow of which E.I. is a subsidiary"—another tantalizing hint of the CIA.)

Military Armaments may well be a unique American enterprise. Nobody else, WerBell says, is in the business of designing special purpose weapons on such a scale. A good deal of its designing and manufacturing is done under federal license. Silencers, for example, are outlawed by the National Firearms Act, along with sawed-off shotguns, submachine guns and other vestiges of Prohibition era gangland wars.

To manufacture his suppressors, WerBell must pay a special tax of \$500 a year, collected by the Treasury Department. The T-men also check periodically to see that his awesome collection of firearms—over 200 individual pieces—is properly registered. Apparently the market for suppressors is not very large because, according to WerBell, his firm is the only one authorized to manufacture them.

WerBell will not discuss the sales or profits of Military Armaments except to say that, after two years of extensive research and development (resulting in "a tax loss of a half million dollars"), the company is now doing very well. It has about 12 employees, including four machinists who work under the direction of Gordon Ingram, who has charge of the design operation and whose name is on the Model 11 subma-



*Mitchell WerBell dresses the part of his private arsenal in Georgia, where he makes specialized light weapons for the U.S. Army and other counterinsur-*

gency forces around the world. Beside him is his son, Geoff. The braces were only temporary, while WerBell recovered from a leg injury.

## A Military Profile

**M**ITCHELL WERBELL is a short, wiry man of 52, quick with a quip and quite sensible until he begins talking about communism or other social issues. He has the face and bearing of a Prussian officer, an image he cultivated by wearing a mustache and occasionally a monocle. He often dresses in military clothing of indeterminate origin, and he embellishes the image by talking in slightly clipped sentences peppered with military phrases. There is nothing phony in this. WerBell has a strong attachment to weapons and to warfare, and he has been around them so long that the ideas and styles they foster are an ingrained part of his personality.

He comes by both his militarism and his anticomunism honestly. His father was an officer in the Russian Imperial army, even though he was born in the United States. "It was a tricky situation," says Mitch. "He was a citizen of both the U.S. and Russia. In those days you could do that."

The elder WerBell fought against the Bolsheviks, but before the collapse of the czarist regime he wisely secured an appointment as liaison officer between the Russian and American forces—stationed in the U.S. He lived in this country for the rest of his life, putting his early medical training to use in cancer research.

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tizing in a department store. Soon he was head of the department, and soon after that he went on his own.

In the mid-'50s, WerBell pulled out of his agency and then formed his own public relations firm. "I'd already been drifting into international PR," WerBell says, "using my family background. I had tremendous contacts in Europe, and I moved into the Far East, too." How much of this moving in was military, WerBell won't say, but his business took on more and more of what he calls a "Kremlinite" flavor.

Before long, he was dabbling in Latin American dictatorships. "Before Fidel took over in Cuba, we were working closely with Batista," he adds with a grin. "Our function was to keep Batista in power, although the U.S. government was looking favorably on Fidel at that point."

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## The Heart of It

**I**n 1948, WHILE anticomunism was still a hobby, albeit a paying hobby, WerBell purchased the Dobbs estate. He installed rudimentary design facilities and began experimenting with weapons of counterinsurgency. Weapons he believed had the best chance of preventing Communist takeovers in the small, underdeveloped nations of

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WerBell, by contrast, is a businessman who dabbles in military adventure only when and as far as it suits him. If combat didn't utilize him, he'd do just what he does. His business is selling weapons, not using them in war. He specializes in the weapons and techniques of counterinsurgency, which may be roughly defined as the brutal suppression of coupists, rebels and the like.

The way WerBell operates, this means defending established regimes, not their dictatorships, against revolt. This political posture only does not trouble WerBell, it makes him say "I have no objection to dictatorship if it serves the interests of my country," he says. Particularly if threat to those interests is from the left. "Communism has no place in Western Hemisphere—or in any elsewhere. I am totally opposed to it, to the spread of ideological germs of death that it brings."

Now, one again, WerBell's name comes into the news: The first issue of a newsmaking magazine, *Scandals*, carried an exhaustive story on his involvement in an abortive invasion of Cuba in 1960, and WerBell was indicted with a major, if uncertain, role in the operation. (WerBell was arrested and indicted after the charges against him were dropped, while six others arrested were brought to trial.) Asked by a friend for an explanation, WerBell replied jauntily, "When you work for the company, we take care of you. I'll never hear another word about it." So far he maintains.

In December, WerBell hit the front page of *The Atlanta Constitution* on a shipment of captured enemy weapons bound for Vietnam, was detained at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. A national columnist conjectured that WerBell or his friends meant to tribute the weapons to right-wing groups in the U.S. WerBell firmly denies that. They were souve-

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A legacy from father is Mitch's barely disguised aristocratic sympathies. He has been quoted as saying: "Communism is a substitution of a peasant dictatorship over the aristocracy—I prefer the aristocracy." He is without question an elitist, but surprisingly, his élite is composed of super-patriots and military men.

Mitchell WerBell was born in Pennsylvania, shortly after his Russian-American father and his Scottish-born mother arrived in the U.S. at the end of World War I. His parents traveled a good deal, here and abroad, and Mitch traveled with them, picking up his education as he went. He got a degree in journalism from the University of Pennsylvania. In World War II, he joined the OSS, and served with a unit behind Japanese lines in China, rising to the rank of captain and acquiring a taste for guerrilla-type warfare he would never lose.

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### Cottage Industry'

INGRAM WORKS in a well-equipped machine shop-lab attached to the main house on the estate, which WerBell likes to call "the farm." WerBell's office is next door to the shop. Its walls are so loaded with weapons that it is a wonder they do not collapse. There are knives and spear guns and pistols and rifles and machine guns, dozens and dozens of them, some purchased, some won in combat, some presented by the appreciative recipients of WerBell's counterinsurgency techniques.

WerBell, who has a sense of humor, calls his enterprise a "cottage industry" and likens himself to a "country doctor." "I can fall out of the living area upstairs right down to the office." Upstairs is the domain of his German-born wife, Hildegarde, a pleasant, gray-haired woman who has borne

two sons to WerBell. She is a welcome addition to the Organization of American States, became highly exercised over WerBell's activities and his hawkish views on the conflict (WerBell opposed a cessation of hostilities and establishment of a coalition government). Bunker considered trying to toss WerBell out of the country, but nothing came of it. WerBell's "independent group"—CIA, Texas millionaires or whatever—saw to that.

