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2. Will report results of discreet inquiry on such persons to establish what, if any, connection they may have with subject.

TAMPA OFFICE

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

1. Will maintain contacts with informants and sources of information.
2. Will continue to attempt further coverage of subject, relatives and associates through confidential Bureau techniques.
3. Will report results of contact with First National Bank of Tampa regarding loan due November 27, 1961.
4. Will report results of investigation which has been requested conducted at St. Petersburg (Pinellas County) Airport and Orlando, Florida Airports.
5. Will report results of interview of EUGENE KEANE by the Albany Office when same accomplished.
6. Will report results of fisur of subject January 4, 1961, and continue to ascertain his whereabouts when he travels back to Miami.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Efforts were made to contact TP 41-C on the night of December 26, 1961, but due to about forty customers at his place of business, having no relief, an appointment was made for December 27, 1961.

On December 27, 1961, TP 41-C advised SA LABADIE he would if humanly possible, go to subject's home or the Columbia Restaurant and make inquiry of him on the pretext that the note SANTO had previously signed on at the Central Bank of Tampa

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was overdue, that it could not be paid by source, and inquire if SANTO could again sign on a note. Source was advised if his mission was successful to make every effort to join subject's enterprise in Miami.

Information from records of The General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Florida, as reported by SA EARL M. PETERSEN were furnished on December 15, 1961, by DANIEL J. O'CONNOR and ROBERT BELL, Commercial Managers, General Telephone Company of Florida.

By communication received in the Tampa Office, December 19, 1961, the Bureau approved a mail cover on subject residence, 2505 Bristol Ave., until January 14, 1962. Accordingly, a letter was directed to CHARLES M. GRIFFITH, U. S. Postal Inspector, Tampa.

At 3:55 PM, December 26, 1961, SA JOHN ROUSE telephonically contacted telephone 876-2207, unlisted telephone at subject's residence, 2505 Bristol Ave., Tampa, and identified himself to a female voice that he was Mr. CARTER of Insurance Company of North America and that he was still making efforts to locate SANTO TRAFFICANTE as a witness to an accident according to his records. The female voice stated that she had spoken with her father about such an accident when he recently came home and he knew nothing about it. She was advised that Mr. CARTER desired to speak with SANTO about it and the daughter stated that he could call the residence any time he desired but that her father was not then at home. She further stated that she did not know when he would be home and that she did not know if he would be home for dinner on the night of December 26, 1961.

In view of the above, Mr. SAM MENSCH, 2404 Bristol Ave., was contacted and advised SA IRWIN FRANK DAVIS on December 26, 1961, that his home was not available for a fixed surveillance as had been in the past in view of the fact that his children were home from college, that the family had numerous holiday visitors, and the children had no control over their college friend contacts that may visit them.

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In view of the above, Mr. HERBERT GOLDBURG, Assistant State Attorney, who lives immediately adjacent to subject's residence, who had offered the facilities of his home in the past for any possible use by the FBI, was contacted and advised SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE on December 26, 1961, that his mother and mother-in-law were holiday guests in his home which would preclude the use of a bedroom in his home which had easy view of subject's front residence, garage and activities. He further advised that he had numerous lawyers who were visiting him over the holidays, as well as perhaps local judges.

In view of the above, a mobile surveillance of subject residence was established on a twenty-four hour basis. This fisur was conducted by SA's RICHARD E. HEON, EDWARD MABEY, JOHN CALVIN DARST, FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN, THOMAS S. LOVERING, JOSEPH BLAKE, JOHN ERWIN and E. M. PETERSEN.

The logs submitted by the above Agents fails to reflect that subject was seen to enter or leave 2505 Bristol Ave. Based on information subject had left Christmas day and subject not seen for two days, the fisur was discontinued 10:00 PM, December 28, 1961.

Fisur of subject was instituted January 3, 1962, upon subject being at the Columbia Restaurant, by SA's OBRIEN, LABADIE, JOHN D. MEDAGLIA, WILLIAM C. HAY and JOHN W. ROUSE.

INFORMANTS

TP T-1, is TP 8-C whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-2, is SV 263-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-3, is PETER S. CIMINO, part owner of Eagle Drug Store, N. Howard at Main St., West Tampa, which it is known subject's family frequently patronize.

TP T-4, is CS TP 51-C whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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TP T-5, is EDGAR ADAIR, Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Tampa.

TP T-6, is [redacted] MD, Citizens Bldg., Tampa, PCI who is known to be subject's eye doctor.

