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Report of: JOSEPH V. CAVALLO Office: Miami, Florida
Date: August 8, 1973

Field Office File #: 92-88 Bureau File #: 92-2781

Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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DETAILS:

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. continues to maintain a residence in Miami, Florida at 740 N.E. 155th Street, but there has been no indication that he has been at this residence since prior to Christmas, 1972.

On March 21, 1973, a subpoena was issued by BERNARD H. DEMPSEY, JR., Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA), Tampa, Florida, for SANTO TRAFFICANTE to have him appear before a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ), Tampa, Florida in an Obstruction of Justice case involving SAM CAGNINA. When the subpoena was issued it was felt that TRAFFICANTE was in Miami. However, Miami was unable to locate the subject.

In an effort to locate the subject on April 10, 1973, AUSA DEMPSEY issued subpoenas for JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE, subject's wife, and his daughter and son-in-law, MARY JO and AUGUST PANIELLO, 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, Florida. The purpose of these subpoenas was to determine if they could furnish the whereabouts of the subject.

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TAMPA

At Tampa and Lakeland, Florida:

Will identify subscribers to telephone numbers reflected in referenced Tampa letter, dated 7/9/73.

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida:

Will continue efforts to locate and determine activities of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case has been maintained in a pending status in the Miami Office by communications to the Bureau and interoffice communications. All pertinent information regarding the activities of the subject have been disseminated in that matter.

On 3/6/73, MM 1323-PC advised that FRANK RAGANO, attorney for SANTO TRAFFICANTE, had his appeal on IRS conviction heard in the Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans recently. One of the appeal judges asked the government to cite one case similar to that of RAGANO.

ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM, Miami tax attorney, who has been handling the old IRS tax case for TRAFFICANTE, recently died. He was the second tax attorney to die since the case started in Tampa years ago.

TRAFFICANTE has been away from Miami for several months and source has not physically seen him since before Christmas. He allegedly is staying away from Miami because he is trying to avoid his "gumbahs" who regularly come to Miami in the winter season.

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TRAFFICANTE has again been to the Lakeland, Florida medical clinic to get checkups on his old intestinal surgery.

On 5/4/73 and 5/13/73, MM 1323-PC advised that he has not seen or heard personally from TRAFFICANTE since the fall of 1972, probably October or November. TRAFFICANTE was then talking about leaving the United States and source feels that he has probably left quietly. Source heard indirectly that TRAFFICANTE was in Miami in January, 1973, because he purchased some custom made shirts from a store on Lincoln Road Mall, Miami Beach. Mrs. TRAFFICANTE and her father have been in Miami on several occasions but not SANTO TRAFFICANTE.

Mrs. TRAFFICANTE recently obtained a financial settlement for an old automobile accident, and they immediately bought a new Dodge with this cash.

The owner of the Casa Napoli Restaurant on N.E. 6th Avenue, Miami, is a nephew of VINCENT BRUNO owner of the Capra's Restaurant. The nephew married a former mistress of BRUNO and there was bad blood for a while between the two. The Casa Napoli is doing very well and TRAFFICANTE has been a regular there when in town.

On 4/20/73, TP 120-C was contacted by SA PHILIP D. SMITH and he advised that he had determined that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had been in the Tampa area within the past week. He stated that in talking with SANTO's daughter, MARY JO PANIELLO, he had determined that TRAFFICANTE had only stayed for a short time in Tampa. PANIELLO indicated that she thought that TRAFFICANTE would be returning to Tampa within the next week, but she did not know exactly when or the purpose of his visit.

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On 5/31/73 and 6/14/73, MM 1323-PC advised that he had heard that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was out of the country and did not plan to return to the United States.

On 6/12/73, TP 1960-PC advised that he visited with SANTO TRAFFICANTE on 1/2/73, at his Tampa residence. At that time TRAFFICANTE appeared to be in good health. Source stated he also saw TRAFFICANTE about a month after that at Nelson's Garage, Cass Street, Tampa, where subject was having his automobile serviced. Source stated that he has not seen TRAFFICANTE since that time and does not know his current whereabouts.

