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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that a separate file has been opened in the Tampa Office on PETER MARCHESE, brother-in-law of subject, with the purpose of determining his financial structure.

It is also noted that as of June 13, 1961, EDGAR ADAIR, Agent, Internal Revenue Service, Tampa, advised [redacted]

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The records of the Exchange National Bank of Tampa, Tampa, Fla., were made available by WILLIAM THORNTON, Bookkeeping Department, on June 14, 1961.

INFORMANTS:

- TP T-1 TP 8-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- TP T-2 [redacted] who formerly handled the TRAFFICANTE family income taxes.
- TP T-3 Legat, Havana, reported in Legat letter to Bureau, dated 3/13/59, in matter entitled "American Gambling Activities - Cuba - AR."
- TP T-4 PCI [redacted] as reported in above communication for TP T-3.
- TP T-5 ANTHONY J. GRIMALDI, PCI, President of Columbia Bank, Ybor City, Tampa.
- TP T-6 WINFIELD V. ELROD, Collections Unit, IRS, Tampa, [redacted]
- TP T-7 TP 22-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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- TP T-8 TP 46-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- TP T-9 PCI [redacted] Havana, Cuba.
- TP T-10 [redacted] PCI, Miami, which information set out in report of SA ROBERT F. FETZNER, dated 6/26/59 at Miami, in case entitled "STEFANO ANTHONY RANDAZZO, aka, AR."
- TP T-11 MM 665-PC, which information set out in above referenced report under TP T-10.
- TP T-12 MM 647-PC, whose information was also reported in the report referenced for TP T-10.
- TP T-13 ROBERT WILLER, Assistant Cashier, Peoples National Bank, Miami, Fla., which information was set out in the referenced report of SA FETZNER for TP T-10.
- TP T-14 Havana 33, whose identity is known to the Bureau, and which information was reported in Legat letter to Bureau, dated 5/27/60.
- TP T-15 Havana 31, whose identity is known to Bureau.
- TP T-16 Legat, Havana.
- TP T-17 NY 842-S, whose identity is known to Bureau.
- TP T-18 Havana 32, whose identity is known to Bureau.
- TP T-19 CHARLES C. CORCES, PCI, attorney at Tampa, Fla.

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[redacted] PCI, New York Office, who furnished information to SA EDMUND FLANAGAN.

TP T-21

[redacted] PCI, Havana, who was the doorman at subject's residence in Havana.

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Havana 4, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-23

ROBERT LANGLEY, Manager of Dun & Bradstreet, Tampa, who furnished information to IC HENRY E. McINTURFF.

TP T-24

ADAM HAUS, a detective, Tampa PD, formerly employed by RIZZO.

TP T-25

[redacted] former PCI, who furnished the information to SA JAMES P. O'NEIL.

TP T-26

[redacted] former PCI and former Tampa City Councilman, who furnished the information to SA LABADIE.

TP T-26A

CHARLES WILSON, Immigration and Naturalization Service representative, Havana.

TP T-27

National Office of Bureau of Narcotics, which information was furnished to the Bureau.

TP T-28

Confidential report of former SAC GEORGE R. McSWAIN, concerning investigation, Havana Hilton Hotel Casino.

TP T-29

Legat, Madrid.

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TP T-30 Copies of income tax statements
of subject, made available by
IRS headquarters, Washington, D.C.,
furnished Tampa by Bulet dated 3/29/61.

TP T-31 EDGAR ADAIR, Agent, IRS, Tampa.

TP T-32 MM 640-PC, whose identity is known
to the Bureau.

TP T-33 ALFRED R. ANCI, JR., Assistant
Cashier, Northside Bank of Tampa,
to SA FRANCIS J. FLANNERY on 6/8/61.

TP T-34 WILLIAM STINE, head bookkeeper,
Seminole Bank of Tampa, to SA
FLANNERY on 6/8/61.

TP T-35 OWEN V. WHITMAN, Executive Vice-
President, Industrial Bank of Tampa,
to SA CHARLES D. GEORGE on 6/6/61.

TP T-36 HAYDN W. WARKENTINE, Cashier,
Exchange National Bank of Tampa,
to SA J. HOWARD CARLSON, 5/29/61.

TP T-37 JAMES BLY, Cashier, Springs
National Bank of Tampa, to SA
CARLSON, 5/29/61.

