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AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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Will continue to make every effort to extend coverage to determine subject's activities while in Tampa.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The Bureau by referenced Airtel has instructed daily airtels are to be submitted and reports are to be submitted on captioned individual each 15 days. The reports are to be in form suitable for dissemination and in accordance with previous Bureau instructions issued in connection with the reports that are submitted in the Criminal Intelligence Program.

Chicago Office advised by communication dated 2/17/61 CG 6343-C*, a highly confidential source who has extensive knowledge of the hoodlum element and its operation in Chicago, advised that subject is unknown to him particularly in any type local level.

FRANK FALSONE, PCI, Tampa, (protect identity) advised February 21, 1961, that he frequents the Columbia Restaurant, 22nd Street at East Broadway, Tampa, on a daily basis and that such location subject usually frequents whenever in Tampa, but that he has not been seen at the restaurant for approximately one week.

On February 23, 1961, MANUEL GARCIA, JR., Perfecto-Garcia Cigar Factory, who resides 2502 Simms Boulevard, across an isle from subject's residence, who requested identity be concealed, advised subject has not been seen or reported in Tampa or his residence for several weeks; that he continues to watch subject's residents and presently knows subject's son-in-law AUGUST C. PANIELLO and wife, MARY JOSEPHINE, subject's daughter, reside at 2505 Bristol. He said subject's son-in-law attends Stetson Law School, St. Petersburg, Florida, and he and his wife use the 1960 blue Ford seen at the residence; that Mrs. JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE, subject's wife, is about her residence, drives the 1953 black Ford seen at her residence; and that the younger daughter SARAH TRAFFICANTE attends the University of South Florida as a freshman and drives a green Plymouth seen at 2505 Bristol Avenue. Source said that he doesn't go to Havana frequently anymore and understands that subject completely lost out in his enterprises in Havana and is generally considered when not in Tampa, in Miami, Florida, address unknown.

On February 21, 1961, MARCELLA PRANCE (protect identity), Collection Department, General Telephone Company, advised at the

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Relative to the telephone number called from Miami on December 14, FR 1-9163, Miami Office has advised this is a public telephone located Leighton's Restaurant, 1751 Biscayne Boulevard.

Mr. AL E. RUBENS, (Conceal Identity), Coordinator of Condado Hotel Corp., advised SA FREDERICK M. VOLZ on January 31, 1961, that he formerly met the subject in Havana, Cuba, and even had TRAFFICANTE as a dinner guest on one occasion, until he was advised of subject's reputation by CLIFF JONES. RUBENS stated he is a friend of JONES, presently operating the casino in the Aruba Caribbean Hotel, and is positive that JONES wouldn't have anything to do with the subject, either on a business or social basis.

Mr. RUBENS further stated that he visits Aruba frequently, but has received no information that SANTO TRAFFICANTE has visited Aruba. He stated that due to the sources he has in that location, he is certain he would have heard if the subject had been to Aruba recently. He also pointed out that the local government in Aruba would never permit someone such as the subject to hold even a part interest in the casino operation.

RUBENS advised that he maintains his residence at 6881 S.W. 130th Terrace, Miami 56, Florida, (Tel. CE 5-1199). His offices are located at 940 Lincoln Road, Miami 39, (Tel. JE 8-5635). He stated that if he can be of possible future assistance concerning the subject, he prefers to be contacted through his residence above, in Miami.

FELIX MENENDEZ PSI, (protect identity), advised SA FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN on February 28, 1961, that he is acquainted with subject and last heard possibility of his being in Miami, Florida, area, address unknown.

JAMES RUSSELL HAWTHORNE, U. S. Passport Number 1733130, born February 15, 1915, Fort Wayne, Indiana, advised LEGAT MADRID, January 30, 1961, that he was in Europe representing a slot machine manufacturing company with mailing address P. O. Box 914, Valdosta, Georgia, and among other things, mentioned that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, Jr., who was behind the Sans Souci in Havana, back in Tampa, Florida, that TRAFFICANTE, through the Southern Music Company, is the money behind Havana slot machine operations

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in Europe. He said that he had recently received a long-distance telephone call in Belgium from TRAFFICANTE who laughingly indicated that they had been preoccupied about the subject since they had not heard from him in some time. (It is here noted the Southern Music Company, Orlando, Florida, is the subject of a separate investigation in the Tampa Office.)

WINFIELD V. ELROD, Collection Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Tampa, Florida, (protect identity), advised SAs FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN and STEPHEN J. LABADIE on March 1, 1961,

