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REFERENCE:

Report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE, dated 8/20/63, at Tampa; Bulet to Tampa, 8/30/63.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU:

Original and copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADS:

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

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<p>3 - Bureau (92-2781) (REC-2)</p> <p>1 - USA, Tampa</p> <p>2 - Atlanta (92-135)</p> <p>3 - Miami (92-88)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1 - USA, Miami) Att:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mr. WILLIAM KENNEY</p> <p>2 - New York</p> <p>2 - Tampa (92-1)</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">1-Dept 10/1/63 ICC DAD</p>			
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4. Will extend coverage at Miami International Airport relative to subject's departures, it being noted he also undoubtedly meets unknown persons there.
5. Will identify a NICK JEROME, who was listed as an associate of subject, U. S. Customs records, Miami, as set out in Miami teletype dated 9/16/63.
6. Will follow any Grand Jury proceedings relative to subject in the case entitled, "CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY, et al; Pan American Bank of Miami, Florida - VICTIM; ITSP; MF; ITAR - EXTORTION" (OO: MM) (MM 87-16480).

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AT TAMPA, FLA.

Will continue to report activities on the part of the subject at Miami and whenever he visits Tampa, extending further coverage of his associates.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 9/3/63, MM 840-C advised that within recent weeks Dr. PEREZ PIDA made two trips to Brazil. PIDA was described by informant as close associate of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and close friend of subject. PIDA told informant he was returning to Brazil probably by 9/15/63.

On 9/13/63, MM 840-C reported further contact with PIDA who advised informant that his first trip to Brazil was to store some coffee that belonged to subject. PIDA's second trip was to sell TRAFFICANTE's coffee and that TRAFFICANTE took a loss on the sale of this coffee. Informant was unable to ascertain amount of coffee involved, but PIDA sent "a lot of coffee".

PIDA also told informant he is looking for a location for a gambling casino in Brazil for TRAFFICANTE. Informant did not feel he could press PIDA for further details at this time but has made arrangements to see PIDA again before the trip to Brazil on or about 9/15/63.

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Miami strongly recommended the above information not be disseminated outside the Bureau in order not to compromise the informant and to insure informant will have opportunity to gain further confidence of PIDA.

It is noted that TP 120-PC advised as of 8/21/63 that it was not possible to make any telephone calls from subject's residence to Bureau Agents as to any possible departures as such would jeopardize her position.

It is noted that CHARLES SAMS (protect) who has been mail carrier at subject's Tampa residence for numerous years advised on 8/23/63 that subject never does get any mail under his name at 2505 Bristol Avenue.

It is noted that a call was placed to subject's Tampa residence 8/23/63 to endeavor to interview subject regarding JOSEPH STASSI, a past partner of his in Havana, Cuba, as a lead was set out by New York airtel to Baltimore, dated 6/26/63 in case entitled "JOSEPH STASSI, aka - FUG.; AR" (OO: NY). It is noted neither the subject nor his attorney, FRANK RAGANO, have ever returned the call.

On 8/28/63, CHARLES SAMS, U. S. Postal Carrier (protect), advised subject had not received any mail, but Mrs. TRAFFICANTE received two letters 8/27/63 with the return address 1657 Farnell Court, Atlanta, Georgia, which source presumed to be in handwriting and the address of SARAH ANN VALDES.

Information from the files of the General Telephone Company of Florida was furnished to IC HENRY E. McINTURFF on 9/20/63 by Mr. WILLIAM CARR, Commercial Manager.

The period of this report overlaps that of referenced report to include the date telephone tolls obtained on 8/14/63.

INFORMANTS:

TP T-1 is TP 120-PC.

TP T-2 is CHARLES SAMS, U. S. Postal Carrier for many years at 2505 Bristol Ave., Tampa, Fla.

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TP T-3 is TP 105-C*

TP T-4 is TP 41-C

TP T-5 is TP 50-C

TP T-6 is SALVADOR ZIEGENHIRT MENENDEZ, Miami

TP T-7 is A. J. GRIMALDI, Sr., President, Columbia Bank
of Ybor City.

TP T-8 is TP 97-C

TP T-9 is TP 31-C

TP T-10 is CHARLES C. CORCES, an attorney who has represented
racket figures in Tampa.

TP T-11 is MO 59-C

TP T-12 is NY 4003-C-TE

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The subject's son-in-law, A. PANIELLO, was observed leaving such residence at 2:35 P.M., August 22, 1963, at which time the white Chevrolet Impala was observed in the garage, and at 4:30 P.M. the white Chrysler returned to subject's residence at which time the Chevrolet Impala was still there and subject was not observed.

JAMES C. LONGO went to the Coliseum Lanes Bowling Alley, Davis Islands and left such establishment 12:48 A.M., August 22, 1963, but thereafter efforts to locate him through subject's residence or the Columbia Restaurant met with negative results.

HENRY GARCIA, Garcia's Instant Service Station, 24th Street and East Broadway, advised August 22, 1963 that neither the subject nor his family have been patronizing his service station and subject has not been seen by him.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

The subject was not observed on August 21, 1963 at his Miami residence nor known hangouts.

Mrs. GEORGE HUBER, neighborhood source to subject's Miami residence, advised August 21, 1963 that she has observed no activity at subject's residence since she returned from her vacation on August 17, 1963.

SOL SALVADER, Manager, Jerry's Service Station, 23rd Street, Miami Beach, advised August 21, 1963 that subject's 1961 Falcon was still parked at his service station. He said the subject, in the past, has left his car at the station to be serviced, but has always picked it up on the same day. He said when subject left the car he gave no indication as to when he would pick it up.