TP T-38 FREDERICK LE VARGE, Assistant Vice-
President, Peninsula State Bank,
to SA O. THAXTER BLALOCK, JR.,
6/6/61.

TP T-39 F. M. MOORE, Vice-President, Marine
Bank and Trust Company, to SA JOHN J.
GAFFNEY.

TP T-40 ROY COTARELO, President, Industrial
Bank of Tampa, to SA GAFFNEY.

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TP T-41 D. R. BURNS, Vice-President,
Cashier, Tampa Bay Bank, to SA
IRWIN FRANK DAVIS.

TP T-42 JAMES F. ADAMS, Vice-President,
Cashier, First National Bank of
Tampa, to SA DAVIS.

TP T-43 L. G. CHIARAMONTE, Vice-President,
Cashier, Central Bank of Tampa,
to SA ROBERT C. SMITH.

TP T-44 NY 2427-C, whose identity is
known to the Bureau.

CE T-1 HANSEL C. BEESON, Assistant Vice-
P President and Custodian of Records,
Pilot Life Insurance Company, Greens-
boro, N.C., who requested his identity
not be divulged.

MM T-1 MM 722-C, whose identity is known
to the Bureau.

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Copy to:

Report of: **STEPHEN J. LABADIE**
Date: **6/14/61**

Office: **TAMPA**Field Office File No.: **TP 92-1**Bureau File No.: **92-2781**Title: **SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.**Character: **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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Synopsis: Subject, FBI No. 482531B, reportedly took over domination of Italian group, Tampa, Fla., on death of his father, 8/54, and had previously been his father's "emissary." He was publicly reported in Tampa as a "kingpin" of a Florida West Coast group which operated in bolita (numbers), and he had been quizzed by police in several underworld slayings. After an arrest in 1954 on a charge of bribery, and conviction, but which conviction Florida Supreme Court reversed, subject became involved with the IRS concerning back taxes and a criminal violation concerning Wagering Tax violation. The criminal violation concerning IRS was subsequently resolved in his acquittal of all charges, USDC, Jacksonville, Fla., 12/11/59.

During 1955, subject went to Havana, Cuba, and obtained Cuban Foreigner's Carnet No. 393461, and on 10/3/57, was granted permanent residence in Cuba. In Havana, Cuba, subject was associated with numerous casinos in various hotels, the more prominent being with Sans Souci. He attended the Apalachin, N.Y., meeting under alias of LOUIS (LUIS) SANTOS. He allegedly lost out completely in Havana, Cuba, and returned to Tampa approximately 5/60, after which time he was reportedly residing in Miami, Fla. He was interviewed in 3/61 and denied any illegal activities. His residence in Tampa was sold in 2/61 to a VINCENT AMATO of North Miami Beach, Fla., who with his father and the wife of ANGELO BRUNO of Philadelphia, Pa., operated Cigarette Service, Inc., Miami. Subject presently residing 2505 Bristol Ave., Tampa, Fla. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS EXTENSIVE PAST ASSOCIATION IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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family. TP T-2 advised in 1958, he had knowledge that SAM TRAFFICANTE and subject had a partnership from 1946 to 1953 for the operation of two bars in Tampa, as well as a partnership in which they shared an equal portion of earnings from bolita or gambling.

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D. FRANK TRAFFICANTE
705 West Alfred
Tampa, Fla.

This individual was arrested in 1959, was indicted along with AUGUSTINE PRIMO LAZZARA, FBI No. 210604A, in 1959 in Pinellas County, Fla., along with the St. Petersburg Postmaster WILLIAM H. BOWES, a former aide to U.S. Representative WILLIAM C. CRAMER, First Congressional District, Fla., and a former Pinellas County attorney, C. RAY SMITH, a former law partner of U. S. Congressman CRAMER, on charges of bribery, conspiracy to bribe, and conspiracy to violate lottery laws. The charges involved an alleged attempt to bribe Constable DOUGLAS RODENBAUGH, who was at such time an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Sheriff of Pinellas

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"contest" was \$13,090.00. In 1950, from a partnership of "contest," SANTO reported \$15,000.00 income, and in 1950, SAM reported "contest" income of \$15,000.00. In 1951, SANTO reported income from "contest" of \$24,000.00, and SAM reported \$24,000.00, which was his equal share of his partnership with SANTO. In 1952, SANTO reported income from his share of "contest" as \$10,000.00, and SAM reported income from partnership with SANTO of \$10,000.00. SANTO also reported in 1952, income of \$17,000.00 from parimutuel. SAM reported \$10,000.00 from partnership with SANTO, and in 1953, SANTO reported income from "contest" as \$21,500.45 and from parimutuel of \$23,830.00.

