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TP T-1 is MM 1387-PCI.

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Santo Trafficante, Jr., who was born on November 15, 1914, at Tampa, Florida, is a known member of the La Cosa Nostra (LCN). He is also reported to be the head of the LCN family in the Tampa area and has control of many criminal activities throughout the State of Florida.

Set forth is the information available at the Tampa Division of the FBI regarding Trafficante's activities since 1970, when he first indicated his intention to travel to Europe.

On November 31, 1970, TP T-1 advised that while in Tampa he contacted Santo Trafficante, Jr., and Trafficante discussed with the source the possibility of leaving the U. S. and taking up residence in a foreign country. Trafficante mentioned his reason for doing this was that the constant surveillance by law enforcement, primarily the FBI, was causing his wife and himself a great deal of anxiety. Trafficante felt that if he were to leave the U. S. and take up permanent residence in a foreign country, it would help ease the nervous tension on both he and his wife.

On July 13, 1973, TP T-2 advised that he had received information to give a definite indication that Trafficante was now located in Spain and had been in that country since prior to the time he was being sought for appearances before a Special Grand Jury in April, 1973. The source further advised that since leaving the U. S. and travelling to Spain, Trafficante had reportedly made at least one trip to Sicily for purpose or reasons unknown to the source.

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The Mexico City Legat advised that checks were made at the office of Costa Rican Immigration on August 14, 1974, and the following record of entries and exits into Costa Rica for Trafficante were noted:

#### Entered:

April 13, 1973 May 15, 1973 July 27, 1973 September 1, 1973 November 17, 1973 January 17, 1974 February 11, 1974

## Departed

May 3, 1973 May 18, 1973 August 29, 1973 September 22, 1973 January 15, 1974 January 23, 1974 February 27, 1974 (XYM)

On each occasion Trafficante entered Costa Rica with a tourist card. He entered from the U.S. and on each exit he departed Costa Rica for Panama. A further record was located indicating that Trafficante had been in Costa Rica during July, 1974, and had departed July 21, 1974, for He was accompanied at that time by Joseph Trafficante and Santo Paniello. They departed Costa Rica for Panama. All three had entered with tourist cards. (21) 11)

On September 13, 1974, TP T-4 advised that Santo Trafficante was currently residing in Costa Rica, Central America, and that he recently underwent eye surgery. According to this source, a doctor from somewhere in Florida flew to Costa Rica to perform the eye surgery.

On October 14, 1974, Inspector Korseniowski, U. S. Customs, Miami International Airport, advised that Santo Trafficante arrived at Miami on that date aboard Lacsa Flight #622 from San Jose, Costa Rica.

On October 31, 1974, TP T-4 advised he had received current information that Santo Trafficante was in the Tampa area and had been in that area for approximately two days. According to this source, it was his understanding that Trafficante had recently suffered a heart attack. To this the source had been unable to determine how ill Trafficante was. In addition to the above, the source advised that Tampa attorney Henry Gonzalez has been spending considerable

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