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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE
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Office: TAMPA

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Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka

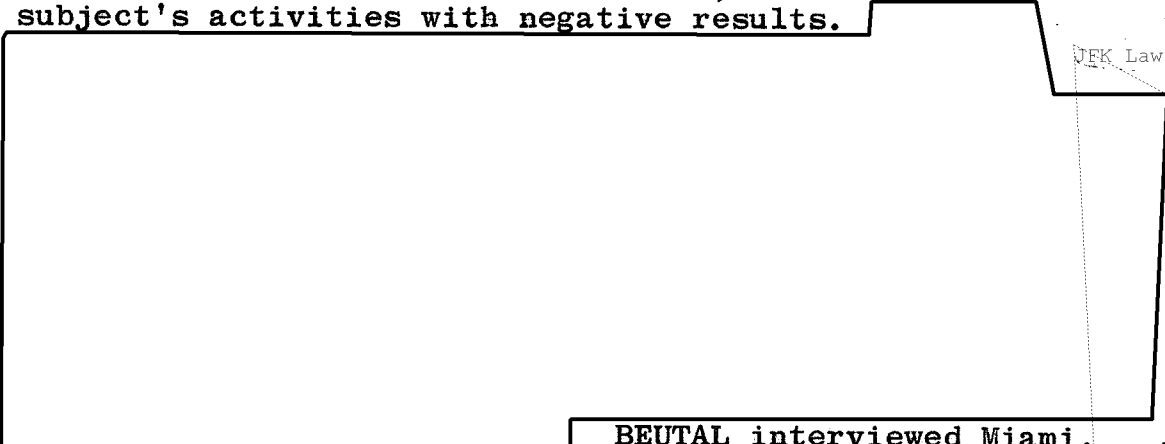
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Synopsis: Investigation was conducted at Miami, Florida, to determine subject's activities with negative results.



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BEUTAL interviewed Miami, Fla., stated he had sold talent for the San Soucie, Havana, in the past on several occasions, however, the reimbursement the talent received was paid directly to the artists and not through BEUTEL nor Music Corp. of America. BEUTEL advised the extravaganzas put on by the San Soucie were mostly of Cuban and South American talent and not handled by an American booking agency. One EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL purchased 1959 Cadillac, Clearwater, Fla., November 25, 1958, for cash. VIDAL allegedly with Deauville Casino, Havana. Records, INS, Washington, D.C., reflect EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL last admitted 1/12/61 and departed U.S. at Miami for Havana 1/16/61. Records Netherlands Insurance Co. reflect endorsement dated 2/15/61 that subject's interest for insurance was assigned to AMATOS.



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is patronized on a daily basis by subject's brothers and long time associates.

Will maintain contact with CS TP 51-C as well as informants and sources.

Will report results of contact with LEGATs, Madrid and Rome.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Subject was designated by Bureau airtel to SAC, New York, dated 5/22/61, in matter entitled "Criminal Intelligence Program", to be on the second ten picked for concentrated, all-out investigative attention under the "crash" program. A special summary report on the subject was forwarded under date of June 14, 1961.

Miami Division has advised that Special Agents WILLIAM G. FRIEDEMANN and EDWIN L. SWEET were unable to furnish any information concerning the identity of subject's possible accountant.

The mail cover on subject's residence has been thus far unproductive concerning the disclosure of the identities of any new contacts or associates. However, the Bureau has been requested to approve another thirty-day cover for July, 1961.

INFORMANTS:

MM T-2

PCI [redacted] with whom insufficient contacts have been had to determine his reliability.

MM T-3

MM 492-S

MM T-4

MM 724-S

MMTT-5

JOE MORAN, Assistant Coordinator of the FRD, an Anti-CASTRO organization. His identity should be protected.

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EDGAR ADAIR, Agent, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa

TP T-2

Hav. 33, whose identity is known to Bureau

TP T-3

TP 50-PCI, whose identity is known to Bureau

TP T-4

ROBERT F. TINNARO, Vice President, Central Bank of Tampa, whose identity should be protected

TP T-5

[redacted] who requests his identity be protected

TP T-6

[redacted] PCI

TP T-7

TP 41 PCI

TP T-8

MARVIN ESSRIG, Executive Vice President, Tampa Bay Bank, who is close associate of DAVID M. SCHWARTZ, CPA, subject's accountant

TP T-9

[redacted] PCI

TP T-10

CS TP 51-C, whose identity is known to Bureau

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RE: ASSOCIATES

Re: STEFANO ANTHONY ~~RAN~~DAZZO

TP T-1 advised

Re: SAM TRAFFICANTE

TP T-1 advised

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Re: EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL

TP T-1 advised June 19, 1961, that he had obtained a photostat of a bill of sale reflecting that EVARISTO ~~GARCIA~~ VIDAL, 1591 Michigan Avenue, Clearwater, Florida, purchased on November 25, 1958, from LARRY DIMMITT, Cadillac dealer, Clearwater, a 1959 Cadillac, ID # 59 K-000390, for \$5,764.75 cash. On rear of this bill source said was the notation, VIDAL, Deauville, Havana and FRANK RAGANO. Source noted the address of 1591 Michigan Avenue, Clearwater, was fictitious and RAGANO was subject's attorney.

