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LEADS

NEWARK

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will cover leads set out in referenced Miami airtel to Newark dated January 16, 1974.

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

San Diego is requested to contact SD 1064-C-TE in an effort to determine SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.'s present whereabouts.

TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will maintain close contact with TP 41-C-TE in an effort to determine location of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will through contacts of established sources, attempt to establish whether or not SANTO TRAFFICANTE has furnished financial backing to JOSEPH JOHN ROMANO, JR., to further ROMANO's insurance promotion.

2. Will continue efforts to locate and ascertain current activities of TRAFFICANTE.

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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 this matter.

An information copy of this report is being provided for the Los Angeles Division in view of their interest in JOSEPH JOHN ROMANO, JR., and his association with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

INFORMANTS

On August 8, 1973, Italian National Police (INP) advised Legat Rome that it had received a telegram from Interpol, Washington, D.C. on August 8, 1973, alerting police as to the travel of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., to Italy. The INP advised Interpol on August 14, 1973, that two inquiries revealed that the subject and his wife JOSEPHINE stayed at Hotel De La Ville, Florence, Italy, on June 4, 1973, leaving that city June 5, 1973, for an unknown destination. No other pertinent information was developed by the INP.

Information was received from the Interpol Unit of New Scotland Yard (NSY) on August 10, 1973, that they had received a cable from Interpol, Washington, advising in substance that captioned subject was traveling in Europe. Interpol was instructed to place appropriate stops regarding the subject; however, if found he was not to be questioned by police, per Interpol, Washington advised.

On August 22, 1973, SA WILLIAM WHITNEY, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) advised that his department had confirmed information that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was residing in Spain. According to WHITNEY's information, TRAFFICANTE did not plan to return to the United States and quit the rackets. In addition WHITNEY mentioned that his information reflected that TRAFFICANTE plans to move his entire family to Spain with him.

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On October 17, 1973, TP 287-C advised he was in contact with a relative of SANTO TRAFFICANTE and ascertained that TRAFFICANTE is now residing in Catania, Italy, which is on the island of Sicily. According to the source, TRAFFICANTE has been residing there for approximately six months.

On September 12 and 25, 1973, TP 41-C-TE advised that it is his understanding that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., is definitely out of the United States and is believed somewhere in Europe. Source advised that close associates of TRAFFICANTE indicated that he has decided to go to Europe in an effort to get away from any type of police investigation in the states. Source indicated that he would attempt to find out if and when he plans to return to the States.

On September 14, 1973, TP 1960-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE is still out of town and probably believed in Europe. Source advised he recently saw AUGUST PANIELLO, son-in-law of TRAFFICANTE, a few days ago and found out that TRAFFICANTE's daughters have recently returned from their beach house in St. Petersburg, Florida, and are now back in Tampa.

On September 28, 1973, TP 41-C-TE advised that he had recently been in contact with SANTO TRAFFICANTE's son-in-law AUGUST PANIELLO at the United Cab Company and was advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., was in Miami approximately two or three weeks ago for one day as he had come from Europe to transact some business. Source advised that after conducting his business, TRAFFICANTE almost immediately left the Miami area. Source advised that it was his understanding that TRAFFICANTE returned to Europe.

On October 12, 1973, TP 2025-PC advised that he had operated a gambling casino in Cuba for the TRAFFICANTE organization many years ago. He stated he was approached and offered the job because the casino was losing money and the organization was interested in getting it back on a paying basis. The source stated he traveled to Cuba and shortly after his arrival, he got things straightened out and eventually the casino was making a profit of \$20,000 or better a month. He stated that all took place in the 1950's.

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TP 2025-PC advised that they would get the money back into the states by carrying it through Customs on their person. He stated that a good portion of the time they would simply contact a diplomat and pay him to carry it through Customs in his diplomatic pouch. Source advised that it was not difficult to get a diplomat to do this as they always made it worthwhile for them.

On October 12, 1973, TP 41-C-TE advised that he had received additional information regarding the activities of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., and that after leaving the Miami area in mid September, he traveled to South America, but his definite destination was unknown. Source stated that it was his understanding that TRAFFICANTE may be negotiating with individuals concerning setting up an operation of casino type, gambling, in South America. Source stated that TRAFFICANTE's wife is presently in the Tampa area staying with her daughter who is married to AUGUST PANIELLO.

TP 41-C-TE advised that it was his understanding that TRAFFICANTE is going to return to the Florida area in the latter part of October.

The Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police (INP), Rome Italy, advised Legat Rome on October 24, 1973, that no additional information has been received from alert police districts in Italy regarding the travel of TRAFFICANTE in any other Italian city. INP advised that subject is included on it's watch list and should any pertinent information be received in the future, Legat Rome will be informed.

