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SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.  
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A review of the recent Tampa inspection report indicates that you are giving consideration to the use of the [electronic switch] equipment in effecting MISUR coverage at the Dream Bar. You now have two complete units of this type equipment. Since you have additional microphone surveys pending, there is a possibility that additional [electronic switch] units may be needed by your office. In the event the surveys indicate that additional equipment of this type is necessary, you should advise the Bureau at the earliest possible date, giving complete details concerning the environment where it will be used so that appropriately disguised equipment may be prepared for your particular installation.

Should your survey reveal a situation where additional technical information, assistance or equipment are desired, you should advise the Bureau, attention FBI Laboratory, the details of the problem.

NOTE: It is noted from Tampa inspection report 4-19-62, that Tampa has a MISUR installation pending at the Dream Bar, Tampa, and one additional survey each pending in Tampa and Orlando, Florida. Nature of telephone wiring and equipment used in some areas of Florida makes microphone egress difficult unless existing wire is used. This requires special equipment such as the two [electronic switches] previously built especially for the Tampa Office.

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INSPECTOR R. L. FAISST: This pending case, Tampa origin, is assigned to SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE, and supervised on Desk of SAC. TRAFFICANTE is a top hoodlum, who has been selected for early Federal prosecution. He reportedly heads the Italian criminal element in Tampa.

The Dream Bar, 2801 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, is reportedly owned by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.'s estate and operated by NICK SCAGLIONE, who was recently discontinued as TP 50-C, because of being on a Department of Justice list for prosecution.

Tampa letter to Bureau 7/14/61, requested authority to conduct survey to determine feasibility of installing misur at the Dream Bar.

- Bureau airtel 7/18/61 granted such authority.
- Tampa letter to Director 9/20/61 (FD-142) recommended installation.
- Bureau letter 9/27/61 granted authority.

Installation had not been made when on 1/14/62, a fire ruined the Dream Bar.

Office memo 2/28/62 to SAC from SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE (66-231-2 HH) recommended "...now is the time for sound trained and telephone and misur observations with action." This memo also contained information that the Dream Bar was under repairs, the place was boarded up at night, and the roof was being repaired at that time.

This memorandum was routed to SA EARL M. PETERSEN. There is no additional information that any action has been taken to date.

Explanations are requested of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE, SA EARL M. PETERSEN, and the SAC, as to what has caused the delay in the installation of misur at specific work has been performed, to make this installation, it being noted that it was approved 9/27/61, and what target date has been set to make the installation, if such is still being actively considered.

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SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE - 4/20/62: SA LABADIE has the SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka., AR case assigned, he being a subject of Bureau "crash" investigation. Efforts to enter his part-time residence at 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, where it is known he spends very few days a year, have been negative since some members of family or the maid are in the house at all times. Furthermore, the risk involved may not warrant the effort as TRAFFICANTE is seldom there.

In view of the above, fully realizing the aims and desired accomplishments to infiltrate and penetrate the "TRAFFICANTE" group at Tampa, it was ascertained that some of the close "TRAFFICANTE" group hang out, not regularly, at the Dream Bar, 2801-03 Nebraska Avenue, and appropriate survey was requested.

It was thereafter established that entry could only be gained to the Dream Bar, with relative security, from approximately 3:30 AM (when FANO TRAFFICANTE and his trusted helpers and friends left the bar) to approximately 9:30 - 10:00 AM, when they reopened. Entry would have to be gained from approximately 3:30 AM to light or daybreak. Survey indicated that the above entrances, even with a key, would have to be made on numerous occasions to bury wires, and such entry was not deemed secure.

On 1/14/62 the Dream Bar was gutted by fire. Thereafter the building was checked and it was noted it was boarded up. Such being the case, it suggested the probability that new telephone instruments and new telephone booth would be installed, and such suggested to SA LABADIE possibility of placing instruments in new phone or new booth and therefore a memorandum was submitted suggesting this be checked and considering the fact that new possibilities now existed.

Since the Dream Bar was to be reconstructed, entailing perhaps all new plans, new materials and changes, it was realized by SA LABADIE that installation of misurs for concealment in old building was not the desired method, as such would undoubtedly be changed, completely torn out and rebuilt. Being aware of the above situation, SA LABADIE set out to determine new construction.

SAs FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN and LABADIE, after appropriate checks, obtained from CASIMORO HERNANDEZ the reconstruction plans and materials used at the Dream Bar and adjacent poolroom. The plans and material used were photographed and Photostats made, respectively, and thereafter made a part of the 1A files for NICK SCAGLIONE, AR, subject of Tampa file 92-27, which is 1A5, and of the 1A file for SALVATORE CACCIATORE TRAFFICANTE, aka., IGA, Numbers, subject of Tampa file 162-51, which is 1A2. It is further

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noted that in report of SA LABADIE dated 4/13/62 in latter case (162-51), serial 46, on administrative page the information is set out that the Dream Bar now has glass front doors, installed by G. E. SHORE, Shore Glass Company, per CASIMIRO HERNANDEZ, and they are made by NATCOR. The above is noted so that master keys may possibly be obtained for the locks which are used in NATCOR products. Having the keys would give ready access for any subsequent re-survey.