WerBell was already active in the anti-Castro movement, and he brought to it a sense of dash and discipline that the ragtag, bickering bunch of Cuban exiles had seldom seen. Perhaps his major anti-Castro exploit was a speedboat foray into Camarioca, on Cuba's southern coast. The mission was to drop a swimmer, apparently a spy, offshore, and to pick up the family of an exile leader. The boat, flying the Confederate flag on the radio antenna, foundered in high seas, and the raiding party was captured. The Cubans, the story goes, did not know what to make of the brash WerBell, and he and his pals wound up stealing a Castro boat and sprinting some 100 miles across the island before they themselves returned to the United States.

### Vietnam Superhawk

IN THE LATE '60s, WerBell turned his attention to Southeast Asia. He is, of course, a superhawk on Vietnam, and would be happy if the U.S. were also fighting communism in all its neighboring countries. He was in Thailand, "working closely with the supreme command," for months, promoting the sales of his weapons and systems. "I showed them things like surveillance equipment and night vision equipment, stuff that lets you surprise the hell out of the bastards." Did he do any fighting himself? WerBell chuckles. "I ain't supposed to be shooting the stuff, just demonstrating how to shoot it."

Three years ago, WerBell's weapons business became promising enough for him to go into it full time. He organized a firm called Signics (for Studies

wounds inflicted).

There is his anticommunist element, too. WerBell is fighting Communism because it is a threat to non and vegetarians are nice to win it.

Contrary to cynical opinion, Pop Springs was not named to honor WerBell and his enterprise. WerBell, in fact, stays as far from the "B" community as possible. His house is well stocked. It is tactfully well-maintained, with no evidence of poverty and degradation. There have, from time to time, anti-WerBell feeling in Poplar Springs. WerBell clarifies, "The hell with it. Who care? tell 'em I'm prepared to purchase the property if they don't like the area."

He does not suffer from homesickness, however. There is a steady stream visitors and customers, foreigners as well as Americans. A few weeks ago WerBell's son-in-law, an Air Force lieutenant colonel, flew in from Germany to see what was new at the shop; he hadn't been by in six months, he said. "And things change awfully quickly around here. The I was there, the colonel and I swapped ideas on visiting the State Department of no-win policy makers on bringing the enemy to the front of his grave, in Vietnam.

WerBell recalls with relish one peculiar vision. He came from the State Department a few years back, and according to WerBell, he said, "The nations of the foreign policies of United States are the business of State Department in Washington, of Mitchell WerBell in Poplar Springs, Georgia." WerBell's response: "You can't print it. It was all in Air Force words." But that was the swashbuckling WerBell. The semi-profile WerBell says with a grin, "present policy is that I agree with theory completely. Period."

If actions to the contrary speak loudly, they, like WerBell's weapons, can always be suppressed by the himself. Meanwhile, Mitch and his dependent group" march on,

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FROM MCCONNELL

JOHN GREANEY, OCG, WILL BE COMING TO MIAMI MURKIN, 11 DECEMBER, IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE TRIAL OF THE EIGHT INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED  
IN THE BOMBING OF PORT-AIR FORCE.

NEW SUBJECT MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERCELL, OF ATLANTA IS MENTIONED  
IN A (WASHINGTON POST) ARTICLE TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED  
RECEIPT OF BUNS SHIPPED FROM VIETNAM THROUGH FORT LAIR FORCE BASE.  
MR. GREANEY SUGGESTS THAT YOU AVOID, IF POSSIBLE, ANY CONTACT WITH  
WERCELL.

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

ATTN : OSS

15 May 1969

Chief, Miami Field Office

MIM-004-69

Local OSI Inquiry Regarding Information on Mitchell L. Warbell P

1. On 15 May 1969, Special Agent Dave Ploumen, local OSI representative, USAF, visited the Miami Field Office to solicit any information we might have regarding Mitchell L. Warbell who apparently is undergoing a security clearance check as the result of presently being employed by a company with a government contract.
2. Warbell was an unsolicited contact of this office beginning in 1959 and he reached rank notarist in November 1967 as a result of his involvement in the Orlando Masferror trial in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion. John Creanor, USA was in Miami at the time to oversee Agency interests.
3. Ploumen in contacting other US Government agencies locally including the US Attorney's Office subsequently received an indication that CIA had information on Warbell; thus Ploumen's visit to the Miami Field Office.
4. It was indicated to Ploumen, who is known personally by several members of this staff, that we knew of Warbell and that on occasion he had reported unsolicited information. It was suggested, however, that Ploumen direct his request officially through channels via OSI's agency liaison officer in Washington.
5. This is for background and is being forwarded at the suggestion of local CIA Security.

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Director, FBI and Director NSA

28 March 1967

Subject: Soviet Russia

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1. Marshall called photostatic office on 25 Mar 67 and was told ~~that~~ ~~the~~ Central Committee met in conference committee than the Federal Congress ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~way~~ ~~connected~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~U.S.~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~U.S.~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~invited~~ ~~to~~ ~~participate~~ ~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~meetings~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Central~~ ~~Committee~~.
2. Marshall advised John Gandy of the White House and Johnson concerning the development and current situation regarding no fly or no go zones to our future relations with Vietnam.

Answered by phone - Advised  
Gleichen no contact -

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Copy sent to  
Mr. Gray, 28 Mar 67  
by T.D.  
cable

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

26 March 1967

ATTN : John McConnell

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Chief, Miami Field Office

Mitchell L. Werfall / 127900

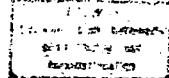
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1. Werfall called the Miami office on 23 Mar 67 and was told that Bart Gonzales was not in, advised the secretary that the Federal charges against him had been dropped. We have not confirmed this. We do not intend to renew our contacts with him for the time being at least.
2. Please advise John Gremey of the Office of the General Counsel of this development and give us whatever recommendations he or you may have as to our future relations with Werfall.

JUSTIN F. GLASSCHAW

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

2 March 1967

ATTN : John McConnell  
Chief, Miami Field Office

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Mitchell L. Werbell

A 127900

1. You will recall that John Greaney of the Office of General Counsel was in Miami for several days in connection with the federal case pending against subject. Werbell was indicted on federal conspiracy charges growing out of the abortive invasion attempt of Haiti a short time ago.

2. Following the indictment Werbell called us and indicated that he was to be interviewed on "nationwide TV through station WSB-TV in Atlanta." He called Harry McRee and asked him to monitor local newscasts, and he covered the NBC stations for a period of several days. Werbell did not appear on a national hookup, but Harry McRee informed us that he did appear on a two-minute taped segment on the WSB-TV, 3:25 A.M. telecast only. Werbell said he would, if he could, "name a citizen's arrest of Dwight Eisenhower, John Malone, et al, because he did no more than they did." Harry said that he didn't believe that the station took his statement seriously.

