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COMMENTS :

Will note that from investigation thus far conducted by the Miami Office relative to Cafe D'Artist, 732 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, that operators of such establishment were possibly former contacts of the subject in Havana. They undoubtedly have contact with JUDITH SALVAT and information furnished by NY 3368-C-TE on 4/2/62 to SA WARREN J. DONOVAN concerning subject owning Club Artist may possibly be true.

Miami will, therefore, consider timely interview of officers of such Cafe D'Artist in an effort to trace any of subject's funds.

The Miami Office will conduct appropriate investigation relative to information furnished by NY 3368-C-TE on 4/2/62 that subject source believed TRAFFICANTE operates Local 136 and uses one (FNU) GONZALES, a high class individual, to operate this local, noting Miami, in weekly airtel summary dated 5/18/62, ascertained it is identical with Local 133 - Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Union, AF of L, 921 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, and that Mr. GONZALES was President.

AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Will report appropriate investigation of 9570 Harding Avenue, Surfside, noting that CS TP 51-C on 5/17/62 indicated that Miss GEORGETTE of such address apparently furnished a receipt 3/16/62 of \$30 from Mrs. J. BRUNO; further noting that the alias has been used by the subject JAMES BRUNO when previously known to have been residing in Miami, Beach.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will note that LOUIS P. BRADY is no longer residing in Tampa, Florida. Will consider timely interview of WILLIE PEP through his place of business, the MeLody Lanes endeavoring to ascertain all facts known to him relative to subject, his activities and associates at Tampa, Miami and New York.

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TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will maintain contact with informants and confidential sources to report activities of the subject.

Will continue to explore employment of highly confidential Bureau techniques on subject's close associates.

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Bureau letter to Tampa dated 4/26/62 pointed out that even though the subject maintained an apartment and spends a great deal of time at Miami, Florida, office of origin should not be changed in this investigation at this time. The Bureau noted it was felt that the subject continues to exercise substantial control of hoodlum activities in the Tampa area and is his original base of operation. The Bureau noted Tampa should continue its efforts to penetrate the TRAFFICANTE operations and that every effort should be made to establish highly confidential sources relative to subject's operations so as to be in a position to accurately report all his present operations and interests.

The Bureau accepted reports should be submitted at intervals no longer than 30 days and that Miami and Tampa should submit weekly airtel summaries rather than daily teletypes and rather than 15-day reports. The Bureau further noted that these instructions should in no way be construed as a lessening of investigative endeavors.

On 4/16/62, MIKE LISMAN, Corporal, New York State Troopers, Liberty, New York, confidentially advised SA JOHN A. AHERN that JERRY GREITZER, presently incarcerated at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, had information on SANTO TRAFFICANTE and had given a statement to the New York State Police concerning him. LISMAN requested the New York State Police not be identified as the original source of this information as it would point to him, and under his regulations, he is required to forward his information up the chain of command, and the decision of whether or not to disseminate is made at the top.

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The New York Office advised [redacted] was a former symbol informant of the New York Office, NY 3081-C. He was discontinued 1/10/61 when incarcerated at the police barracks, Ellenville, New York. An FD-302 reflecting GREITZER's interview is maintained in his New York Office 137 file. There is no indication in his 137 file that he has furnished anything but reliable information. New York further noted that GREITZER stated that he hoped the information furnished would be forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States so that someone could get him out of jail early and he could go to work in Tampa for TRAFFICANTE and at the same time furnish information to the FBI. He was advised that this was not possible.

New York further noted that it was felt that FREITZER was capable of taking facts which are essentially true and relating them by fabrication to captioned investigation, realizing the importance of information concerning TRAFFICANTE and believing such information might result in his early release.

JOHN JOSEPH VITALE, a racket figure from St. Louis, Missouri, subject of St. Louis file 92-158, accompanied by SAM ROTH of St. Louis, arrived Tampa International Airport AM, 5/8/62 to, according to St. Louis source, look into the tomato business in conjunction with produce business VITALE had in St. Louis.