SA EARL M. PETERSEN (sound-trained Agent) - 4/20/62:

In letter dated 9/20/61, advising the Bureau that an FD-142 was being submitted requesting authority to install a misur in the Dream Bar, the Bureau was advised that the Dream Bar is located near a busy intersection in Tampa where both streets have a considerable flow of traffic on a twenty-four-hour-a-day basis. Two cleaning establishments are located within a block of the Dream Bar and are operated on a twenty-four-hour-a-day basis. Another bar and a billiard parlor, both open long hours, are located nearby. The billiard parlor is adjacent to the Dream Bar and in the building housing the Dream Bar, owned by the Trafficante estate. The Dream Bar is usually vacated between 3:30 and 4:15 AM, with the venetian blinds in the front of the building raised and lights left turned on inside the building. All doors and windows at the rear are barred and bolted from the inside and only one of the front doors is not bolted from the inside. The remaining front door has a bolt-type lock which would make it necessary to pick this lock both open and closed.

It was pointed out that it would be dangerous to work in the front part of the building, but that work could be done in the rear rooms of the building provided access could be obtained.

It was pointed out that during the course of this survey a fire damaged the interior of the Dream Bar. In addition to this, the operation of the Dream Bar was being taken over by FRANK PETER ALBANO, who is married to a niece of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.. It was surmised that because of the fire and change of ownership it was possible that extensive interior redecorating would take place in the near future.

Technically, it seemed possible to effect an installation in the Dream Bar as a spare pair of telephone lines lead from a pole at the rear of the building to the back wall of the Dream Bar. It would have been possible to install a hidden microphone in the Dream Bar and conceal wires inside the building which could then have been connected to the wires leading to the telephone box on the pole in the alley and from there to a plant or to the office

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of the FBI through one or more leased lines. It was felt that a good possibility existed of obtaining a key or a copy of the key to the building through contact with NICK SCAGLIONE, JR., who was operating the bar and who was at that time an informant of this office.

Authority was requested in order that we could move without delay should conditions be such that this could be done with security.

It was felt that a key was necessary for access to the Dream Bar because the only available entrance to the building was on a busy street patrolled by uniformed police in cars. Close liaison with police officers in the area is not deemed advisable because of the possibility of police protection being afforded the Dream Bar in connection with bolita activities.

A key had not been obtained and renovation of the building had not occurred when on January 14, 1962, a fire ruined the interior of the building.

As a result of this fire, the entire building has been renovated. The rear has all windows and doors completely barred, allowing no access from this direction. No spare wires exist between the pole in the alley and the building, and new GT-7-2 wire has been installed to the one non-published business telephone, number 229-5759, now in the Dream Bar. A similar telephone line leads to the billiard parlor next door, also rebuilt as a result of the fire.

The telephone presently in the Dream Bar is a black HSC instrument. It was installed on March 29, 1962. This telephone was installed for NICK SCAGLIONE, JR. A pay station has been requested for the Dream Bar and will be installed on April 27. A three-wire cable will be installed to this telephone booth which will be located inside the Dream Bar. The General Telephone Company of Florida does not install cables containing spare wires to a building such as the Dream Bar. Any installation other than a three-wire cable would be an abnormal installation.

Mr. CARL BROREIN, JR., Operating Vice President, General Telephone Company of Florida, has specifically assigned Mr. DONALD WITHERS, head of the Training Division, to furnish anything of a technical nature wanted by the FBI. On October 16, 1961, Mr. WITHERS advised that Mr. BROREIN had instructed that the telephone company is not willing to become involved in anything other than normal telephone procedure in view of the possibility of becoming subject to a law suit. He advised specifically that the telephone

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company will not enter a home to replace an instrument and that they are unwilling to supply a leased line from a location near a subject's home or place of business to the office of the FBI. He pointed out that in matters involving the security of the United States, such as Communist or Espionage matters, these instructions do not apply and that the company has no reservations of any kind. (Serial 2X of 66-231.)

