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REFERENCES:

- WFO letter to Tampa 4/18/68
- WFO letter to Tampa 4/8/68 captioned, "LOUIS SWED, ITAR - GAMBLING."
- Report of SA WENDELL W. HALL, JR., Miami, 4/24/68
- Report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, Tampa, 4/26/68
- New Orleans letter to Tampa 5/21/68
- Louisville letter to Tampa 5/24/68
- New York letter to Tampa 5/27/68
- Atlanta letter to Tampa 5/28/68

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Information from records General Telephone Company of Florida was made available by Mr. GENE MASON, Security Department, General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Florida.

On 4/26/68 MI 623-C-TE advised that during the week of March 25-29, 1968 he had been contacted by two LCN members from Rockford, Ill. requesting the informant to arrange an appointment with PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI. During the contact these individuals advised that the boss of the Rockford, Ill. LCN family, JOE ZAMMUTO, had recently returned from Florida where had been in frequent contact with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

PUERTO RICO
FIA

On 4/26/68 MM 1298-PC advised that TRAFFICANTE had departed Miami a couple of days previously indicating would be gone for a couple of days and when returned would be making preparations for an extended trip to South America and that an associate who might make the trip was ~~HUMBERTO TRUENBA ROJAS~~. Subsequently on 5/10/68 source advised that ROJAS was planning to leave Miami for Ecuador on May 13 or 14, 1968 and that TRAFFICANTE was to follow three or four days later and that they planned to negotiate for a gambling casino in Ecuador and that TRAFFICANTE's associate, ~~EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL~~, would *FIA* also be involved in the operation. Thereafter on 5/13/68 source advised that TRAFFICANTE's current plans are for him to leave Miami, May 17, traveling to Guayaquil, Ecuador to operate a gambling casino. However, on 5/14/68, source advised that TRAFFICANTE's trip to Ecuador had been postponed until after the Ecuadorian general elections to be held on June 8, 1968. On 5/27/68 source advised that as of Saturday, May 25, TRAFFICANTE was in New York City where he had gone to appear before an unspecified hearing and had contacted EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL by telephone from New York and that TRAFFICANTE still plans to go to Ecuador shortly after the Ecuadorian national elections.

MM 1298-PC has advised that TRAFFICANTE's associate ROJAS had recently been in San Juan, Puerto Rico for TRAFFICANTE presumably to invest TRAFFICANTE funds in a Haitian shrimp factory. Source mentioned

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that the Miami contact for TRAFFICANTE when TRAFFICANTE absented from Miami is in usual instances, ~~VINCENT BRUNO~~, F/A, owner of Capra's Restaurant. Source indicated that the only person apparently who knows where TRAFFICANTE is on a daily basis is his attorney, FRANK RAGANO, and that since TRAFFICANTE's associate, EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, became involved with IRS all of TRAFFICANTE's funds are now kept by this same attorney. Informant stated that for a period of several years, TRAFFICANTE and VIDAL were able to obtain the winning numbers in the Cuban National Lottery in advance of the weekly drawing and were able to make from \$80,000 to \$100,000 weekly and had been able to obtain this advance information by contact with a high official in the Cuban Government and were in contact with this official through the Cuban Consulate in Canada. Source stated that VIDAL's associate, LAZARO MILIAN DIO, made regular trips to Canada to obtain the number. Source stated that a logical government official with whom this contact would have been made would have been ~~JORGE GARCIA BANGO~~, brother of TRAFFICANTE's associate, ~~RAFAEL GARCIA BANGO~~. F/A

CUBA

On 4/15/68 a search of Mexican Airlines flight manifests maintained at Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, failed to locate any record of TRAFFICANTE and his wife leaving Tijuana for Mexico City on 4/11 or 12/68, however the records are not maintained in good order and therefore this search would not be conclusive.

Extended investigative period occasioned by desire to include results of investigation conducted by an auxiliary office which were not available at time of last report.

INFORMANTS:

| <u>Identity</u> | <u>Location of Original Information</u> |
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| TP T-1 is TP 120-C | 137-460-279, 284 |
| TP T-2 is TP 41-C-TE | 137-142-408, 410, 415 |

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TP T-3 is [redacted]
3135 North Boulevard
Tampa, Florida (by request)

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TP T-4 is TP 349-C-TE

137-1792-30-32

TP T-5 is TP 97-C

137-360-253, 254

TP T-6 is TP 402-C

137-1705-36

TP T-7 is [MEX 34] (S)(u)

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TP T-8 is TP 296-C

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TP T-9 is TP 363-PC

137-1843-22, 26

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TP T-10 is MM 1231-C-TE

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TP T-11 is Former TP 8-C

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TP T-12 is PCI [redacted]

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TP T-13 is Dun &
Bradstreet, Atlanta, Ga.
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TP T-14 is AT 1979-PC

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TP T-15 is AT 1824-C-TE

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LEADS:

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will interview [redacted] TECIP target, for details of alleged association between [redacted] and TRAFFICANTE and/or LOUIS SWED, aka Max Borden, Max Borden, and for any past association between SWED and TRAFFICANTE.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will recontact MARTA BETANCOURT, 402 W. 45th St., Apt. 1C, to determine if recently contacted by TRAFFICANTE.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1) Will interview PCI [redacted] and fully identify TONY (LNU) residing with PAULA NAVARETTE, 2120 N.W. Flagler Terrace, Apartment #110 to thereafter interview TONY to determine association with TRAFFICANTE.

2) Will interview MANNY GONZALEZ, c/o Hamilton Gift Shop, to determine his association with TRAFFICANTE and/or his associates. Will also determine if there is any association between MANNY's brother, FRED, and TRAFFICANTE.

TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

1) Will interview JAMES CHEATHAM, 2003 25th St. whose 1959 Oldsmobile has been observed at TRAFFICANTE's residence.

2) Will interview W. RAMOS, 2605 Beach Drive, along lines above.

3) Will at General Telephone Company identify

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