On November 28, 1973, TP 41-C-TE advised that information received from SANTO TRAFFICANTE's close associate JIMMY LONGO revealed that TRAFFICANTE was in the Miami area. Source stated that TRAFFICANTE's wife was in Miami with him and that the TRAFFICANTES did not plan to go to the Tampa, Florida, area for the Christmas holidays as has been their usual practice. Source stated that he was not aware of the

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means of traveling TRAFFICANTE used when he re-entered the United States. Source further advised that he was going to attempt to obtain two days off from his employment during the following week and was planning to travel to the Miami area to meet with TRAFFICANTE.

On December 4, 1973, MM 1401-C-TE who was conversant with movements with many prior ranking La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figures in the Miami area and elsewhere, including SANTO TRAFFICANTE, advised that he was most confident that TRAFFICANTE was not in the Miami area and has not been in the vicinity for quite some time. It was source's opinion that if TRAFFICANTE were in the State of Florida, he would be in the Tampa area at Christmas time rather than in the Miami area since his relatives are there and since he is too well known to all law enforcement officers and agencies in the Miami area.

On December 13, 1973, TP 41-C-TE advised that TRAFFICANTE was located in Costa Rica and that he planned to return to the United States within a ten day period in order to spend the holidays with relatives. Source stated that previous information supplied by JIMMY LONGO proved to be faulty and false and source still intended to meet with TRAFFICANTE upon his arrival in the United States.

On December 12, 1973, NK 2591-C-TE advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had recently been contacted by "FRANK The Wop" (true name FRANK SABASTIAN GAGLIARDI). "FRANK The Wop", a member of the GAMBINO family, is presently involved in the construction of condominiums in the Miami area and approached TRAFFICANTE with a proposal for general construction in the Tampa area.

According to the source, the financing behind these condominiums is coming from New York and Miami "racket guys" such as ANTHONY ACCEURO.

Source further stated that TRAFFICANTE allegedly turned thumbs down on the deal saying that he did not want such investments in Tampa because there was already too much "heat" without additional crime figures in the area.

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The above information is included in the administrative section of this report only per request of the Newark Division in that its dissemination outside the Bureau would endanger NK 2591-C-TE.

On January 9, 1974, TP 41-C-TE advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE is still residing in the South America area but he was unaware of what particular country he was currently residing in. Source further advised that he was definitely not in Costa Rica at the present time and further advised that TRAFFICANTE was not in the Tampa area during the Christmas holidays.

The confidential source contacted by Legat Rome is the Central Bureau, Criminal Division, INP, Rome, Italy.

MM T1 is SA WILLIAM WHITNEY, Florida Department of Law Enforcement contacted by SA GEORGE A. KROUT.

MM T2 is TP 287-C contacted by SA GEORGE A. KROUT.

MM T3 is TP 41-C-TE contacted by SA DAVID J. MULARNEY.

MM T4 is TP 1960-PC contacted by SA DAVID J. MULARNEY.

MM T5 is MM 1401-C-TE contacted by SA THOMAS J. STICKNEY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: JOSEPH V. CAVALLO
Date: 2/8/74

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: 92-88

Bureau File #: 92-2781

Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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

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DETAILS:

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

A confidential source abroad advised on August 8, 1973, that SANTO TRAFFICANTE and his wife JOSEPHINE stayed at the Hotel De La Ville, Florence, Italy, on June 4, 1973. They left Florence on June 5, 1973 for an unknown destination.

On August 22, 1973, MM T1 advised that he had confirmed information that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., was residing in Spain. According to the source, TRAFFICANTE does not plan to return to the United States and will quit the rackets. In addition, TRAFFICANTE plans to move his entire family to Spain with him.

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On September 14, 1973, MM T4 advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was still out of town and probably believed to be in Europe.

On September 28, 1973, MM T3 advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., was reportedly in Miami approximately two or three weeks before for one day as he had come from Europe to transact some business. Source advised that after conducting his business, TRAFFICANTE almost immediately left the Miami area. Source advised that it was his understanding that TRAFFICANTE had returned to Europe.

On October 12, 1973, MM T3 advised that he had received additional information regarding the activities of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., and that after leaving the Miami area in mid September, he traveled to South America to an unknown destination. According to MM T3 TRAFFICANTE may be negotiating with individuals concerning the establishment of an operation of casino type gambling in South America.

Source further advised that it was his understanding that TRAFFICANTE would be returning to the Florida area in the latter part of October, 1973.

On October 24, 1973, a confidential source advised Legat Rome that no additional information regarding the travel of SANTO TRAFFICANTE in any other cities in Italy other than Florence could be established.

On December 4, 1973, MM T5 advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was not in the Miami area and had not been in the vicinity for quite some time. According to MM T5, if TRAFFICANTE were in the State of Florida, he would be in the Tampa area at Christmas time rather than in the Miami area since his relatives are there and since he is too well known to all law enforcement officers and agencies in the Miami area.