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B. DIRECTOR 767406 NR 928'

C. DIRECTOR 670514 0 (NOT NEEDED) NICOSIA 4

2. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY GEORGE STRATOS.

4. SAMUEL SCRIVENER JR., WASHINGTON ATTORNEY, EMPLOYED BY
OLD IN EARLY 1950'S AS CONSULTANT.

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a. A Memorandum for the Record signed by T. Flores reports that WER BELL called Flores on 13 August 1959 to discuss Cuban activities in Miami. This memorandum also records that WER BELL phoned Flores again on 26 August 1959 at which time activities in the Dominican Republic and Cuban activities in Miami were discussed. WER BELL also asked about the status of his clearance, and was told it had not yet come through.

b. A letter signed "K" addressed to "Tom" gave "K's" location and some information concerning Batista and Castro. (This letter is probably in the 1959 time frame.)

c. A Memorandum of Conversation signed by T. Flores reports that WER BELL called Flores and gave his location. The status of WER BELL's clearance was discussed and Flores told him it had not yet come through. WER BELL gave Flores some information concerning Batista. (This memorandum probably is in the 1959 time frame.)

d. An unsigned report, apparently from WER BELL, gave a summary of his contacts and activities during a trip to the Dominican Republic. (This report is probably in the 1959 time frame.)

4. A 17 December 1963 dispatch from Station Santo Domingo reported that Station NOC Officer Joseph Luna recently met WER BELL in Santo Domingo. No further details of the meeting were reported.

5. According to the CS file on WER BELL, three former Agency employees were contacted in 1974 by WER BELL and other representatives of a group called "Friends of Abaco (FOA)", a group allegedly advocating the secession of the island of Abaco from the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The three former employees contacted are:

- a. John Patrick Muldoon, retired from CIA on 20 March 1972.
- b. Theodore John Reustos, retired from CIA on 31 July 1970. He was rehired on a contract in February 1971. His contract was terminated in September 1973.

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CLAIMED BY BINTLIFF AND WERBELL.

3. WHAT LITTLE INFO HAS HAS RE BINTLIFF IS INCONCLUSIVE. HOWEVER, IF JUDGMENTS CAN BE MADE BY COMPANY HE KEEPS, DEALINGS WITH HIM SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION. WHILE ABOVE BACKGROUND INFO ON BINTLIFF AND WERBELL CANNOT BE PASSED TO LIAISON BECAUSE OF THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP, STATION CAN PASS STYLIC PARA 20 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INFO AND THAT BINTLIFF HAS UNSAVORY CONNECTIONS AND MAY FALSELY CLAIM U.S. GOVT AFFILIATIONS.

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