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TITLE OF CASE SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN A. AMBLER	TYPED BY MTW
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REFERENCES: Tampa report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, 4/13/66.
Los Angeles letter to Director, 4/27/66, captioned "La Cosa Nostra".

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Original and one copy of LHM, characterizing informants used in this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

By letter dated 5/9/66, Tampa submitted appropriate copies of LHM, captioned "RICHARD EDWARD VALDES", for appropriate dissemination in view of information contained therein that VALDES, who is the son-in-law of TRAFFICANTE, had been appointed commissioned officer in U. S. Navy.

On 5/4/66, files of the USA's Office, MDF, Tampa, Fla., concerning

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Civil Docket No. 4291 and 4294, were reviewed and reflect that Netherlands Insurance Company had in Answer to Interrogatories, indicated that the Netherlands Insurance Company did, on 5/4/61, issue policy No. 888599 covering property located at 2801 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida, known as the Dream Bar; that the policy was a standard fire insurance policy covering the structure only to the maximum extent of \$10,000, with the insured being listed as the Estate of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, SR., SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., SAM TRAFFICANTE and FRANK TRAFFICANTE. Answer further indicated that the Netherlands Insurance Company was not aware of the identity of the party applying and that the agency handling the application was Spradlin Insurance Agency, which was no longer in existence and that the records for 1961 had apparently been destroyed.

INFORMANTS:

The following listed informants were contacted by SA JOHN A. AMBLER, unless otherwise indicated.

TP T-1 is TP 120-C.

TP T-2 is TP 246-C, contacted by SA JOHN R. BRETT.

TP T-3 is TP 41-C.

TP T-4 is PCI JAMES PATE FERRERA, contacted by SA WILLIS R. SMITH.

TP T-5 is LA 4691-C-TE, identity of contacting Agent unknown.

TP T-6 is TP 182-C-TE, contacted by SA JAMES B. HAFLEY.

TP T-7 is Mr. ALTON M. BRYANT, Security Director, General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Fla., (by request).

TP T-8 is TP 249-PC.

TP T-9 is TP 97-C.

TP T-10 is Sgt. JACK DE LA LLANA, Intelligence Unit, Tampa PD (by request).

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TP T-11 is TP 155-C.

TP T-12 is GENE MASON, Security Department,
General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa (by request).

LEADS:

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLA.

(1) Will recontact PAT CAMMISA, 6953 Harding, who was last contacted during 1963, and who is a close friend of TRAFFICANTE's Miami, Florida landlord, in an attempt to determine if CAMMISA has had recent access to TRAFFICANTE's apartment, and to determine possibility of developing CAMMISA as a source being in a position to furnish information concerning TRAFFICANTE's whereabouts.

(2) In view of information indicating TRAFFICANTE traveling to unknown destinations during periods of time when he is believed to be in Miami, it is suggested that Miami attempt to establish neighborhood source in a position to furnish information on a day-to-day basis concerning TRAFFICANTE's location.

*(3) Will report results of investigation previously requested and re-stated in report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER dated 4/13/66.

SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, P. R.

Will contact appropriate sources familiar with the hoodlum element and exhibit photograph of TRAFFICANTE which is contained in the La Cosa Nostra index, in an effort to determine if TRAFFICANTE known to recently have been in San Juan.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

Will attempt to identify (FNU) VALENTI, and if identified, furnish Tampa and Miami background information,

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including photograph and attempt to determine reason why VALENTI would travel to Florida to contact subject.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLA.

(1) Will interview MANUEL FERNANDEZ, City Sanitation Department, for information concerning TRAFFICANTE, it being noted FERNANDEZ apparently recently in Miami and possibly in contact with TRAFFICANTE and TRAFFICANTE's attorney, FRANK RAGANO, while in that area.

(2) Will maintain close contact with TP 120-C, for any information this individual may be able to obtain concerning TRAFFICANTE's alleged trips.

(3) Will report results of investigation previously requested of Atlanta and Newark.

AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Will, at Warner Construction Company, 1234 34th Street South, attempt to determine identity of individual who, during 1/66, on two occasions contacted TRAFFICANTE's associate, DINO CELLINI. Will, when identity is established, if deemed appropriate, interview to determine possible association with TRAFFICANTE and association with TRAFFICANTE's associate, CELLINI.

