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2. Will review telephone toll records set forth in instant report for telephone calls within the Tampa Division and after identifying all persons called not previously known to the Tampa Division, will conduct appropriate indices and agency checks on these persons.

MIAMIAt Miami, Florida:

1. Will follow and report the activities and contacts of the subject while he is within the Miami Division.
2. Will attempt to further develop sources and/or contacts who are close to the subject and in a position to furnish information on a continuing basis concerning the activities of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 1/23/76, MM 1387-PC advised SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. continues to maintain his Miami residence as his permanent residence as well as his apartment in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he makes frequent trips. His home in Tampa, is occupied by a daughter and her family and TRAFFICANTE goes to Tampa only for special family affairs or holidays. Since Christmas, TRAFFICANTE has made at least one trip to Costa Rica.

EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, former Miami associate of TRAFFICANTE, continues to prosper in Costa Rica and is mainly involved in making small cash loans to small businessmen who need short-term cash to pay their bills. He gets five to six percent interest per month for these loans. EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO, son of GARCIA VIDAL, manages about four small retail clothing outlets. He is married and has a child, and works 12 hours a day. He is still involved in right-wing politics, and writes a local column about Chilean politics. LAZARO MILIAN DID, son-in-law of GARCIA VIDAL, operates a restaurant and nightclub in San Jose and is also doing well, but has a tendency to think too big on his expansion and club operation.

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TRAFFICANTE, in the past year, has been making frequent trips to Panama and South America and has been harassed and incarcerated in several instances. Every time he goes to Costa Rica, he goes through Panama because it is the same price ticket.

A brother of TRAFFICANTE was recently sentenced to eight years in Tampa federal court on a bookmaking violation. The case is being appealed but the TRAFFICANTES feel that there is very little chance of a reversal because the sentencing judge has since been appointed to the 5th Circuit and now sits on the appellate court.

The health of SANTO TRAFFICANTE has improved somewhat. He still suffers from shortness of breath on occasion and takes valium for this symptom. He still has continual facial cancers which are removed as they occur.

Former attorney for TRAFFICANTE, FRANK RAGANO, recently appeared on the 90 minute DAVID SUSSKIND show about JIMMY HOFFA. RAGANO is allegedly negotiating in Hollywood with the rights to "The Jimmy Hoffa Story".

RAFAEL GARCIA BANGO, former Cuban associate of TRAFFICANTE, arrested in Spain several years ago accompanied by ELSITA ARIAS, and who was sentenced to a long prison term in Spain for possession of counterfeit U. S. bills, was released from Spanish prison on intercession by his brother JORGE GARCIA BANGO, Cuban Minister of Government. On returning to Cuba, however, RAFAEL GARCIA BANGO died. ELSITA ARIAS is the same ELSA GONZALEZ who recently gained fame in Miami as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) source in Operation Leprechaun.

On 1/26/76, MM 2729-PC advised RAUL GONZALEZ JEREZ, former owner of the Club 21, is back in Miami, living in Key Biscayne and is big in sports betting and bolita activity. He is a long time close associate of LCN figure SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. He is allegedly taking unlimited sports bets sometimes as much as \$10,000 to \$20,000 on a game. Source will attempt to obtain the telephone number used by GONZALEZ and get more information.

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On 2/21/76, MM 1387-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had returned on that date to his Miami residence.

On 3/30/76, MM 1323-PC advised SANTO TRAFFICANTE appeared at the state wide grand jury in Orlando, Florida, and was only asked to identify various photos of oldtime associates. TRAFFICANTE said he had known most of the persons all of his life.

OAKLEY GRANT SMITH, President, Palm Springs General Hospital, Hialeah, Florida, a former attorney-associate of TRAFFICANTE, is awaiting final decision of his appeal before the U. S. Supreme Court of his conviction by IRS. SMITH expects the court to uphold the conviction, and expects to go to jail in a few months.

On 4/5/76, MM 1387-PC advised SANTO TRAFFICANTE recently appeared before the state wide grand jury in Orlando. On his appearance he was given immunity and then asked if he knew some people and was displayed some photographs of people that he had known all of his life. He freely acknowledged that they were all friends. The grand jury had all the elements of a three ring circus with many photographers and newsmen around the witnesses.

TRAFFICANTE will leave Miami on 4/6/76, for Tampa, Florida, and plans to spend three to four weeks in Tampa.

