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REPORTING OFFICE TAMPA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN TAMPA	DATE 5/10/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/31 - 5/9/67
TITLE OF CASE SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN A. AMBLER	TYPED BY SS
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, at Tampa, dated 4/12/67;
 Albany airtel to Tampa, dated 4/11/67, (IO);
 NYtels to Director, captioned "La Cosa Nostra," dated
 4/13, 21, and 5/4/67;
 MMairtel to Director, dated 4/25/67;
 MMairtel to Tampa, dated 4/25/67, (IO);
 JKlet to Tampa, dated 4/28/67, (IO);
 NOlet to Tampa, dated 4/24/67, (IO);
 Report of SA WENDELL W. HALL, at Miami, dated 4/28/67;
 Omaha airtel to Tampa, dated 5/4/67, captioned "La
 Cosa Nostra."

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ENCLOSURES:TO THE BUREAU

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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3 - Bureau (92-2781) (Enc. 1) 1 - USA, Tampa 2 - Jacksonville (92-7) (Enc. 1) 3 - Miami (92-88) (1 - USA, Miami) (Attention: WALLACE JOHNSON, Departmental Attorney) 2 - Tampa (92-1)			
Dissemination Record of Attached Report		Notations	
Agency		MAY 15 1967 STAT. SECT.	
Request Recd.	CC AAG Criminal Division.		
Date Fwd.	Organized Crime and Racketeering		
How Fwd.	Section Room 2524 5/15/67		
By			

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Original and one copy of LHM characterizing informants used in attached report.

FOR JACKSONVILLE

One color photo of SANTO TRAFFICANTE taken in February, 1967.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information from records of the General Telephone Company, Tampa, Florida, was made available by Mr. ALTON M. BRYANT, Security Director.

On 4/10/67, OM 148-PC, an admitted member of La Cosa Nostra, advised he had recently observed a card in the possession of LEW FARRELL in Des Moines, Iowa, and that the card contained the name GEORGE POLERA, President, American Tallow Company, Oak Hill, Florida. He related that POLERA was a personal friend of FARRELL's and believed legitimate, however, had an arrangement with SANTO TRAFFICANTE whereby POLERA lists TRAFFICANTE as employed by him and indicating payment in salary to TRAFFICANTE of \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year. He advised that this is done merely so that TRAFFICANTE will have a front for the money he receives in the rackets, and that POLERA does pay Social Security for TRAFFICANTE.

On 4/27/67, SD 1064-C-TE advised SAS EDWARD MARI and JOHN D. ARMSTRONG that La Cosa Nostra member JIMMY FRATIANNO, originally from Cleveland, had been observed in the Los Angeles area meeting with former Cleveland hoodlums. He stated that the hoodlums meeting with FRATIANNO included FRANK JOHN VELOTTA (FBI No. 313999C) is attempting to get a criminal felony charge outstanding against him in the State of Florida dropped or "fixed" and that VELOTTA apparently believes that TRAFFICANTE could get the State charge "fixed." He related that FRATIANNO has indicated that TRAFFICANTE, Boss of the Florida LCN family, is an old friend of the informant's, and, therefore, VELOTTA hopes to obtain the informant's help with TRAFFICANTE.

On 4/25/67, TP 120-C advised SA JOHN A. AMBLER that apparently TRAFFICANTE uses names other than his own, as on occasion has seen different laundry marks on TRAFFICANTE's shirts. He stated one mark, which has been seen and is recalled, is "GAR." He stated that many of TRAFFICANTE's shirts are apparently custom-made and were made in Switzerland, and that

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the unique watch, which TRAFFICANTE recently gave to his wife, was also made in Switzerland. He related that on an occasion in April, prior to the newspaper account appearing in the Tampa paper reflecting that TRAFFICANTE was in New York, a telephone call had been received one afternoon at the TRAFFICANTE residence, and that the call was made by TRAFFICANTE and was a long distance call, but that the origin of the call was not known. He remarked that TRAFFICANTE left instructions with the person taking the call that his cousin would be at the house and would leave a package. He related that later the same afternoon a white male approximately fifty years of age, short, stout build, balding, wearing glasses, and believed to be either Italian or Latin, appeared at the front door of the TRAFFICANTE residence in Tampa, and that when the door was answered, this individual advised that he was SANTO TRAFFICANTE's cousin, and that he had a package for SANTO. He remarked that this person then took a large roll of bills bound by a rubber band out of his pocket and handed them to the person answering the door. He stated that apparently this individual had parked his car some distance away from the residence, as there was no car observed in the vicinity when the doorbell was answered.

TP 120-C stated that later in the afternoon Mrs. TRAFFICANTE came back to the residence and wanted to know if someone had been by and left a package. He related that he has no way of knowing the amount of money contained in the roll, but from a quick glance, noticed that most of the bills appeared to be twenties and hundreds. TP 120-C is of the opinion this particular individual has never been at the TRAFFICANTE residence previously, and that, in addition, just before SANTO TRAFFICANTE appeared in New York, both he and Mrs. TRAFFICANTE were in Tampa, but both were absent from the TRAFFICANTE residence for a short period of time. He stated that during this absence, it was noted that there was a sum of money in the house in excess of \$7,000.00, consisting primarily of \$100 bills. He stated he does not know how much more was in the pile of money, as he had stopped at \$7,000.00, due to the fact he was fearful the TRAFFICANTES might return at any moment. TP 120-C advised that this is the only occasion when he observed such a sum of money in the residence, although he knows from actions of the TRAFFICANTE immediate family that there are large sums kept in the house.

INFORMATION SET OUT ABOVE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT MANNER AND IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

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Extended investigative period occasioned by desire to include results of investigation conducted by an auxiliary office, which information was not available at time of last report.

INFORMANTS:

All of the following were contacted by SA JOHN A. AMBLER, unless otherwise indicated or where identity of contacting agent unknown:

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location of Original Information</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
TP T-1 is TP 41-C	137-142-331	OTHER 4
TP T-2 is TP 120-C	137-460-216	
TP T-3 is MM 753-PC	Instant Report	SA WENDELL W. HALL
TP T-4 is Mr. D. C. ARNOTT, Villagewood Apartments, Jacksonville, Florida (By Request)	Instant Report	SA CHARLES M. BLALOCK
TP T-5 is TP 303-PC	137-1563-12	
TP T-6 is TP 97-C	137-360-225,226	
TP T-7 is PCI 	Instant Report	
TP T-8 is OM 148-PC	OM 137-71	
TP T-9 is NO 1457-C-TE	Instant Report	

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TP T-10 is
PCI [REDACTED]

137-1584-14

SA BARRY WILLIAM RYAN
OTHER 4

TP T-11 is
TP 148-C

137-806-95

SA JOHN R. BRETT

LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Will attempt to develop a source at American Tallow Company, who will be in a position to furnish information as to the identity of individuals appearing on the American Tallow Company payroll.

*AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Will report results of investigation as previously requested in report of SA JOHN A. AMBLER, at Tampa, dated 4/12/67.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will continue to report results of investigation conducted on a day to day basis concerning the activities of TRAFFICANTE when in Miami.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Will recontact PCI [REDACTED] in an attempt to obtain additional identifying data concerning TROTT BRYAN, alleged gambling associate of the TRAFFICANTE operation.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will continue efforts to fully determine extent of TRAFFICANTE's activities and his participation in LCN.

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