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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE, August 30, 1961 at Tampa.

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LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Locate and thoroughly interview JOSE GONZALEZ FERNANDEZ; Harrow Garden Apartments, Apartment 11, 4400 Eastridge Drive, allegedly President and sole owner of "Konforts, S. A.", Havana, Cuba. Determine if subject known to FERNANDEZ, and report any and all of subject's activities and associates if known. Note that IRS, Tampa, has reported that



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Establish whether or not this individual may have been the accountant or may have been an individual handling monies for Havana gamblers.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will report results of investigation previously requested.

Will note that sources at Tampa report subject again in Miami, Florida and will report results of contact with CIs and PCIs in a position to know of subject's activities there.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will continue efforts to establish confidential Bureau coverage of subject's activities, noting there has been a fire of undetermined origin at the Dream Bar, 2801 Nebraska Avenue.

Will maintain liaison with Intelligence Unit, IRS, concerning their investigations of subject.

Will continue to develop, through quality informants, activities of the subject and his associates.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

By letter dated 9/1/61, United States Postal Inspector CHARLES M. GRIFFITH, Tampa, was requested to cause another 30-day mail cover on subject's residence. The Bureau approved this cover 8/30/61.

TP 8-C advised SA JAMES P. O'NEIL on 9/6/61 that he was in the process of obtaining a sketch of subject's residence and was still working on blueprints of subject's residence.

EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa, advised Agents O'BRIEN and LABADIE on 9/7/61

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ADAIR said that

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INFORMANTS:

TP T-1 <sup>(S)(u)</sup> [Mex-46] as reported in Legat Mexican letter to Director dated 8/22/61.

TP T-2 EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa,

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TP T-3 Postal Inspector JOHN FLYNN, Main United States Post Office, New York City.

TP T-4 [Redacted] PCI, Tampa, who is next door neighbor to subject's Tampa residence.

TP T-5 is TP 41-PCI, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-6 is Tampa 50-PCI, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-7 is CSTP 51-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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were told by a female, claiming to be the sister-in-law of JOSEPH STASSI, at the above Brooklyn address on August 28, 1961 that STASSI was out of town and that upon his return to his residence, he would contact the New York Office of the FBI.

### III. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

#### A. Monte Carlo Casino, Havana, Cuba

TP T-2 has previously advised

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In view of the above, attempts to interview JOSEPH STASSI at his residence at 1944 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York as of September 6, 1961 met with negative results.

The New York Office advised by communication dated September 6, 1961 an attempt by SAs EDWARD P. HARTNETT and JAMES M. MC ANDREW to interview KENNETH LATER at his office at 120 W. 57th Street, New York City. LATER's attorney, JEROME F. TOBIN, who shares LATER's office, made a call to LATER in order that an interview could be arranged. TOBIN, upon contacting LATER, allowed SA MC ANDREW to talk to him over the phone. LATER used abusive language and stated he would not be interviewed concerning himself or anyone else. Mr. TOBIN pointed out that LATER had been dealing with some "pretty rough characters" and probably is afraid.

Mr. TOBIN made available the pre-trial examination of FRANK BURD, and he advised that he had written Internal Revenue Service advising them of BURD's money manipulations.

The New York Office noted that there is no indication from information developed by their investigations that JOSEPH STASSI and FRANK BURD printed for TRAFFICANTE. It was further noted that the Internal Revenue Service at Brooklyn, New York has an income tax case on STASSI and no income tax returns by him (STASSI) have been located to date. The New York Office further noted that the Internal Revenue Service may possibly desire to secure further information concerning STASSI and BURD.

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through Dr. GUSTAVO LOPEZ MUNOZ, a Havana attorney, now known to be residing Miami, Florida.

Agent EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Tampa, has been personally advised of the above information by SAs FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN and STEPHEN J. LABADIE and a photostat of pre-trial examination of FRANK BURD is being made available to the Internal Revenue Service, Tampa.

B. Regarding Possible Identity Subject's Cuban Accountant or Outlet for Monies

TP T-2 has advised in the past, specifically on August 9, 1961,

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1. Re PEDRO F. DOMECA

By communication dated September 6, 1961, the New York Office advised that on August 21, 1961, PHILLIP COOPER, Investigator's Office, Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Pine Street, New York City, advised SA EDWARD P. HARTNETT he could locate no account of a regular or special checking account opened or closed at any of the Chase Manhattan branches, including the Rockefeller Branch, for PEDRO F. DOMECA.

2. JOSE GONZALEZ FERNANDEZ

The New York Office furnished the following concerning inquiry of this individual:

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On September 7, 1961, TP T-2 advised he had no knew information whatsoever concerning the subject.

On September 7, 1961, Agent EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Tampa, was advised

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On September 8, 1961 TP T-7 made available the information to SA WILLIAM C. HAY that Mrs. MARY JOSEPHINE PENIELLO, 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa 9, Florida, about July 12, 1961, had the intention of being assigned as a teacher to the Grady School, Tampa, Florida, which is an Elementary School. Mrs. PANIELLO was to be a teacher of Primary grade. About July 18, 1961, MARY JO PANIELLO indicated by signing her name that she would accept such a position with the Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction.

Concerning verification of the above information, on September 11, 1961, SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE observed Mrs. PANIELLO's 1960 White Chrysler Saratoga parked in the teacher's parking lot at Grady Elementary School, near Morrison and Church Street, Tampa, Florida.

Re TRAFFICANTE Beach Property, St. Petersburg, Beach, Florida

The following investigation was made by SA JAMES P. O'NEIL:

On August 31, 1961, Detective W. J. FOSTER, St. Petersburg Police Department, advised he had spent the period June 9, 1961 - August 15, 1961, with his family in an apartment at 3614 El Centro, St. Petersburg Beach, which is directly opposite the TRAFFICANTE property. He stated he spends the summer each year in this apartment which is owned by Mrs. EVE WESTON and occupied by her during the winter season with her daughter SUSAN, 18 years of age, who this coming fall will be a senior at Boca Ceiga High School, St. Petersburg.

FOSTER stated that during the period above and on weekends since, he has on no occasion observed SANTO TRAFFICANTE at either of the two residences across the street. He stated on one occasion, the fourth of July weekend, he observed SAM TRAFFICANTE apparently spending the weekend with his family and during the remainder of the summer while there were numerous people at both of the houses, the groups were made up of women and children. FOSTER stated this has been the regular pattern during the previous summers and apparently the houses are

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