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MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1) Will continue regular spot checks of subject's residence and continue efforts to interview business associates of the subject to attempt to further identify subject's contacts, associates and activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Additional information copies of this report are being furnished the Bureau and Tampa Office for their respective files on SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. because of the close relationship between TRAFFICANTE and EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL.

Investigative period of this report contains investigation conducted by Miami and auxiliary offices not available at the time of dictation of referenced Miami report and is therefore included herein.

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Report of: WENDELL W. HALL, JR. Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA  
Date: 7/24/67

Field Office File #: 162-633 Bureau File #: 162-2223

Title: EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and his son, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO arrested by IRS, Miami, in large scale bolita raid on 5/27/67. On 5/29/67, IRS levied a judgment of \$1,300,000 against the subject including \$346,000 in penalties and interest. On 5/29/67, IRS levied against all of the known Miami bank accounts of the subject. On 5/29/67, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO was arrested by Dade County Dept. of Public Safety officer and charged with the throwing of a bomb in a Cuban exile altercation in Miami. During the afternoon of 5/29/67, the subject suffered a serious heart attack and was hospitalized in Miami, Fla., for a period 5/29 - 7/3/67. Subject currently recuperating at his home and will be bedridden for approximately three months. Arrest records of subject and son reviewed. Activities of the subject set forth. Automobile registrations for visitors to subject's residence set forth. SUBJECT CARRIES A REVOLVER AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

On May 25, 1967, TERESA BLANCO DE LEAL, 19 Sidonia, Coral Gables, Florida, stated that she had been in regular contact with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and his family and had visited several times recently with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and his brother-in-law, MANUEL RODRIGUEZ who is married to GARCIA's wife's sister, FRANCES SARMIENTO. RODRIGUEZ owns and operates a religious goods store on 8th and 18th SW in the Los Pinos Nuevos Building.

BLANCO stated that her estranged husband, EUGENIO LEAL POZO was in partnership in Santo Domingo in the Toledo Restaurant and Casino with one JOSE ANTONIO SANTA CRUZ. She stated that to her knowledge the only business that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL was involved in in Miami was the loan business and that he was very active loaning money and taking jewelry in as security.

On May 25, 1967, a 1961 Mercedes Benz, four door sedan, bearing 1966 Florida License 1-171359 was observed at the GARCIA residence, 4001 SW 5th Street, Miami. This car was registered in 1966 to GASTON A. MACAU, 6241 NW Miami Place, Miami.

On May 27, 1967, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents, Miami, Florida, raided three different locations simultaneously at approximately 2:30 PM. Arrested as he left an apartment in Coral Gables, Florida, was EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and HERIBERTO NEGRIN. Arrested in a small apartment near the University of Miami was EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO. All three were charged with state gambling charges and GARCIA and his son were charged with wagering tax stamp violations.

The "Miami Herald" edition of May 28, 1967, contained the following article:

"Raiders Hit 3 Times;  
Make 6 Bolita Arrests

"Raiders from federal, state and county law enforcement agencies struck quickly three times Saturday and arrested six persons on lottery

charges.

"The biggest name was Evaristo Garcia Vidal, pal of Florida Mafia boss Santo Trafficante.

"Garcia, 52, of 4001 SW Fifth St., was arrested with his son Evaristo Ignacio Garcia Sarmiento, 26, and Heriberto Negrin, 45.

"All three were charged by the Internal Revenue Service with operating a lottery without possession of a Federal gambling stamp.

"Harry McCall, chief of the IRS's Miami intelligence section, said agents arrested Garcia after he got out of an auto in the vicinity of 9 Madiera Ave., Coral Gables.

"That address was one of three hit by IRS agents armed with search warrants. The others were 1301 NW 35th Ave., apartment 27A, and Cambridge House, apartment 26, 6231 SW 78th St.

"McCall said large amounts of lottery equipment were seized in the raids.

" 'A surveillance team followed Garcia to all these locations', said McCall.

" 'Computation of the gambling records and information shows that he was bossing a multi-million dollar operation.' "

On May 29, 1967, Agents of the IRS, Miami, levied a \$1,300,000 tax judgment against bank accounts of the subject at the Merchants Bank of Miami, the First National Bank of Miami and Flagler Federal Savings of Miami.

