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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2781) (Enc. 1)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (92-1)

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka  
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OO:TP

Re Omaha airtel to Tampa dated 8/25/67 captioned La Cosa Nostra, a xerox copy of which is being enclosed for the Bureau.

For information of Omaha TRAFFICANTE has for the past several years spent the major portion of his time in the Miami, Fla. area and only recently purchased a new home at 740 Northeast 155th St., Miami, Fla.

TRAFFICANTE continues to maintain a residence at 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, Florida which he formerly owned but which he now leases at \$200 month from VINCENT AMATO, son of AGOSTINO AMATO, after having sold this residence to AMATO following TRAFFICANTE's being involved in a tax settlement with IRS.

During the summer months TRAFFICANTE spends a portion of his time at his St. Petersburg Beach, Florida residence. Neither Tampa or Miami have been able to establish any particular pattern as to when TRAFFICANTE will be in either of the above three locations. The telephone in Miami and Tampa residences are unlisted and when installed in the St. Petersburg residence are normally listed in the name of TRAFFICANTE's married daughter, Mrs. MARY JO PANIELLO.

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- 1 - Omaha (92-265A) (RM)
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TRAFFICANTE prior to going to Cuba in the 1950's spent all of his time in Tampa and all of his four brothers and long time associates continue to reside in the Tampa area and the allegations persist that TRAFFICANTE receives a cut from all gambling operations in Tampa and South Florida. Tampa does not at this time have a source sufficiently versed in TRAFFICANTE activities to be able to predict TRAFFICANTE's location at any given time. According to member sources in addition to TRAFFICANTE there are two other identified LCN members in the Tampa area identified as ARTURO MISURACA, aka Art Price and GIOVANNI (JOHN) MISURACA. To date no information has been developed which would indicate any association between MISURACAS and TRAFFICANTE or TRAFFICANTE's brothers. Investigation has shown some association between ARTURO MISURACA and TRAFFICANTE associate TOMMY SCAGLIONE.

In the Miami area TRAFFICANTE has been known to associate with STEFANO ANTHONY RANDAZZO, an LCN Cleveland family member; THOMAS ALTAMURA, member of the CARLO GAMBINO "family"; JOHN PHILLIP CERONE, SR., a member of the Chicago "family" and AGOSTINO AMATO, "Captain" in the GAMBINO "family."

Bureau requested to grant Omaha authority to permit OM 148-C-TE to travel to Florida for the express purpose of making contact with TRAFFICANTE and eliciting such information as possible from such contact.

Tampa prefers that such contact be first attempted in the Tampa area in the view of the following:

1. TRAFFICANTE's long time residents in the Tampa area and the assumption that persons who might be members of his "family" would be his associates residing in the Tampa area and possibly his brothers:

2. Allegations that TRAFFICANTE controls all gambling action and juke box operations in the Tampa area. However, Tampa is of the opinion that if Bureau grants Omaha such authority, Omaha should discuss with OM 148-C-TE the possible approaches to TRAFFICANTE and allow the informant to suggest whether his approach should be attempted in the Miami or Tampa area.

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In addition to the possibility of contacting TRAFFICANTE in either the Miami or Tampa area informant has indicated a close association with CHARLES C. HUTTER, aka Snooks, JK File 92-31, Bufile 92-3489 who is currently operating a Used Car lot in the Daytona Beach, Florida area and who is reportedly a representative of NICK CIVELLA. Therefore possibility exists that the informant could use the desire to visit HUTTER as his excuse or reason for traveling to the Florida area.

If the Bureau does authorize such a trip Omaha is requested to advise Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami as to the suggested or adopted procedure to be used by the informant. It is further suggested that if such trip is authorized informant should meet with SAS JOHN A. AMBLER of Tampa and WENDELL W. HALL of Miami, both of whom are assigned to SANTO TRAFFICANTE before his attempted contact with TRAFFICANTE and it is suggested that such meeting take place in a locality removed from Tampa and Miami.

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8/25/67

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TO: SAC, TAMPA (92-218)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (92-265-A) (P)  
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Tampa airtel 6/29/67.

The following are answers as furnished by OM 148-C-TE on 8/11/67 to the seven questions set forth in referenced airtel:

1. When and under what circumstances did he meet SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.?

Informant met TRAFFICANTE approximately 14 or 15 years ago in Chicago, Illinois. He was introduced to TRAFFICANTE by PAUL ALDERISIO. TRAFFICANTE was introduced as "one of us", meaning a member of the "outfit". Informant explained that at that time the Government was trying to deport CARLOS MARCELLO of New Orleans, and TRAFFICANTE was acting in MARCELLO's behalf in order to forestall this.

