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

**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE dated 12/4/61 at Tampa

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**LEADS:**

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will furnish information to Tampa concerning LEONARD DARLINGTON LONG advising whether or not he would be in contact with subject, it not being known to the Tampa Office whether or not he was the person in contact with SV 263-C.

Will contact DAN B. PAYNE, 1143 Bradley Road, NE, for facts concerning any hidden interest subject or his close associates may have in any San Juan Hotel, interests subject may have in W. H. MORRIS or CARIBBEAN INVESTMENTS, and thereafter

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consider contact with W. H. MORRIS.

Will cause interview of the person contacted by SV 263-C concerning whether or not subject's whereabouts and activities, endeavoring to establish subject's exact whereabouts in Miami.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will report results of vigorous investigation to locate subject in the Miami area.

Will report results of investigation at Merrill Yarborough, Inc., concerning vehicle still located at subject's Tampa residence.

Will report results of contacts with JAMES DUCA, close associate of subject in Miami.

AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Will report results of contact with GEORGE CASPER, Manager, Pomenade Hotel, on the ocean at 25th Street.

Will report results of contact with SYLVIA LIEBOW, 1020 Lincoln Road.

Will report results of contacts with MAX CASTRO regarding subject's glasses.

SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will continue efforts to establish whether or not subject has interests in any gambling casinos.

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SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Will recontact SV 263-C for all possible information concerning subject's exact whereabouts and any information he may be able to obtain concerning subject's activities.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will maintain contact with sources, informants, and continue to explore further confidential coverage of subject, his family, relatives and associates so as to be in a position to learn his exact whereabouts.

Will report results of interview by the Albany Office with EUGENE F. KEANE, whom it has been alleged may have had some connections with subject in San Juan.

Will obtain latest telephone toll call billing for subject residence 253-2207.

Will be alert for subject and any activities over the Christmas holidays.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Tampa Office continues to explore the possibilities of confidential Bureau techniques in efforts to establish subject's whereabouts and activities.

By communication from Legat, Madrid to Director dated November 28, 1961, Legat pointed out that Dr. GUSTAVO LOPEZ Y MUNOZ at Madrid advised that he had been interviewed by the Miami Office in this matter on three previous occasions and had furnished substantially the same information as set forth in a letterhead memorandum. He had also been interviewed by Agent EDGAR ADAIR, IRS, Tampa, and in his desire to be of assistance, he had voluntarily presented Mr. ADAIR his banking records.

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ON 7-22-88

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INFORMANTS:

TP T-1 is NORMAN BERNARD PEETLUK, inmate, Avon Park Correctional Institute, who was allegedly formerly associated with numbers racket in central Florida.

TP T-2 is TP 50-PCI whose identity is known to Bureau.

TP T-3 is TP CS 51-C whose identity is known to Bureau.

TP T-4 is SV 263-C whose identity is known to the Bureau and which information is reported in case entitled AUGUSTINE PRIMO LAZZARA, IGA, Tampa file 162-6.

TP T-5 is [REDACTED], - PCI

TP T-6 is [REDACTED] - PCI, who is the only waiter employed at the Columbia Restaurant who is there on a daily basis.

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The accounting firm of FERNANDEZ Y FERNANDEZ of Marianao, Cuba, according to Dr. LOPEZ, was the firm that had performed the accounting operations for the Sans Souci Night Club up until 1958, at which time he vaguely recalled some of the bookkeeping duties of this firm may have been taken over by the Consultorio Fernandez. This was all that Dr. LOPEZ stated he knew of the accounting operations of the Sans Souci.

Dr. LOPEZ advised he knows nothing about the subject's present or future plans, stating he has had no legal contact with the subject since subject's departure from Cuba in 1959.

C. GENERAL ACTIVITIES AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, TO LOCATE SUBJECT

On December 5, 1961, subject's daughter MARY JOSEPHINE PANIELLO was observed at Henry Grady School and on the same afternoon, subject's daughter, SARAH ANN TRAFFICANTE, was observed at 2505 Bristol Avenue.

On December 5, 1961, Dr. ANTHONY PERZIA, Citizens Building, advised SA JOHN R. BRETT that he saw JIMMY LONGO in the Columbia Restaurant a week ago, Saturday, at which time he asked LONGO where SANTO was and LONGO said he was in Miami. He has not seen TRAFFICANTE in a long time and can furnish nothing further as to his location.