Information from the General Telephone Company, Tampa, Florida, furnished by ELSIE MARSDEN, Secretary Security Division, General Telephone Company of Florida; and JAMES E. MC MAHON, Director of Security, General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Florida, is the person to whom a subpoena duces tecum should be directed for court purposes.

According to information developed by SD 1064-C-TE, ROMANO and the source attended a meeting in early 1973 in Miami, Florida, for the purpose of discussing the development of a severance pay program to be sold to the Teamsters in Southern California. Present at the meeting was LCN Boss SANTO TRAFFICANTE, several of his operatives, ANGELO BRUNO operatives WILLIE WEISBERG, STEVE MONTROSE, STANLEY SOBOLSKY, DAVEY YARAS and MARSHALL CAIFANO of Chicago. According to SD 1064-C-TE, STEVE MONTROSE and STANLEY SOBOLSKY relocated at Los Angeles where they worked closely with ROMANO in pursuing this plan with labor union officials. The Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division conducted round the clock surveillances of ROMANO and greatly thwarted his freedom to operate. Because of pressures applied by local law enforcement, STEVE MONTROSE and STANLEY SOBOLSKY returned to Philadelphia and current information received from SD 1064-C-TE indicates that ROMANO has been unsuccessful in promoting this severance pay plan in California.

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INFORMANTS:

MM T-1 is TP 377-C-TE contacted by SA ROBERT BURESCH.

MM T-2 is ALEX TAYLOR, Intelligence Unit, Tampa, Florida Police Department, contacted by SA GEORGE A. KROUT.

MM T-3 is TP 1960-PC contacted by SA GEORGE A. KROUT.

MM T-4 is TP 120-C contacted by SA PHILIP D. SMITH.

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On April 10, 1973, a subpoena was served to MARY JO PANIELLO by SA GEORGE A. KROUT. At that time she was asked if she could furnish the whereabouts of the subject and she responded that she did not know his whereabouts at that time and that she did not make it a practice to keep up with his activities.

On April 11, 1973, AUGUST PANIELLO was served a subpoena by SA KROUT and he was also asked if he could furnish the whereabouts of the subject. He stated he did not know where TRAFFICANTE could be located, but that his wife was staying somewhere in a condominium in Carrollwood Village, Tampa, Florida.

On April 11, 1973, Mr. CHARLES BAUMGARTNER, Manager, Carrollwood Village, Tampa, Florida, was contacted by SAs KROUT and JOHN J. BATLEY, JR. BAUMGARTNER reviewed his records and stated that no one named TRAFFICANTE lived in Carrollwood Village. He allowed SAs KROUT and BATLEY to review the list of residents and the name of RICHARD E. VALDES, 4204 Fairway Circle, Tampa, Florida was located. Investigation at 4206 Fairway Circle revealed that RICHARD E. VALDES is the son-in-law of the subject and that VALDES resides at 4205 Fairway Circle with his wife, SARAH VALDES, nee TRAFFICANTE.

On April 11, 1973, SARAH VALDES was interviewed by SAs KROUT and BATLEY regarding the whereabouts of her parents, SANTO and JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE. She stated that her mother had spent the night of April 10, 1973, at her residence but that her mother usually stayed at 2505 Bristol Street when in Tampa. She stated that she did not know the whereabouts of her father.

On April 12, 1973, JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE voluntarily appeared at the office of the AUSA DEMPSEY, at which time she was given a subpoena by the office of AUSA DEMPSEY. At the time she was issued the subpoena she stated that she resided at 740 N.E. 155th Street, North Miami, Florida.

On April 13, 1973, AUGUST and MARY JO PANIELLO and JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE appeared before the FGJ, Tampa, Florida. When questioned regarding the whereabouts of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, they all took the fifth amendment.