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TITLE OF CASE SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN A. AMBLER	TYPED BY DB
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, 3/8/66.
 Newark letter to Miami, 3/24/66. (IO)
 Tampa letter to Atlanta, 4/1/66. (IO)
 Miami airtel to Tampa, 3/31/66. (IO)
 Tampa airtel to Miami, 4/5/66. (IO)
 Chicago letter to Tampa 3/22/66. (IO)-
 captioned FRANK RAGANO.
 Atlanta letter to Tampa, 3/25/66 (IO).
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Enclosed is original and one copy of LHM characterizing informants used in attached report.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On January 24, 1966, a green Cadillac convertible bearing Georgia License 1A 12559 registered to RALPH EKBERRY, 2744 Ben Hill Road, E. Point Gas., was observed at TRAFFICANTE'S

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Miami, Fla., residence. Investigation previously conducted by Atlanta Division reflects that in 1962 EKBERRY was co-maker on a note in the amount of \$3,000 at the Bank of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., along with Mrs. GLENDA G. HANKS, 1129 Selvin Ave., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., with HANKS further being identified as a girl friend of JAMES E. BARKER, Atlanta, Ga., who had dealings with ALLEN DORFMAN, a JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA associate. During 1961 CG 6386-C*, advised that the leader of organized crime in Chicago at that time SAM GIANCANA, informed a close associate that the associate should make contact with "DORFMAN" in order to obtain a loan from JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA because "DORFMAN belonged to HOFFA". Although it is not known whether in this instance GIANCANA was referring to ALLEN DORFMAN or to his father, PAUL, the distinction would make little difference, in that both are closely associated in the insurance business in Chicago.

On April 6, 1966, the files of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Fla., Tampa, Fla., concerning civil docket 4291 and 4294, were reviewed and reflected that by letter dated 3/24/66, directed to WESLEY R. THEIS, Clerk, U.S. District Court, MDF, Tampa, Fla., TRAFFICANTE's attorney ARTHUR B. CUNNINGHAM submitted answer to Interrogatory as required by U.S. District Court Judge JOSEPH P. LIEB. In the answer it was sworn to and subscribed to on March 23 before CUNNINGHAM and it was signed by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. TRAFFICANTE claimed that he did not own or have any interest in any assets other than those listed in his statement of net worth dated 12/13/64 which was attached to offer in compromise. TRAFFICANTE also claimed that A. J. WRIGHT was deceased, that the amount loaned to WRIGHT was \$8,000 at 6% interest and that the loan had been made prior to October, 1948. TRAFFICANTE also disclaimed ownership of 1960 Ford Falcon and indicated that the only property which he had transferred since 1945, which had a fair market value in excess of \$200, was property described as Lot 16 and 17, Block 3, Parkland Estates, Tampa, Fla., valued at \$36,750.00, which had been sold to VINCENT and JEAN AMATO, 195 N.E. 19th Ave., N. Miami Beach, Fla.

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TP T1 is TP 120-C	Contacted by SA JOHN A. AMBLER
TP T2 is Mrs. GEORGE HUBER, 528 N.E. 72nd St., Miami, Fla., by (request).	Contacted by SA PAUL A. SCRANTON
TP T 3 is PCI JAMES EMORY WIGH	Contacted by SA JOHN A. AMBLER
TP T4 is TP 41-C	" " " "
TP T5 is TP 246-C	Contacted by SA JOHN R. BRETT
TP T 6 is Mrs. JOHN KREGG, Apt. 2, 1538 Farnell Rd., Decatur, Ga., by (request).	Contacted by SA JOHN GRANFIELD
TP T7 is CG 6443-C-TE	Contacted by unknown Agent.
TP T8 is TP 249-PC	Contacted by SA JOHN A. AMBLER
TP T9 is PCI RAY LA PORTE	" " " "
TP T10 is TP 235-PC	" " " "

LEADS:

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.*

Will, at Southern Bell Telephone and Teleg. Company, determine identity of subscriber to number 836-6497, who was called July 10, 1965 from TRAFFICANTE's Tampa residence. Will, thereafter conduct credit and criminal record check and if deemed appropriate, interview this individual to determine degree of association with subject.

