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REFERENCES: Miami airtels to Bureau, 10/7, 8, 11, 14, 25, and 28/68.
Miami report of SA WENDELL W. HALL, JR., 10/9/68.
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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

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1. Will continue regular coverage of subject's known residences in Tampa and St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., and will keep Miami advised of subject's presence when known to be in the Tampa area. Will, at the same time, determine on a continuing basis the whereabouts of vehicles utilized by the subject and advise the Miami Division when one or more of these vehicles appear to be out of the Tampa area.

2. Will, through continuous contact with source familiar with the activities of the subject, determine his activities and associates when in the Tampa area.

3. Will identify subscribers in the Tampa - St. Petersburg areas for telephone numbers called from the subject's Miami residence during the period 8/8 through 11/8/68.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will continue efforts to locate and develop a source who is close to the subject in the Miami area who will be able to furnish information on a continuing basis regarding the activities of the subject while he is in the Miami area.

2. Will continue regular coverage of subject's Miami residence and known Miami hangouts in an attempt to determine the subject's activities and contacts while in Miami.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The investigative period of this report contains investigation which was not available at the time of the dictation of referenced Miami report.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MM 1298-C-TE, DUE TO ITS UNIQUE NATURE, MUST NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU IN ORDER TO PROTECT THIS SOURCE OF CONTINUING VALUE.

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That information from MM 1298-C-TE which has been used within the body of this report has been paraphrased and only that portion which has been confirmed and reported by other informants has been used.

On October 8, 1968, MM 1298-C-TE advised that on October 3, 1968, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, his attorney, FRANK RAGANO and HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS, traveled to Quito, Ecuador, leaving Miami at 4:00 AM, October 3, 1968, via Braniff International Airways. RAGANO was accompanied by a woman named PATRICIA OSBORNE, who had been recently widowed within the past twenty days when her husband was killed in an airplanecrash in Quito, Ecuador. RAGANO was traveling as her attorney and allegedly, OSBORNE was paying the full expenses of RAGANO and TRAFFICANTE to Ecuador.

On the trip, TRAFFICANTE mentioned that he originally had intended to deplane in Panama, but changed his plans for unexplained reasons.

On arrival in Quito, Ecuador, the party flew immediately to Guayaquil, and they checked into the Hotel Humboldt in Ecuador, Room 212, on Thursday, October 3, 1968. Shortly thereafter, RAGANO and Mrs. OSBORNE left the Humboldt and moved into the Hotel Cima.

In Guayaquil, TRAFFICANTE and TRUEBA made contact with an Ecuadorian attorney, JOSE ORDENANA, who has offices in Guayaquil. ORDENANA was placed in charge of handling the Ecuadorian interests which involved the construction of a new hotel, Hotel Continental, to be constructed immediately in Guayaquil, and which will cost two million U. S. dollars. Construction on this hotel, which has been licensed by the government and a casino license obtained by TRAFFICANTE and his associates, will begin within forty days, and is expected to take a considerable length of time in construction.

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On October 22, 1968, MM 1298-C-TE furnished the following information:

Plans are continuing for the construction of the hotel - casino in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Construction will begin in less than two months. Some of the financing will come from the Quito hotel owner, EMILIO BRUSONI (phonetic) who TRAFFICANTE met in Ecuador. TRAFFICANTE plans to retain 51% of the ownership of the corporation and plans to sell the remainder. LAZARO MILIAN DID and EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL both want to buy into the deal and will probably buy separate interests. TRAFFICANTE plans to give HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS an undefined interest for his work in setting up the Ecuadorian contacts.

FRANK RAGANO,TRAFFICANTE attorney who accompanied TRAFFICANTE and TRUEBA to Ecuador, has recently taken an apartment in the Sheraton Four Ambassadors in Miami. TRAFFICANTE has advised TRUEBA to contact him through RAGANO rather than through EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL because of all of the recent publicity over the bribery arrest of LAZARO MILIAN DID. TRAFFICANTE also worries over the fact that GARCIA VIDAL talks too much about his interests with TRAFFICANTE.

GARCIA VIDAL and LAZARO MILIAN went to a local attorney who advised them that MILIAN had nothing to worry about over his arrest on bribery charges. The lawyer allegedly advised them that as long as no money changed hands, the state would not have a good case. MILIAN has, therefore, changed his plans to flee the U. S. and is now talking about returning to the local bolita business. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and his son, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO, still are operating their bolita lay-off business, and since the arrest of MILIAN, GARCIA SARMIENTO is running some of the errands for his father.

EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL cashes his shylock loan checks in the Varadero Market located on Flagler Street where the owner will take the checks daily and deposit them through his personal account in the Republic National Bank, Flagler Street and LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida.

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TRAFFICANTE and TRUEBA ROJAS are interested in obtaining the concession to operate the Jamaican National Lottery. A friend of TRUEBA from Cuba, DAYTON HEDGES, is a close personal friend of the Prime Minister of Jamaica. HEDGES is a wealthy Cuban exile who owned the Ariguanabo Textile factor in Cuba.

On November 14, 1968, MM 1298-C-TE advised that TRAFFICANTE plans to meet with HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS and FRANK RAGANO some time during the coming week to discuss the Ecuadorian hotel - casino deal. There has been no change in TRAFFICANTE's plans for Ecuador at this time. RAGANO has been in New York for several weeks and is due back sometime after November 15th.

Source was contacted on November 20, 21, and 25, 1968, at which time he stated the meeting between TRAFFICANTE, RAGANO, and TRUEBA had has yet not occurred.

On December 3, 1968, MM 1298-C-TE advised that TRAFFICANTE had met with HUMBERTO TRUEBA at the wake of EVARISTO GARCIA's mother-in-law on Saturday, November 30, 1968. After the wake, TRUEBA and TRAFFICANTE left together and had dinner together at Prila's Restaurant, 37th Avenue and Southwest 8th Street, Miami. TRAFFICANTE advised that he was returning the next day to Tampa and would be out of the Miami area indefinitely because of the local law enforcement pressure on EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and his bolita organization.

TRAFFICANTE complains continually about the constant surveillances by law enforcement officials and continually reminds his associates never to talk business over the telephone or while riding in an automobile. He tells them also to continually be alert for surveillance vehicles and as an example TRAFFICANTE states that when arriving at an airport he will never take the first taxi in line but will always take the second or third taxi. TRAFFICANTE has mentioned that he is suspicious about his Ecuadorian trip that he took with FRANK RAGANO and HUMBERTO TRUEBA because on his return to the U. S. he was not subjected to his usual strip search by Customs officials.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MM 1323-PC, WHICH IS UNIQUE TO THIS INFORMANT, MUST NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND CAN BE USED ONLY WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF A REPORT

On October 24, 1968, MM 1323-PC advised that during the evening of October 23, 1968, SANTO TRAFFICANTE had contacted his attorney OAKLEY GRANT SMITH, JR., and asked him to come to the TRAFFICANTE home for an important and personal meeting. TRAFFICANTE advised SMITH that he had had a "run in" with an FBI Agent during the morning of October 23, 1968, and had lost his head and began to shout and rave on seeing the Agent. TRAFFICANTE was now contrite and remorseful, and expressed to his attorney the fact that he would like to sit down personally with the Agent and talk out their differences.

Source stated that recently a local Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agent in Miami approached a former employee of the 46th Street Liquor Store of Hialeah, owned by OAKLEY GRANT SMITH, JR., and offered this employee an opportunity to "fix" a narcotics case which was outstanding against the ex-employee in a local court in Miami. This agent stated that in return for having his case "fixed", he wanted information concerning the activities of SMITH. After the encounter with IRS the ex-employee went to SMITH and gave him affidavits concerning the contact with the IRS.

INFORMANTS:

MM T-1 is [redacted] PCI.

MM T-2 is MARTIN GOODMAN, Miami, Florida (By request).

MM T-3 is [redacted] Miami, Florida (PCI).

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MM T-4 is MM 1323-PC.

MM T-5 is MM 1298-C-TE.

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MM T-6 is MM 1298-C-TE (A second T symbol is being used in an effort to better conceal this informant.)

MM T-7 is Mrs. PATRICIA OSBORNE, Miami, Florida (By request)

MM T-8 is JORGE NOBREGAS, Miami, Florida (By request).

MM T-9 is MM 550-C.

MM T-10 is MM 676-C.

MM T-11 is MM 984-C-TE.

MM T-12 is [redacted] PCI.

MM T-13 is [redacted] PCI.

JFK Act 6 (4)

MM T-14 is MM 847-S.

MM T-15 is Detective CESAR CAMACHO, Dade County Public Safety Department, Miami, Florida (By request).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1. Date 10/16/68

A subpoena duces tecum was issued on October 11, 1968, by the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, directed to Mr. JOHN D. SADLER, South Florida Commercial Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative, calling for production of telephone company records in Federal Grand Jury on October 30, 1968.

