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COMMENTS :

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TP T-2 advised SA FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN on May 9, 1961 that he learned from a source, whom he believed reliable, that subject was staying at Carlsbad Spa, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida. TP T-2 said his source advised that subject was staying with a "MEYER LANSKY" at this location. As of May 1, 1961, his source definitely determined the subject was in the Hollywood-Miami, Florida area and his source also told him that subject, for unknown reasons, has remained "very close" to the July 26th Movement in Miami.

TP T-2 advised he had occasion to visit Miami recently where he was in contact with some local law enforcement officers and through them determined that, some few weeks prior to February 7, 1961, subject was in frequent contact with one SALVATORE SCALIA, who operated a grocery store in the vicinity of 755 West Flagler. TP T-2 also stated that subject was allegedly in contact with one OSCAR ECHEMENDIA, former part owner of Tropicana, Havana, Cuba.

Miami Fla.  
TP T-3 identified SALVATORE SCALIA as being identical with the individual known as "SAL" on October 8, 1958, who at such time was the manager of the gambling casino at the Hotel Comodoro, Havana, Cuba. This individual was born May 7, 1931, Regalbuto, Enna, Italy.

TP T-4 advised SA O'BRIEN on May 12, 1961 that he had no current information as to subject's location.

On May 15, 1961, JOSEPH B. HILL, Agent in Charge of Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, advised that

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TP T-5 advised on May 17, 1961 that subject and his wife had filed joint income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service for the years 1958 and 1959.

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AT BRADENTON, FLORIDA

RUFO LOPEZ FRESQUET, 2118 - 12th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, advised SA RAYMOND N. BYERS on May 8, 1961 as follows:

He knew of SANTO TRAFFICANTE in Cuba and knew he operated gambling casinos at Havana Hilton and Sans Soucie. He said he also knew that RAUL GONZALEZ worked for TRAFFICANTE in the Hilton casino. He said he was not an associate of GONZALEZ or TRAFFICANTE and knew nothing of their business arrangements. He explained that the only reason he approached GONZALEZ to arrange for escape from Cuba to the United States was because he was desperate and in fear of his life if he remained in Cuba longer.

FRESQUET said he did not associate with GONZALEZ in the United States nor does he know who GONZALEZ associated with. He said he heard that GONZALEZ opened a restaurant in Miami which soon failed and GONZALEZ then joined the resistance movement against CASTRO. He said GONZALEZ landed in Cuba during the recent invasion and is now a prisoner according to the list of prisoners published in the U. S.

FRESQUET said he was never associated in the same circles as the gamblers, and he knows nothing of their activities and/or associates. He said he has no idea where TRAFFICANTE is now located or what his financial condition might be. Nor does he know how TRAFFICANTE entered the United States. He pointed out that the people working for the overthrow of CASTRO do not associate with the gamblers, and he is not in a position to obtain any information concerning TRAFFICANTE.

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suitable for dissemination in accordance with Criminal Intelligence Program. Continuous efforts should be made on a daily basis to determine subject's exact location, so that the Bureau's objectives in this case can be accomplished through the use of confidential techniques, it being noted that the subject is a prime target for prosecution.

One copy of this report furnished San Juan Office for information purposes inasmuch as lead is still outstanding concerning determining whether or not subject may have some interests in hotels or casinos in San Juan. It is noted that a mail cover on subject's residence was approved by the Bureau and that this mail cover was unproductive except to determine that subject's residence received a water, electric, and telephone bill. By letter dated May 18, 1961, the Bureau~~s~~ requested to approve another 30 day mail cover.

#### INFORMANTS

TP T-1, records of Dun & Bradstreet, New York City, New York, whose identity requested concealed by the New York Office.

TP T-2, Captain B. FRANK BOWEN, Detective Bureau, Tampa PD, requested his identity be concealed.

TP T-3, HAV-31, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-4, JOSEPH B. HILL, Agent in Charge, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa.

TP T-5, EDGAR ADAIR, Agent, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa.

TP T-6, PSI

TP T-7, JOSEPH GRABLE, Commercial Department,

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