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MM 673-C also advised that about a week or ten days ago when SANTOS TRAFFICANTE returned to the United States from Havana, Cuba, en route to Tampa, Florida, he was told TRAFFICANTE stopped by to see RALPH RENNA at the Hacienda Restaurant, 2795 N. W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida.

He further advised he heard that TONY VAUGHN, who once managed the Nacional Hotel in Havana, Cuba, and later the Hotel Las Brisas in Acapulco, Mexico, is now operating the Little Hotel on Londres 15, Mexico City. He said he also heard this hotel has no gambling casino.

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