3. Werbell was also interviewed by "The Atlanta Constitution", and we are enclosing a clipping from the "Constitution" of 23 Feb 67 in which Werbell is quoted concerning the indictment.

4. Would you please pass the above to John Greaney. You might inform him that the statement of an undesignated federal official in Miami undoubtedly refers to the Customs agent in charge, with whom Werbell had a conversation prior to calling us. Werbell quoted him in the same fashion in our conversation. We have had no further contact with Werbell.

JUSTIN P. GREENE/HY

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CONTACTS/WASHINGTON

ATTN: JOHN MC CONNELL

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

REF: A. MIAMI 1710

B. MC CONNELL/OLEICK/TELCONS OF 21 FEB AND 23 FEB 67

MITCHELL FOR BCL CALLED BART GONZALES YESTERDAY TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TWO PHONE CALLS FROM CHET GRAY, EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE FACT THAT NO ONE HAD CONTACTED HIM FOR DETAILS CONCERNING THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT REFLARED TO IN B-67-54 MIAMI 1710. GRAY STATED THAT UNLESS HE HEARD FROM SOMEBODY IMMEDIATELY, HE WOULD TAKE HIS INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON THE MORNING OF 23 FEB 67. HE CURRENTLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR GRAY: 324 NORTH OAKHURST DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS; TELE: 874-4922.

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DIARY, 23 February 1967

SUBJECT: Mitchell Werbell/Chet Gray

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Gleichen called to say that Werbell had heard from Gray both yesterday and the day before expressing concern over the fact that no one had contacted him concerning the alleged assassination attempt against a foreign diplomat. Gray stated that unless he heard from someone immediately he would go to the Governor of California, 23 February. This information was passed to Sam Papich by phone.

cc: Chief, Miami Office

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## CONTACTS/WASHINGTON

ATTN: MCCONNELL

FROM: GLEICHAUF

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A MOST UNUSUAL PHONE CALL FROM MITCHELL VERBELL, POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA, DETAILS OF WHICH FOLLOW:
2. VERBELL IS A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TYPE WHO HAS BEEN IN OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE, OF HIS OWN VOLITION, SINCE 1959. WHILE AN UNSAVORY CHARACTER, MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE HAS FURNISHED HAS PROVED TRUE. HE FURNISHED COMPLETE DETAILS ON THE RECENT HAITIAN INVASION PLOT. THE PHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY BART GONZALES FROM HIM AT 1100 HOURS ON 13 FEBRUARY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD JUST HAD A TELEPHONE CALL FROM CHET GRAY OF LOS ANGELES, NO ADDRESS (PHONE 274-4922).

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3. GRAY STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION IN THE U.S. OF A CLOSE RELATIVE, POSSIBLY A BROTHER OR SON, OF A MIDDLE-EAST RULER, WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. HE DID NOT FURNISH THE NAME OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM, NOR BY WHOM HE WAS APPROACHED. GRAY TOLD VERBELL THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT THAT MIGHT CAUSE INTERNATIONAL

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REPERCUSSIONS AND ASKED VERBELL FOR ADVICE. VER

BELL ADVISED GRAY  
TO INFORM THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES, BUT GRAY WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO.  
VERBELL THEN ASKED GRAY IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH A  
MEMBER OF CIA AND GRAY AGREED. VERBELL TOLD GRAY THAT IF A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF CIA CONTACTED HIM, VERBELL'S NAME WOULD BE  
USED AS ENTRÉE.

A. THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF THE "ARABIAN NIGHTS."  
BUT I DID MEET A CHET GRAY FROM LOS ANGELES AT A LOCAL CONTACT'S  
HOUSE IN 1962, SOME DETAILS OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN COA(S)9601  
AND COA(S) 9998 DATED 16 DEC 62. GRAY IS A NOTORIOUS HOGLUM  
AND MIGHT EASILY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

SAC. PLEASE HANDLE THE ABOVE AS YOU SEE FIT.

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ATTN: INT DIV (HELLER)

COUNTRY: HAITI

SUBJECT: MINI 10796 - PROPOSED INVASION CANCELLED

DOI : 25 NOV 66 AND EARLIER

ACO : --23 NOV 66

REF : LA CIRL C-DC6-52631

C&S : MITCHELL L. WERNER

POUDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA

U.S. NATIONAL, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TYPE WITH WIDE  
EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA. HE IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED  
WITH ROLANDO HASSFERNER.

(THIS REPORT WAS DEVELOPED BY A NAVY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED TO THE  
OFFICE OF PREPARATION.)

1. DURING THE NIGHT OF 23 NOV 66 A DECISION WAS REACHED TO CALL OFF  
THE PROPOSED INVASION OF HAITI BY THE GROUP SPONSORED BY ROLANDO  
(HASSFERNER). THE INVASION IS OFF INDEFINITELY.

2. FATHER JEAN BAPTISTE (FORGES) AND COLONEL RENE (LEON) HAVE  
BEEN ARGUING WITH HASSFERNER WHICH HAS CAUSED CONFUSION AND  
DISORGANIZATION IN THE MOVEMENT. MANY CUBANS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE  
HAVE PULLED OUT AND MILITARY CHIEF NAPOLEON (VILLABOISE) (SIC), A  
CUBAN NATIONAL AND ALLEGED MILITARY EXPERT, HAS RESIGNED BECAUSE OF  
DISSENSION IN THE GROUP.

3. IT IS BELIEVED THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE INFILTRATED  
THE MOVEMENT AND THE LEADERS FEAR THAT ALL "WEAPONS" AND EQUIPMENT  
WOULD BE CONFISCATED IF PLANS FOR THE INVASION PROCEEDED.

END OF REPORT.

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4. O/S: BARTOLO GONZALEZ. PLEASE PREPARE HARD COPY IN  
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PRIORITY: CONTACTS/WASHINGTON

ATTN: INT DIV (CHELSEA)

COUNTRY: HAITI

SUBJECT: MIAMI 10706 - (ALLEGED) REPORTS OF INVASION/REPORTED CHANGE  
OF PLANS

DOI : 22 NOV 66

ACC : ---22 NOV 66

CCS : MITCHELL L. VERBELL

POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA

U.S. NATIONAL, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TYPE WITH WIDE  
EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA. HE IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED  
WITH ROLANDO MASFERRE(THIS REPORT WAS DEVELOPED BY A NAVY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED TO  
THE OFFICE OF PREPARATION.)