He last examined TRAFFICANTE on March 22, 1961, and gave him a prescription which he knows he had filled with MAX CASTRO in Miami. He believes CASTRO's place is called the Union Optical Co. and SANTO had several pairs of glasses made there. When asked why he would have several pairs, he said he likes a lot of different kinds of glasses, some dark glasses, some plain, some with bifocals, some without the bifocals, pink glasses, etc. He said he had had some contact lenses made when he was in Cuba and thinks he had the examination for these made in Cuba. He is near

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sighted but has no special problem with his eyes, other than needing bifocals, too. [redacted] had no further information of value.

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On December 6, 1961, SARAH ANN attended classes at the University of South Florida and MARY JOSEPHINE PANIELLO was at Henry Grady School. AUGUST PANIELLO was observed on the night of December 6, 1961, alone at the Dream Bar, 2801-05 Nebraska Avenue and the new vehicle that was observed at 2505 Bristol Avenue, bearing 1961 Florida license 10W-62025, which vehicle was traced to Merrill Yarborough, Inc., used car dealer, Miami, Florida, was still observed in the garage at 2505 Bristol Avenue.

TP T-1 advised SA BENJAMIN H. COOKE on December 6, 1961, that he was personally acquainted with the subject and on several occasions in the past, he has been a guest of the subject on the subject's yacht when it was anchored near Havana, Cuba, during the BATISTA days in Cuba. Source stated that the last information that he had concerning the subject was that the subject is now residing in the keys off Florida, in the vicinity of Key West. Source stated the subject is supposed to have a home there and to be living there using the name LOUIS SANTOS, which is also the name that the subject used when he registered in a motel while he was attending the "Apalachin meeting" in New York State several years ago. Source then noted that he did not care to discuss the matter of the subject any further.

Captain ELLIS CLIFTON, Vice Squad, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, advised SA LIONEL E. BELANGER on December 6, 1961, that subject's whereabouts was unknown to him and his sources.

TP T-2 advised on December 6, 1961, that no information developed that subject was in Tampa, and noted that source was with SAM TRAFFICANTE, NICK SCAGLIONE and JIMMY BRUNO at the Palm Service Station on December 6, 1961. Source further noted that he was with such persons as



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AUGUST PANIELLO, NICK SCAGLIONE, SAM and FANO TRAFFICANTE on the night of December 6, 1961, at the Dream Bar and the only indications concerning subject was that he continued to reside in Miami, no address being stated by this group.

TP T-3 made available the information to SA LABADIE on December 4, 1961, that AUGUST C. PANIELLO was still employed by Bay Distributors, Inc., and sold liquors to such establishments as Crystal Bar, 1209 N. Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, Florida, Rock Station, Highway 301, Route 1, Bushnell, Florida, about November 17, 1961.

Source made available the information that on September 1, 1960, SARAH ANN was in Miami Beach, Florida, and wrote a letter to her sister MARY JO PANIELLO at 2505 Bristol Avenue, giving the return address of La Salle Apartments. She noted in the letter, among other matters, that "Daddy invited" her boyfriend, RICK (RICHARD VALDES) to eat with them and the group also included a JIM and a MILO.

Source furnished the information on December 7, 1961, that Mrs. SANTO TRAFFICANTE's dog was ill and the dog's name was "Twinkle", that LUCILLE TRAFFICANTE ALBANO, aka., Mrs. FRANK P. ALBANO, received two silver knives for her wedding from MARY JO and AUGUST PANIELLO and that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, 2505, Bristol Avenue, was sent from Miami Beach, Florida, a letter with return address The Promenade Hotel on the Ocean at 25th St. The envelope apparently contained a letter from the Manager, GEORGE CASPER of the Promenade Hotel noting "It is with a great deal of pride that I can write and tell you of my appointment as Manager of the Promenade..." Apparently Mr. SANTO TRAFFICANTE had been a previous customer to Mr. CASPER.

Detective BERNARD PACER, Tampa Police Department, advised SA JOHN R. BRETT on December 8, 1961, that he gets his haircuts in Ybor City section of Tampa at the barber shop of BENNY MARCHESE, who is SANTO's brother-in-law. About three weeks ago, he was in there when one of the customers asked where SANTO was and a man in the barber chair, who is unknown to PACER, stated that SANTO was in San Juan,