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| TITLE OF CASE SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka. | | REPORT MADE BY SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE | TYPED BY CC |
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ENCLOSURES:

TO BUREAU

Original and copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADS:

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will continue intensification of subject's activities.

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| APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW | |
| COPIES MADE: 3 - Bureau (92-2781) (Enc-2) 1 - USA, Tampa 3 - Miami (92-88) (1 - USA, Miami) ATTN: Mr. WILLIAM KENNEY) 2 - Tampa (92-1) <i>1 - [unclear]</i> <i>1 - [unclear]</i> | | 92-2781-781 25 AUG 23 1963 <i>[Handwritten notes and stamps]</i> | REC-33 EX-117 |
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2. Will obtain further highly confidential Bureau coverage on the subject.

3. Will furnish Tampa summary memo on LEE RATNER.

4. Will report results of investigation conducted at Miami International Airport relative to establishing how the subject went to Brazil and Argentina in 1962 which is also in relationship to the case entitled, "CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY; ET AL; Pan American Bank of Miami, Florida - VICTIM; ITSP; MF; ITAR - EXTORTION; OO: Miami", Miami file 87-16480.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will continue to report activities on the part of the subject and his close associates at Tampa extending highly confidential Bureau coverage on same.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that the period of this report overlaps that of the previous report in that this report contains FD-302s submitted by the Miami Office to Tampa under date of 8/13/63 which concerns investigation previously reported in airtels to the Bureau.

It is noted that Departmental Attorney PELOQUIN at Miami, Fla., handling the case entitled, "CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY; ET AL; Pan American Bank of Miami, Florida - VICTIM" advised a Miami agent at Miami, Fla., that he plans to call a Grand Jury relative to the possible returning of an indictment against BRAY in hope that an ITAR case against FELIX ANTHONY ALDERISIO and TRAFFICANTE may be developed in the future.

Leads have previously been set forth by airtels and daily teletypes relative to information set forth in this report concerning KENNETH LATER and Illinois license plate and other license tags obtained at time of TRAFFICANTE's daughter's wedding.

INFORMANTS:

TP T-1 is TP 105-C*.

TP T-2 is TP 120-PC.

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TP T-3 is TP 97-C.

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TP T-4 is [REDACTED] 6953 Harding Avenue,
Miami Beach, Fla., who did plumbing work at
523 N.E. 71st Street, Miami.

TP T-5 is [REDACTED], Miami, Fla.

TP T-6 is [REDACTED] PCI, Miami, Fla.

TP T-7 is JK 114-C*.

TP T-8 is ART BEAUCHAMP, "Tampa Times" reporter
to SA LIONEL E. BELANGER.

TP T-9 is TP 41-C.

TP T-10 is [REDACTED] PCI, Miami.

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At Tampa, Florida on August 8, 1963, no activity was observed at subject's Tampa residence and contact with sources and local authorities failed to indicate subject was in Tampa.

JAMES C. LONGO, on August 13, 1963, advised that subject came into Tampa the evening of August 12, 1963 on the occasion of his daughter's, SARAH ANN, imminent departure for Georgia where she was to join her husband, RICHARD VALDEZ, it having previously been reported that they were to live in Atlanta, Georgia, where RICHARD VALDEZ attends Emory University. JIMMY LONGO reported that subject left late last night or early morning hours on August 13, 1963 for Miami. Mr. LONGO was most bitter, referring to newspaper publicity and expressing obscenities concerning drive on organized crime.

The Miami Office reported under date of August 12, 1963 that there was no activity noted at the subject's Miami residence on August 12, 1963 and a check of his known hangouts was unproductive.

No verification was made of subject's presence in Tampa on the evening of August 12, 1963 through contact with sources.

At Miami, Florida, the Subject was not observed on August 13, 1963 at his residence nor at his known hangouts.

TP T-4 advised August 13, 1963 in the greater Miami, Florida area that he had occasion to be inside subject's Miami residence August 12, 1963 and that he ascertained from Mrs. CHARLES CUCCIA, who is part owner of such property, that the subject has not been seen in quite a while. Source reported that Mrs. CUCCIA reported that subject pays his rent on the residence regularly, sometimes mailing it to her but he and his wife are seldom there. Source said that when he was inside the house he noticed dust was very heavy on the furniture and it appears that no one had lived there in a long time.

