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INFORMANTS

TP T-1 is TP 41-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-2 is CS TP 51-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-3 is [redacted] PCI, who was formerly TRAFFICANTE'S CPA.

TP T-4 is [redacted] PCI, who is intimately acquainted with TRAFFICANTE.

TP T-5 is JOSEPH PANIELLO, Attorney, who requested his identity be protected.

TP T-6 is Agent EDGAR ADAIR, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa, [redacted] JFK Law 11(a)

TP T-7 is [redacted] PCI, Miami.

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The article listed pallbearers as ALFREDO REINA, JOE SOTO, ALVARO FUEYA, JERRY GARCIA, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., and CLAUDIO GARCIA. It is noted that an aunt to this individual was listed as VIOLETA TRAFFICANTE, who is also known as Mrs. FRANK TRAFFICANTE.

On November 27, 1961, TP T-1 advised SA FRANCIS X. OBRIEN and SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE that he had no knowledge subject had been or was in Tampa. Source reiterated the information that he was close with subject's associates. Source was advised that a reliable source had reportedly seen subject at the Columbia Restaurant on November 15, 1961.

TP T-2 made available the information to SA WILLIAM C. HAY and SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE on November 27, 1961, that someone at 2505 Bristol Avenue had apparently been in contact with SYLVIA LIEBOW, Sylvia's Corsetry, 1020 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.

TP T-3 advised SAs O'BRIEN and LABADIE on November 28, 1961, that subject had not been seen by him nor reportedly been in Tampa since about June of 1961. Source noted he frequents the Columbia Restaurant twice a day and has known the subject and all his family all his life. TP T-4 advised SA O'BRIEN and LABADIE on November 28, 1961, that subject has not been seen by him since he was last seen on November 15, 1961, on which occasion he entered the Columbia Restaurant and sat at the front table at the entrance to the Columbia Restaurant, Broadway and 22nd Street entrance.

HERB GOLDBURG, Assistant State Attorney, County Courthouse, advised November 28, 1961, that subject has not been at his residence, 2505 Bristol, and that he has not been seen, and that, GOLDBURG, was ever alert for subject's presence. He said Mrs. SANTO TRAFFICANTE visited in his home of most recent date, but that no mention was made of SANTO and no information was ascertained concerning his whereabouts and his activities. He noted that Mrs. TRAFFICANTE, Mr. and Mrs. AUGUST C. PANIELLO and SARAH ANN TRAFFICANTE are presently residing at 2505 Bristol.

TP T-5 advised on the night of November 28, 1961, that he personally knows AUGUST C. PANIELLO did not get along with his mother, Mrs. ELVIRA PANIELLO, nor with his brother JOSEPH PANIELLO, who is former City Assistant Attorney, and who is presently with the law firm Gregory, Cours and Paniello, Florida Avenue Building, Tampa. Source noted that he knew

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JOSEPH PANIELLO did not even talk with his brother, did not even go to AUGUST's wedding because he married a TRAFFICANTE girl and therefore, they had nothing whatsoever to do with each other. Source noted JOSEPH PANIELLO felt he was married into a socially prominent family, and PANIELLO nor his wife approved of AUGUST's marriage nor associations with the TRAFFICANTES. For the above reasons, source noted JOSEPH PANIELLO nor his mother know of subject's activities, whereabouts or business. Source noted JOSEPH PANIELLO did not desire to make any inquiries regarding subject's whereabouts or activities.

During the period of this report, contacts have been continuously made with TP T-2 and on November 30, 1961, this source made available the information to SAs HAY and LABADIE that subject's electric bill for 2505 Bristol Avenue, up to October 5, 1961, was for \$51.94, which bill was paid at Mass Bros, a Department store, Tampa. Source indicated that Mrs. MARY JOSEPHINE PANIELLO received \$400.00 salary from the Board of Public Instruction of Hillsborough County, from which various deductions are taken, leaving her a check as of November 17, 1961, in the amount of \$297.72. It is noted that on November 9, 1961, TP T-1 had advised SAs O'BRIEN and LABADIE that AUGUST PANIELLO had been anticipating the return to Tampa of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, however, there has previously been reported that another source made available the information that Mrs. TRAFFICANTE had returned, but had not indicated SANTO was going to return to Tampa. It is noted that on November 9, 1961, TP T-1 had reported that AUGUST C. PANIELLO had been keeping company with JACK PARRINO. It is further noted that PARRINO was with AUGUST PANIELLO, FANO and SAM TRAFFICANTE at the Dream Bar on Monday night, November 6, 1961, but JACK PARRINO had not mentioned being interviewed by the FBI.

On December 1, 1961, TP T-6 advised SA LABADIE that he had not received any new information concerning subject's activities or whereabouts.

Concerning the subject's being in the Miami area and as previously reported, being in contact with OSCAR ECHEMENDIA and AMLETO BATISTI, the following is being noted:

TP T-7 on November 24, 1961, advised SA LAWRENCE F. WIRICK, JR.; at Miami, Florida, that OSCAR ECHEMENDIA, a

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

TP T-1 is a businessman long associated with rackets and racket figures in a position to know of criminal activities, but who is not in a position to testify.

TP T-2 is a source furnishing information on a regular basis, who is not available to testify.

TP T-3 is a businessman who has long been closely associated with the subject and his family, but who is not in a position to testify.

TP T-4 is a businessman who has known the subject and his family all their lives and who is daily in contact with numerous individuals who frequent the Columbia Restaurant.

TP T-5 is a businessman who was closely associated with AUGUST C. PANIELLO.

TP T-6 is a person who has known the subject and his financial background for many years, who is with another Government agency.

TP T-7 is an individual who has been in contact with various individuals from Cuba in the Miami area.