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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2781)  
 FROM : SAC, TAMPA (92-1) (P)  
 SUBJECT: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.  
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*Re Per SA Gordon M. Mente*

DATE: 11/26/74

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, 11/13/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above for dissemination to Legats Caracas and Mexico City.

Also enclosed for above Legats are two photographs of subject.

Enclosed for Miami are two copies of above LHM and one copy of referenced airtel.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

### INFORMANTS:

TP T-1 is MM 416-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-2 is revealed in a confidential report of former SAC GEORGE R. MC SWAIN who made a copy of his report available to Chicago Office concerning investigation of the Havana Hilton Casino.

TP T-3 is FRANK GENTILE, who operates a poker table in the cheap backroom section of the Sans Souci and who has been connected with various activities in the Sans Souci for a number of years, who, on his own admission, has been convicted on a homicide charge in the mid-1920's, released on parole, deported to Italy about 1928, after having served a few years of his sentence and who cannot return to the U. S. This source has furnished reliable information in the past.

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TP T-5 is TP 377-C- TE

TP T-6 is TP 1960-PC,

TP T-7 is TP 41-C-TE,

TP T-8 is SD 1064-C-TE, and

TP T-9 is MIGUEL HERNANDEZ, part-time employee  
of the AID Section of the U. S. Embassy in San  
Jose, Costa Rica



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
November 26, 1974

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

I. Personal History and Background

A. Date and Place of Birth

Santo Trafficante, Jr., was born November 15, 1914, at Tampa, Florida, to Santo Trafficante, Sr., and Maria Giuseppe Cacciatore, who were both born in Italy.

B. Education

Santo Trafficante, Jr., entered George Washington Junior High School, Tampa, Florida, on February 14, 1927, at which time his parent was listed as Santo Trafficante, 1718½ Michigan Avenue, Tampa, Florida. In September, 1929, Trafficante entered Hillsborough Senior High School, Tampa, Florida. Trafficante only attended Hillsborough Senior High School for one semester and in the tenth grade left school.

C. Relatives and Background

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Present Location</u>
Santo Trafficante, Sr.	Father - Deceased August, 1954 Tampa, Florida	

On January 29, 1958, records of the United States District Court, Tampa, reflected a Declaration of Intention for U. S. citizenship number 2643 was sworn to February 19, 1923, by Santo Trafficante, who was born May 28, 1886, at Cianciana, Italy. His residence was listed as 1718 Michigan Avenue.

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SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

In October, 1973, TP T-8 was contacted by Frank Diecidue, a close associate of Trafficante. During the contact with Diecidue, source was informed that Trafficante at that time was definitely in San Jose, Costa Rica.

On January 9, 1974, TP T-7 advised that Santo Trafficante was still residing somewhere in South America, but was unaware of what particular country. However, the source did emphasize that Trafficante was definitely not in Costa Rica.

In August, 1974, TP T-8 advised that he had received information that Santo Trafficante, Jr., is "very sick." According to this source, Trafficante is so sick that he sent for his daughter. This source stated he was aware that Trafficante had an eye operation, but stated his current sickness was not related to the eye problem.

In a communication dated August 22, 1974, the Mexico City Legat of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised of receipt of information for TP T-9 that Santo Trafficante frequently visited Evaristo Garcia Vidal, Evaristo Garcia Sarmiento, and Lazaro Milian Did, who are all Cuban Nationals, and all former residents of the United States. The above three individuals fled the United States to avoid arrest and imprisonment, and currently operate a retail clothing business in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The Mexico City Legat advised that checks were made at the office of Costa Rican Immigration on August 14, 1974, and the following record of entries and exits into Costa Rica for Trafficante were noted:

Entered

April 13, 1973  
May 15, 1973  
July 27, 1973  
September 1, 1973  
November 17, 1973  
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January 17, 1974  
February 11, 1974

Departed

May 3, 1973  
May 18, 1973  
August 29, 1973  
September 22, 1973  
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January 15, 1974  
January 23, 1974  
February 27, 1974

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

On each occasion Trafficante entered Costa Rica with a tourist card. He entered from the U. S. and on each exit he departed Costa Rica for Panama. A further record was located indicating that Trafficante had been in Costa Rica during July, 1974, and had departed July 21, 1974, for Panama. He was accompanied at that time by Joseph Trafficante and Santo Paniello. The departed Costa Rica for Panama. All three had entered with tourist cards.

On September 13, 1974, TP T-7 advised that Santo Trafficante was currently residing in Costa Rica, Central America, and that he recently underwent eye surgery. According to this source, a doctor from somewhere in Florida flew to Costa Rica to perform the eye surgery.

On October 14, 1974, Inspector Korseniowski, U. S. Customs, Miami International Airport, advised that Santo Trafficante arrived at Miami on that date aboard Lacs Flight #622 from San Jose, Costa Rica.

On October 31, 1974, TP T-7 advised he had received current information that Santo Trafficante was in the Tampa, Florida, area, and had been in that area for approximately two days. According to this source, it was his understanding that Trafficante had recently suffered a heart attack. To this date, the source had been unable to determine how ill Trafficante was. In addition to the above, the source advised that Tampa, Florida, Attorney, Henry Gonzales has been spending considerable amount of time with Trafficante since he returned to the Tampa, Florida, area, in the latter part of October, 1974.

TP T-6 advised that on October 31, 1974, that Trafficante was back in the Tampa, Florida, area, and that he is currently staying with his daughter and son-in-law at 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, Florida. This source also reported that Trafficante is in poor health.

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