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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Will report results of interview with JOSEPH STASSI,
1944 E. 20th Street.

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will report results of inquiry to further identify
PEDRO F. DOMECA and JOSE GONZALEZ FERNANDEZ

Will, if considered feasible, interview EUGENE F.
KEANE and WILLIAM P. BUCKNER, [REDACTED]

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TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will continue efforts to develop additional informant
coverage of subject.

Will maintain liaison with IRS, Intelligence Unit
relative to their investigation of subject.

Will report results of outstanding leads.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 8/2/61, EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, IRS,
Tampa, confidentially advised [REDACTED]

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On 8/11/61. ADAIR [redacted]

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On 8/8/61. ADAIR advised [redacted]

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On 7/21/61, SA JOHN R. BRETT was in the office of USA EDWARD F. BOARDMAN in Tampa, Fla., reviewing FGJ records in another matter. Mr. BOARDMAN had three visitors, identified as GENE MITCHELL, Dr. (FNU) RULE, and a white female, "SCOTTY" (LNU).

All advised Mr. BOARDMAN that they were there in the interests of good government and for the best interests of the country and not for political reasons. "SCOTTY" (LNU) related that in 1954 when WILLIAM C. CRAMER was running for Congress, she was approached by one PAUL DE PETRIE, who told her that a friend of his, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, was at that time in court on some matter and wanted CRAMER's help, and DE PETRIE wanted to know if she could arrange a contact with CRAMER so that he might make a substantial contribution to CRAMER's campaign fund but with the understanding that there would be strings attached to the contribution.

"SCOTTY" contacted GENE MITCHELL, who was then campaign manager for CRAMER, and MITCHELL told her that he did not want any part of the deal.

MITCHELL then took up the story, stating that as campaign manager he received so many calls that he did not make a record of all of them and did not take action on all

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he would be willing to furnish the information he has concerning CRAMER although he qualified this by stating that two-thirds of his information was strictly hearsay.

Mr. BOARDMAN advised all three of his visitors that he was not interested in political activities in any way, that he was bound by the Hatch Act and was not going to take part in any political activities. Mr. BOARDMAN instructed his visitors to submit any complaint or information they might have to him in writing and he would then consider whatever action he might be able to take after receipt of their complaint. He pointed out that he normally did not do any investigation in his office, only prosecution, but stated he could request investigation, and if a criminal action was brought to his attention, he could do that. He stated, however, he would not take any further action on their information until he had received something in writing from them, and he declined to listen to any further information they might furnish in the matter.

Information from the records of the Central Bank of Tampa, Tampa, Florida, was made available on 7/25/61, by ROBERT TINNARO, Vice President, to SA ROBERT C. SMITH.

INFORMANTS

TP T-1 is EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa.
TP T-2 is Tampa, Florida, concealed by request.
TP T-3 is TP 46-C

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Office: TAMPA

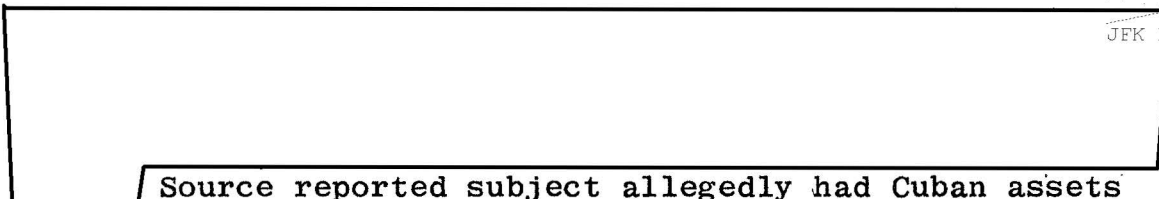
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Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:



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Source reported subject allegedly had Cuban assets liquidated but failed to receive money from person handling this matter; subject, possibly on 7/14/61, had this person brought to Tampa and subject may have obtained money. Source identified two individuals who were to work this unknown person over if money not furnished to subject, however, no call made for the two strong-arm men. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS EXTENSIVE PAST ASSOCIATION IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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DETAILS:

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

No additional facts relating to subject's personal history or background developed during the period of this report.

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II. ASSOCIATES

No new associates have been identified during the period of this report.

III. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

No new legitimate enterprises have been reported during the period of this report.

A. GUSTAVO LOPEZ MUNOZ

TP T-1 advised on

[Redacted]

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Cuba

T-1 advised on

[Redacted]

T-1, on August 8, 1961, advised

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T-1, on August 9, 1961, advised

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IV. STATEMENT OF ASSETS

A. RESIDENCE, TAMPA, FLORIDA

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V. GENERAL ACTIVITIES, TAMPA, FLORIDA

Continued spot checks of the subject's residence, 2505 Bristol, Tampa, as well as spot checks of Columbia Restaurant and the residences of subject's mother and brothers, Tampa, have failed to disclose subject's presence in Tampa.

On August 9, 1961, JAMES COSTA LONGO and FRANK TRAFFICANTE, brother of the subject, were observed at the Columbia Restaurant, Tampa. They were accompanied by a third person believed to be the subject. Positive identification was not possible, however, as this group proceeded to the back room of the Columbia Restaurant.

The newspaper "Tampa Times", Tampa, Florida, reported on August 9, 1961, that FRANK TRAFFICANTE was fined \$15.00 in Tampa Traffic Court on charge of careless driving in an accident.

TP T-2 advised on August 8, 1961, that JAMES COSTA LONGO and CASEY HERNANDEZ, part owner of the Columbia Restaurant, have been spending a great deal of time at the office of Great Southern Construction Company on East Hillsboro Avenue, Tampa. The current Tampa City Directory lists CASIMERO HERNANDEZ as president, Great Southern Construction Company.

T-2 was of the opinion that subject might well be spending time at the same location since LONGO is often with the subject when he is in town.

TP T-3 advised on July 25, 1961, that CESAR RODRIGUEZ and GEORGE MICKEY GREEN, both of Tampa, were told to be available about one o'clock, Saturday, July 15, 1961, on the possibility they would have a job to do. T-3 advised he received information that approximately a year ago a man in Havana, Cuba, had liquidated subject's assets there after CASTRO came into power and was then supposed to return all of the money received from this liquidation to the United States, instead the man stayed in Cuba and did not send any of the money to the subject. TRAFFICANTE and his group, according to T-3, have been trying ever since then to get the man out of Cuba and were successful, probably Friday, July 14th. T-3 advised he was not certain of this. T-3 related that he learned

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that two of TRAFFICANTE's men were successful in getting this man from Cuba on a plane which brought him to Tampa, and after his arrival he was given twenty-four hours to produce the entire amount of money or else.

T-3 advised the "or else" was to be [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were offered one thousand dollars to work this man over if he did not come through. T-3 advised this man apparently came through with the money as [redacted] were not called to work the man over.

On August 7, 1961, T-1 advised [redacted]

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