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INFORMANTS

T-1 MM 416-C - now TP-8, whose identity is known to Bureau.

T-2 Records, Florida State Selective Service Headquarters, St. Augustine, Florida, checked by SA CLARK L. NEWTON, 1/7/58.

T-3 EDGAR ADAIR, SA, IRS, Tampa, Florida,

[Redacted] JFK Law 11(a)

T-4 FRANK J. FALSONE, CPA, Tampa, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-5 Hav-4, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-6 [Redacted] PCI, Havana, Doorman and caretaker at Calle 12 # 20, Vedado.

T-7 Hav-31, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-8 Hav-33, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-9 TP 23-PC who has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-10 Records, General Telephone Co. of Florida, Tampa, Florida, made available for review.

T-11 ROYCE L. KILPATRICK, attorney, and DOUGLAS A. RODENBAUGH, Constable, both St. Petersburg, Fla., who furnished the information to SA JAMES P. O'NEIL.

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T-12 TP 22-PC whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-13 Legat, Havana

T-14 Confidential Report of former SAC GEORGE MC SWAIN concerning his investigation of Havana - Hilton Casino

T-15 NY 842-S, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-16 [redacted] PCI, Havana, who works as Credit Manager in Hotel Nacional and who has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-17 Hav - 32, whose identity is known to Bureau.

T-18 Lt. HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ, Private Force, Hotel Nacional, Cuban National Police.

T-19 Records of IRS, in the files of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida.

T-20 MM 644-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-21 [redacted] PCI of New York Office, who furnished the information to SA EDMUND FLANAGAN.

T-22 ANDREW SZENTGYORGYI, aka, Andrew St. George, New York City.

T-23 PCI GUIDO de PHILLIPS, former employee of subject in Havana, Cuba

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JOHN DE SALVO, PCI, Jacksonville Office, with whom contact has not been sufficient to definitely establish his reliability.

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PCI GODFREDO CELLINI, Havana

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PCI, MANUEL GONZALEZ, Havana employee Hotel Sevilla - Biltmore, whose reliability is unknown.

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ANTHONY S. PERZIA, M.D., Tampa, Fla., PCI who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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of Tangerine Tavern, 3307 West Hillsborough, Tampa, dated November 24, 1945, and renewed October 13, 1950. As a result of alleged bribery case in which Detective HARRY DIETRICH, St. Petersburg Police Department, was alleged to have been bribed by members of the TRAFFICANTE organization, the State Beverage Department, on May 21, 1954, issued an order to the Tangerine Tavern to show cause why their license should not be suspended or revoked. On January 3, 1955, an order was issued revoking the beverage license.

E. RESIDENCE - AT TAMPA, FLORIDA



AT HAVANA, CUBA

Lieutenant JORGE PENA HERRERA, Head of the Alien Control Section, Department of Investigation, Cuban National Police, advised in early 1958 that subject resided at the Hotel Rosita de Hornedo, Havana, and according to the Cuban immigration records arrived in Cuba December 26, 1955, as a tourist and obtained Cuban Foreigner's Carnet #393461. He reported subject on March 12, 1957, applied to the Cuban Department of Immigration to change his status in Cuba from that of tourist to that of resident, and the Director General of Cuban Immigration, by resolution dated October 3, 1957, approved the subject's application and granted him residence in Cuba.

On January 10, 1958, SANTO TRAFFICANTE permanently left the Hotel Rosita de Hornedo and on April 15, 1958, T-5 advised subject was residing at Apartment 14-B in an apartment building located at Calle 12, #20, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

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B. GAMBLING - IN FLORIDA

The "Tampa Morning Tribune", Tampa, Florida, dated January 8, 1958, carried the information in an article that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. "played a sinister role as 'kingpin' of a Florida West coast syndicate...". "His outfit appeared to rake in a 'gross of more than a million a year' from bolita racketeering, RALPH W. MILLS, former director of the Hillsborough Crime Commission, declared in a 1952 speech". The article recited the subject inherited his influence in the underworld from his father; that subject was one of a list of witnesses for the KEFAUVER Committee Hearings in Tampa, Florida, in 1950, but he never appeared before the Committee; that he was questioned by sheriff's deputies during an investigation of the double killing of RENE NUNEZ and ANGELO GIGLIO but not held, and that he was questioned again in January, 1953, when he was grazed in the shoulder by one of three shotgun blasts aimed his way at close range while he was driving a car in Tampa. The same article recited that he refused to take a lie detector test when questioned at the police station following his being picked up for questioning in the murder of JOE ANTINORI in November, 1953. The same article set out that on May 15, 1954, the subject and his brother, HENRY, were charged with bribing a St. Petersburg, Florida, detective to carry on bolita operations in Pinellas County, Florida.

Records of T-19 reflected

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T-4 advised SANTO TRAFFICANTE, SR., ever since he came to Tampa, Florida, back in the 1920's, was connected with the vice rackets with the IGNAZIO ANTINORI family of Tampa and that SANTO, JR.,

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figure in the underworld who with other relatives were powerful in the illegal narcotics traffic in the Tampa area and prominent in gambling in Tampa and Havana. He reported subject had been in ANASTASIA's company frequently in the past six months in New York and noted that ANASTASIA was known to the police in New York as the lord-high-executioner of Murder, Inc., and together with TRAFFICANTE was a leader in the "Mafia."

T-14 reported a release by a Hilton International representative mentioned that "a preliminary agreement for the casino lease had been made with a group headed by ROBERTO MENDOZA, a Cuban businessman, and CLIFFORD JONES, a Las Vegas attorney." Newspaper releases indicated that MENDOZA was a close friend of Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA. These news reports further indicate that associated with ROBERTO MENDOZA are CLIFFORD JONES, MENDOZA's brother, MARIO MENDOZA, Senator KENNETH JOHNSON of Las Vegas, and a New York attorney SIDNEY ORSECK.

T-14 reported that Mr. JOHN W. HOUSER of the Hilton Hotel International was told by attorney ORSECK that ROBERTO MENDOZA had been in touch with JOSEPH RIVERS, wa., JOSEPH SILESI, who had made an approach on behalf of another group on September 17, 1957, by LOUIS SANTOS, wa., SANTO TRAFFICANTE, operator of the gambling casino at the Sans Souci.

T-14 reported that it appeared possible that RIVERS was in fact, "the front" mentioned in the note believed from SANTO TRAFFICANTE to ALBERT ANASTASIA.

VII. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

T-1 advised that he has known subject to be armed in the past and subject has used JAMES COSTA LONGO as a body-guard in the past. In view of this information, together with subject's history in Tampa rackets for the past years, he should be considered possibly armed and dangerous.

T-27 advised subject wears horn rimmed glasses and obtained seven pairs of these glasses in Tampa, Florida, in the Summer of 1957. "Life" magazine issued of March 10, 1958, described subject as a "bespectacled, scholarly looking, as if he might be around Havana to complete a Ph.D. in Sociology."

T-14 described subject as always wearing glasses usually with heavy, dark brown tortoise shell frames; that he is an immaculate dresser of good taste--displays none of the usual mobster flare for the sensational, and that his dress could be described as conservative collegiate with a preference for grays and browns.

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