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1. Will continue efforts to locate and develop a source who is close to the subject in the Miami area who will be able to furnish information on a continuing basis regarding the activities of the subject while he is in the Miami area.

2. Will continue regular coverage at subject's Miami residence and known Miami hangouts in an attempt to determine the subject's activities and contacts while in Miami.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The investigative period of this report includes investigation not available at the time referenced Miami report was prepared.

On December 15, 1967, the U. S. Post Office letter carrier who services the TRAFFICANTE residence at 740 Northeast 155th Street, advised that he has seen the occupants of that address on only infrequent occasions, and that no one ever comes to the door when mail is delivered. Normally the only mail delivered to the residence is an Italian language newspaper published in Tampa, Florida. The carrier also noted that all subscriptions and clubs such as Book of the Month and record clubs are refused at this address when they are delivered.

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GARCIA BANGO and NOBREGAS HERIA were law partners in Cuba after the FIDEL CASTRO revolution on January 1, 1959, and among their clients at that time was SANTO TRAFFICANTE who they represented in his fight against deportation from Cuba.

On his arrival in Miami on November 27, 1967, GARCIA BANGO tried to contact TRAFFICANTE at his old residence on 71st Street, Miami, and found that he had moved. He then made contact with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and got the new telephone number and address for TRAFFICANTE. GARCIA BANGO made arrangements to meet TRAFFICANTE for dinner on the next evening, November 28, 1967. GARCIA BANGO and NOBREGAS HERIA met the TRAFFICANTE family on the evening of November 27, 1967, at Sonny's Restaurant, 23rd Street, Miami Beach, where the TRAFFICANTES were celebrating their grandson's birthday with the boy and his mother. After dinner the women and the boy left and the three men, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, GARCIA BANGO, and NOBREGAS HERIA, sat and drank in the restaurant until 3:00 AM. They engaged in social conversation about Cuba and about the trip TRAFFICANTE made to Spain last year when he saw GARCIA BANGO. TRAFFICANTE mentioned that he had made this trip without the knowledge of his wife who learned of his trip when the newspaper carried the story of his arrest and search on arrival in New York on the return trip. TRAFFICANTE mentioned that he had gone to Spain in order to meet and date AVA GARDNER who he has been trying to take out for years. He was foiled in this regard by the close surveillance of the Spanish National Police all of the time he was in Spain.

After the hours at the restaurant, the party adjourned to the TRAFFICANTE residence where TRAFFICANTE opened a bottle of Pinch and they consumed the bottle. GARCIA BANGO and NOBREGAS HERIA left the TRAFFICANTE residence at 6:00 AM.

At 3:00 PM the next day, November 29, 1967, GARCIA BANGO met with TRAFFICANTE in the law offices of FRANK RAGANO and ANGELO ALI, attorneys for TRAFFICANTE. At 9:00 PM that night GARCIA BANGO met TRAFFICANTE for dinner at Capra's Restaurant, 84th and Biscayne Boulevard, Miami.

SANTOS J. TRAFFICANTE and his wife, GERALDINE LEE TRAFFICANTE reside at 7821 53rd Street, Tampa, Florida. AUGUST PANIELLO and his wife, MARY JO PANIELLO reside at 2505 Bristol Street, Tampa, Fla. They arrived at Miami at 12:03 PM on January 17, 1968, from Freeport, Bahamas, via Bahamas Airline Flight 307.

On January 18, 1968, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Inspector BOYCE, Miami International Airport advised that SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, nephew of captioned subject, had returned with his wife from a visit to the Bahamas on January 17, 1968, and that he had indicated he was returning to his home.

On January 19, 1968, Assistant Commissioner STANLEY R. MOIR, Bahamas Police Force, Nassau, advised that a group of individuals composed of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, RAYMOND PONTINI, CARL IPPOLITO, MAYNARD SAMMONS, ANGELO BRUNO, and JOHN SIMONE were all registered at the Holiday Inn Motel, Freeport, Bahamas, Rooms 40, 42 and 44A. They checked out January 17, 1968, and all bills were paid for by JOHN SIMONE.

PONTINI and SAMMONS are residents of Puerto Rico.

ANGELO BRUNO is the head of the Philadelphia family of the La Cosa Nostra (LCN) and a member of the LCN Commission.

JOHN SIMONE is a Capo in the BRUNO family and resides in Trenton, New Jersey, and North Bay Village, Florida.

CARL IPPOLITO is a member of the BRUNO family and an associate of JOHN SIMONE.

On January 19, 1968, U. S. Customs Inspector MIKE ROMANO advised that on the return of JOHN SIMONE to the United States he was accompanied by CARL IPPOLITO, and ANGELO BRUNO. On the return on January 16, 1968, this group was also accompanied by MAYNARD SAMMONS, 28 Diamonte, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, and RAYMOND PONTINI, Box 6272, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

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