On August 15, 1963, at Miami, Florida, the subject was not observed at his residence nor any of his hangouts. The subject's white 1960 Falcon sedan was located on August 15, 1963 at Jerry's Sinclair Service Station, 23rd Street and Liberty Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. Inquiry indicated subject left the car there on August 9 or August 10, 1963 for radiator repairs and gave no indication as to when he would pick it up.

JUDITH SALVAT advised August 15, 1963 in Miami, Florida area that she has not seen the subject in two to three weeks and it was her impression that he was in Tampa, Florida.

On August 15, 1963 at Tampa, Florida, checks of subject's residence and usual hangouts failed to disclose any pertinent activity concerning the subject and Sgt. de la LLANA, Intelligence Unit of the Tampa Police Department reported they intensified checks of subject's residence and hangouts but no pertinent information regarding his whereabouts in the Tampa area was developed.

On August 16, 1963, at Tampa, Florida, sources did not report subject's presence, however, the Tampa, Florida Police Department officers reported there was observed a 1963 white Pontiac convertible bearing 1963 Illinois license MY 6969 parked at the residence of ANGELO BEDAMI August 12, 1963, it being noted that ANGELO BEDAMI was formerly a close associate to subject's father. The Tampa police reported inquiry of the Chicago police disclosed Illinois license plate registered to TONY CAPPELLANO, 1313 Passavant, Round Lake, Illinois.

The subject was not observed on August 16, 1963 at his Miami residence nor his known hangouts in Miami. The subject's car was still parked at Jerry's Service Station, Miami Beach, Florida, on the afternoon of August 16, 1963.

On August 17, 1963, surveillance of subject's residence at Miami, Florida and of Junior's Restaurant, 79th Street and Biscayne Boulevard in Miami, August 17, 1963, was conducted with negative results for subject.

On Sunday, August 18, 1963, the 1962 Ford belonging to AUGUST PANIELLO was observed at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida property, however, the vehicle was gone on the morning of August 19, 1963. Contact with TP T-1 failed to indicate the subject was at St. Petersburg Beach property.

On August 19, 1963, the 1959 white Chrysler and the 1959 white Chevrolet Impala were observed at 2505 Bristol Avenue, however, subject was not observed.

The "Evening Independent", St. Petersburg, Florida, in an article entitled "Crime 'Bluebook' Lists Ex-Tampan" set out that the name of SANTO TRAFFICANTE was high on the 67-name list of Miami underworld figures according to a "Miami Herald" news article. The article set out that TRAFFICANTE, 49 years of age, now resides "in the Miami area", according to the Herald. The article thereafter cited some previous arrests of the subject along with the information that Parade Magazine of April, 1963 reported TRAFFICANTE once controlled four plush places in Havana and had veto power on competition among those gamblers.

Under date of August 13, 1963 in the editorial comment column of the "Tampa Tribune", Tampa, Florida, in a heading captioned "The Loathsom 'Thing'" mentions that proposed Congressional hearings would deal with "Cosa Nostra". The article states that JOSEPH VALACHI reports Miami, Florida is open city with no particular family controlling it. It sets out that subject, long time Bolita operator and Havana gambling figure, and one who attended Apalachian meeting in 1957, was part of the syndicate referred to by VALACHI. The editorial noted that organized crime, "by whatever name, never ceases reaching for profits and power. Any further light the McClellan Committee can turn on its operations in Florida will help the people of this community and State in the ceaseless battle to beat back the tenacles of the loathsom thing."

Relative to the above, TP T-10 advised August 8, 1963 at Miami, Florida that he was very disturbed over publicity given to the subject and the fact that he, himself, was one of the racketeers listed as living in the Miami area. Source indicated this publicity was very bad for his business, embarrassing to his family and claimed it all was because of his association with the subject and wished he had never been introduced to TRAFFICANTE.

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Sgt. JACK de la LLANA, Intelligence Unit, Tampa Police Department, advised July 24, 1963 that he was in receipt of a letter from Miami Intelligence Unit dated July 23, 1963, which set forth that the subject had been