Fisur of JOHN JOSEPH VITALE and ROTH was conducted by Tampa agents and VITALE was not observed during fisur to be in contact with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. They were observed, however, to have been in contact with FRANK and ANTONIO DIECIDUE, FRANK DIECIDUE, subject of Tampa file 92-22, Bufile 92-4636, who are associates of SANTO TRAFFICANTE.

Fisur established VITALE did visit tomato outlets in the greater Tampa area and contact with TP 75-C* failed to establish VITALE mentioning subject of this case.

J. C. VALENTI, owner of J. C. Valenti and Company, Farmer's Market, Tampa, Florida, advised SAs FREDERICK A. SLIGHT and STEPHEN J. LABADIE on 5/18/62 that he had been

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contacted in the recent past by a JOHN and a SAM from St. Louis, Missouri relative to purchasing tomatoes for subsequent distribution at St. Louis. He had met them on one occasion only and was introduced to them by ANTONIO DIECIDUE, who is also in the tomato market. VALENTI stated he had previously been contacted, a short period of time prior to the above, by two other individuals from St. Louis, one of whom he recalled was named LOPICCOLO and another unknown white male (ANTHONY GIORDANO), whom he stated were interested in the banana business in Tampa for subsequent distribution in St. Louis. He said these individuals were met by him on one occasion only, not having ever known them before and that they were introduced to him by ANTONIO DIECIDUE.

The above is reported in view of the fact that subject is reported missing from Miami and his car was located on 5/11/62 at Miami International Airport and the possibility had existed he may have been in contact with subj individuals while they were in Tampa.

INFORMANTS:

TP T-1 is [REDACTED] PCI.

TP T-2 is Legat, Mexico in letter to Director dated 4/27/62.

TP T-3 is [REDACTED] PCI.

TP T-4 is [REDACTED] aka., [REDACTED] who is presently serving a sentence from 2½ to 5 years, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, which sentence received in County Court, Nassau County, 2/16/62 after pleading guilty to attempted forgery.

TP T-5 is NY 2151-C.

TP T-6 is NY 2772-C.

TP T-7 is NY 3368-C-TE.

TP T-8 is CS TP 51-C.

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TP T-9 is PCI.

TP T-10 is CS NY-1.

TP T-11 is JOSEPH B. HILL, Agent in Charge,
Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Tampa.

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A review of New York Office indices reflects no references identifiable with PETER LAPORE, ANTHONY LAPORE, EDWARD SCOPPA or ALFONSO BATTAGLINO.

On March 29, 1962, records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as furnished by PAULINE DE FIORE to IC JOHN F. GOOD, reflected no record on file for PETER LAPORE of the Ferrara Confectionary Company.

On April 13, 1962, records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as caused to be checked by SA DAVID G. JENKINS, reflected no information identifiable with PETER LAPORE.

RE: Internal Revenue Service Matters On Subject

On May 15, 1962, TP T-11 advised SAs FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN and STEPHEN J. LABADIE that

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida

MAY 24 1962

TITLE: SANTO TRAFFICANTE

CHARACTER: ANTI-RACKETEERING

REFERENCE: Report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE dated and captioned as above.

TP T-1 is an individual in a position to know of activities of D. A. LA MAR.

TP T-2 is a source which furnishes reliable information but is not in a position to testify.

TP T-3 is an individual in a position to know of activities at the Columbia Restaurant.

TP T-4 is an individual with a criminal record who comes in contact with hoodlums and racketeers in New York City, Miami and Tampa, Florida areas.

TP T-5 is a native of Brooklyn, New York, who possesses a criminal record and is personally acquainted with many hoodlums in the Brooklyn, New York area. He has been associated with gambling ventures and gambling figures in the past.

TP T-6 is an individual with an extensive criminal record who is familiar with the hoodlum element in the Brooklyn and New York City area.

TP T-7 is a native of New York City who was born on the lower East side and raised in the Bath Beach section, Brooklyn, New York. He possesses an extensive criminal record and has been associated with members of the JOSEPH PROFACI group for many years.