TP T-7, is [redacted] PCI who is only waiter at Columbia Restaurant assigned on a daily basis to a certain room which is daily frequented by subject's associates.

TP T-8, is TP 22-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-9, is [redacted] PCI.

TP T-10, is [redacted] PCI.

TP T-11, is CS TP 51-C who is further being protected because of valuable information being furnished.

TP T-12, is CS TP 51-C to further conceal.

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Subject's close associate STEFANO RANDAZZO has listed telephone Plaza 4-1912.

Inquiry in the Lincoln Road area of Miami Beach, Florida, indicates that SYLVIA CORSETRY at 1020 Lincoln Road, ceased to do business one year ago.

On December 1, 1961, BOB GARDNER who has previously been contacted in this matter, a chief bell hop of the Di Lido Hotel, Lincoln Road and Collins Ave., Miami Beach, advised that on November 14, 1961; the Di Lido Hotel sent out circulars to all previous guests of the hotel. GARDNER checked the registration cards for 1960-1961 and advised that this hotel had no registration cards for that period for TRAFFICANTE. GARDNER advised that TRAFFICANTE is known to him and that he stayed at the hotel within the past eighteen months on one or two occasions but undoubtedly did not use his own name and the name used by TRAFFICANTE was unknown to him.

IV. INVESTIGATION BY SAVANNAH OFFICE TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF A PERSON INTERESTED IN A HOTEL IN SOUTH AMERICA.

The Savannah Office advised on December 16, 1961, that TP T-2, was contacted on December 15, 1961, concerning the identity of his friend in Atlanta, Georgia, who had been interested in a deal concerning a hotel being built in South America. Source advised he preferred not to identify the friend because he did not wish to get him involved in anything. If source furnished such information and his friend in Atlanta were contacted he feared his connection would be divulged.

V. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, TO DETERMINE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT.

A. J. GRIMALDI, President, Columbia Bank, Tampa, advised SA JOHN D. MEDAGLIA on December 18, 1961, that even though he frequents the Columbia Restaurant on a daily basis and is a close neighbor to subject's residence, 2505 Bristol Avenue, Tampa, subject has not been seen nor reported in Tampa. He said subject was last heard of

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TP T-4, advised SA LABADIE on December 26, 1961, that Mr. AUGUST PANIELLO received a communication postmarked December 13, 1961, Miami, Fla., that Mr. and Mrs. SANTO TRAFFICANTE and family received an envelope postmarked Miami 2, Florida, December 11, 1961, that Mr. and Mrs. SANTO TRAFFICANTE received an envelope postmarked Lexington, Va., December 11, 1961, bearing return address "209 A East Nelson Street Lexington, Virginia", that Mrs. S. TRAFFICANTE had apparently purchased Eastern Airlines Ticket Number 007 123 070 542 for travel from Miami to Tampa on Flight 744, 10:00 PM, December 11, 1961, ticket being issued "EA COLLINS 110 MIAMI BEACH FLA.", that JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE had an account at Central Bank of Tampa, Tampa, Florida, which had a balance of \$1.67 October 31, 1961, as of November 27, 1961, the account had a balance of \$12.87, and that the First National Bank of Tampa, Tampa, Fla. notified SANTO TRAFFICANTE, 2505 Bristol Ave., Tampa, that a note, No. 34027 was due at the Bank, November 27, 1961, in amount of \$8,659.25 to which \$131.33 was added for apparently interest.

TP T-5, advised SA LABADIE on December 26, 1961, that

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JOSEPH CRENSHAW, Supervisor of Eastern Airlines facilities, Tampa International Airport, advised SA LABADIE on December 26, 1961, that he personally knows and recognizes the subject, and he personally recognizes subject's family and associates. He said the subject has not been reported using Eastern Airline facilities, has not been seen at the airport to his knowledge, and should any information be obtained through other employees concerning the subject, he would immediately advise the FBI.

CHARLES TURRENTINE, Supervisor National Airlines facilities, Tampa International Airport, advised SA LABADIE on December 26, 1961, that subject is known to him and that subject has not been reported seen nor heard of using National Airlines facilities. He said he knew there was a stop on subject's travel under his own name at National Airlines main reservations office, Hillsboro Hotel, and that he would immediately advise should any information be developed concerning the subject.

