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The following information was furnished to the San Juan Office, in the form of a written report, on 11/4/63, by Lt. RAFAEL ALVAREZ JIMENEZ (NA), Field Operations, Police of Puerto Rico, Hato Rey, P. R., who received the information from an informant using the code name "ACE" (identical with Bufile 92-3524 captioned "FEDERICO VIRELLA RODRIGUEZ, aka, AR") (characterize as a confidential source of information who is in daily contact with officers of Teamsters Union Local 901, Santurce, P.R., and who has furnished reliable information in the past.)

The new Hotel Ponce de Leon, Santurce, Puerto Rico, despite the fact that it appears to be one of the H. R. WEISSBERG chain, is in reality a property of SANTO TRAFFICANTE and JIMMY HOFFA. The relationship of these two with the Hotel Ponce de Leon, is verified by the fact that the attorneys who defended FRANK CHAVEZ (Secretary-Treasurer, Local 901, Teamsters Union, Santurce, Puerto Rico, who was recently tried in U.S.D.C., San Juan, for attempting to influence Grand Jurors, which trial resulted in no verdict), have been the attorneys for TRAFFICANTE for many years. They are FRANK RAGANO and HENRY GONZALEZ, of Tampa, Florida. RAGANO has been TRAFFICANTE's attorney since TRAFFICANTE dominated gambling and the hotel business in Cuba under the BATISTA regime.

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For information Miami and Tampa offices, extensive investigation has been conducted by the San Juan Office regarding the Hotel Ponce de Leon, Santurce, Puerto Rico, in connection with the case captioned, "JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, ETAL, TEAMSTERS UNION PENSION FUND LOANS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; MAIL FRAUD; FRAUD BY WIRE; CONSPIRACY," Chicago Origin, Bufile 63-7821, in which it was determined that, apparently, ZACHARY A. STRATE, JR., a co-defendant with HOFFA in the above matter, owns a 25% interest in the corporation which owns the land and will apparently own the hotel, the Ashford Condado Realty Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, and a subsidiary of the H. R. Weissberg Corp., New York City. The H. R. Weissberg Corp. purchased the Fountainebleau Hotel, New Orleans, La., from STRATE, by means of buying STRATE's stock in the Pelican State Hotels Corporation, a recipient of Teamsters Union Pension Fund Loans.

LEADS:MIAMI AND TAMPA OFFICES

Will contact informants familiar with subject's activities, and advise San Juan of any information that TRAFICANTE has an interest in the Hotel Ponce de Leon, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

SAN JUAN OFFICEAt San Juan, Puerto Rico

Will maintain contact with Lt. RAFAEL ALVAREZ JIMENEZ for any further information received from "ACE" regarding this matter.