Through OM 148-C-TE the services of "JIGGS" DONAHUE (now dead) were enlisted. Informant explained that DONAHUE had once been an official of the Blatz Brewing Company in Milwaukee but had gone to Washington, D. C., where he became a very influential public relations man. DONAHUE, according to informant, an attorney, had many connections and was able to "pull many strings" in Washington. OM 148-C-TE advised that through DONAHUE they were successful in keeping MARCELLO from being deported. Informant observed it cost MARCELLO "a ton of money to take care of DONAHUE", but that MARCELLO willingly paid this money.

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Informant also explained that he knows TRAFFICANTE through their mutual contact, MEYER LANSKY. In this connection, informant related that in 1944 and 1945 he had been a partner of LANSKY in the operation of a dog track in Council Bluffs, Iowa, which was most lucrative until they were forced to close same by then Governor BLUE of Iowa.

Informant also advised that TRAFFICANTE is a close associate of VITO GENOVESE of New York and PHIL ALDERISIO of Chicago.

2. What territory, if any, does TRAFFICANTE control?

Informant stated, while he is not positive, it is his understanding that TRAFFICANTE controls all the juke boxes and gambling in Tampa, Florida, and has considerable influence in Daytona Beach, Florida, in concert with NICK CIVELLA and SNOOKS HUTTER.

3. Who are the individuals who are 'members' of TRAFFICANTE's 'family'? Are any other individuals in the Tampa area members of LCN, either TRAFFICANTE's 'family' or any 'family'?

Informant advised he does not know who the members of TRAFFICANTE's "family" are. He advised that he did know that TRAFFICANTE has connections in Chicago, works closely with NICK CIVELLA of Kansas City, and, as mentioned above, has the backing of VITO GENOVESE and MEYER LANSKY.

4. What business enterprises, legal or otherwise, does TRAFFICANTE have an interest in?

Informant advised, in Tampa "all the jukes, all the gambling". He also advised that until recently at least, TRAFFICANTE was on GEORGE POLERA's payroll for \$25,000.00 a year and that he works in concert with SNOOKS HUTTER of Daytona Beach, and that HUTTER has the bolito action cornered there. He observed that when any "heavy" work has to be done NICK (CIVELLA) and SANTO (TRAFFICANTE) work together.

5. To what extent is source familiar with TRAFFICANTE's activities and travels and associates?



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Informant said that he is not familiar with TRAFFICANTE's activities and travels, that he does not know him that well.

6. Is source available to travel to Tampa to contact TRAFFICANTE and develop information concerning him?

Informant said that he is available and willing to travel to Tampa if the Bureau so desires and felt that he does know TRAFFICANTE well enough that he could elicit pertinent information from him.

7. What business endeavors in the Tampa area are controlled by LCN?

Informant stated that other than the jukes and gambling, he cannot name these without making a trip to Tampa or going to Chicago and gaining this information from sources there.

Reference is also made to Jacksonville letter to Omaha dated 7/25/67, wherein CHARLES C. HUTTER, JR., aka "SNOOKS", FBI #1940356, and WALTER L. RAINEY, FBI #37063, are mentioned.

OM 148-C-TE has previously advised that SNOOKS HUTTER, originally from Omaha, Nebraska, and an extremely rough man, was in the early 1940's put in contact with the Kansas City "mob" by LEW FARRELL of Des Moines, Iowa, an LCN member. HUTTER, while not an LCN member, has for years carried out orders from the Kansas City LCN and was sent, according to OM 148-C-TE, to Daytona Beach, Florida, several years ago to represent NICK CIVELLA of Kansas City, current head of the LCN there, at Daytona Beach. Informant also advised that shortly after HUTTER was in Daytona Beach and had become a partner with JACK BUTLER in the numbers lottery there, BUTLER and his wife were murdered in their home. HUTTER thereafter became the "kingpin" of the lottery racket in Daytona Beach.

On 8/11/67 OM 148-C-TE, as he has in the past, reiterated that HUTTER represents NICK CIVELLA in Daytona Beach, Florida, controlling numbers games. He advised that a number of years ago one WALT RAINEY also went to Daytona Beach, arriving there shortly before HUTTER went. According to this informant, RAINEY had been associated with the Kansas

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City "mob" for many years, having worked with JOHNNY LAZIA when he headed it; later with TONY GIZZO, CHARLIE BINAGGIO and CHARLIE GARGARDA, and finally with NICK CIVELLA, who now heads it. Informant stated that RAINEY, like HUTTER, was sent to Daytona Beach by CIVELLA. He stated he has not personally been in contact with RAINEY recently, although he is in contact from time to time with HUTTER.

ABOVE INFORMANT ADVISED AGENT ONE MISTAKE BY HIM OR THE CONTACTING AGENT WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN HIS DEATH. INFORMATION SET OUT ABOVE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT MANNER AND, UNLESS SOURCE WELL CONCEALED, REPORTED ONLY ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES OF THE REPORT IN WHICH IT IS USED. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THIS INFORMANT IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.