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AT EAST POINT, GA.

Will, interview RALPH EKBERRY, 2644 Ben Hill Road, to determine degree of association with subject, it being noted EKBERRY's automobile was observed during January, 1966 at TRAFFICANTE's Miami, Fla., residence.

Will also determine if EKBERRY acquainted with ALLEN or PAUL DORFMAN, Chicago, Ill., and if any known association between DORFMAN and TRAFFICANTE.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLA.

* (1) Will contact appropriate official, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., and determine identity of subscriber to 379-0272, called September 7, 1965, from the TRAFFICANTE Tampa residence and to telephone number 754-1748, who was called Aug. 2, Sept. 3, and 9, from the Tampa residence.

* (2) Will recontact MM 1025-C concerning his having observed an individual whom he described as TRAFFICANTE's daughter, driving a Buick Riviera, as results of investigation have not previously indicated that either daughter of TRAFFICANTE has a Buick Riviera. Only known cars available to the TRAFFICANTE family are two 1965 white Dodge Darts, a bluish green 1964 Chevelle, and a blue 4-door 1966 Dodge.

* (3) Will contact officials, Medley Enterprises, Inc., - Tallow Masters, Scott Road, and determine if SANTO TRAFFICANTE or any of his brothers have ever been stockholders in this Corporation.

* (4) Will interview J. E. HUMBER, 140 NW 77th St., Apt. 6, for any information he may have concerning TRAFFICANTE, as an automobile registered to HUMBER was observed at the TRAFFICANTE residence on 8/4/65.

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Report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, 2/8/66,
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Tampa letter to the Director, 3/2/66.

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X Information from records of the General Telephone Company of Florida was made available by H. W. HUFF, Centralized Toll Investigations, General Telephone Company of Florida.

Case has been: Pending over one year Yes No; Pending prosecution over six months Yes No

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On 3/4/66 files of the USA's Office, MDF, Tampa, Fla., concerning Civil Case #4291 and 4294 involving TRAFFICANTE and his brothers, HENRY and SALVATORE, were reviewed and reflect that on 1/27/66 U. S. of America as plaintiff filed interrogatories with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. ET AL and Netherlands Insurance Company, ET AL as defendants. Plaintiff requested the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as one of the defendants to furnish information as to whether the insurance company had issued any insurance policy other than Policy numbers 7356569C and 7577785C on the life of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. and in connection with the two mentioned policies were requested to answer certain questions concerning dates policies issued, amount paid as premiums, name and address of person having right to claim cash surrender value, and the present cash surrender value.

In another Interrogatory filed the same date SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. was requested to advise whether he owned or had an interest in any assets other than those set forth in his Statement of Net Worth dated 12/31/64, which was attached to an Offer in Compromise previously submitted. TRAFFICANTE was also requested to fully identify any such property described in answer to the above, was also requested to furnish certain information concerning A. J. WRIGHT, and to state whether or not he had transferred any property since 1945 which property had a fair market value in excess of \$200.00. If TRAFFICANTE answered the clause immediately above in the affirmative, he was to then identify the property, and identify the transferee of each such conveyance.

On 2/17/66 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company furnished an Answer to an Interrogatory directed to it as mentioned above, indicating that the only two policies issued on the life of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. were #7356569C issued 9/8/42 and #7577785C issued 11/20/45, and that the current cash surrender value of the first-listed policy was \$4,838.00 and the second as \$4,055.00

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TP T-2 is TP 41-C

TP T-3 is PCI JAMES EMORY WIGH

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TP T-4 is TP 148-PC contacted by SA JOHN R. BRETT

TP T-5 is TP 97-C

TP T-6 is Mr. GENE MASON, Security Department,
General Telephone Company of Florida (by request)

LEADS

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLA.

1. Will, at the General Telephone Company, determine identity of subscriber to telephone number 862-9541, who, during January, 1966, on two occasions was in telephonic contact with TRAFFICANTE associate DINO CELLINI, Miami, Fla.

2. Will conduct credit and criminal record checks on JOSEPH M. GULLO, 1011 N. Armenia, who, during January, 1966, was in telephonic contact with TRAFFICANTE's Miami, Fla. apartment. Will thereafter, if deemed appropriate, interview GULLO to determine degree of association with the subject.

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