As is pointed out by Inspector FAISST, a memorandum was placed in the file on 2/28/62 recommending "...now is the time for sound-trained and telephone and misur observations with action." Daytime surveillance made on a spot-check basis revealed that the Dream Bar was watched by one or more of the persons operating the establishments at all times. At no time was this building seen by me to be in a boarded-up condition which would provide easy access. If access to the building had been arranged, it would be extremely hazardous to make an installation while workmen were in the process of renovating the building. This could be done with security provided a close watch of the building was made to follow exact progress of the interior construction and many entries made to place technical equipment and wiring in the building as construction progressed. Even then, a change in plans could cause removal of work already done, revealing wires and/or equipment placed in the building. It is felt that installation of a cable containing extra pairs with the subsequent connection of microphone equipment to these cables would not be secure at the Dream Bar as NICK SCAGLIONE, JR. is familiar with telephone procedure, according to statements made by him to SA LABADIE, and is able to conduct a security check of telephone equipment in this bar. This is a completely changed situation from the case when a pair of spare wires was available for our use. These wires did not approach other telephone wires and extended from near the top of the building.

The possibility of installing equipment in the building which will not need spare wires exists. As a result of communication with the Bureau in these matters, the Bureau advised by letter dated 1/26/62 that they would furnish the Tampa Office with two electronic switches, each complete with an amplifier and a microphone and in addition two SPMT switching units and special relays to open the audio path when the line is used for telephone conversations. This equipment has not yet been received in this office probably because it has only recently been invented and must be built at the FBI Laboratory. Using this equipment, it is possible to install a microphone in the building either in a telephone or adjacent to the telephone line or at some other location and connected with the telephone line. This microphone would use the telephone line used by the telephone and would require no extra wires. It is felt that this installation would be secure in spite

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of the claims made by SCAGLIONE. With this installation it would be necessary to have a plant site near the Dream Bar. (This equipment is described in Bureau airtel to Tampa 12/4/61, file 66-231-2 Z.) Consideration was given to obtaining access to the telephone booth which will be installed in the Dream Bar on 4/27/62. Inquiries at the telephone company revealed that the telephone company installs the telephone booth and later installs the telephone in the booth. This would make necessary the installation of the device in the booth and then when the telephone is installed the wires from the device would have to be connected to the wires serving the telephone. This is not a desirable arrangement in this case. It was also noted that we do not know where the telephone booth is to be installed and that the equipment might be in such a location that it would furnish little or no information of value. In this connection, it is felt that a better installation could be made after the telephone equipment has been installed and has been in service for some time. This installation would be complicated by the fact that telephone wires in this building now run in conduit.

Nothing is known of any alarm system installed in this building when it was renovated. It is felt that no alarm system with an outside connection has been installed as no wires have been found leading from the building. An alarm system of the type to give an audible alarm when a door is opened or to leave an un-noticed indication that someone has entered the building could have been installed. Consideration to this would have to be given at time of entry into the building.

A radio-type installation could be made in this building which would require no external wires. The disadvantage of this type of installation is that it broadcasts on a frequency which can be picked up by anyone with equipment which will receive on the band on which it broadcasts. This equipment would have to be connected to the AC circuit to give long-time operation and should be equipment which could be turned on by radio signal when monitoring is desired. This would cut down chances of detection. This type of equipment would be available from the laboratory (possibly the off and on feature would have to be devised, but this is no real problem). This office has battery-operated radio equipment of this type available for temporary installation. This equipment will transmit for only about 24 hours without replacement of batteries. A radio installation such as that described above would require a nearby installation where an antenna and receiver could be located. This signal could then be fed to a plant or to the FBI office through one or more leased lines.

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Technical equipment and know-how are available for misur installations in this office. Liaison with the telephone company is such that nearly anything can be accomplished. It should be pointed out that technical installations are made only with proper security to protect the Bureau's interests. A memorandum dated 3/21/61, maintained as top serial of 66-75, gives instructions to agents having cases assigned in which a misur installation could be used to advantage, as to the procedure used in the installation of a misur. This memorandum points out the responsibilities of agents involved in this type of operation.

In summary, it appears at this time that:

1. No extra pairs should be installed by the telephone company in view of statements made by NICK SCAGLIONE, JR. that he is able to trace out the telephone equipment.
2. No installation should be made in the telephone booth to be installed in the Dream Bar.
3. Techniques considered secure are installation of a radio transmitter with off-on switching possibilities and a nearby receiving location for the installation of equipment that can use telephone lines already in use for telephone service. This equipment could be installed in the most desirable location in the building. A plant would be located nearby.
4. Installation hinges on obtaining access to the building on enough nights to allow installation without detection. The situation is considered to have changed with the renovation of the building requiring consideration of possible alarm systems or a watch of the building from 4:00 AM until morning.
5. Any installation placed in this bar will be considerably hampered by a television set which in the past has been turned on and with plenty of volume on every occasion when the writer has been in this bar.

This installation continues to receive consideration for installation in spite of information furnished above. Careful consideration is being given at the present time as to whether an installation at the Dream Bar would warrant the risk involved or whether installations at other locations might be more productive.

It is realized that a long period of time has elapsed since authority was requested for this installation. Every effort will be made to bring this case to a logical conclusion in the near future.

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