TRAFFICANTE advised source that there is no relative of the TRAFFICANTE family named THOMAS or TOMMIE TRAFFICANTE.

On 4/19/76, MM 1387-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had returned to his Miami residence at 5:17 p.m. on 4/19/76.

On 4/28/76, source advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had returned to his Miami residence at 4:00 p.m. on 4/28/76, after having been out of Miami for several days.

On 5/10/76, source advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had returned to his Miami residence at 3:30 p.m. on 5/10/76.

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He sold his apartment, furniture, and car in San Jose and apparently left with no intention of returning.

He reportedly had some difficulties in Panama and does not intend to return there or to South America, where he also reportedly liquidated his interests. His car was sold to LAZARO MILIAN DID.

On 6/9/76, MM 1387-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was spending most of his time at his Miami residence and taking only short trips away from Miami. He is under continual medication for hypertension and was taking diuretics and potassium pills as a result of the heart attacks he has had during the past several years.

Telephone toll records are set forth in complete form in order to reflect exact dates that the subject was in the Miami area and to reflect his travel and his contacts outside the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: WENDELL W. HALL, JR. Office: Miami, Florida
Date: JUN 28 1976
Field Office File #: 92-88 Bureau File #: 92-2781
Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. continues to maintain his principal residence at Miami, Florida, and continues to travel frequently between Miami and Tampa, Florida. Telephone toll records for Miami residence of subject through 5/8/76, set forth.

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DETAILS:AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. and his wife, JOSEPHINE MARCHESSI TRAFFICANTE, continue to maintain their principal residence at 740 N. E. 155th Street, telephone (305) 949-9048, Miami, Florida.

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2/5/76

Date of transcription

A subpoena duces tecum was issued on January 13, 1976, by the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Miami, Florida, directed to GERARD J. DOYLE, Security Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida; or his authorized representative, calling for production of telephone company records in Federal Grand Jury on January 27, 1976.

Pursuant to this subpoena, records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following long distance calls were obtained for telephone number 949-9048, subscribed to by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, Florida, 33603.

Interviewed on 1/29/76 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 92-88

by SC LAWRENCE JOHN LANG/es Date dictated 2/4/76

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DATE OF BILL
ACCOUNT NUMBER

FORM 9140-NEW
(6-74)
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TREATMENT
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3 & ADJUSTMENTS
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TRAFFICANTE
RISTOL AVE
FLA 33603
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CURRENT CHARGES
PAST DUE
JAN 30

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TO 21 54
TOTAL 40 40

LIST OF CALLS

DATE	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER	T/C	CONN TIME	MIN	AMOUNT	M/S	TICKET	OR	CONN
12/31/76	CHARGES FOR 949 9048	FLA 813 876	2207AD	845	3	146	80026	08456		
1/06/77	FLA 813 876	2207AE	504	3	94	80026	1704E			
1/06/77	FLA 813 242	4294AE	619	1	35	80004	1819E			

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12/21/76	CHARGES FOR 949 9048	FLA 813 876	2207AE	853	2	65	80019	20536		
12/21/76	FLA 813 247	2103AN	1206	3	58	80029	12066			
12/23/76	FLA 813 876	2207AN	1038	3	58	80028	22386			
12/27/76	FLA 813 876	2207AE	521	2	65	80020	1721E			
12/27/76	FLA 813 961	2207AD	1218	3	244	80080	1724E			
12/27/76	FLA 813 876	2207AD	1218	3	238	80042	1218E			
12/29/76	FLA 813 876	2207AD	1005	3	146	80024	1005E			
12/29/76	FLA 813 224	0855AN	504	4	113	80054	1704E			
12/29/76	FLA 813 961	2207AD	526	7	124	80034	2042E			
12/29/76	FLA 813 876	2207AD	421	2	132	80064	1726E			
12/29/76	FLA 813 961	2207AD	622	1	100	80018	1621E			
12/29/76	FLA 813 876	2207AD	448	4	192	80007	1622E			
12/30/76	FLA 813 876	2207AD	448	4	192	80040	1648E			

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A subpoena duces tecum was issued on February 28, 1976, by the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, directed to GERARD J. DOYLE, Security Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative, calling for production of telephone company records in Federal Grand Jury on March 9, 1976.

