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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2781)

DATE: 8/22/74

FROM : *RGN*
888 LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (92-18) (P)

SUBJECT: ⁰ SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka
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Re Mexico City letter to Bureau dated 6/19/74, captioned "EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, aka - FUGITIVE, ET AL. IGA; AR; ECT; OOJ; BD" (Bufile 162-2223).

EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO, and LAZARO MILIAN DID are all Cuban nationals who were former residents of the United States. Both GARCIA VIDAL and MILIAN DID are Bureau fugitives. They have been under investigation at San Jose, Costa Rica, since May 1971. They fled the U. S. in order to avoid arrest and imprisonment. During the course of investigation of these individuals information was developed to the effect that they were engaged in a retail clothing business which recently has proven to be extremely profitable. In connection with the activities of these individuals one MIGUEL HERNANDEZ (protect), a part time employee of the AID Section of the U. S. Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica, advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE frequently visits the three above named individuals in San Jose. The source did not know the purpose of TRAFFICANTE's visits but indicated that TRAFFICANTE is a close personal friend of all three of them.

Checks were made at the office of Costa Rican Immigration on 8/14/74, and the following record of entries and exits into Costa Rica for TRAFFICANTE were noted.

- 7 - Bureau
 - (1 - Foreign Liaison Unit)
 - (2 - Miami, 92-88)
 - (2 - Tampa, 92-1)
 - 3 - Mexico City
 - (1 - 162-8)
- EX-110

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2cc's to TP memo 5/11/74
2cc's to [unclear] 5/37
10-02-74
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<u>Entered</u>	<u>Departed</u>
4/13/73	5/3/73
5/15/73	5/18/73
7/27/73	8/29/73
9/1/73	9/22/73
11/17/73	10/13/73
--	1/15/74
1/17/74	1/23/74
2/11/74	2/27/74

On each occasion TRAFFICANTE entered Costa Rica with a tourist card. He entered from the U. S. and on each exit he departed Costa Rica for Panama. A further record was located indicating that TRAFFICANTE had been in Costa Rica during July 1974, and had departed 7/21/74, for Panama. He was accompanied at that time by JOSEPH TRAFFICANTE and SANTO PANIELLO. They departed Costa Rica for Panama. All three had entered with tourist cards.

The source who furnished information concerning TRAFFICANTE's visits to Costa Rica on 8/14/74, stated that as of that date TRAFFICANTE was then physically in San Jose, Costa Rica. It was not possible to verify TRAFFICANTE's arrival inasmuch as Costa Rican Immigration records run two or three months late before filed.

LEADS

MIAMI OFFICE

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will furnish any background information available indicating the connection between TRAFFICANTE and subjects GARCIA VIDAL, GARCIA SARMIENTO and LAZARO MILIAN DID.

TAMPA OFFICE

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will furnish any background information indicating interest on the part of TRAFFICANTE in Costa Rica, it being noted that TRAFFICANTE is listed as one of the top hoodlums in organized crime in the United States.

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