1. AS OF 22 NOV 66 IN SPITE OF WIDESPREAD PRESS REPORTS, NO  
INVASION OF HAITI HAS TAKEN PLACE.
2. ROLANDO (MASFERRE) ROJAS WHO IS SPONSORING THE ALLEGED  
INVASION, HAS BEEN TELLING CUBAN EXILES THAT HIS GROUP HAS SECURED  
THE AIRPORT AT PORT-DL-PAIX AND THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE  
AT ANY TIME.
3. MASFERRE HAS GIVEN UP THE IDEA OF MOVING HIS GROUP, WHICH  
CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 300 CUBANS AND 100 HAITIANS, BY BOAT AND  
IS TRYING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHARTERING ELEVEN AIRCRAFT.

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INCLUDING SOME DC-3'S. ONE OF THE DC-3'S WOULD CARRY COLONEL ALME  
(LAON), MASFERRE, AND FATHER JEAN BATISTE GEORGES.

4. THE M/V HUDSON IS TO BE USED TO CARRY PART OF THE WEAPONS.  
THE MASFERRE GROUP IS WELL ARMED AND HAS PLENTY OF WEAPONS. THEY  
HAVE THREE TONS OF C-3 DYNAMITE, AND ALSO HAVE SOME C-2 AND C-4.

5. THE HENRIETTA II WILL CARRY PHOTOGRAPHERS.

6. IN SPITE OF THE ABOVE I BELIEVE THAT THE "INVASION" IS A  
FARCE AND IS FALLING APART. MASFERRE IS MERELY TRYING TO COVER UP  
FOR THE FUNDS HE HAS RECEIVED FOR THE INVASION. IT IS BELIEVED  
THAT MASFERRE'S LIFE WILL BE <sup>IN</sup> DANGER IF HE DOES NOT MAKE SOME  
OSTENSIBLE EFFORT. END OF REPORT.

7. G/S: B. GONZALES. PLEASE PREPARE HARD COPY IN HEADQUARTERS.

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ATTN: INT DIV (ALYEA)

COUNTRY: HAITI/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC/BAHAMA

SUBJECT: MINI 10855 - PLANNED INVASION OF HAITI BETWEEN

S-13 NOV 66

DOI: 8 28 OCT 66

ACQ: 8 ---1 NOV 66

REF: 1 DCS CASE 415.58 LA CIRL C-DC6-52651

CAS: 1 MITCHELL L. VERSSELL

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POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA

U.S. NATIONAL WITH WIDE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA. HE SPEAKS SOME SPANISH, AND HAS MANY SOCIAL AND BUSINESS CONTACTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

(THIS REPORT WAS DEVELOPED BY A NAVY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF PREPARATION.)

1. ON 28 OCT 66 I SPOKE WITH ROLANDO (MASFERRE) ROJAS, A CUBAN EXILE, AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAS ORGANIZED A MILITARY FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 250 MEN TO INVADE HAITI. THE INVASION FORCE CONSISTS OF CUBAN AND HAITIAN EXILES RESIDING IN THE U.S., THE BAHAMA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE INVASION WILL PROBABLY BE LAUNCHED FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SOONER OR LATER BETWEEN 5 AND 13 NOVEMBER AND THE TARGET IS PORT-AU-PRINCE. THE INVASION FORCE WILL STRIKE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING SELECTED. IT IS WELL ARMED, AND WILL HAVE AIR COVER; THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WILL BE BOMBED.

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2. MASFERRE STATED THAT COULME L. MAXIMILIEN, HAITIAN CONSUL IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, IS AWARE OF THE INVASION, BUT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INVASION DATE. MAXIMILIEN IS PRESENTLY IN HAITI INFORMING PRESIDENT DUVALIER THAT THE INVASION CAN BE PREVENTED BY PAYING OFF BLOD, ETC TO MASFERRE. MAXIMILIEN WILL RETURN TO THE U.S. ON 1 NOVEMBER AND HE HAS AGREED WITH MASFERRE THAT IF DUVALIER AGREES TO THE PAY-OFF, MAXIMILIEN WILL RECEIVE \$50,000 AND MASFERRE

3. FASFERNER TOLD ME THAT THE INVASION WILL TAKE PLACE IN ANY EVENT AND THE \$150,000, IF RECEIVED, WOULD BE USED TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE INVASION.

4. PASFERNER STATED THAT HE MET WITHIN THE PAST 13 DAYS WITH SEVERAL DISSIDENT HAITIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND HE HAD RECEIVED THEIR SUPPORT. THE HAITIAN ARMY OFFICERS TOLD PASFERNER THAT THEY WOULD REVOLT AS SOON AS INFORMED THAT THE INVASION HAD COMMENCED. THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT THE TARGET WILL BE PORT-AU-PRINCE; THEY BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE IN THE CAP HAITIEN AREA.

5. MASFERREK STATED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE INVASION WILL SUCCEED, AND IF SUCCESSFUL, FATHER JEAN BAPTISTE (GEORGES) WOULD BE APPOINTED PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT. MASFERREK STATED THAT COLONEL RENE (LEON), HAITIAN EXILE, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INVASION. END OF REPORT.

6. C/SI B. F. GONZALES: PREPARE HARD COPY IN HEADQUARTERS  
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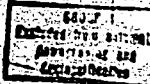
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ATTN: INTERNATIONAL DIV (CONTRACT)

COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: MINI OTTIC - ARMY FORCE'S COUP D'ETAT PLANNED

DOI: 12 JAN 66

ACR: --12 JAN 66

REF: CIRL C-225-52374

CSA: MITCHELL L. RIBBLE A-127900

POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA

U.S. NATIONAL GUARD WITH TRAVEL EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA.

SPEAKS SOME SPANISH, AND HAS MANY SOCIAL AND BUSINESS CONTACTS

IN LATIN AMERICA.

(THIS REPORT WAS OEM LOGGED BY A NAVY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED TO  
THE OFFICE OF PREPARATION.)

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FORCES WERE PLANNED TO OVERTHROW COLONEL ENRIQUE PERALTA ON 15 JAN 66. YDIGRAS TOLD ME THAT IF THE COUP WAS NOT CARRIED OUT ON 15 JANUARY, IT WOULD BE EXECUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

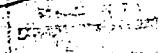
2. YDIGRAS WOULD NOT TELL ME THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS LEADING THE COUP, BUT STATED THAT "ALL OF THE ARMED FORCES WILL BE INVOLVED." END OF REPORT.

