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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING - CONSPIRACY</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA JAMES P. FLYNN, 7/1/63, at New York.  
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**ENCLOSURES**

**TO BUREAU**

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

**TO NEW YORK**

One copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is to be noted that in Tampa, Florida, captioned organization has always been described as the Mafia, under which caption numerous communications have been furnished the Bureau

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relative to alleged members and all past activities. In 1956 in Tampa, Florida, a local Hillsborough County Grand Jury investigation of the Mafia resulted in the Grand Jury's concluding that there is no national or local Mafia in Tampa; however, on October 15, 1963 in Washington, D. C. before the U. S. Senate Subcommittee Investigating Organized Crime, former Chief of Police NEIL G. BROWN, Tampa, testified that law enforcement in Tampa believed the Mafia was identical with La Cosa Nostra as described by witness JOSEPH VALACHI.

In view of the above, this report is submitted consisting of alleged members of the old Mafia in Tampa, Florida.

It is to be noted that cases are open in the Tampa Office on all individuals cited in this report as members of the Mafia.

The individual cases opened on alleged members as set forth in this report are to determine their background, current activities, and establish their prominence and/or association in La Cosa Nostra so that the Tampa overall investigative responsibility in this captioned organization can be met.

It is further noted for the information of the New York Division that it is generally understood in law enforcement that the SANTO TRAFFICANTE "family" encompasses all those in the Tampa area, however, attempts continue to ascertain the existence of individual "families."

#### INFORMANTS

TP T-1 is VERNON WARD, 4109 28th Avenue, and his brother, JOSEPH WARD, 4620 Kensington Avenue, both Tampa, Florida, who furnished a list of Mafia members to the Tampa RA in November, 1950.

TP T-2 is P. JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ who furnished a list of Mafia members to the Bureau, Kefauver Committee, and the Tampa RA in 1950 who, at such time, was a Tampa City representative.

TP T-3 is former TP 22-C,  who died recently in Tampa, Florida.

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