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ON NOVEMBER EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX SIX, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AS OF NOVEMBER SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX SIX, MITCHELL WER BELL, AMERICAN ADVENTURER FROM POWDER SPRINGS, GA., WHO HAS LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WAS LIVING AT ROOM ONE ZERO SEVEN, UNIVERSITY INN, CORAL GABLES, FLA., UNDER THE NAME THRAFI.

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(WER BELL UNTIL RECENTLY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A PLAN OF ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, NOTORIOUS ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILE, TO INVADE HAITI, UTILIZING A BASE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.)

ON NIGHT OF NOVEMBER SEVEN, WER BELL MET WITH CUBAN EXILE RICARDO ADOLIS COBOS AND RALPH SERRANO, DOMINICAN BORN HOODLUM WITH LONG POLICE RECORD WHO HAS BEEN RECENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH EUGENE MAXIMILIEN, HAITIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN MIAMI.

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WER BELL ADVISED THAT CONTACT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY HIM WITH
MAXIMILIEN, WHO HAD AGREED TO PURCHASE A SUPPLY OF FIREARMS
CURRENTLY STORED AT THE HAINA NAVAL BASE IN THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC. MAXIMILIEN CLAIMS TO HAVE AGREED TO PAY TWENTY THOUSAND
DOLLARS FOR DELIVERY OF THESE ARMS TO THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT AT PORT
AU PRINCE, HAITI. (X) 09

REGARDING THESE FIREARMS, SOURCE SAID THEY CONSIST OF
MACHINE GUNS, SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY
EIGHT TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THEY WERE FORMERLY UNDER CONTROL
OF JOSE RABEL, CUBAN EXILE AND CAPTAIN OF MOTOR VESSEL "VENUS"
WHO WAS CAPTURED BY CUBANS IN CUBA IN ONE NINE SIX FIVE. THEREAFTER,
CONTROL OF THESE ARMS PASSED TO COBOS, CHIEF ENGINEER AND
SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE "VENUS". IN AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SIX,
COBOS CONTACTED COMMODORE RAMON EMILIO JIMENEZ, CHIEF OF THE DOMINICAN
NAVY, AND RELINQUISHED CONTROL OF THESE ARMS IN FAVOR
OF DR. LAWRENCE MITCHELL, WEALTHY VETERINARIAN FROM ATLANTA,
GA., IN PART PAYMENT OF A DEBT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
OWED BY JOSE RABEL TO DR. MITCHELL. ALTHOUGH DR. MITCHELL
ACCEPTED CONTROL OF THE ARMS AT THE TIME, HE TOLD COMMODORE
JIMENEZ HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN POSSESSION OF THE ARMS.

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BUT ONLY IN MONEY WHICH MIGHT BE REALIZED FROM THEIR SALE.

WER BELL ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DR. MITCHELL IN ATLANTA ON NOVEMBER SEVEN, WHO AGREED TO RELINQUISH HIS LEGAL CONTROL OF THESE ARMS FOR THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH WER BELL IN THE DISPOSITION OR SALE OF THESE ARMS.

WER BELL OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING PLAN FOR DELIVERY OF THESE ARMS TO THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT: (S)

ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER EIGHT, WER BELL WOULD MEET WITH HAITIAN CONSUL GENERAL MAXIMILIEN AND COME TO A FINAL AGREEMENT (S) ON PRICE TO BE PAID FOR THESE ARMS. THEREAFTER, COBOS WOULD CONTACT GENERAL ENRIQUE PEREZ Y. PEREZ, DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES MINISTER, BY TELEPHONE ON NOVEMBER EIGHT, AND REQUEST HIS AUTHORITY FOR REMOVAL OF THESE ARMS DURING THE COMING WEEK. AFTER SUCH AUTHORITY IS RECEIVED IN WRITING, WER BELL WILL DEPART FROM FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ON A SIXTY FOOT YACHT, "HONEY II" CURRENTLY DOCKED AT FT. LAUDERDALE, AND WILL PROCEED TO THE HAINA NAVAL BASE, WHERE THE FIREARMS WILL BE LOADED ONTO THE YACHT AND (S) DELIVERED TO THE HAITIAN AUTHORITIES AT PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI. WER BELL ADVISED HE HAD ALREADY ARRANGED TO LEASE THE (S) END PAGE THREE

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YACHT "HONEY II" FOR THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS A DAY OR ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK, WHICH INCLUDES THE SERVICES OF ITS CAPTAIN.

ON NOVEMBER EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX SIX, WER BELL ADVISED THAT ~~(S)~~ HAITIAN CONSUL GENERAL MAXIMILIEN WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET HIM IN HIS MOTEL ROOM AT THE UNIVERSITY INN AT TEN AM THAT DATE TO FINALIZE ABOVE PLANS.

THE SOURCE SPECULATED THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT WER BELL IS ATTEMPTING TO SELL THE ABOVE IDEA TO MAXIMILIEN IN ~~(S)~~ ORDER TO OBTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS FOR RENTAL OF BOAT WHICH COULD BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ORIGINAL PLAN OF ROLANDO MASFERRER TO TRANSPORT ARMS AND MEN DIRECTLY TO HAITI.

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