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Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Fla., and further identified ROTHMAN as acting as a "buffer" for the TRAFFICANTES and [redacted] and that [redacted] presence in the Arizona area was to bring a reported six million dollars in "hot" securities and jewelry into the U.S. [redacted] claimed he had been paid \$2,000 by ROTHMAN and was to receive an additional \$8,000 upon completion of assignment. CURTIS was unable to furnish additional details of assignment, claiming ROTHMAN had only given him instructions by "bits".

Subsequently on September 27, 1967, Miami Division advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN, FRANK HERNANDEZ and FABIO DE CRESTOFARO, aka "FAES" were in Las Vegas at either the New Frontier or Caesar's Place and further identified HERNANDEZ as formerly associated with TRAFFICANTE interest in Cuba. Subsequently on September 26, 1967, [redacted] was interviewed while residing at the El Dorado Motel, Nogales, Arizona and at the time claimed had lost money advanced to him and demanded Bureau advance him money in this matter and when advised could only be paid on COD basis, indicated plans to drop the whole deal. Subsequently on September 27, 1967, [redacted] was arrested by local authorities in Nogales, Arizona on charges of forging and passing worthless check and while in county jail, suffered epileptic fit and on September 30, 1967, after suffering second alleged epileptic fit, was released and ordered to return for preliminary hearing on October 6, 1967.

On September 8, 1967, OM 148-C-TE advised was agreeable to travelling to Florida to obtain information regarding TRAFFICANTE but was of the opinion would be more successful initially by contacting a close friend of TRAFFICANTE, who was also mutual acquaintance of the informant named PHIL ALDERISIO. However, on the eve of his planned trip to Chicago, OM 148-C-TE became ill and subsequently confined to the hospital.

On September 28, 1967, SD 1064-C-TE, advised that as he recalls, TRAFFICANTE was made a LCN member in about 1936, by STEVE ITALIANO and that TRAFFICANTE's father was under-boss in the Tampa area at the time. Informant in recalling his days in Tampa was also of the opinion that TONY DIECIDUE was actually closer associated with TRAFFICANTE than TONY's brother FRANK

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a confidential basis to the FBI and Mr. TRAFFICANTE did not want the information furnished to any other federal or local agency.

In daily telephonic contact from August 24 until 9/1/67, TP 120-C advised that TRAFFICANTE had not been in the Tampa area until late Friday night 9/1/67, and after being at the Tampa residence for only a short period of time, the entire family had gone to St. Petersburg Beach residence to spend Labor Day weekend.

On 9/5/67, Tampa 120-C advised TRAFFICANTE and family had returned to Tampa on Tuesday and subsequently advised that TRAFFICANTE had been in Tampa all day on September 8, and had left for Miami on Thursday, September 7, after having been taken to the airport by Mrs. TRAFFICANTE and grandson SANTOS. Subsequently on 9/11/67, TP 120 advised TRAFFICANTE returned to his Tampa, Fla., residence on Friday afternoon and spent the entire weekend in Tampa and on Monday morning, September 11, had gone to Dr. SAXON's office on Davis Island, as TRAFFICANTE is again suffering from a hemorrhoid condition and has a great deal of trouble with his bowels and cannot control bleeding. TP 120-C advised TRAFFICANTE seems particularly upset concerning his health and has indicated to members of the family that on almost every occasion when an individual has had hemorrhoid operation and has had a recurrence of the hemorrhoid condition cancer of the bowels result. TP 120 remarked that apparently on 9/11, TRAFFICANTE had planned to leave the house with his close associate LONGO, as shortly after TRAFFICANTE returned from the doctor, LONGO appeared at the residence but indicated to TRAFFICANTE that he thought the FBI might be somewhere in the TRAFFICANTE neighborhood. TP 120-C remarked that subsequently, LONGO, Mrs. TRAFFICANTE, and MARY JO PANIELLO made numerous trips in and out of the house apparently in an effort to determine if the FBI was in the neighborhood and that when TRAFFICANTE learned that the FBI was surveilling the neighborhood, he became very incensed.

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TP 120-C added that late in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. TRAFFICANTE had loaded the green Chevelle with some items they wanted to take to the Miami residence and indicated they planned to leave for Miami around dinner time or early the next morning and that they would stay in the Miami area for ten days to two weeks.

From 9/12 to 9/19 in daily telephonic contact, TP 120-C indicated that TRAFFICANTE was in the Tampa, Fla., area and on 9/21, advised that TRAFFICANTE had returned to Tampa on 9/20 but that for security reasons, TP 120 had been unable to contact the FBI until 9/21. TP 120 advised that from conversation which had been overheard, TRAFFICANTE, his wife and their grandson were planning to go to Jacksonville on Friday 9/22 to spend the weekend with their other married daughter, SARAH ANN.

On 9/25/67, TP 120 advised that SANTO, his wife and grandson had returned to Tampa and also indicated that a package which had arrived that day by railway express was a bed cover for Mrs. TRAFFICANTE and some sort of material for Mrs. TRAFFICANTE's hair. At this time TP 120-C indicated that the only persons recently visiting at the TRAFFICANTE's residence was the U.S. Marshal, the air conditioning repair man and TRAFFICANTE's close associate JIMMY LONGO. Stated does not know the system used by TRAFFICANTE and LONGO but that apparently LONGO knows on each and every occasion when SANTO is at his Tampa residence as he seldom ever appears when TRAFFICANTE is not present. TP 120 added that he has not had an occasion to observe any additional sums of money nor has the book previously mentioned been seen since last seen in TRAFFICANTE's possession.