The above is set out to show subject and his brother's income, which is described by TP T-2 as having been from bolita.

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The following background information is set out to attempt to show the connections of the alleged TRAFFICANTE group being entrenched in the form of gambling known as bolita (numbers).

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VIII. STATEMENT OF ASSETS

A. Beach Property

Records, Pinellas County Court House, Clearwater, Fla., will reflect as of February 19, 1958, that on April 22, 1954, BENNIE A. MARCHESE and KATHARINE MARCHESE transferred warranty deed to Lot 6, Block 3 of Don C. E. Sar Place, as described in Plat Book 13 (now known as 3610 El Centro Avenue, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.) for no recorded cost to SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. and his wife JOSEPHINE, 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa. The document was endorsed by JOSEPH A. FALZONE and MANUEL BLANCO.

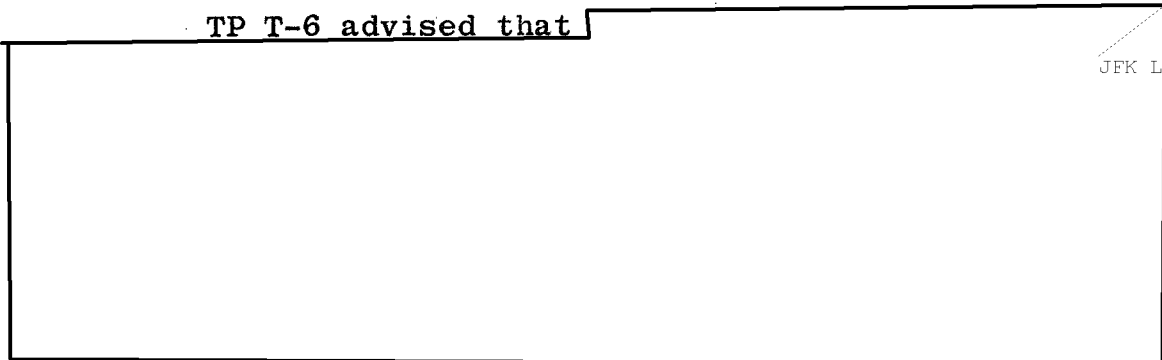
FRANK T. HURLEY, JR., Hurley's Real Estate, 26th Avenue at Gulf Blvd., Pass-A-Grille, Fla., advised he handled the rental of the real estate owned by the TRAFFICANTES at 3610 and also 3612 El Centro for a number of years.

B. Alleged Purchase of Hotel,
Miami, Florida

On December 15, 1960, TP T-44 advised subject had recently purchased a hotel in Miami, Fla. Source stated subject's former gambling partner in the San Souci, Havana, was fronting for him in connection with the purchase.

C. Estate of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, SR.,
Deceased 1954

TP T-6 advised that



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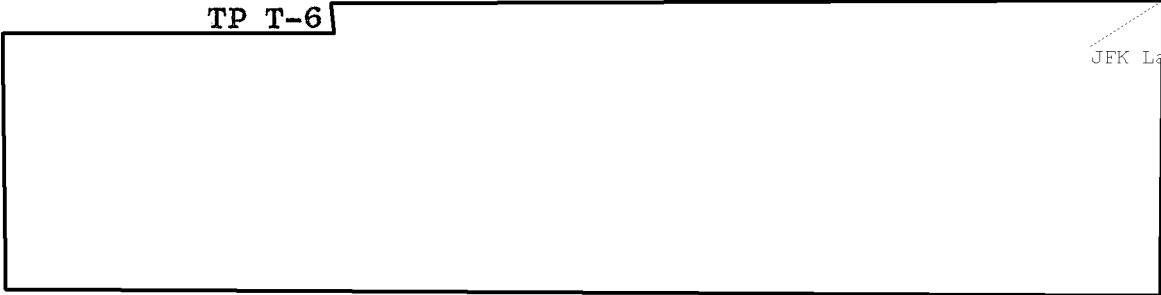
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XII. SUBJECT'S PRESENT STATUS ON TAX MATTERS

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