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DATE 11 September 1974

COUNTRY Bahamas

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SUBJECT Planning of Coup Against the
Government of the Bahamas

REFERENCES Case 61401

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