On May 29, 1967, MM T-1 advised that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and his son, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO walked into the First National Bank of Miami at 10:00 AM and when they attempted to get into their bank account and safety deposit boxes, IRS Agents were there to seal them.

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The "Miami Herald" edition of May 30, 1967,  
contained the following article:

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**"2 Refugees Charged in Bombing**

"Two Cuban refugees were charged Monday with taking part in the bombing of the headquarters of an exile organization that opposed last week's one day strike protesting the arrest of Felipe Rivero.

"Police said other arrests would be forthcoming stemming from the explosion that shattered the interior of the Cuban Representation in Exile office at 1784 W. Flagler St. last Tuesday.

"The organization said it supported the appeal for the exile leader's freedom but was against the strike that was felt most severely by Dade's garment industry.

"Arrested at 3 p.m. were Julio Pestonit, 29, of 6201 SW 14th St. and Everisto Ignacio Garcia, Jr., 26, of 4001 SW Fifth St.

"Both were charged with 'throwing, placing or discharging a bomb or other deadly explosive . . . '

"Garcia is also being held on a federal charge.

"The men were placed in the Dade County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond each."

By communication dated June 6, 1967, the Richmond Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by IC CHARLES S. KOONTZ at Richmond, Virginia:

On March 28, 1967, Miss JOYCE HINSON, Clerk, File Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, advised their files reflect 1966 Virginia License A377-949 was issued to GERALD J. COLEMAN, HHC, USA RSG, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, for display on a 1957 Hillman, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 1625513.

On April 3, 1967, Mrs. LOUISE PHILIPS, Clerk, Operator's Section, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), advised the files reflect that GERALD J. COLEMAN was issued operator's license number C15441-46812-851469,

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On May 31, 1967, ANGEL ENRIQUE PALA GONZALEZ advised that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL had suffered a critical heart attack on May 29, 1967, in the early evening hours and was in critical condition at the Pan American Hospital, Miami.

PALA stated that he formerly shared Apartment 26 in the Cambridge House Apartments and had lived there for a period of three or four months ending about one year previously. He stated that to his knowledge while he lived there it was never used as a bolita counting house.

PALA stated that the name PARDO is known to him as a pharmacist at the Majorca Drugstore, Ponce de Leon Avenue, Coral Gables. He also stated that HERIBERTO NEGRIN was formerly a delivery truck driver at the Capriess Allapattah Cleaners.

On May 31, 1967, a check with the switchboard at the Pan American Hospital, 5959 NW 7th Street, telephone 665-6211, revealed that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL was a patient therein and was listed in critical condition and no visitors permitted.

On May 31, 1967, the records of the Dade County Department of Public Safety (DPS), reflected that their file number 106092 was for EVARISTO GARCIA SR., date of birth March 28, 1915, in Cuba, address 4001 SW 5th Street, Miami. He was described as a white male, 170 pounds, 5'9", blue eyes, gray hair and was arrested May 27, 1967, for a violation of the Federal Wagering Tax Stamp Law.

On the same date, DPS record 106091 was reviewed for EVARISTO GARCIA, JR., date of birth September 3, 1940, described as a white male, 5'9", 190 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He was arrested May 27, 1967, charged with possession of lottery equipment and paraphernalia and aiding and abetting a lottery. He was released on \$4500 bond at 8:25 PM on May 27, 1967. GARCIA, JR. was rearrested May 29, for throwing a bomb or explosive and his original bond of \$50,000 was reduced by Justice of the Peace FERGUSON to \$5,000 and GARCIA, JR. was released 5:25 PM, May 30, 1967.

On May 31, 1967, MM T-2 advised that he had heard that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL was arrested May 27,

1967. On May 29, 1967, the following Monday, a Deputy Sheriff named EUGENE AMARO and his partner (name unknown), an Italian, stocky build, black bushy hair, contacted bolita operator JOSE RODRIGUEZ. AMARO and his partner promised RODRIGUEZ that they could give him good protection in his bolita operation if he would pay them \$100 per week. AMARO told him that this money would "go all the way to the top." AMARO claimed they had been involved in the raid on EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and said that the reason he was raided was because he did not pay the "ice". RODRIGUEZ did not pay any money to these deputies. At one point the deputies suggested that RODRIGUEZ rent a motel room to use as a "counting house" and in this way they would be able to afford him complete protection from any raid. AMARO, who was a Cuban, told RODRIGUEZ that he "handles the Cuban bolita operators in their 'pay offs' to the Dade County Department of Public Safety".