On August 22, 1963 Mrs. GEORGE HUBER, as above, advised she observed a tan Plymouth parked at subject's Miami residence in the backyard on the night of August 21, 1963 and that the car was not there on the morning of August 22, 1963.

CHARLES CUCCIA, 531 Northeast 71st Street, subject's landlord and next door neighbor in Miami, advised August 22, 1963

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he purchased the above car about one month ago from the subject's son-in-law who lived in Tampa. CUCCIA said he has not seen the subject for at least two weeks and could furnish no information as to his present whereabouts.

On August 23, 1963, Sergeant JACK de la LLANA, Intelligence Unit, Tampa Police Department, advised he did not know of the present whereabouts of the subject, but noted he had put out leads to all intelligence units of the various police departments and sheriff's offices in Florida, dated August 22, 1963, requesting that they report to Tampa any activities on the part of the subject in their areas.

On the morning of August 23, 1963, TP T-2 advised on inquiry at 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, that subject was not seen.

TP T-1 advised August 22, 1963 that subject was at his residence all day August 22, 1963, had dinner with his family, namely his wife, daughter and son-in-law, and was at home at approximately 8:00 P.M., August 22, 1963.

SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE telephonically contacted the subject's residence 1:30 P.M., August 23, 1963, at which time Mrs. TRAFFICANTE advised SANTO was not home and stated she would advise SANTO that SA LABADIE called to contact him about an individual.

SOL SALVADER, Jerry's Service Station, Miami Beach, Florida, advised August 23, 1963 that subject picked up his car at 1:30 P.M., August 23, 1963. He said subject told him he had been on vacation.

The subject's car was thereafter observed parked in the backyard of 523 Northeast 71st Street at 4:30 P.M. on August 23, 1963.

Sergeant JACK de la LLANA, Intelligence Unit, Tampa Police Department, advised August 26, 1963 that he watched 2505 Bristol Avenue from 8:00 to 11:30 P.M. Friday night, August 23, 1963, and the subject was not seen in the residence, but his wife was observed home. He said there was no activity at the residence when he left.

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TP T-1 advised on the night of August 27, 1963 that subject was observed in his bed at 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, on the morning of August 26, 1963. Source related subject was at 2505 Bristol Avenue all day until approximately 5:00 P.M.

Again on August 27, 1963, source advised the subject was in his home all day until approximately 5:00 P.M. Source related MARY JO PANIELLO, subject's daughter, now teaching school, uses the white Chrysler daily for transportation.

The Hillsborough County Superintendent of Public Instruction advised August 28, 1963 that Mrs. MARY JO PANIELLO is employed as a teacher at the John G. Anderson School, Tampa.

A check of the above school revealed the 1959 white Chrysler used for Mrs. PANIELLO's transportation.

On the evening of August 28, 1963, TP T-1 advised that on the morning of August 28, 1963 the subject was not at 2505 Bristol Avenue and subsequently in the afternoon of August 28, 1963, subject telephonically contacted 2505 Bristol Avenue and inquired as to the health of his wife. Source indicated subject's wife is to follow subject to Miami, time unknown.

A. G. IZNAGA, Airport Parking Company, Miami International Airport, advised lone male fitting description of subject left Miami Airport 10:30 P.M., August 27, 1963, driving the white Falcon.

On the morning of August 28, 1963 the white Falcon was observed in the garage at 523 Northeast 71st Street, Miami and throughout the afternoon the garage door was open and the car gone.

The white Chrysler on August 29, 1963 was used by MARY JO PANIELLO in transportation to school and she returned to 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, 4:00 P.M., August 29, 1963. The white Chevrolet Impala was observed at the residence.

At Miami, Florida the subject's white Falcon was observed in his garage at 8:30 A.M., August 29, 1963. Subject thereafter arrived at Miami International Airport at 2:31 P.M., departing the airport parking lot in the company of his wife at 3:29 P.M., August 29, 1963. He drove directly home with his wife.

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reason for the heat on local gambling was because Federal and local law enforcement officers were endeavoring to trace all gambling to SANTO TRAFFICANTE. The source said that DEMMI related he knew the subject all his life, would do nothing for him and vice versa and DEMMI stated subject had no connection whatsoever with him and he was last seen by DEMMI three to four months ago when in Miami.

On September 19, 1963 JAMES G. BRUNO left his residence on Union Street, 10:24 A.M., drove to downtown Tampa and subsequently was not observed.

JAMES C. LONGO on September 19, 1963 drove to the Coliseum Bowling Lanes, Davis Islands and was there from approximately 12:30 P.M. to 1:17 P.M. when he left with two unknown white males and took them to the residence of CASIMIRO B. HERNANDEZ, Davis Islands, left passengers off and departed 1:27 P.M., September 19, 1963.

II. ASSOCIATES

Re: ~~JOHN S. DeSALVO~~
Jacksonville, Florida

TP T-10 advised on August 21, 1963 that he had known DeSALVO of Jacksonville, Florida for many many years; that DeSALVO was not in Tampa, otherwise he would know, and related that he has a close relative, "Babe" ANTONE, who has worked for JOHN DeSALVO for many years. Source related DeSALVO was formerly in the numbers racket as well as illicit liquor many years ago at Jacksonville, Florida, but since such time in the past two to three years, according to his source, has been completely out of the numbers activity, inasmuch as he has four or five legitimate liquor stores.

To source's knowledge, DeSALVO never had any connection with TRAFFICANTES, except they were friends.

Re: ~~LOUIS P. BRADY~~

On September 23, 1963, Dr. ALLEN J. ADEEB, with offices at 7105 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida, advised he treated LOUIS P.