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SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka

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Re Miami letter to the Bureau dated 9/11/62.

On 10/19/62, FRANK ARENZ, Vice-Consul, American Embassy, Guatemala City, Guatemala, advised he could locate no identifiable information in his files on LARRY DE JOSEPH, DONALD RICHARD SANDERS or subject.

On 10/19/62, Colonel ALFREDO CASTANEDA, Minister of Interior, Guatemala City, advised that he had never heard of subject and said he feels certain there is no plan to permit gambling under discussion or consideration by the Guatemalan Government.

On 10/20/62, JULIO PRADO GARCIA SALAS, Coordinating Minister for Central American Integration, Guatemala City, advised that LARRY DE JOSEPH, DONALD RICHARD SANDERS and WALTER OSBORNE spent some time in Guatemala about three years ago. They had arrived to investigate a business for someone in the U.S. They are believed to have made several trips to Guatemala. While in Guatemala, they stayed at the Hotel Maya Excelsior and also at the Pension Suiza and in both places cased "No Fund" checks. As a result, they were arrested. Nothing ever came of the business which they had invested in, and they are not known to have any contacts in Guatemala at the present time.

He advised that AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO, a Cuban, was in Guatemala City less than a year ago, at which time he was in the offices of JULIO PRADO GARCIA SALAS, together with Cubans JULIO GARCERON and EUSEBIO MUJAL. The only matters discussed were political matters pertaining to Guatemala and Cuba. Mr. PRADO stated that he had heard that SANCHEZ ARANGO ISTANCE Panama at the present time.

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On 10/20/62, RANDALL PETRIE, Assistant Manager, Hotel Maya Excelsior, Guatemala City, advised that he is certain LARRY DE JOSEPH, DONALD RICHARD SANDERS and AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO have not been guests at the hotel in the recent past. He said that he feels certain if they were guests of the hotel, it was at least several years ago. He advised he had never heard of any plan to construct a hotel and gambling casino in Guatemala.

ROY CRITTON, Manager, Pan American Hotel, Guatemala City, advised on 10/20/62 that he had never heard of a plan to construct a hotel with gambling casino in Guatemala City.

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MEXICO CITY OFFICE:

AT GUATEMALA CITY; GUATEMALA:

- 1. Will check records of the National Police and Bank of Guatemala Police for any identifiable information on LARRY DE JOSEPH, WALTER OSBORNE and DONALD RICHARD SANDERS.
- 2. Will continue efforts to ascertain whether LARRY DE JOSEPH, AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO and DONALD RICHARD SANDERS are attempting to construct a hotel with gambling casino and a public housing project in Guatemala.

An information copy has been designated for Miami in view of the interest of that office in subject.