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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE

5/21/73

SUBJECT

Mertell, Mitchell L.

FILE NUMBER

27686

On above date:

SC/WH. Meirini,

telephonically advised that the Coast Guard in Miami was inquiring about a Mitchell Mertell. The Coast Guard representative stated that Mertell had two boats in the Miami area, about 500 machine guns, and some personnel. Mertell allegedly was going to take over some island in the Bimini chain as a base of operations. The Coast Guard desired to know if Mertell was working for the CIA and if this was a CIA operation.

[redacted] wanted to know if OS files indicated that Mertell was being utilized by the Agency in order that he might advise the Coast Guard. I told [redacted] that there was no indication in OS files that subject was being utilized by the Agency in any capacity.

OFFICE AND TITLE

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