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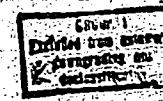
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ATTN: KC COMINT

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON FIDEL CASTRO

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1. MITCHELL MCGILL AND ALBERT GALT GONZALES THAT A GROUP OF SIX MEN IN HIS ORGANIZATION HAS PENETRATED CUBA AND IS CURRENTLY IN THE VARGASIA/HAVANA AREA. THEIR INITIAL PURPOSE IS ASSASSINATION OF FIDEL CASTRO TO BE ATTEMPTED SOONER, BUT SOONER. IF FOUND NOT POSSIBLE, SECONDARY TARGET WILL BE TO KILL OR THE ELECTRIC PLANT FURNISHING ELECTRICITY TO HAVANA.

2. THE GROUP IS TO USE A STYLING MODEL TYPE OF RADIO DETONATOR. THEY WERE UNABLE TO PURCHASE CONTROLLED FREQUENCY RADIO DETONATORS WHICH WERE PREFERRED BECAUSE OF HIGHER QUALITY. THIS DETONATOR

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ALLEGEDLY WILL BE TAKEN AT GUNPOINT AND WILL USE SUB-MACHINE GUNS IN THE COURSE OF A PUBLIC ASSAULT BY COTAC. NO INDICATION AS TO HOW THEY KNOW WHEN OR WHERE HE WILL APPEAR. GROUP SAID TO KNOW MISSION IS SUICIDAL.

3. ATTEMPT ON THE ELECTRIC PLANT WILL BE TO KILL GUARDS AND PENETRATE AREA FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WILL BLOW UP KEY EQUIPMENT.

4. VERNELL SAID THAT RECE ALSO ALLEGEDLY HAS A GROUP IN CUBA AT PRESENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSASSINATING FIDEL CASTRO.

5. PLEASE HANDLE ABOVE AS YOU SEE FIT. FYS: VERNELL IS A NOTORIOUS CON MAN AND SOCIALLY OF FOOTLOOSE TYPE. HE IS CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE.

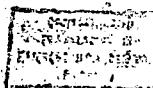
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**TO :** Chief, Contact Division  
**ATTN :** Index Branch  
**FROM :** Chief, Miami Field Office

DATE: 27 July 1959

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Visit to Mitchell Warbell III2100 Biscayne, Miami,  
Coral Gables, Florida

A-81615

1. In the evening of 24 July 1959 I received a telephone call from subject, who had been given my name and address by another agent of the intelligence community in connection with the possibility of his passing along information concerning the rumored impending flight of Batista to the US.

2. Warbell indicated that he spent a great amount of his time in the Dominican Republic and had extensive close association with leaders of the government, and also with General Jose Pedraza. He claimed to have been a former member of the OSS with service in China in WWII. Warbell is a soldier-of-fortune type who wears a monocle, drives a Mercedes-Benz, sports a most attractive blonde girl friend, and is a big spender. He also volunteered that he has a wife and six children living in Georgia.

3. Warbell told me that his principle source of income is in dealing with Cuban pesos, and said that he is associated in the business with a John Lipko of Los Angeles, a jazz musician who formerly played with the Jimmy Dorsey and Jon Carter bands.

4. Lipko also claims to have been a member of OSS during WWII, serving in the Iberian and Eastern European area. Lipko was usually engaged in making long-distance phone calls to Mexico City, Guatemala City, and Los Angeles during a part of the time I was with the group.

5. Warbell gave me some information on Batista's plans, which is basically supposition, and furnished some other marginal information which is being forwarded, although in my opinion little credence can be placed in anything he says. It is hard to evaluate what Warbell's motives are in connection with his desire to furnish information regarding Batista to us, but it appeared that he was also attempting to fish for information, throwing out a number of questions concerning the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, reportedly recently to have been purchased by Cuban interests with 9 million Cuban pesos. The penthouse reportedly has been completely redecorated, with heavy steel doors guarding the entrance. This penthouse suite has been referred to be Batista's intended headquarters once he arrives in the US. All of this has been written about in the gossip columns of the local papers.

6. Inasmuch as Warbell has my name and phone number, probably little can be done to prevent him getting in touch with me from time to time, but contact will not be initiated by me except by direction. The basic purpose of this memo is for the record.

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COUNTRY: Haiti

REPORT NO. 00-B-321/19112-66

SUBJECT: Proposed Invasion Cancelled

DATE DISTR. 30 Nov 66

DATE OF INFO. 23 Nov 66 and earlier

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PLACE &amp; DATE ACQ. --- 23 Nov 66

REFERENCES This report was previously disseminated as TD-OOB-321/19112-66

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE: US national, soldier of fortune type with wide experience in Latin America. He is closely associated with Rolando Masferrer.

[This report was developed by a Navy representative assigned to the office of preparation.]

1. During the night of 22 Nov 66 a decision was reached to call off the proposed invasion of Haiti by the group sponsored by Rolando Masferrer. The invasion is off indefinitely.
2. Father Jean Baptiste Georges and Colonel Rene Leon have been arguing with Masferrer which has caused confusion and disorganization in the movement. Many Cubans scheduled to participate have pulled out and military chief Napoleon Villaboise (sic), a Cuban national and alleged military expert, has resigned because of dissension in the group.
3. It is believed that US Government agencies have infiltrated the movement and the leaders fear that all weapons and equipment would be confiscated if plans for the invasion proceeded.

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COUNTRY	Haiti	REPORT NO.	OO-B-321/19067-66
SUBJECT	False Reports of Invasion/Reported Change of Plans	DATE DISTR.	28 Nov 66
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PLACE & DATE ACQ.	--/22 Nov. 66	REFERENCES	This report was previously disseminated as ID-OO-B-321/19067-66

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE: US national, soldier of fortune type with wide experience in Latin America. He is closely associated with Rolando Masferrer.

/This report was developed by a Navy representative assigned to the office of preparation./

1. As of 22 Nov 66 in spite of widespread press reports, no invasion of Haiti has taken place.
2. Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is sponsoring the alleged invasion, has been telling Cuban exiles that his group has secured the airport at Port-de-Paix and they should be prepared to leave at any time.
3. Masferrer has given up the idea of moving his group, which consists of approximately 300 Cubans and 100 Haitians, by boat and is trying to make arrangements for chartering eleven aircraft, including some DC-3's. One of the DC-3's would carry Colonel Rene Leon, Masferrer, and Father Jean Fatiste Georges.
4. The M/V Hudson is to be used to carry part of the weapons. The Masferrer group is well armed and has plenty of weapons. They have three tons of C-3 dynamite, and also have some C-2 and C-4.
5. The Henrietta II will carry photographers.
6. In spite of the above I believe that the "invasion" is a farce and is falling apart. Masferrer is merely trying to cover up for the funds he has received for the invasion. It is believed that Masferrer's life will be in danger if he does not make some ostensible effort.

