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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2781)

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (92-18) (P)

SUBJECT: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka
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DATE: 10/2/75

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Re Miami letter dated 6/5/75.

GUILLERMO SOLIS, Department of Criminal Investigations, Costa Rican National Police, who is assigned to the Security Detail at the International Airport at San Jose on 9/10/75 advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE arrived in San Jose on 8/5/75 via COPA Airlines from Panama. Subject reportedly had been arrested or detained in Panama. Subject departed Costa Rica 8/9/75 en route to Miami and again arrived Costa Rica on 8/18/75 via LACSA Airlines from Miami. He reportedly departed Costa Rica on 8/31/75 en route to Santiago, Chile; Lima, Peru; and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He returned to Costa Rica on the morning of 9/10/75 from Panama aboard LACSA Flight 610.

Source indicated that TRAFFICANTE is met at the San Jose Airport on each occasion of his arrival into Costa Rica by EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL. Source indicated that GARCIA VIDAL reportedly has a close association with Colonel ROSENDO HERRERA, Chief of the Department of Criminal Investigations, Costa Rican National Police, and with MARIO CHARPENTIER, Costa Rican Minister of Public Security. Subject reportedly owns a house in the Barrio Las Americas in San Jose.

Sergeant JORGE LATINEZ (protect), Panama National Guard, Panama City, Panama, on 9/11/75, advised that subject was detained 8/2/75 at the Tocumen International Airport at Panama City. Subject was accompanied by his wife, JOSEFINA MARQUEZA and by one ANSELMO ROBERTO PASSINI, an employee of the National Casinos of Panama. Subject's wife

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and PASSINI were released the same date. Subject's wife reportedly called someone in the USA from Panama, a congressman or senator who in turn called the U. S. Embassy in Panama. The Embassy thereafter called the Panamanian Department of National Investigations to inform them that there were no warrants or holds against TRAFFICANTE. Subject was released 8/4/75 and departed Panama en route Costa Rica the same date. (S)

Inquiry through the U. S. Embassy at Panama City, Panama, on 9/11 and 9/12/75 failed to indicate any record of subject's visit or supposed call from the USA concerning the subject.

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AT SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. Will continue to follow and report contacts and activities of the subject.

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