Source advised that the rumor is going around that DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA is the one who "blew the whistle" on GARCIA VIDAL and that DOMINGO has been cooperating with an investigator for the Dade County Grand Jury.

On May 31, 1967, MM-T-3 advised GARCIA VIDAL who was arrested May 27, 1967, is still in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. The source visited with him this date but no visitors were permitted to enter GARCIA's room. GARCIA's friends are saying that the reason he was arrested was that he was not paying protection money to the police and that he was relying too much on his friendship with SANTO TRAFFICANTE. They say that this will not happen again as he intends to pay more protection money.

One of GARCIA VIDAL's bolita operators is the proprietor of the "Top" Barber Shop located on 8th Avenue between Flagler Street and SW 1st Street. The owner is named GUIDO RODRIGUEZ. He has several bolita writers who collect for him and he passes his "play" on to EVARISTO. They supposedly sell drugs at this barber shop. The writers usually come to the barber shop early Saturday morning with their returns.

Source talked with DOMINGO ECHMENDIA concerning the New York lottery tickets. DOMINGO told him that MIGUEL FOX wanted him to accompany the source to New York in order to obtain New York lottery tickets. DOMINGO believed that the reason for this was that although they trusted the source, he had never worked with them before and they wanted one of their own to accompany him on the first couple of trips.

Source advised that he had talked with MIGUEL FOX concerning the New York lottery tickets but the arrest and subsequent heart attack of GARCIA VIDAL had caused a postponement of additional talks concerning these lottery tickets.

On June 1, 1967, two automobiles were noted in the driveway of the GARCIA residence at 8:45 PM. One was a cream colored Volkswagen, 1967 Florida tag 1D41912, registered to PEDRO ALZOLA, 910 Santiago, Coral Gables, Florida. The other was a 1966 four door Chevelle, white, 1967 Florida tag 1-65494, registered to WILLIAM PINSLEY, 110 South Prospect Drive, Miami.

The "Miami News" of June 2, 1967, contained the following article:

#### "\$1.3 Million Tax Bill Hits Bolita Suspect

"The largest betting tax assessment in Florida history - \$1.3 million - has been levied against a Miami man the Internal Revenue Service says operated a giant bolita ring.

"The IRS in Jacksonville fixed the rate at 10 per cent of the amount of money bet against Evaristo Garcia Vidal. It included \$346,000 in penalties and interest.

"Vidal was arrested Saturday as he left an apartment house in Coral Gables. He was charged with operating a lottery without a federal gambling stamp.

"IRS agent Harry McCall of Miami said Vidal was the leader of a bolita operation that handled several million dollars.

"Florida's largest single assessment before Thursday was \$673,000, levied in October, 1961.

"IRS District Director A. J. O'Donnell said liens were placed on Vidal's personal property to collect the money."

The "Miami Herald" of June 2, 1967, contained the following article:

"Largest Florida Assessment"

"Accused Gambler Hit  
With \$1.3 Million Bill

"The U.S. billed accused gambler Evaristo Garcia Vidal for \$1,377,025 Thursday - the largest wagering tax assessment in Florida history.

"The assessment came after a raid Saturday in which Garcia Vidal, pal of Florida Mafia boss Santo Trafficante, was arrested by federal, state and county lawmen.

"He was charged with operating a lottery without a federal gambling stamp, and Internal Revenue agent Harry McCall said records show 'he was bossing a multi-million-dollar operation.'

"IRS District Director A. J. O'Donnell said the assessment against Garcia Vidal includes \$345,509 in penalties and interest. Liens will be placed against Garcia Vidal's personal property, he said.

"Agents arrested Garcia Vidal, 52, of 4001 SW Fifth St., outside a Coral Gables apartment. Also arrested were his son, Evaristo Ignacio Garcia Sarmiento, 26, and Heriberto Negrin, 45."

On June 5, 1967, a 1967 cream colored Dodge Dart, four door, bearing 1967 Florida License 1E10103, was observed at the GARCIA residence. This car is a

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rental car belonging to Yellow Rental Car, 1000 LeJeune Road.

On June 6, 1967, the records of Yellow Rental Car reflected that their car 1E1013 was rented by EVARISTO GARCIA, 4001 SW 5th Street, telephone 445-3115, on June 4, 1967, for a one week period. He listed his credit reference as the First National Bank of Miami and posted a \$175.00 cash deposit for the car.

