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Attention: Mr. WILLIAM KINNEY

Report of: SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE  
Date: September 24, 1962

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Title: SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis: Subject's Miami residence visited by person possibly identical with SIDNEY HOROWITZ, aka, FBI No. 1095174, from Tampa, Florida, formerly of Miami, Florida. Miami residence was visited by person possibly identical to NICHOLAS DI COSTANZO, aka, residing North Bay Village, Florida, who formerly operated gambling casinos in Havana. Mr. WILLIAM KINNEY, Department of Justice Attorney at Miami, advised Captain F. L. NAPIER, Miami PD, was keeping subject informed regarding investigation by law enforcement agencies. Same source indicates NAPIER met with LARRY DE JOSEPH and a person named ENRIQUE GARCIA in Miami. GARCIA from Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York. Mr. KINNEY advised DE JOSEPH "fronting" for subject and others in a deal with the Guatemalan Government in which a hotel with gambling casino will be constructed at Guatemala. Subject observed Tampa, Fla., 9/9/62 at a wedding and at wedding reception with unknown white male. It was publicly reported subject and brothers did not have to have hearing scheduled USDC on 9/10/62 relative to their tax matters, inasmuch as their attorneys were negotiating for settlement with the Government with tax attorneys, Washington, D. C. Subject has not been reported or publicly observed in Tampa since 9/13/62. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS EXTENSIVE PAST ASSOCIATION IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>TAMPA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>TAMPA</b>	DATE <b>9/24/62</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/24/62 - 9/21/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE</b>	TYPED BY <b>em</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>			

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN dated 8/24/62 at Tampa. Bureau airtel to Miami and Tampa 9/5/62  
Miami airtel to New York dated 9/6/62  
Miami let to Bureau dated 9/11/62.

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**ENCLOSURES:**

TO THE BUREAU

Enclosed to the Bureau is original and copy of letterhead memorandum.

TO SAN FRANCISCO

Enclosed to San Francisco is copy of report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE dated 5/24/62 at Tampa in captioned matter, and one photograph of JERRY JACK HEIMOWITZ, aka "Greitzer", Tampa P. D. #A17260.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Will review enclosed referenced report on the administrative section and on pages 5 and 6 of the report, information concerning JERRY JACK HEIMOWITZ, aka Jerry Greitzer, and thereafter exhibit to PEP enclosed photograph, ascertaining from PEP facts alleged by HEIMOWITZ.

TAMPA OFFICE

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

Will report results of investigation requested by the Miami Office of the Legat, Mexico City, concerning subject and LARRY DE JOSEPH's interests in Guatemala.

Will maintain contact with sources, PCI's and CI's relative to subject's appearances and activities while in Tampa, Florida.

Will endeavor to develop source in an effort to establish subject's source of income.

Will continue efforts to establish highly confidential Bureau techniques and sources on subject and/or his close associates at Tampa.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau instructed Miami and Tampa by airtel dated 9/5/62 relative to a gambling operation in Guatemala being established through one LARRY DE JOSEPH, that such situation should be closely followed to develop specific information and details regarding the efforts on the part of TRAFFICANTE to operate in Guatemala. Bureau instructed investigation should be immediately instituted to obtain pertinent information, and thereafter the Bureau should be provided appropriate communication suitable for dissemination.

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In the above regard, the Miami Office furnished the Bureau for appropriate transmittal to Legat, Mexico City, information obtained from a source in Miami and requested Legat thereafter through contacts and sources in Guatemala to determine whether LARRY DE JOSEPH or any other person was in fact attempting to

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construct a hotel with gambling casino and public housing project.

Also relative to the above, Miami airtel to Bureau dated 9/14/62 set out the information obtained by the Miami Office from MM 768-C, and Miami noted that only a few individuals know such information, and due to the closeness of informant to the situation, Miami recommends the matter be reported only in the administrative section of the report at this time.

The Miami Office's attention is directed to referenced Bureau communication requesting that investigative efforts be expended to resolve this matter so that Bureau can be provided with appropriate communication suitable for dissemination.

Miami notified the Bureau by airtel dated 9/14/62 as follows:

MM 768-C advised on 8/31/62 that during the past year he has been acquainted with LARRY DE JOSEPH. He said DE JOSEPH claims to have been an employee of SANTO TRAFFICANTE in the Sans Souci Hotel in Havana prior to the Castro Revolution. DE JOSEPH has on a number of occasions stated he is a good friend of TRAFFICANTE and is in touch with him occasionally.