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COUNTRY Venezuela

REPORT NO.

B-324/11467-67

SUBJECT Request for Arms

DATE DISTR.

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REFERENCES

LA CIRL C-DC6-53134

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SOURCE US national, soldier of fortune type, with wide experience in Latin America.

1. In April 1967 I was approached by a prominent Venezuelan whom I prefer not to identify. He asked me to arrange procurement of 150-300 9 mm sub-machine guns, with 1-2000 rounds per gun. Delivery was to be "as soon as possible".
2. He did not identify the group for whom they were being obtained but indicated it was a "right wing operation".
3. I told him I was unable to be of assistance.

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Planned Invasion of Haiti Between 9-13 Nov 66

Haiti/Dominican Republic/Bahamas

## G. CONTACT (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

Mitchell L. Vertell  
Powder Springs, Georgia

## INDIVIDUAL ID#

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Although these planned invasions have occurred before, this report was of interest to C.C.I., and I suspect, others. One of these times will happen.

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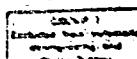
[This report was developed by a Navy representative assigned to the office of preparation.]

1. On 28 Oct 66 I spoke with Rolando Masferrer Rojas, a Cuban exile, and he told me that he has organized a military force of approximately 250 men to invade Haiti. The invasion force consists of Cuban and Haitian exiles residing in the US, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic. The invasion will probably be launched from the Dominican Republic sometime between 5 and 13 November and the target is Port-au-Prince. The invasion force will strike in the early hours of the morning selected. It is well armed, and will have air cover; the presidential palace will be bombed.
2. Masferrer stated that Eugene L. Maximilien, Haitian Consul in Miami, Florida, is aware of the invasion, but he has no knowledge of the invasion date. Maximilien is presently in Haiti informing President Duvalier that the invasion can be prevented by paying off \$200,000 to Masferrer. Maximilien will return to the US on 3 November and he has agreed with Masferrer that if Duvalier agrees to the pay-off, Maximilien will receive \$50,000 and Masferrer \$150,000.
3. Masferrer told me that the invasion will take place in any event and the \$150,000, if received, would be used to further support the invasion.
4. Masferrer stated that he met within the past 10 days with several dissident Haitian army officers and he had received their support. The Haitian army officers told Masferrer that they would revolt as soon as informed that the invasion had commenced. They do not know that the target will be Port-au-Prince; they believe that it will be in the cap-Haitien area.
5. Masferrer stated that he was confident that the invasion will succeed, and if successful, Father Jean Baptiste Georges would be appointed provisional president. Masferrer stated that Colonel Rene Leon, Haitian exile, will participate in the invasion.

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COUNTRY Guatemala

REPORT NO. 00-B-321/00782-66

SUBJECT Armed Forces Coup d'Etat Planned

DATE DISTR. 20 Jan 66

DATE OF INFO. 12 Jan 66  
PLACE & DATE ACQ. ---/12 Jan 66

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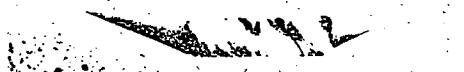
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1. On 12 Jan 66 Miguelito Ydígoras Leparra, son of the former President of Guatemala, told me that Guatemalan Armed Forces were planning to overthrow Colonel Enrique Peralta on 15 Jan 66. Ydígoras told me that if the coup was not carried out on 15 January, it would be executed as soon as possible thereafter.
2. Ydígoras would not tell me the names of the individuals leading the coup, but stated that "all of the Armed Forces will be involved."

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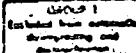
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Resume of Contacts with Stephen Van Cleave

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1. Jack Neunessy, Miami Field Office, called on 21 January 1971 to give us a source lead on ~~Stephen Van Cleave and his contacts~~, both from Atlanta, Georgia. Jack briefed us on past Miami contacts with Van Cleave and suggested we might want to contact him concerning his activities in Argentina. At that time we were in the process of moving the office to the present location so did not contact Van Cleave until 25 January 1971. On that date we called, identified ourselves and briefly explained the reason for the call. His first question was, "Do you know 'Pitcher' and does this have anything to do with him?" He said he knew him & did not know "Pitcher", and our interest was not related to him. Van Cleave suggested we come to his office at 1 PM that afternoon.

2. We arrived shortly before 1 PM at his office in 1700 Peachtree Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Van Cleave has a home office in a modern building located in a moderate to high rent district of Atlanta. After being invited in, we made an effort to keep our visit brief. After presenting credentials and a business card, I asked if we might have the interview. He said he preferred a telephone call as any future transactions, as he wanted to be absolutely sure any information he gave was recorded accurately. This is reflected in a rough draft of the first interview. The actual transcript has been erased. Some of this information was reported in OO-A(S)-222/0315-74, Secret, CIA Internal Use Only.

3. On 9 February 1971 we received a call from Van Cleave at home. He wanted to report in detail on a recent trip to Cleveland, California, where he had supposedly met with police officials and discussed the Norst kidnapping, the SIA, etc. He told him this was very interesting but not CIA business.

4. Van Cleave called again on 25 February 1971 to fill up in on a visit to the US by Argentine police officials and an operational opportunity in the Bahamas. He prepared this information for dissemination as OO-A(S)'s. In view of recent developments we assume neither report should be disseminated. To complete your record of contacts, both reports are enclosed as Enclosure No.'s 2 and 3 (discard the Atlanta report numbers, they will be used for future reporting or canceled).

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5. In the meantime the R. G. Murphy kidnapping came up to occupy his time until 26 February when he called to say he had some sensitive information of definite interest to CIA. When told we could not get into his office the following day due to a lack of transportation, he said he would come to our office. We reluctantly agreed. Late the morning of 27 February he came to our office and presented us with the information in Enclosure No. 4 (rough draft--the tape will be saved in case it is needed at a later date).

6. Not on the transcript, but of possible interest, before leaving our office he said he was afraid he might be fired by Coca Cola on 1 March 1971. Briefly, what apparently happened (and this is his story) was:

a. When it was learned Peg Murphy had been kidnapped, Chief John Inman of the Atlanta Police Department called Van Cleave requesting his assistance. He asked Van Cleave to come to headquarters and work with Assistant Chief Willins (we believe this is the correct name) on the Murphy kidnapping.

b. Van Cleave apparently expressed concern to the Assistant Chief that prominent members of Coca Cola Company residing in the Atlanta area might be targets for the same kidnappers;

c. The Assistant Chief agreed and went along with Van Cleave notifying, by phone, Coke officials;

d. Van Cleave had not cleared this action with his immediate supervisor at the Coca Cola Company;

e. Apparently the phone calls were made very late in the evening;

f. When the Murphy kidnapping was resolved, Van Cleave was called in by his boss to account for his actions. He apparently has not been able to justify the calls and this will be discussed at the meeting on 4 March. We suspect this may be his last official action for the Coca Cola Company.