On June 5, 1967, FRANK POLANKO, Administrator Pan American Hospital, 5959 NW 7th Street, Miami, advised that his records indicate that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL had been admitted May 29, 1967, suffering from a myocardial infarction or commonly known as a heart attack. He was attended by two doctors, Dr. VILLOCH and Dr. FLEITES. He had 24 hour private nursing service and was awaiting admission into a private room when one became available. He was also continuously under oxygen.

On June 5, 1967, MM T-4 advised that he had heard that Mrs. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL had been able to get into their safety deposit box at the Merchants Bank of Miami and cleaned it out prior to its being levied upon by IRS.

On June 5 and June 19, 1967, MM T-5 advised that the entire Cuban colony was talking about the recent arrest of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL on bolita charges and the \$1,300,000 judgement assessed against him by IRS. The son of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL was also arrested in the same bolita raid and later was arrested on bombing charges arising out of the placing of a bomb in the office of a Cuban exile organization in Miami. The son was placed under \$50,000 bond on the second arrest and the fact that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL was unable to come up with the cash to bail out his son is alleged to have been the cause of the heart attack suffered by EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL on the same date.

On June 6, 1967, MM T-3 advised he talked with MIGUEL FOX, a close associate of GARCIA VIDAL. FOX claimed that the problem arose with the New York lottery tickets since receipts are kept and signatures required by purchasers. They intended to check further into these

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problems. Added to this was the fact of GARCIA VIDAL's arrest by IRS on May 27, 1967.

Source advised that according to FOX, GARCIA VIDAL was "faking" the heart attack to avoid being molested any more by law enforcement officers and also to give him time to consider the ramifications of this arrest. According to what GARCIA VIDAL's wife told FOX, he was apparently in fairly good condition and not suffering from any heart attack.

EVARISTO continues to have his bolita business operation and apparently his son, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO and his other lieutenants are carrying on the bolita activity.

Source stated that MIGUEL FOX, who is in the bolita business with his uncle, PEDRO FOX, used GARCIA VIDAL primarily for "lay off" purposes.

On June 7, 1967, MM T-6 advised that a Cuban named MAX was well known as a small time jeweler with a store located across from the Hong Kong Restaurant in downtown Miami.

ESTRELLA is very likely ESTRELLA RUBIO the owner of the Barbarancito. GAYTAN is a known bolita banker who takes from lay off bets. PEDRO PEREZ is gaining in stature in the bolita field and has grown steadily from sales of \$25,000 a week. He was arrested by local authorities about six months ago and is currently paying "protection" to bar any further arrests. PEREZ formerly lived in Chicago; prior to that he was a policeman in Cuba. His brother, ISRAEL PEREZ, collects for him. PEREZ lives at 3011 NW 16th Street, telephone 635-7763, and drives a brand new two door Pontiac Grand Prix. ISRAEL PEREZ lives at 4760 NW 4th Street, telephone number 446-6187 and drives a 1963 white Chevrolet.

MANUEL HASSAN, also known as "El Moro" is a brother-in-law of CLARA PEREZ and is the financial backer of her husband, PEDRO PEREZ. HASSAN was involved in prostitution and narcotics in Cuba and until recently was the lover of IRMA COLLAZO, former mistress of HAMLETO BATTISTI, former Cuban Congressman and bolita

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banker. HASSAN is alleged to have loaned money to ELADIO DEL VALLE, also known as Yito del Valle and is alleged to have been the person who brutally murdered DEL VALLE in the apartment of IRMA COLLAZO in Miami. IRMA is now a fugitive on the murder charge and allegedly she and HASSAN will hide in New York.

On June 9, 1967, MM T-6 advised that the new automobile of PEDRO PEREZ bears 1967 Florida License 1W4781.

On June 10, 1967, the following automobiles were observed at the home of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL at 4:30 PM:

A late model blue Rambler, 1967 Florida License 1D41643, registered to ROBERTO J. MIRET, Cabrera 795, West 78th Street, Hialeah, Florida;

A 1961 gray over white two door Falcon bearing 1967 Florida License 1D66124, registered to EDUARDO O. SANCHEZ, 330 Woodcrest Drive, Key Biscayne. This car was registered in 1966 to ARMANDO LACASA, a frequent visitor to the GARCIA residence.