Pursuant to this subpoena records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following long distance calls were obtained for telephone number 949-9048, subscribed to by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, 740 N.E. 155th Street, Miami, Florida:

Date	City	Number	Other Data
9/2/68	St. Petersburg, Florida	360-8667	
9/3/68	" " "	362-7123	
8/14/68	" " "	360-8667	
8/31/68	" " "	360-8667	
8/31/68	" " "	362-7123	
9/1/68	" " "	362-7123	
9/2/68	" " "	362-7123	
9/3/68	Tampa, Florida	876-2207	
9/5/68	" "	876-2207	
9/6/68	" "	876-2207	
9/6/68	" "	876-2207	
9/6/68	" "	876-2207	
8/14/68	" "	247-1804	
8/22/68	" "	229-1891	
8/22/68	" "	876-2207	
8/26/68	" "	876-2207	
8/28/68	" "	876-2207	
8/29/68	" "	876-2207	

On 10/15/68 at North Dade, Florida File# Miami 92-88

by IC PHILIP F. CROGHAN:bks Date dictated 10/15/68

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Date	City	Number	Other Data
8/30/68	Tampa, Florida	876-2207	
8/30/68	" "	246-9851	
9/2/68	" "	244-6531	

The above records are confidential and can only be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. Toll records are maintained by the telephone company in the normal course of business for only a period of six months.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 25, 1968

1.

A subpoena duces tecum was issued on October 23, 1968, by the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Miami, Florida, directed to Mr. JOHN D. SADLER, South Florida Commercial Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative, calling for production of telephone company records in Federal Grand Jury on October 20, 1968.

Pursuant to this subpoena, records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed, and the following long distance calls were obtained for telephone number 949-9048, subscribed to by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, 740 N. E. 155th Street, Miami.

Date	City	Number
9/29	Tampa, Fla.	876-2207
10/1	"	"
10/2	"	"
"	"	"
10/6	"	"
"	"	"
10/2	"	248-2113
10/6	"	253-3066

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by Investigative Clerk PHILIP F. CROGHAN/neb Date dictated 10/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 12, 1968

A subpoena duces tecum was issued on November 26, 1968, by the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Miami, Florida, directed to Mr. JOHN D. SADLER, South Florida Commercial Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative, calling for production of telephone company records in Federal Grand Jury on December 18, 1968.

Pursuant to this subpoena records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following long distance calls were obtained for telephone number 949-9048, subscribed to by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, 740 N. E. 155th Street, Miami, Florida:

Date	City	Number	Other Data
1968			
September 1	St. Petersburg, Florida	362-7123	
September 2	"	"	
September 3	"	"	
September 2	"	360-8667	
September 2	Tampa, Florida	244-6531	
September 3	" "	876-2207	
September 5	" "	"	
September 6	" "	"	
September 6	" "	"	
September 6	" "	"	

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On 12-4-68 at North Dade, Florida File# Miami 92-88

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Date 1968	City	Number	Other Data
September 29	Tampa, Florida	876-2207	
October 1	" "	"	
October 2	" "	"	
October 2	" "	"	
October 6	" "	"	
October 6	" "	"	
October 20	" "	"	
October 21	" "	"	
October 22	" "	"	
October 23	" "	"	
October 24	" "	"	
October 25	" "	"	
October 26	" "	"	
October 26	" "	"	
October 28	" "	"	
October 31	" "	"	
October 13	" "	"	
October 14	" "	"	
October 15	" "	"	
October 16	" "	"	
October 17	" "	"	
October 17	" "	"	

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Date 1968	City	Number	Other Data
October 18	Tampa, Florida	876-2207	
October 18	" "	"	
October 19	" "	"	
October 19	" "	"	
October 30	" "	"	
October 31	" "	"	
November 1	" "	"	
November 5	" "	"	
November 6	" "	"	
October 2	" "	248-2113	
October 6	" "	253-3066	
October 22	" "	876-2730	
October 13	" "	"	
October 28	" "	876-7614	
November 5	" "	"	
October 24	" "	246-9851	
October 29	" "	"	
October 30	" "	"	

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Date 1968	City	Number	Other Data
October 30	Tampa, Florida	246-9851	
October 15	" "	"	
October 19	" "	"	
November 4	" "	"	
October 15	" "	876-8044	
October 15	" "	"	
November 5	" "	839-3957	

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