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By communication dated June 26, 1968, the New York Office advised that BURTON HARRISON, Officer of the Miami National Bank, Miami, Florida, in testimony before the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, concerning the Exchange and Investment Bank of Geneva, Switzerland, testified that he had handled the \$450,000 Clameback loan. The loan originated in July, 1965, and the funds for the loan came through the Miami National Bank. Clameback was a corporation owning shares in the Carousel Casino, formerly called the Sierra Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The casino shares owned by Clameback were put up as a collateral for the loan and listed FRANK RAGANO and CAL KOVENS as guarantors. CAL KOVENS was convicted along with Teamster Union President JIMMY HOFFA and is the brother of IRV KOVENS, race track owner and prominent associate of the MEYER LANSKY group.

According to HARRISON, the original Clameback loan was paid off by a second loan from the Teamsters Union Pension Fund, which loan was guaranteed by S. A. RIZZO, who now would own any Clameback interest in the Carousel Casino.

SALVATORE ALOYSIUS RIZZO formerly lived in Westchester, New York, and now resides in Miami. JOE VALACHI has stated in the past that he felt RIZZO was a "money man" for the La Cosa Nostra. RIZZO was particularly close to RAYMOND PATRIARCA of Rhode Island and at one time owned part of the Hampshire Downs Race Track.

HARRISON also stated that he had handled an unsecured \$15,000 loan from the Geneva bank to FRANK RAGANO, Teamster Union attorney and also attorney for SANTO TRAFFICANTE.

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On June 11, 1968, MM 1298-PC furnished the following information:

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Nicaragua and also in Haiti. They are also producing locally in Miami bolita tickets which are sold on a weekly basis with the winning numbers being based on the winning numbers drawn in the weekly Puerto Rican national lottery. According to the source, ACOSTA and RUIZ have made several trips to Nicaragua to meet with Major ALEGRE, and will also negotiate for the manufacture of counterfeit money for the various South American countries.

EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is currently handling all of the "layoff" handled by the Miami Cuban bolita bankers. He handles no "lay off" or action from any other bolita group, and as far as source knows, has no contact with the American bolita gamblers in Miami. Source stated that JOE BACARDI, a Tampa Cuban, and well known bolita banker connected to the American bolita organization in Miami, takes "layoffs" from the American bankers and calls the "layoff" action to unknown principals in Tampa, Florida. Cuban  
FLA

On June 24, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE arrived back in Miami on Saturday, June 22, 1968. He has made no definite plans for his South American trip as yet. He apparently is not staying in his Miami residence but is definitely in town.

The wedding of the daughter of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, GRISELLE GARCIA, to LAZARO MILIAN, GARCIA's associate, will be very soon. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is complaining about the recent FBI harassment and surveillance tactics. LAZARO MILIAN has stated publicly that "he would kill that FBI S.O.B."

On July 8, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE still remains in New York City where he has been the majority of the time for the past month, and one half. He was in Miami for a period of two to three days prior to the June 26, 1968, arrest of LAZARO MILIAN in the Cuban bolita countinghouse in Miami. When in Miami recently, TRAFFICANTE did not stay at his residence or use his auto. He stayed in motels and rented autos. He has done this in the past, and source states that he is doing the same thing in New York at the present time. FLA

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Source advised that FERNANDO ACOSTA has a new retail shoe shop on LeJeune Road in the 4800 block, where he specializes in imported Spanish shoes. This is a front for his narcotics operation, and ACOSTA remains the biggest wholesale narcotics distributor in the Miami area at this time. FLA

ELISEO RUIZ, local bolita banker and associate of ACOSTA, who is also involved in the counterfeiting of documentary stamps in Nicaragua, recently had to give MANUEL ARTIME, former Cuban revolutionary leader in the Bay of Pigs, and close associate of President SOMOZA of Nicaragua, \$10,000.00 in cash in order to operate the counterfeiting business. Cuba  
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Source advised that VINCENTE BRUNO, owner of Capra's Restaurant, was a close personal confidant of TRAFFICANTE, and together with the attorney RAGANO were the only two persons who knew at all times the whereabouts of TRAFFICANTE. Currently, BRUNO is in New York and in contact with TRAFFICANTE. BRUNO's father, who lives in New York, is allegedly a man with very high respect in the La Cosa Nostra, and is one of the persons in whom TRAFFICANTE has great respect. FLA

On July 9, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had returned to Miami on July 8, 1968, and was accompanied by his grandson, who he had brought to Miami for some dental work. TRAFFICANTE was in personal contact with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL on July 8, 1968.

On July 15, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that LAZARO MILIAN DID, his fiancée GRISELLE GARCIA SARMIENTO, daughter of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, and JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE made a trip up north, possibly to Tampa, over the weekend and were due back in Miami on July 15, 1968.

Source did not know the reason for this trip.

On July 23, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE is very disturbed with his "problems" in New York City, which source feels has to deal with the large seizure of heroin in New York City in May, 1968. TRAFFICANTE

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operation of GARCIA is handled at other houses by his associate and future son-in-law, LAZARO MILIAN. GARCIA VIDAL is currently very active in handling shylock loans among small businessmen in the Cuban colony. He takes post-dated checks as payments. GARCIA VIDAL has never fully recovered from his heart attack of May, 1967. His left side is partially paralyzed and he possibly suffered some permanent brain damage.

Source stated that the trip made by TRAFFICANTE to Hong Kong in January, 1968, was very possibly to make arrangements for the large scale heroin shipment recently seized in New York, and which TRAFFICANTE has stated cost "us" \$10,000,000.

EUGENIO LEAL POZO, long-time friend of TRAFFICANTE again has an interest in a casino in Santo Domingo, the Jiragua, and is in partnership with JUANITO RESTOY.

INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is [redacted] Miami, Florida. (By request)

MM T-2 is [redacted] Miami, Florida. (By request)

MM T-3 is MARTIN GOODMAN, Miami, Florida. (By request)

MM T-4 is MM 1298-PC.

MM T-5 is MM 1298-PC. This sensitive informant has been assigned two temporary symbol numbers in order to protect better the identity of this informant of continuing value.

MM T-6 is MM 1176-PC.

MM T-7 is PCI [redacted]

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MM T-10 is MM 1300-C.

MM T-11 is [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. (By request)

MM T-12 is MM 1231-C-TE.

MM T-13 is former MM 764-C-TE.

MM T-14 is MM 987-C.

MM T-15 is MM 984-PC.

MM T-16 is MM 606-C.

MM T-17 is MM 676-C.

MM T-18 is OAKLEY G. SMITH, JR., Miami, Florida.  
(By request)

MM T-19 is SERGIO CASTRO, Trenton, New Jersey.  
(By request)

MM T-20 is [MEX 156.] (S) (u)

MM T-21 is ALEJANDRO CORTINA, Mexico City.  
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