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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (92-2781)

DATE: 12-31-59

FROM : Legat, Havana (92-1)

SUBJECT: ⁰ SANTO TRAFFICANTE, Jr., aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Remylet 10/20/59, captioned as above and letter of 12/16/59, captioned, "SALVATORE G. SCALIA, ANTI-RACKETEERING."

On 11/23/59, PCI ALBERTO SUAREZ ALEMAN, doorman at apartment building where TRAFFICANTE resides when in Cuba, advised that Subject had encountered some kind of unexpected difficulty in the United States in connection with a tax problem, the exact nature of which was unknown to PCI, that is whether State or Federal, but according to his information the Subject was delayed in a court in Jacksonville, Florida, and in any event had not returned to Cuba.

In regular reports on the gambling activities in Cuba, HAV 33 has periodically reported the absence of Subject from Cuba. By report dated December 28, 1959, informant reported that Subject is reported to have completed arrangements for operation of the Casino in the Hotel Internacional of Varadero, Cuba, (famous beach resort about one and one-half hours drive from Habana). He has named a Tampico man, BENNY FERNANDEZ, to manage the business for him. BENNY FERNANDEZ is reported to be a man in the confidence of TRAFFICANTE and has been in his employ at the casino in the Comodoro Hotel in Habana. As of 12/27/59, TRAFFICANTE had not returned to Cuba.

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