On June 12, 1967, MM T-6 advised that the term globo refers to the El Globo Market on SW 17th Avenue.

ENRIQUE is ENRIQUE GAYTAN the jeweler, and GUILLERMO is GUILLERMO SUEIRO, a Bay of Pigs veteran.

On June 12, MM T-6 advised that he had heard that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL was still in the hospital and serious, but on the road to recovery. (Rumors are to the effect that most of his money was in the safety deposit boxes when they were sealed.)

On June 22, 1967, MM T-7 advised that he had heard that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL would spend at least a total of 40 days in the hospital recovering from the heart attack he had suffered subsequent to his arrest by Federal agents.

On June 22, 1967, an attempt was made to contact CLYDE PACK, Pack Construction Company, 2190 NW 33rd Avenue, and it was determined that the company has moved and is now located at 7750 NW 74th Avenue, telephone 887-8154.

On June 22, 1967, EDUARDO SANCHEZ was interviewed in the front yard of the residence of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL. SANCHEZ was friendly, and stated that he was home from Georgia Tech. for the summer and was seeking employment in Miami. He is still engaged to GRISELLE GARCIA, daughter of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is still in the hospital and will be there for at least another week.

SANCHEZ stated that CLYDE PACK is no longer in the construction business and only has an architectural block business located in Medley, Florida.

SANCHEZ stated he purchased a 1961 Falcon some months ago from ARMANDO LACASA.

On June 22, 1967, LAZARO MILIAN DID, date of birth December 17, 1934, at Las Villas, Cuba, was interviewed at the Capriss Cleaners, 1866 NW 36th Street, Miami. He advised that he had Selective Service Number 846 24 773, was 6' tall, 210 pounds, black hair and brown eyes.

He stated that he was the president of the Capriss Cleaners having bought it in April of 1962. His wife is secretary-treasurer, ERALIA ZEQUERIA DE MILIAN and his father is vice president, EMILIO MILIAN MILIAN.

He stated that the front door to his office is always locked even during working hours because of fear of robbery. He stated that he keeps two large German Police dogs running loose in his office on a 24 hour basis for the same reason.

MILIAN stated that when he originally purchased the Capriss Cleaners he and ALBERTO NAYOR NASSAR were partners and that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL had a \$10,000 interest in the cleaners. Neither EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL nor NAYOR NASSAR have any interest at this time. He stated that he is the owner of a Buick convertible

registered in the name of the company which he loans on a full-time basis to EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO because he is a "friend".

MILIAN stated that he had rehired HERIBERTO NEGRIN as a presser after the recent arrest because NEGRIN was out of work.

MILIAN stated that when he lived in Cuba that he and his father had a brassiere business in Havana. He also worked in the Capri Casino in Havana.

ALBERTO NAYOR and JOSE SANTA CRUZ had the Baccarat Concession and MILIAN worked for them as an inspector.

MILIAN stated that he did not know SANTO TRAFFICANTE in Cuba but had met him only on a few occasions at the home of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL whom he considers his best friend. He stated that he currently has about 40 employees which includes five drivers.

OSCAR ALVAREZ, owner of the Lindsey Cleaners is a young Cuban boy whom he has known for about three years. He does all of the flat work for the Lindsey Cleaners and has some interest in the Lindsey Cleaners which he did not fully explain.

MILIAN stated that they have had success in obtaining much of the business from the hotels on the beach and at various times has had the business at the Doral Hotel and the Fontainebleau.

He stated that JULIAN TRACHTENBERG, who formerly was head of valet service at the Doral Beach had worked for him for a short period of time. He hired TRACHTENBERG as a salesman to get business on the beach but now MILIAN does this work himself.

MILIAN stated that he has known MIGUEL PEREZ PITA from Cuba and also knows EUGENIO LEAL in Cuba. The estranged wife of LEAL, TERESITA BLANCO recently came looking for work in his office.

MILIAN stated that he has known EDUARDO SANCHEZ for some time since he is engaged to the daughter of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL. He stated that the father of EDUARDO SANCHEZ works for him as one of his drivers.

MILIAN stated that EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL will come to his office at the cleaners at least once a week and that he will in turn visit the residence of GARCIA three or four times a week. He mentioned that he has made trips to the bank with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL on four or five different occasions.