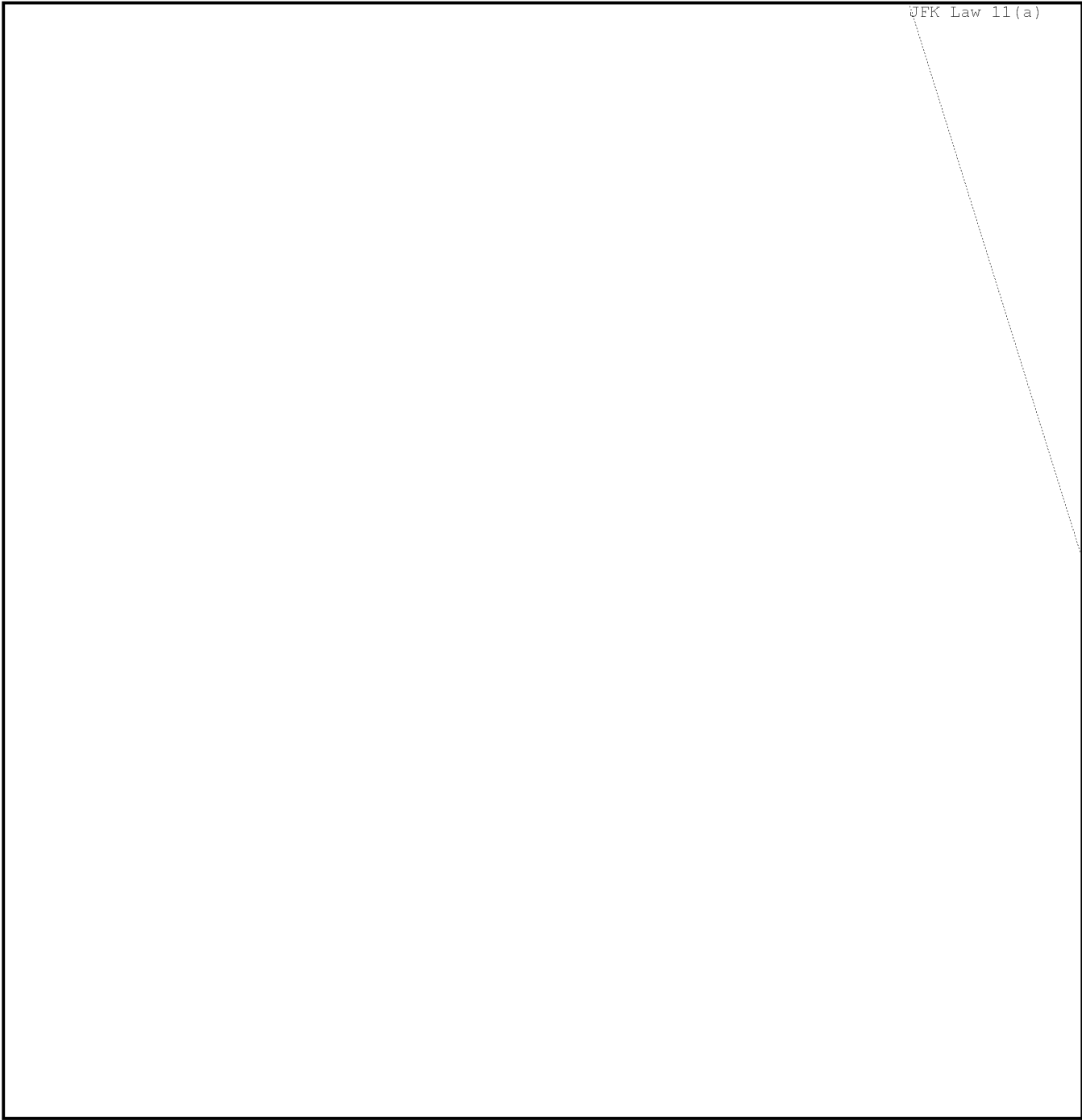
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A 1960 blue Ford which was determined registered, according to VERA VAIDEN, Hillsborough County Auto Tag Agency, to AUGUST C. PANIELLA, 2505 Bristol Avenue.

A 1953 two-door black Ford bearing 1961 Florida license 3-11643, which according to Miss VAIDEN, is registered to LEWIS LABARBERA, 4101 Kensington, Tampa.

A 1953 four-door Plymouth, two-tone green, bearing 1961 Florida license 3-8160, which Miss VAIDEN advised was registered to TONY MARCHESE, 2009 10th Avenue, Tampa.

A. J. GRIMALDI, President, Columbia Bank, Ybor City, who resides 2403 Bristol, advised SAs JOHN D. MEDAGLIA and STEPHEN J. LABADIE, February 23, 1961, that subject has not been seen or reported around Tampa, Florida, that he has not seen subject around his residence nor his usual hangout, the Columbia Restaurant, but that he does see subject's wife JOSEPHINE about her residence, and subject's two daughters, SARAH and MARY JOSEPHINE PANIELLA, whose husband, AUGUST, also resides at 2505 Bristol. He stated he understands SANTO TRAFFICANTE is reported in Miami, address unknown.

Surveillances have been conducted from February 21 through 24 and March 1 through 3, 1961, at the Columbia Restaurant, 22nd Street and Broadway, for subject's presence with negative results.

At 11:16 A.M. February 25, 1961, a telephone call was placed to RE 6-6973, at which time it was ascertained from a female's voice, who identified herself as SANTO TRAFFICANTE's daughter Mrs. PANIELLO, that she did not know where her father was. She was advised the identity of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE, who advised Mrs. PANIELLO that it was desirable to talk with her father, and she was at such time furnished the name of the agent and of the telephone number of the FBI Office. Mrs. PANIELLO advised that she would have her father call on the next Sunday or by Monday, February 27, 1961.

On Sunday, February 26, 1961, FRANK RAGANO, Attorney, Tampa, Florida, advised SA LABADIE that the subject had advised him that he did not desire to be contacted or interviewed by FBI agents or any law enforcement agencies. When asked the location of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, Mr. RAGANO advised that he was not privileged to disclose such information and declined to furnish a location of subject.

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