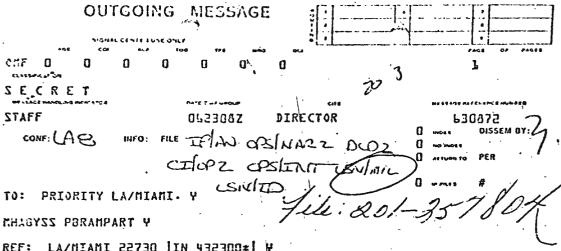
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- 1. REGARDING JOSEPH RAYMOND II E R O L A (201-257804). U.S. CITIUZEN, SUBJECT PARA 1 REF, PLEASE INFORM DEA THE FOLLOWING: JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA, AN OCCASIONAL CONTACT OF OUR OVERT OFFICE IN MIANI SINCE 1961. PERIODICALLY PROVIDES THAT OFFICE WITH FOREGIGN POSITIVE INTELLIGENACE INFORMATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FBI BE CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Y
- 2. DEA HOS INFORMED BKHERALD JUNE 74 THAT MEROLA WAS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST. THEY REQUESTED TRACES AND STATED HE REPORTEDLY WORKED FOR BKHERALD IN LATE 1950'S. WE REPLIED THAT MR. MEROLA HAD-NEVER WORKED FOR BEHERALD. ALTHOBUGH WE WERE AWARE THAT HE HAD MADE SUCH CLAIMS ON NUMBER OF PREVIOUS INSTANCES. Y
- 3. HGS RELAYING FOR STATION USE ONLY WHYMIAMI 2064- 11 JAN 74 AND DIRECTOR SU2254, 17 JAN 74, WHICH REPORTS DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON MEROLA. Y
- 4. MEROLA BEING PROCESSED INTO THE ISR AS DEA SOURCE. WILL CATE:

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- 7. FYI ONLY: POA GRANTED LEE FOR SUGJECT'S USE IN FH BOAT
 OPERATIONS; HOWEVER POA CANCELLED WHEN HE CLAIMED HE WHARLE
 SATISFACTORILY TREAT HIS SEASICKNESS. IN LH, SUBJECT INTERVIEWED BY
 FRI IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA RE GROUP OF CUBANS IN MIAMI INVOLVED
 IN DROUG OPERATIONS. SUBJECT REVEALED HIS BKHERALD CONNECTIONS TO
 FRI. Y
 - 8. FILE: 200-11-11/19; 201-740127; 201-257804. E2 IMPDET.A

*REQUESTED FRIORITY TRACES ON MEROLA AND BATISTA. DEA SOURCES AND REGISTER IN ISR.

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