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TO : Director, FBI (92-2781)

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana (92-1)

SUBJECT: SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

DATE: August 24, 1959

Re Havana letter dated July 13, 1959.

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On August 20, 1959, HAROLD MILKS, Associated Press correspondent, Havana, advised that SANTOS TRAFFICANTE and HENRY SAAVEDRA, who represents the subject's interests in the Hotel Capri, had been provisionally released by Cuban Immigration authorities from Tiscornia Prison where they had been incarcerated for the past two months. MILKS stated that the Cuban Government claimed that insufficient evidence had been developed to warrant the deportation of subject and SAAVEDRA from Cuba but that investigation concerning this matter was being continued by the Cuban Government.

On August 10, 1959, HAV-33 informed that during their stay in Tiscornia TRAFFICANTE and SAAVEDRA had "lived like kings." Source said that almost all guards in the prison had been bribed by subject in order to insure that the subject had the most comfortable accommodations possible. Source said that subject's food was brought in on a daily basis to him from outside the prison and that he was allowed any number of visitors he desired.

On July 13, 1959, PCI ALBERTO SUAREZ ALEMAN, doorman at the apartment building where TRAFFICANTE resides at Calle 12 No. 20, Havana, advised he had attended the wedding of subject's daughter as an invited guest. Source noted that most of those present at the wedding were employees from the various casinos in Havana and that the only outsiders were subject's immediate family and one or two close friends from Tampa, Florida.

On July 18, 1959, HAV-31 advised that he also had attended the wedding of TRAFFICANTE's daughter but that there had been no important hoodlums from the United States at the wedding. Source noted that TRAFFICANTE's brothers, as well as a close associate named JIMMIE LONGO, were present at the wedding. *cc*

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