PHIL CICCARELLO, Sales representative for National Airlines, Tampa International Airport, who greets passengers and guests of National Airlines and facilitates any travels by regular customers, advised SA LABADIE on December 26, 1961, that he has known the subject and his close associates

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for many years. He said subject has not been seen by him nor has any of his associates been seen by him at the airport or using National facilities. He said he is personally acquainted with JOHN DEMMI and JIMMY LONGO. He noted while at the Tampa Dog Track on the night of December 23, 1961, some unknown source had remarked that SANTO was home for Christmas, but that no further information was obtained. He said that if subject were flying in or out of Miami, perhaps his father, JOE CICCARELLO, employed on the day shift for many years with Pan American Airways, Miami International Airport, may be of some assistance inasmuch as his father is well acquainted with the subject. He noted his father sees all persons coming and going on South American or foreign country flights and may have seen and talked with subject.

A spot surveillance of subject's residence, 2505 Bristol Ave., was conducted on December 26, 1961, by SA's FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN and STEPHEN J. LABADIE and subject was not observed.

A twenty-four hour surveillance was conducted by Agents of the Tampa Office of 2505 Bristol Ave., and discontinued on the night of December 28, 1961, inasmuch as subject had not been observed to enter or leave such residence.

TP T-6, advised SA JOHN R. BRETT on December 28, 1961, that he had been a visitor in a home over the holiday and had made inquiry concerning subject's activities. Source said subject had been home for Christmas but had left Christmas night to return to Miami. Source said the person he was talking to said subject was not staying in any particular one place in Miami. Source said he did not know subject's method of travel from Miami to Tampa and subject's plans for the New Year was not determined, but discreet inquiry may still be possible. Source pointed out that he must be very careful that no one obtains the idea that he is overly interested in TRAFFICANTE's activities or he would be in serious trouble.

On December 28, 1961, Mr. GRIMALDI again advised SA MEDAGLIA that subject had not been reported by his sources as seen at his home nor about Tampa.

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with. Source said he could not say whom subject contacted while in Tampa, stating subject would very seldom get out but stay in his home and those that wanted to see him would go to his home. Source did not know subject's personal physician, stating subject is always in good health, but that a Dr. SCOLARO, 21st St., and E Broadway, Tampa, may have treated the subject in the past. Source said that he agreed subject may have insurance on his contact lenses, if he still used them, but was of the opinion that SANTO didn't use them any more.

This same source advised he was of the opinion that subject travelled by air when coming to Tampa stating he knew for sure that subject had come into the St. Petersburg, Fla., airport several times in the past years and that he normally came and went at night. Source said he knew no one close to the subject who would furnish information on his travels stating his closest associates were JAMES C. LONGO and FRANK DIECIDUE, neither of whom would be cooperative nor divulge any information.

Contact was had by SA LABADIE with TP T-4, TP T-11 and TP T-12 on a regular basis to January 2, 1961, but source failed to indicate any presence of subject at 2505 Bristol Ave., Tampa.

PAUL B. JOHNSON, State Attorney, County Courthouse, advised SA LABADIE on January 2, 1961, that subject's whereabouts and activities are unknown to his office. He said he understands through his Chief Assistant State Attorney, HERB GOLDBURG, whom he contacts daily and knows resides immediately next door to 2505 Bristol Ave., that SANTO had not been seen nor around his home over the holidays. Mr. JOHNSON stated that he knew Mr. GOLDBURG was vitally interested in observing any activity of the subject. He said the sources available to the State Attorney's Office apparently indicate that subject is not around Tampa to any extent at all.

Attempts to locate JAMES C. LONGO by SA FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN on January 2, 1961, and through his residence were negative.

The last available telephone toll calls concerning subject's residence and that of his mother, Mrs. MARIA G. TRAFFICANTE, 3010 N Boulevard are set forth

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

- TP T-1, is a businessman who has knowledge of racket activities but who is not in a position to testify.
- TP T-2, is a businessman having contacts in rackets in Georgia.
- TP T-3, is a businessman who has daily contact with numerous persons of Italian extraction but who is not in a position to testify.
- TP T-4, is a source furnishing information on a regular basis who is not available.
- TP T-5, is a source in another government agency.
- TP T-6, is a businessman who has been closely associated with Italian persons in the Tampa area and with the subject in the past but who is not available to testify.
- TP T-7, is a person having ready access to events at the Columbia Restaurant.
- TP T-8, is a person formerly deeply entrenched in Tampa rackets who has an intimate knowledge of Italian racketeers but who is not in a position to testify.
- TP T-9, is a businessman whose business it is known of various illegal rackets but who does not care to testify.
- TP T-10, is a businessman formerly closely associated with numerous racket figures, who has personally known the TRAFFICANTE family all his life, but who is not in a position to testify.
- TP T-11, is a source furnishing information on a regular basis who is not available.
- TP T-12, is a source who is not available.

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