TP T-2 reported on October 24, 1958, that EVARISTO GARCIA in Havana, Cuba, was one of the principal holders of Hotel Deauville casino.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

A. Re: INTERNATIONAL AMUSEMENT CORPORATION
"ATRACCIONES INTERNACIONALES, S.A."

TP T-1 advised

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Re: Interview with BILL BEUTEL

The Miami Office advised on June 22, 1961, as follows:

BILL BEUTEL, Music Corporation of America, 7630 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, advised SA WILLIAM A. HAMILTON June 21, 1961, he met TRAFFICANTE in late 1955 or early 1956, when he, BEUTEL, contacted subject attempting to sell him talent for the San Soucie Gambling Casino, Havana. He stated that on several occasions he did sell talent, however, the reimbursement the talent received from subject was paid directly to the artists and not to BEUTEL or Music Corporation of America. BEUTEL could furnish no information regarding subject's activities, other than he knew that he was connected in an official capacity with the San Soucie Gambling Casino. He stated he saw subject in Miami several months ago at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, but just said hello and did not discuss subject's present activities.

BEUTEL stated that the extravaganzas put on by the San Soucie were mostly of Cuban and South American talent and were not handled by an American booking agency.

LEONARD RONN of General Artist Corporation may possibly now be located through his New York office, 640 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

B. Re: GUSTAVO A. LOPEZ MUNOZ, ATTORNEY, HAVANA, CUBA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

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TP T-1 advised

Source noted that

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C. Re: DREAM BAR
2801 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida

TP T-3 advised on June 14, 1961, that subject's brother FANO TRAFFICANTE has a girlfriend employed at Constantino Monument Co. as an office girl or bookkeeper.

Source noted AUGUST PANIELLO, subject's son-in-law, hung around the Dream Bar so that he could go out with and date the girls that hung around the bar. SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. supposedly really bawled out AUGIE for going with other girls and called him some obscene names.

Source noted FRANK DIECIDUE, JAMES LONGO, SAM and FANO TRAFFICANTE, FRANK IPPOLITO, aka "Cowboy", NICK SCAGLIONE, the owner, and RALPH DI MARCO, the bartender, all hang out at the Dream Bar, 2801 Nebraska Avenue.

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PRESENT GENERAL ACTIVITIES IN TAMPA

SA JOHN R. BRETT, on June 19, 1961, at 4:03 pm observed at subject's residence, 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, a two tone green Plymouth bearing 1961 Florida license 68-6619.

TP T-5 advised on June 20, 1961, that he had seen subject having coffee at the Columbia Restaurant at 2:30 pm, June 20, 1961. At such time as subject was seen he was speaking with JOE GARCIA, an employee of Columbia Restaurant.

TP T-6 advised SA IRWIN FRANK DAVIS, on June 23, 1961, that he saw subject on the night of June 22, 1961, at the Old Fort Restaurant, downtown Tampa, Florida. Source said he did not speak with subject nor determine his future plans, but subject was seen with a person he had seen before who chauffeured subject around.

TP T-5 advised June 23, 1961, that JOE DIEZ, aka "Baby Face", and JAMES C. LONGO were seen by him at the Columbia Restaurant on the morning of June 23, 1961. Source noted he also saw LONGO at the Columbia on the morning of June 22, 1961. Source noted that FRANK FERRERI, one of the close associates of the TRAFFICANTE group, died of a heart attack. Source noted this FRANK FERRERI was not identical to a man by the same name who is a legitimate druggist. Source said that CHARLIE GREGORY, operator of the "Old Fort Restaurant", Tampa, formerly had all the punchboards in Tampa in years past.

Source also noted he had not seen nor spoken with the subject since he last reported talking with subject.

TP T-7 advised June 22, 1961, that he contacted subject June 20, 1961, at the Columbia Restaurant and there endeavored to borrow money from the subject. Source said the subject claimed to him that he was broke and subject said he had only \$19.00 on his person. Source said he felt subject was probably broke as was of opinion subject would have loaned him money. Source said that subject stated to him that he, subject, would be around town for a few weeks and that he was residing at his home.

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