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7. Since receiving the 27 February 1971 call from O38, we have checked with Charles Maynes and Bob Perry of the F.T. Both are familiar with Van Cleave and his operations. Perry confirmed that Van Cleave had passed the information contained in Inclosure No. 4 to the FBI. Perry had a few other things to say about Van Cleave that probably do not need to be repeated in this memorandum.

8. Concerning the future, we intend to be hard to reach when Van Cleave calls; if necessary, talk to him on the phone a few times to see if he gets the idea; then if all fails simply tell him we have been told to stay out of this business.

A. S. COMPTON

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14 January 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

John R. Peterson  
Atlanta Resident Office

Response to Call-in to Agency Headquarters/Initial Contact (Telephone)  
with John Daniel Williamson, Carrollton, Georgia

1. On 7 January 1975 Albert S. Coleman of the Washington Field Office called us to pass on information that he had just been given by Dain Zeiner, DCI Headquarters, regarding a call received by the Agency duty officer on New Year's Eve from one John Daniel Williamson of Carrollton, Georgia. Williamson identified himself as a Methodist minister and gave his address as Route #2, Box 3546, Carrollton, Georgia, phone: (404) 354-0443.
2. In his call to Agency Headquarters, Williamson said that he had a friend who had information on the impending overthrow of a foreign government. The information regarded illegal shipment of arms from the US to the foreign country. Williamson said that his friend had wanted to try to sell the information to the foreign country concerned but that when the friend told Williamson about it Williamson prevailed on him to let him (Williamson) bring it to the attention of the proper government agency, resulting in his call to our headquarters on New Year's Eve. Williamson asked that someone from the Agency be put in contact with him.
3. On the afternoon of 7 January 1975, after verifying through the phone operator that Williamson was listed in the Carrollton area (he actually lives at Koopville, Georgia, on Rue Road, but the Koopville phones are handled under the Carrollton exchange), we called his number. We were informed by a young male voice, apparently his son, that Williamson was indeed a Methodist minister, but that he taught school every day during the week in the high school at Franklin, Georgia, except on Saturdays when he worked all day at a hardware store at Rockmart, Georgia. We were told that he preached on Sunday mornings. We were not told what he does on Sunday afternoons. Since he was not to be at home until after 5 PM, we called him from our own home that same evening.
4. Williamson seemed to be expecting our call although we had not identified ourselves during the earlier call. He gave us essentially the same information furnished during his New Year's Eve call. He said that the friend about whom he called is a former parishioner and lives in the Carrollton area. He preferred not to provide us with the friend's name and address. The information, however—that which we were able to ascertain—sound on the up-and-up, as far as Mr. Williamson's part in it was concerned, for he seemed to be a sincere and well intentioned individual. When we tried to at least learn the name of the foreign country involved, Williamson said that his friend would not give him that information. 4.51

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5. We did learn that the friend whom Williamson described as a business consultant, "a kind of a high-finance man involved in setting up corporations," who often travels abroad, had been approached by someone locally, i.e., in the Carrollton-West Atlanta area (Carrollton is about 40 miles west of Atlanta). The friend was said to be "a good friend, a reliable man, a college graduate, an established man in the community." According to Williamson, the friend was approached because of the nature of his work to perform some sort of task for the group, and he knew that something was wrong. The friend then learned all he could about the planned operation and eventually talked with Williamson about it. The friend told Williamson that the gun-running operation had been going on for about a year.

6. At one point Williamson said that his friend told him that "the people involved in this thing won't hesitate to kill him (the friend) and he knows that he's going to have to leave this part of the country when it comes to light." Williamson told us: "I feel like I've got this man's life in my hands and I don't want to do anything to jeopardize his life, because I know him and his family and all. Williamson suggested that we meet his friend at the Cape and Sword Hotel restaurant on I-20, near Six Flags Over Georgia, west of Atlanta, and he said that the two of them had already talked of this as a possible meeting place. We told Williamson that we would be glad to meet with his friend but first we would like for his friend to give us a call so that we may talk with him. We gave our office phone number to Williamson. As of the writing of this memorandum, we have had no call.

7. From the information that Williamson provided, e.g., location of people involved, an attempt to meet with an Agency representative (to possibly get an involved merely by association), we believe that much of the substance of this matter could be the same as that which was reported from this office to OSS as related by Stephen Van Cleave regarding Mitch Werbell, et al. (See ATL-39-74, 28 February 1974, Resumé of Contacts with Stephen Van Cleave; ATL-53-74, 9 April 1974, Stephen Van Cleave.) Mitch Werbell's operation, which has been described locally as a "machine-gun factory," is located at Powder Springs, Georgia, about ten miles north of the I-20 Cape and Sword Motel. At any rate, Mr. Williamson's friend has been given the opportunity to contact us and we are awaiting his call.

JOHN R. PETERSON

cc: Office of Chief, DCD (D. Zeimor)  
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ATTN: SUPPORT BRANCH/DSS (SRAST)  
SUBJ: STEVEN VAN CLEAVE, INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, LTD., ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA

REF: CHANT/HENNESSY TELCON, 25 FEBRUARY, SAME SUBJECT

1. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 21 JANUARY 1974 WE RECEIVED A  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM ANSELMO ALLEGRO, 3320 PUCKERMAN ROAD, MIAMI,  
FLORIDA, (A CONTACT OF THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE) WHO ADVISED US  
THAT AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, STEVEN VAN CLEAVE,  
WANTED TO SPEAK WITH US IN CONNECTION WITH INTELLIGENCE MATTERS  
CONCERNING LATIN AMERICA. HE TOLD ALLEGRO THAT VAN CLEAVE  
SHOULD CONTACT OUR OFFICE IN ATLANTA; HOWEVER, ALLEGRO SAID  
THAT VAN CLEAVE DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH "RECRUITERS", RATHER  
HE WANTED TO SPEAK WITH A CIA OFFICER "IN THE BUSINESS OF INTEL-  
LIGENCE COLLECTION". WE TOLD ALLEGRO THAT OUR ATLANTA OFFICE  
HAS THE SAME STATUTE AS THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE, AND THAT HE SHOULD  
URGE VAN CLEAVE TO CONTACT OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN ATLANTA. ALLEGRO  
WOULDN'T ACCEPT THIS RESPONSE ON OUR PART AND INSISTED THAT WE AT  
LEAST HEAR WHAT VAN CLEAVE HAD TO SAY. FINALLY, WE AGREED TO  
ACCEPT A CALL FROM VAN CLEAVE SO THAT WE COULD TELL HIM TO CONTACT  
OUR ATLANTA REPRESENTATIVE.