Pursuant to this subpoena, records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed, and the following long distance calls were obtained for telephone number 949-9048, subscribed to by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33603:

Interviewed on 3/12/76 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 92-88

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NW 4590

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122TAMPA	CHARGES FCR 949	813 876 2207AD	342	8	376	800779	154238						
124TAMPA	FLA	813 876 2207AN	1221	7	132	800655	12213						
124TAMPA	FLA	813 961 2338AN	634	6	113	800557	183448						
125TAMPA	FLA	813 876 2207AN	1024	2	40	800118	102448						
126TAMPA	FLA	813 242 4294AE	652	1	35	800110	165228						
126TAMPA	FLA	813 961 2338AE	701	3	94	800330	190138						
127ITALY		3966995744	11	3000									
127COSTA RICA	FLA	506324720	181043	3	300	900109	160948						
129TAMPA	FLA	813 961 2338AD	1221	5	238	800427	122138						
131COSTA RICA	FLA	813 876 2207AE	1001	9	274	800889	220138						
131TAMPA	FLA	506324720	1K 926	5	660	900442	194488						
201TAMPA	FLA	813 876 2207AN	748	9	168	800888	194488						
201TAMPA	FLA	813 876 2207AN	1200	8	150	800772	120038						
201TAMPA	FLA	813 961 2338AE	707	10	304	800993	190738						
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A subpoena duces tecum was issued on June 16, 1976, by the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, directed to GERARD J. DOYLE, Security Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida; or his authorized representative, calling for production of telephone company records in Federal Grand Jury on June 17, 1976.

Pursuant to this subpoena, records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following long distance calls were obtained for telephone number 949-9048, subscribed to by SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

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by SC MICHAEL MC CUTCHEON:bjw Date dictated 6/18/76

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DDA SANTO TRAFFICANTE
740 NE 155 ST
N MIA BCH FLA 33162

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BILLED LOCAL SERVICE

CHARGES FOR 949	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NO	TC	TIME	MIN	AMT	MS	TKT-ID
419 TAMPA	FLA	813 961	2338	AE	534	2	65	0012
421 COSTA RICA	FLA	506324720	1C	1017	10	1150	9	0093JK
421 TAMPA	FLA	813 961	2338	AD	149	8	376	00073
422 LAKE LAND	FLA	813 682	1171	AD	1042	1	52	0007
422 LAKE LAND	FLA	813 682	1171	AD	1044	6	272	0051
422 LAKE LAND	FLA	813 682	1171	AD	152	5	228	0049
422 TAMPA	FLA	813 876	2207	AE	600	3	94	0024
423 COSTA RICA	FLA	506324720	1B	1114	5	500	9	0047JK
423 LAKE LAND	FLA	813 682	1171	AD	1052	2	96	0017
423 LAKE LAND	FLA	813 682	1171	AD	119	4	184	0031
424 TAMPA	FLA	813 876	2207	AN	1038	4	76	0032
429 TAMPA	FLA	813 876	2207	AD	1247	2	100	0020
430 COSTA RICA	FLA	506324720	1B	1133	6	600	9	0051JK
430 TAMPA	FLA	813 876	2207	AD	104	1	54	0008
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CHARGES FOR 949	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NO	TC	TIME	MIN	AMT	MS	TKT-ID
501 TAMPA	FLA	813 876	2207	AN	1020	1	21	8 0005
501 TAMPA	FLA	813 876	2207	AN	523	2	40	8 0011
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CHARGES FOR 949 9048

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419	TAMPA	813 961 2338	AE	534	2	65	8	0012
421	COSTA RICA	506324720	1C	1017	10	1150	9	0093JK
421	TAMPA	813 961 2338	AD	149	8	376	8	0073
422	LAKELAND	813 682 1171	AD	1042	1	52	8	0007
422	LAKELAND	813 682 1171	AD	1044	6	272	8	0051
422	LAKELAND	813 682 1171	AD	152	5	228	8	0049
422	LAKELAND	813 682 1171	AE	600	5	94	8	0024
423	COSTA RICA	506324720	1B	1114	5	500	9	0047JK
423	LAKELAND	813 682 1171	AD	1052	2	96	8	0017
423	LAKELAND	813 682 1171	AD	119	4	184	8	0031
424	TAMPA	813 876 2207	AN	1038	4	76	8	0032
429	TAMPA	813 876 2207	AD	1247	2	100	8	0020
430	COSTA RICA	506324720	1B	1133	6	600	9	0051JK
430	TAMPA	813 876 2207	AD	104	1	54	8	0008

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