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Re Miami airtel to Director, 1/4/63
Miami teletype to Bureau, 16 September, 1963.

Referenced airtel set forth background informa-
tion of subject and had requested investigation Rio de
Janeiro.

On 12/19/62, LOUIS P. GERACI (now deceased),
advised the subject had told him he had been in Brazil
for two or three weeks, investing money in the coffee
industry.

Referenced Miami teletype set out that on 9/3/63,
MM 840-C advised that within recent weeks Dr. PEREZ PIDA
made two trips to Brazil. PIDA was described by source
as close associate of EVERISTO GARCIA FIDAL and close
friend of subject. PIDA told informant he was returning
to Brazil, possibly by 9/15/63.

On 9/13/63, MM 840-C reported further contact
with PIDA, who advised informant that his first trip to
Brazil was to store some coffee that belonged to subject.
PIDA's second trip was to sell TRAFFICANTE's coffee, and
that TRAFFICANTE took a loss on the sale of the coffee.
It was further noted PIDA also told source he is looking
for a location for a gambling casino in Brazil for TRAFFICANTE.

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ReBulet 1/10/63 and Rio de Janeiro's lets 2/19/63
and 3/11/63.

In connection with a raid on a gambling operation involving Harlan Alexander Blackburn, Internal Revenue Agents seized a considerably quantity of evidence. Among this evidence was a scrap of paper with the notation "Guana Barh Palace Hotel, Rio de Janeiro." The significance of this notation is not known.

Blackburn is reputedly the backer of the numbers gambling in central Florida and sources have reported Trafficante controls the numbers gambling operations in the central Florida area. It is possible that Trafficante stayed at the "Guana Barh Palace Hotel," if he visited Brazil in 1962 as was previously alleged.

The above is being furnished for the information of Legat, Rio de Janeiro, in the event any pertinent information on Trafficante investments or contacts comes to your attention.

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NOTE: Trafficante is the representative of La Cosa Nostra in Florida. During the period from 10/19/62 to 11/6/62 his whereabouts could not be established and it was alleged that he had gone to Brazil. We were attempting to locate him at that time as

Trafficante

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Source has also been reporting that Trafficante made an investment in coffee in Brazil in 1962.

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