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2. VAN CLEAVE CALLED US AT HIS EXPENSE FROM ATLANTA ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LATER. WE ADVISED HIM AT THE OUTSET THAT HE SHOULD SPEAK WITH BILL PANGEURN IN THE ATLANTA RESIDENT OFFICE AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. WE EXPLAINED THAT OUR WORK FORCE IS DIVIDED GEOGRAPHICALLY RATHER THAN FUNCTIONALLY, AND THAT SINCE HE LIVES IN ATLANTA, HE MUST DEAL WITH THE ATLANTA RO. WE PROVIDED HIM WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE ATLANTA RO, AND HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT PANGEURN THE SAME DAY. WE CALLED PANGEURN TO ADVISE HIM OF VAN CLEAVE'S INTENTION TO CONTACT HIM. WE LATER LEARNED FROM BOTH PANGEURN AND VAN CLEAVE THAT THE CONTACT WAS MADE.

3. WE PRESUMED THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH VAN CLEAVE. HOWEVER, WE WERE MISTAKEN. VAN CLEAVE PLACED AT LEAST TWO MORE TELEPHONE CALLS TO US FROM ATLANTA (AT HIS EXPENSE), AND ONE FROM DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. EACH TIME WE ADVISED HIM TO CALL PANGEURN RATHER THAN US. HIS RESPONSE ON THESE OCCASIONS WAS THAT HE ALREADY HAD OR INTENDED TO KEEP PANGEURN ADVISED, BUT THAT HE WANTED TO KEEP US INFORMED ALSO. THE LOCAL DADE COUNTY CALL WAS MADE TO ADVISE US THAT VAN CLEAVE WAS IN MIAMI IN THE COMPANY OF TWO ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICIALS, WHOM WE COULD DEERIEF IF WE SO DESIRED. WE AGAIN TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD REPORT TO ATLANTA.

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VAN CLEAVE TOLD US DURING ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CONVERSATIONS THAT HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH MITCHELL WERDELL, POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN "PRESURED" INTO TAXING WERDELL TO ARGENTINA WITH HIM IN LATE JANUARY 1974 BY OFFICIALS IN THE COCA COLA COMPANY, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, WITH WHICH VAN CLEAVE HAD (OR HAD) A CONSULTING CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH COCA COLA'S SECURITY SYSTEM IN ARGENTINA. VAN CLEAVE ADVISED US THAT HE NEVER AGAIN WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WERDELL BECAUSE THE LATTER HAD ACTED SO BADLY DURING THIS TRIP. HE TOLD US THAT WERDELL HAD COMMENTED TO ARGENTINE OFFICIALS THAT HE (WERDELL) WAS SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND ON A FIRST NAME BASIS WITH "BILL" COLEY, DCI. VAN CLEAVE TOLD US THAT MATTER'S HAD ESCALATED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT HE RETURNED TO THE US WITHOUT WERDELL. (OUR MEMORY IS A BIT FUZZY ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS DISCUSSION, BUT WE RECALL SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT WERDELL WAS INVOLVED WITH DRUGS, WOMEN, AND SONG, AND VAN CLEAVE WAS AFRAID THAT WERDELL MIGHT BE ARRESTED BY ARGENTINE POLICE BEFORE IT WAS OVER.) VAN CLEAVE TOLD US THAT HE PERSONALLY NEVER HAS SO MUCH AS IMPLIED A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AGENCY TO ANY OUTSIDER.

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5. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT MET VAN CLEAVE IN PERSON, BASED UPON OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM HE APPEARED TO BE AN INTELLIGENT AND REASONABLE MAN. WE ARE SORRY THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH VAN CLEAVE, BUT AS WE MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELECON WE DID NOT MAKE NOTES DURING THE CONVERSATIONS NOR DID WE FEEL IT NECESSARY AT THE TIME TO WRITE A MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD SINCE WE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS A NORMAL, ALBEIT COMPLEX, REFERRAL TO ANOTHER DCD OFFICE. E 2 IMPDET CL BY 213652

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Chief, Personnel Security Division, CC

22 May 1969

Director, Domestic Contact Service  
(Chief, Services Division)

WILL, Mitchell L. -- Local OSI Inquiry to DCI Miami Office for  
Information Concerning

M-22-OSV-69.

1. The enclosed copy of memorandum from our Miami Office, regarding the OSI representative's inability to information concerning Subject, is forwarded for your records and possible future reference.
2. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne, Ext. 2733.

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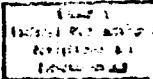
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Dear, Miami Field Office

ATT : Mr. E. Hogan  
Director, Domestic Contact Service (Services Division)

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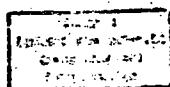
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Thank you for the information reported in the refight. The suggestion made by your office that OSL direct the request through official security channels is entirely correct. In the future, however, it will be helpful and appreciated if you will forward correspondence pertaining to security matters directly to the Security Liaison Officer, rather than to Support Staff. This saves time in getting the information to the appropriate channel for any action that may be indicated.

JAMES R. HOPKINS

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

ATTN: 033

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Chief, Miami Field Office

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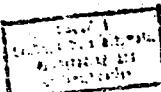
Local OSI Inquiry Regarding Information on Mitchell L. Werboll

1. On 15 May 1969, Special Agent Dave Ploumen, local OSI representative USAF, visited the Miami Field Office to solicit any information we might have regarding Mitchell L. Werboll who apparently is undergoing a security clearance check as the result of presently being employed by a company with a government contract.
2. Werboll was an unsolicited contact of this office beginning in 1959 and he reached peak notoriety in November 1967 as a result of his involvement in the Raulio Masferrer trial in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion. John Greaney, CSC was in Miami at the time to oversee Agency interests.
3. Ploumen in contacting other US Government agencies locally including the US Attorney's Office sources received an indication that CIA had information on Werboll; thus Ploumen's visit to the Miami Field Office.
4. It was indicated to Ploumen, who is known personally by several members of this staff, that we knew of Werboll and that on occasion he had reported unsolicited information. It was suggested, however, that Ploumen direct his request officially through channels via OSI's agency liaison officer in Washington.
5. This is for background and is being forwarded at the suggestion of local CIA Security.

JAMES F. GLEICHAUER

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