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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2781)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-88) (P)
SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka.
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OO: TAMPA

On 7/8/68, MM 1298-PC advised that TRAFFICANTE was still spending the vast majority of his time in New York City, where he has been for the past month and a half. He was in Miami for a period of 2 - 3 days prior to 6/26/68, when he again left suddenly. While in Miami, TRAFFICANTE has been avoiding his residence and his automobiles, and has been staying at motels and renting vehicles. Source stated he felt certain that TRAFFICANTE was employing the same tactics in New York City.

Source states that the reason TRAFFICANTE is spending so much time in New York City is because of the recent arrest and seizure by Federal Bureau of Narcotics agents in New York of over twenty-two million dollars worth of raw heroin shipped in an automobile from Paris to New York. A New York Italian and several Frenchmen in France were arrested in this case. TRAFFICANTE has allegedly told his Miami Cuban representative, EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, that "we" lost ten million dollars due to the New York arrest.

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- 2 - Tampa (92-1)
- 2 - New York (92-846)
- 3 - Miami
 - (1 - 92-88)
 - (1 - 162-419) (H. TRUEBA)
 - (1 - 162-633) (E. GARCIA)

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Source stated that TRAFFICANTE has postponed his trip to Ecuador to sign the papers for the gambling casino which he intends to buy, together with GARCIA VIDAL and HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS, and has postponed the trip because of his New York City problems. In his place, he has requested GARCIA VIDAL and TRUEBA ROJAS to go to Guayaquil, Ecuador, in the near future, and sign the necessary government papers for the licensing of the casino.

On 7/8/68, SAC JOE REED was furnished verbally the general information about the narcotics arrest in New York City, and stated that the financial loss involved in that seizure of heroin would have amounted to approximately ten million dollars. He stated further that upon checking with his New York Office that the actual seizure of narcotics had occurred 5/18/68 and was not announced for several weeks after that date. The New York Office was advised that TRAFFICANTE was last personally observed in the Miami area on 5/16 - 17/68, and according to source, has been in the New York area since that time.

On 7/9/68, source advised that TRAFFICANTE returned to Miami sometime during the day of 7/8/68 and has his grandson with him. The grandson is in need of some gum work at a Miami dentist. TRAFFICANTE saw GARCIA VIDAL on 7/8/68.

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