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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2781)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (92-1)

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., AKA;
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Re Bureau letter to Tampa 10/28/68.

For information of Miami, JOHN WILLIAM STALEY, AKA, JOHN STALEY, is a white male, born October 4, 1924 at Bradenton, Florida having FBI # 594-578C and has numerous arrests for public drunkenness, impersonation of police officer, forgery and display of deadly weapon. STALEY according to a long-time associate, he is an alcoholic, extremely emotionally unstable and is believed to be mentally incompetent. During March of 1963, STALEY was interviewed by Bureau agents concerning his possible association with FRANK DIECIDUE, LCN member, associate of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, and now missing LOU BRADY. STALEY on this occasion unable to furnish any pertinent information and again during January of 1965 STALEY was recontacted at his request and on this occasion claimed he had not seen SANTO in two years and wouldn't know him if he saw him. STALEY did claim an association with SANTO'S brother, FANO through frequenting the Dream Bar in Tampa at which establishment FANO is employed as a bartender.

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In July of 1965, STALEY furnished Tampa Office and OSI, MacDill with unfounded and uncorroborated information concerning an individual allegedly using STALEY'S Air Force Base pass. In addition, according to OSI, STALEY furnished unfounded information concerning gold smuggling which on investigation by Secret Service was found to have no veracity.

3-Bureau
3-Tampa
1-Miami (92-88)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Since this time STALEY has on several occasions telephonically contacted SAC in the SAC'S residence and on most occasions has been in an intoxicated condition at the time and in August of 1968 telephonically contacted the Bureau and at this time admitted was drunk at the time of contact.

For the above reasons, Tampa does not recommend any contact with STALEY however will be alert for any overture made by STALEY towards setting up a potential meeting with TRAFFICANTE.

It is noted that Tampa is not in receipt of Miami's airtel dated October 25, 1968 wherein OAKLEY GRANT SMITH, JR. apparently makes some overture toward a possible meeting between TRAFFICANTE and the FBI. As Miami is aware TRAFFICANTE was in Tampa, Florida on October 10, 1968, at which time SA JOHN A. AMBLER maintained a surveillance of him. TP 97-C has advised that on 10/10/68, TRAFFICANTE while at the Columbia Restaurant Coffee Shop was approached by JIMMY LONGO and that LONGO advised TRAFFICANTE of SA AMBLER'S presence in another portion of the coffee shop at which time TRAFFICANTE remarked to the effect that he almost wished SA AMBLER would join him at his table. Miami may wish to furnish Tampa with a copy of Miami airtel 10/25/68 as Tampa, although no longer OO continues to maintain tremendous interest in TRAFFICANTE and his associates, some of whom have been identified as being LCN members in the Tampa area and as the Bureau has pointed out, Tampa has a continuing substantial responsibility in the TRAFFICANTE investigation and is most desirous of taking advantage of any opportunity which would permit a meeting between TRAFFICANTE and the FBI.

On October 30, 1968, records of Most Holy Names Roman Catholic Church, 2316 East 7th Avenue, Tampa reflect that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, born November 15, 1914 was baptized February 21, 1926 with sponsors shown as DOMENICO ARCURI and FELICIA LONGO.