MILIAN stated that he knows ANGEL PALA from having met him at EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL's house in the past.

HECTOR VERGARA, one of his employees, resides in the back of the store as a resident watchman. ARMANDO GAYOL is his bookkeeper.

MILIAN stated that he was with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL when he suffered his heart attack. It was about 2:00 PM in the afternoon and they were in a small store in downtown Miami. MILIAN placed GARCIA in his car and rushed him to the Pan American Hospital and when they arrived GARCIA was critical. Upon arrival his blood pressure was 40 and sinking. He stated that GARCIA will be in the hospital for another week or so and then will be at home in bed recuperating for a period of about three months.

On June 26, 1967, MIGUEL ANGEL PEREZ PITA was contacted at his employment International Fisheries Trading Corporation, 6986 NW 36th Avenue. Although PEREZ PITA had been very friendly in the past he now stated that he refused to be interviewed and had nothing to say to the agent except in the presence of an attorney.

On July 5, 1967, Detective CESAR CAMACHO, DPS, Intelligence Unit, advised that he was currently investigating the activities of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and furnished the copy of investigation which he had conducted.

"On Monday, 3 July EVARISTO GARCIA was released from the PAN AMERICAN HOSPITAL, where he was being treated

for a heart ailment and returned to his home at 4001 SW 5 St.

"Monday and Tuesday evening I kept GARCIA'S residence under surveillance and observed the following vehicles.

- "(a) 65 Chevy Corvair, green, 67 Fla 1D 23258.- Jose De La Fuente, 1314 SW 10 St.
- "(b) 64 Ford Falcon, Brown over White, 67 Fla 1D-66124. Eduardo Sanchez, 330 Woodcrest Rd., Key Biscayne
- "(c) 65 Comet, dark brown or dark red, 67 Fla 6-8845. Julio C. Perez, 1212 Blue Hallen Blvd. Riviera, Fla.
- "(d) 62 Chevy, Blue, 67 Fla 1W 129027. Pelayo Balbin, 982 S.W. 6 St. Miami.
- "(e) 67 Dodge, white, 67 Fla 1E-10103.- Chrysler Leasing Corp. Miami.- (Driven by Evaristico.)
- "(f) 67 Pontiac Sed. Dark Grey over White, 67 Fla 3E-228 Ferman Motor Leasing Co. 501 Washington, Hillsborough County.

"Last vehicle was there Monday and Tuesday evening. Monday night from approx 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm vehicle was parked right in front of residence. I followed same when it finally left and stopped same for a traffic check at 7 St N.W. and 42 Ave. Sgt. Richards, 963 assisted this unit.

"Vehicle was driven by FLORENTINO HUMBERTO TOLEDO, 3011 Angeles, TAMPA. Drivers license No. G-474225, 69 Fla.

"Description: W/M, 5'6", 145 lbs. Brown eyes, black hair. Wears Glasses. D.O.B. 20 June 1929. Strong Spanish accent. Stated his occupation was Medical Dr. Traveling with him were a w/f and two children, probably his family.

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"Subject stated he had just arrived from TAMPA as a visitor and had not yet found a place to stay. (Had no luggage in car.) He added he had never heard of a Trafficante. Subject was warned about improper lane usage and released.

"PELAYO BALBIN was Chief of the Port Authority Police in Havana under Batista. In the U.S. he was a close friend of Dr. Anselmo Alliegro, deceased, and Dr. R. Masferrer.

"Jose De La Fuente was a Judge in Cuba. In Miami he owns a Bar in the vicinity of W. Flagler and 18 Ave.

"No information available on Julio C. Perez yet. It is a very common name.

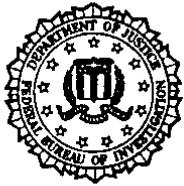
"Investigation continues."

The following automobiles were noted at the residence of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL on May 23, 1967:

A 1962 four door Falcon, tan, registered to GLADYS MONS, 3070 SW 27th Lane, Miami.

The following automobiles were observed on more than one occasion at the Capriss Cleaners, 1866 NW 36th Street, Miami:

1962 blue two door Falcon, registered to JUAN A. DE LALUZ, 3136 NW 21st, Miami, and a 1965 two door maroon Chevrolet Nova registered to LILA ESTRADA, 201 SW 21st Court, Apartment 3, Miami.



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