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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A confidential source at the Miami International Airport advised on April 24, 1968, that subject's automobile was parked in the public parking lot at the airport. Source stated that an electronic garage door opening device was in the automobile. This device was a Telectron serial 24428 with electronic wave length #295-16-12.

On April 17, 1968, MM 1298-PC whose identity must be protected in order to protect his life and information furnished by this source can only be used within administrative sections of Bureau reports, and can not be designated outside of the Bureau, furnished the following information:

SANTO TRAFFICANTE has been traveling a great deal lately and source states that to his knowledge TRAFFICANTE is not involved with narcotics or the international drug traffic. His main concern and interest is in gambling and gambling casinos. TRAFFICANTE has no current interest in any casinos but is planning to obtain a casino in Central or South America in the near future.

HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS, Miami bolita banker is also interested in obtaining a gambling casino in South America and is alleged to have approached TRAFFICANTE for a personal loan for the necessary funds to buy a casino.

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EVARISTO ~~GARCIA~~ VIDAL and his son ~~EVARISTO~~ GARCIA ~~SARMIENTO~~ and LAZARO MILIAN DID represent TRAFFICANTE in the Miami area in all gambling activities. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is sick and has not recovered fully from his heart attack from one year ago. If he should die MILIAN will take over his operation rather than his son. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is the "bank" for TRAFFICANTE and has been for many

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EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS to discuss their plans for the Equadorian gambling casino and the proposed trip of TRAFFICANTE and TRUEBA to Equador in the coming week.

At this meeting SANTO TRAFFICANTE complained bitterly that he was being constantly harassed by law enforcement officials and that because of this he wanted to leave the United States. He complained of 24 hour surveillances, wiretaps, mail interceptions and various other harassment techniques. At this meeting TRUEBA was also very nervous and was reportedly carrying a pistol during the meeting.

On May 10, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that on the evening of May 9, 1968, SANTO TRAFFICANTE met with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS in the coffee shop of the Miami Skyways Motel located on Le Jeune Road at the entrance to Miami International Airport. The meeting was held to discuss a prospective business venture in Guayaquil, Equador. They planned to discuss financial arrangements and payment of expenses incurred by HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS for trips he had made to Equador on behalf of SANTO TRAFFICANTE. Before the discussion could continue the meeting was broken up by a surveillance by federal Agents.

Upon seeing the Agents, SANTO TRAFFICANTE became enraged at EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and told him that every time he makes arrangements for a meeting with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL the meeting is surveilled by federal Agents. SANTO TRAFFICANTE ordered EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL to change his telephone number as soon as possible.

Informant stated that HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS is a close and personal friend of the President of Equador and has made arrangements with the Equadorian Government to

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obtain a casino gambling license in a new sixteen story hotel which will be built in Guayaquil, Ecuador. SANTO TRAFFICANTE, EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL and HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS will be equal partners in this venture. SANTO TRAFFICANTE plans to move permanently to Guayaquil, Ecuador because of harassment by law enforcement officials in the United States.

HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS will leave for Ecuador May 14, 1968, and will be followed by SANTO TRAFFICANTE about three days later. They will meet in Guayaquil where HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS will introduce SANTO TRAFFICANTE to the appropriate Equadorian government officials. After Ecuador they plan to journey together to other South American countries.

On May 14, 1968, Detective CAMACHO advised that the proposed trip to Ecuador of HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS and SANTO TRAFFICANTE had been postponed until after the forthcoming elections in Ecuador scheduled for the first week in June, 1968.

On May 27, 1968, MM 1298-PC, advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was currently in New York City where he was appearing before some investigative body. On Saturday May 25, 1968, TRAFFICANTE made a long distance call from New York City to EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL in Miami, Florida. TRAFFICANTE requested that HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS make an immediate trip to Managua, Nicaragua where he was to make contact with a Major IVAN ALEGRE, Chief of the Nicaraguan Immigration Service and who was supposed to be the close personal contact to the President of Nicaragua. TRAFFICANTE wanted HUMBERTO TRUEBA ROJAS to explore with Major ALEGRE the possibility of financial investments in Nicaragua by TRAFFICANTE.

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EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL at one time maintained TRAFFICANTE's cash resources but since his arrest by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents and his subsequent heart attack he no longer keeps the cash for TRAFFICANTE. All of TRAFFICANTE's funds are now being maintained by his attorney FRANK RAGANO. Source stated that the only person who knows where TRAFFICANTE is at all times is RAGANO.

Source stated that for at least a year prior to the termination of the Cuban National Lottery, SANTO TRAFFICANTE and EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL had access in advance to the winning numbers of the lottery. With this information they made between \$80,000 - \$100,000 a week. Their source for these numbers was a high official of the Cuban government with whom they made contact through the Cuban Consulate in Canada. LAZARO MILIAN DID made regular trips to Canada to obtain this information. Source stated that a logical Cuban government official with possible access to this information would be JORGE GARCIA BANGO, the current Chief of the Cuban Sports in the Cuban government. His brother is RAFAEL GARCIA BANGO, a close friend and associate of SANTO TRAFFICANTE who currently lives in Miami and who arrived in Miami from Spain in late 1967.

On May 29, 1968 MM 1298-PC advised that HUMBERTO TRUEBA RAJOS had been in contact with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL in the absence from Miami of SANTO TRAFFICANTE and that TRAFFICANTE wanted HUMBERTO TRUEBA RAJAS to go to Nicaragua to determine in person how closely associated the Nicaraguan Immigration Chief was to the President of Nicaragua. This man is allegedly "on the take" and TRAFFICANTE wanted to know exactly how good his contacts were.

On May 15, 1968, RAY VELASQUEZ, IRS Internal Security Agent, Miami, Florida, confidentially advised

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INFORMANTS:

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MM T-2 is PCI [REDACTED]

MM T-3 is Detective CESAR CAMACHO, Dade County Public Safety Department Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, by request.

MM T-4 is PCI [REDACTED]

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MM T-5 is MM 1281-C.

MM T-6 is Agent RAY VELASQUEZ, IRS, Miami, Florida, by request.

MM T-7 is SAM MAMULA, Miami, Florida, by request.

MM T-8 is PCI [REDACTED]

MM T-9 is MM 727-C.

MM T-10 is MM 1231-C-TE.

MM T-11 is MM 676-C.

MM T-12 is MM 1025-C.

MM T-13 is MM 1292-C.

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MM T-14 is ART LOGIN, Miami, Florida, by request.

MM T-15 is MM 1298-PC.

MM T-16 is [VIRGIL RIEDMILLER, CIA, Covert, Miami, Florida, by request.] ~~(S)~~(u)

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1. Will continue efforts to locate and develop a source who is close to the subject in the Miami area who will be able to furnish information on a continuing basis regarding the activities of the subject while he is in the Miami area.

2. Will continue regular coverage at subject's Miami residence and known Miami hangouts in an attempt to determine the subject's activities and contacts while in Miami.

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