On 3/31/67, KC 358-C-TE advised that ANTHONY THOMAS CIVELLA, nephew of NICK CIVELLA and a group of individuals connected with the hoodlum element, along with their wives, were to depart Kansas City, Mo., April 1, 1967, for a trip to the Bahamas and that ANTHONY CIVELLA would meet "uncle NICK" (NICK CIVELLA) there but did not know whether the reference to there meant in the Bahamas or in Miami. Kansas City Office further advised that detailed review of telephone toll calls made from

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the residence telephone of NICK CIVELLA and other telephones and locations frequented by CIVELLA did not reflect any toll calls to the Florida area.

On 9/21/67, KC 358-C-TE, advised could furnish no information concerning any possible connection between CIVELLA and TRAFFICANTE.

On May 18, 1967, TRAFFICANTE appeared Queen's County Grand Jury, Queens County, N.Y., and under oath stated his income during the past year was approximately \$15,000, that the sole source of his income was winnings at the race track and was not employed during the past year. TRAFFICANTE also testified that he had known THOMAS EBOLI approximately fifteen years, CARLO GAMBINO approximately twenty years and JOE GALLO, approximately fifteen years, having first met GALLO when GALLO was working in Georgia. TRAFFICANTE also testified that he had a little money hidden in a secret place in his home, that he did not have a bank account and had no money invested.

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Records of the Centro Asturiano Hospital were made available by Mr. RAMON VASQUEZ, Administrator.

Extended period of this report occasioned by desire to include the results of investigation conducted by auxiliary offices which were not available at the time of last report.

INFORMANTS:

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TP T1 is TP 120-C	137-460-238, 242, 245
TP T2 is Mr. DONALD ARNOTT, Villagewood Apartments, Jacksonville, Fla. (by request).	92-1-4086
TP T3 is TP 303-PC	137-1563-24, 25.
TP T4 is TP 41-C	137-142-362, 364
TP T5 is TP 350-C	137-1386-31
TP T6 is PCI	137-1777-3
TP T7 is PCI	137-1773-4.
TP T8 is PX CS 804-C	92-1-4078
TP T9 is SAM LIESIO, Apt. B-9 897 Highland Ave., Atlanta, Ga. (by request)	instant report
TP T10 is TP 97-C	137-360-242

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<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TP T11 is PCI AL CONGDON	137-1702-6,7
TP T12 is PCI <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></span>	137-1041-72,73
TP T13 is PCI <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></span>	137-1705-10,11
TP T14 is TP 349-PC	137-1792-4
TP T15 is PCI <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></span>	137-233-56
TP T16 is TP 148-C	137-806,103
TP T17 is TP 134-PC	137-753-146

LEADS:JACKSONVILLE DIVISIONAT TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Will interview SYDE DEEB, concerning any possible association DEEB or his family have with SANTO TRAFFICANTE and/or AUGUSTINE PRIMO LAZZARA. Will, during such interview if opportunity exists, attempt to determine if DEEB had any financial interest in the recent mayor's campaign in Tampa, Fla., as a source has indicated that DEEB may at one time been intimately associated with the current Mayor's mother.

AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

Will, at Southern Bell Telephone Company, identify subscriber to telephone number 829-9364, such number having been called from TRAFFICANTE's St. Petersburg Beach residence. Will thereafter conduct credit and criminal record checks to include contact with local officials handling hoodlum and gambling matters concerning the above subscriber.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Tampa  
1-USA, Miami (Attn: WILLIAM EARLE, Departmental Attorney)

Report of: SA JOHN A. AMBLER  
Date: 10/30/67

Office: TAMPA

Field Office File #: 92-1

Bureau File #: 92-2781

Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: TRAFFICANTE continues to maintain residences Miami, St. Petersburg Beach, and Tampa, Fla. TRAFFICANTE paid \$182.75 hospital bill in cash for Mrs. TRAFFICANTE confined July, 1967. Identity of individuals observed at TRAFFICANTE's Tampa residence set forth.

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Investigation Atlanta reflects no apparent TRAFFICANTE financial interest in Sans Souci Restaurant. TRAFFICANTE's associates NICK SCAGLIONE and FRANK CACCIATORE IPPOLITO arrested Tampa, 10/26/67, on ITWP and ITWI charges; associate AUGUSTINE PRIMO LAZZARA and TRAFFICANTE's brother, FINO, arrested same date on federal charges involving liquor licenses. TRAFFICANTE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO EXTENSIVE PAST ASSOCIATION IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. RESIDENCE

On September 21, 1967, at 1:12 PM, TRAFFICANTE was observed at his Tampa, Fla., residence, 2505 Bristol Ave., accepting subpoena service from Deputy U.S. Marshal MICKEY NEWBERGER.

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On October 18, 1967, TP T13 advised that PRIMO LAZZARA's daughter and her husband had recently contacted TP T13 concerning the predicament they found themselves in in connection with their being the licensed owners of the Yellow House Bar and in talking with TP T13, indicated they are so convinced that TRAFFICANTE and his associates, including PRIMO LAZZARA, are so infiltrated into law enforcement and attorneys, that these people will not even consider talking with any attorney in the Tampa, Fla., area.