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 Tampa airtels to Bureau, dated 8/11/67 and 9/5/67;
 Tampa report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, dated 8/15/67;
 Tampa letter to Bureau, dated 8/16/67;
 Miami report of SA WENDELL W. HALL, JR., dated 8/18/67;
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ADMINISTRATIVE

On August 14, 1967, MM 1231-C-TE, an active member of the La Cosa Nostra (LCN) at Miami, Florida, advised that a large movement of narcotics was imminent, involving traffic throughout the east and connected with international personages. Informant stated that several LCN members were involved, including SANTO TRAFFICANTE at Miami. He further stated that the area of activity would be in Miami.

With regard to LCN activities in South Florida, informant stated that SANTO TRAFFICANTE and PASQUALE ERRA share these responsibilities. TRAFFICANTE has control of the southeast portion of the United States, while ERRA represents those areas of Miami under the influence of New York, particularly the Bronx. Since ERRA represented the GENOVESE family, and that family is considered the most powerful, ERRA is accorded the most respect.

On August 18, 1967, MM 1231-C-TE stated that SANTO TRAFFICANTE is "head of family" and maintains some degree of control in the South Florida area. Source knew of no one to whom TRAFFICANTE would have to answer. He described TRAFFICANTE's position in the LCN as equal to that of other "heads of family" throughout the country. Source stated that TRAFFICANTE, therefore, would receive at least a piece of all gambling action, including bookmaking and bolita in South Florida. Source stated that TRAFFICANTE would have been the world's richest hoodlum had it not been for his forced departure from Cuba.

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Referenced Tampa report of August 15, 1967, set forth a lead to interview HENRY PALA regarding his knowledge as to the whereabouts of Mrs. ADAM YOUNG, the mother of NANCY PALA, his former wife. HENRY PALA has left Miami and is currently serving in the United States Army. It is to be noted that on prior interview PALA mentioned that he had only met the former "mother-in-law" on one or two occasions at the most and due to the circumstances "surrounding the marriage" between HENRY PALA and NANCY PALA, there is no indication to indicate that HENRY PALA would have any idea as to the current residence of Mrs. YOUNG.

Referenced Tampa report reset leads at Hallandale, Florida, and Miami, Florida, which were covered by Miami report of August 18, 1967.

INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is JOHN TASCHIOGLOU, Miami, Florida.
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MM T-2 is RICARDO GONZALEZ ASENJO, Miami, Florida.
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MM T-3 is FRANK DEL PRETE, North Miami, Florida.
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