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After a request was made to the Police Department at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Comandante MARTIN MEJIA, who is with the Secret Service (Detective Bureau) of that department voluntarily telephoned the Legal Attache's Office, American Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico, and furnished the following information:

MEJIA stated that on May 22, 1971, he was an agent of the Secret Service of the Guadalajara Police Department. On that date, in the early evening hours between 7:00 and 7:30 P.M., he and other Guadalajara policemen participated in the arrest of JERRY BUCHANAN at Calle (Street) Puerto Melaque #1421, Fraccionamiento El Mirador in Guadalajara. During the arrest, BUCHANAN put up a struggle. At the same time, the police took custody of a 1970 or 1971 Plymouth Barracuda, blue in color, Vehicle Identification Number BH23GOE126020, with Florida license plate 29W-1647, which was parked in front of BUCHANAN'S residence at this address.

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MEJIA stated that BUCHANAN at the time identified the car as his property although he later told another story in a formal declaration given to Guadalajara Police.

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Continuing, MEJIA said that this Plymouth had a Mexican tourist sticker on the windshield showing that the car entered Mexico at Reynosa, Tamaulipas, in May, 1971, under Folio Number 122758, in the name of MELVIN BLEETSTIEN. MEJIA stated he removed from inside the car a Mexican tourist card (FM-5) issued to MELVIN BLEETSTIEN with the address of 3423 Northeast 18th Court, Baltimore, Maryland, and a Mexican temporary importation permit for the car issued to BLEETSTIEN on May 19, 1971. Also found in the car was a document which appeared to be a Virginia title, #4355, and dated April 5, 1971, which described this vehicle, and a number of blank birth certificate forms.

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MEJIA stated that he personally took the formal declaration from BUCHANAN during which BUCHANAN stated that

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On 5-16-73 at Mexico, D. F., Mexico File Mex 26-3458 Assistant Legal Attache Date By JOHN J. FOARDE, JR. Dictated 5-17-73

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he was born in North Carolina, the son of JAMES BUCHANAN and MARY WEST. At this time, BUCHANAN denied that the Plymouth was his property and said it belonged to an individual who he had met in a bar in a Guadalajara hotel but that he could only recall that this person's name was "MEL" and offered no other information as to where this individual might be living or how he might be identified and located. *(u)*

MEJIA stated that he speaks no English but that he would be willing to appear to testify in the United States if appropriate clearance was received from his superiors. *(u)*

Concluding, MEJIA stated that, with permission from his superiors, he believed he would be able to bring the formal declaration made by BUCHANAN to Guadalajara Police to any court proceedings in the United States. *(u)*

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