The informant, who had been previously advised of the Bureau's interest in TRAFFICANTE, advised that, in order to effect a meeting with TRAFFICANTE, he proposed to DE JOSEPH that TRAFFICANTE provide the financial backing for a gambling ship to be operated off the Florida Keys. The informant would make all the necessary arrangements and would ask for a percentage commission for his planning and arranging for a boat.

As a result of this proposal, DE JOSEPH arranged a meeting between the informant and TRAFFICANTE. The informant, DE JOSEPH, and IRVING FEINBURG, an acquaintance of the informant who is connected with Escott Construction Co., Miami Beach, went to Sonny's Italian Restaurant, 247 23rd Street, Miami Beach, on the night of 8/30/62.

According to the informant, FEINBURG went only at the informant's invitation and did not even know who TRAFFICANTE was.

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They were met at Sonny's Restaurant by TRAFFICANTE, LOU BRADY, and JUDITH SALVAT, who appeared to be the girl friend of TRAFFICANTE. FLA

At this meeting the proposed setting up of the gambling ship to be operated off the Florida Keys was discussed by the informant, TRAFFICANTE, and BRADY. TRAFFICANTE agreed to consider arranging financing for the gambling ship and instructed the informant to give him more specific details, particularly as to arrangements that could be made for securing a suitable ship. They also discussed the possibility of constructing a hotel in Martinique, and Escott entered into this discussion. TRAFFICANTE, however, was not agreeable to this suggestion.

According to the informant BRADY did the majority of the talking for TRAFFICANTE and gave the impression that he was trying to impress TRAFFICANTE in the way he talked and discussed the matter with the informant.

The informant expects future meetings between himself and TRAFFICANTE, or one of his representatives, regarding this matter.

On 9/4/62, the informant advised that he has negotiated with LEWIS FRAZIER, owner of the motor vessel "Fleures" to buy this vessel and have it converted into a gambling ship. The ship is 180' in length and would be capable of handling about 100 gambling passengers. It now flies the Panamanian flag. The price of the ship would be \$35,000 and would cost \$65,000 to convert into a plush gambling ship. Informant said this had been discussed with DE JOSEPH and DE JOSEPH told him he would relay this on to his "associates."

The Philadelphia Office has advised that extensive physical coverage of the wedding of JEAN BRUNO on 8/26/62 and continual contact with PH 623-C\* and PH 591-C\* failed to develop any information to establish that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. attended either the wedding or the subsequent reception and dinner. A complete list of persons in attendance at the dinner was obtained by the Philadelphia Office, and subject's name was not on such list.

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The Tampa Office at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, during August and over the Labor Day weekend conducted a photographic fisur of the beach properties of the TRAFFICANTES at 3610 - 3612 El Central, and film obtained have been forwarded to the Bureau, and upon return to Tampa will be edited for appropriate film clips.

Photographic surveillance was conducted by SAs LIONEL E. BELANGER and STEPHEN J. LABADIE on 9/9/62 at Tampa, Florida, relative to the wedding of the son of FRANK DIECIDUE. After the wedding, photographic surveillance was effected at the Tampa Terrace Hotel, the scene of the wedding reception. Five reels of film were exposed and photographs were obtained of subject as well as his brothers and associates at Tampa. Upon receipt of developed film from the Bureau, appropriate editing will be done at Tampa, and clips thereafter forwarded if suitable.

CS TP 51-C has advised that a change in his work route makes it impossible for him to any longer furnish information as in the past.

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INFORMANTS:

TPT-1 is MB34-C\* whose identity is known to the Bureau.

TP T-2 is [REDACTED], PCI, Miami, Florida.

TP T-3 is MM 753-C.

TP T-4 is [REDACTED], PCI, Tampa.

TP T-5 is [REDACTED], PCI, Tampa.

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SA JAMES P. O'NEIL has advised that daily checks weekdays have been made of the residences 3610 and 3612 El Centro twice daily and three times on Saturdays and Sundays, and no activity has been noted except that on September 1, 1962, SA ORIAN R. KENNEDY noted the upstairs apartment at 3610 El Centro was open, and a late model Ford, turquoise green in color, bearing 1962 Florida license 3-39096 was in the garage. At the same time he observed a young woman with reddish straw-blond hair in her twenties in the garage. It was determined this is the vehicle usually driven by AUGUST PANIELLO and his wife, subject's daughter, MARY JO. The same car was observed at the beach residence September 2 and 3; however, subject has not been observed at the above property from regular checks.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

It has been reported previously that there was an indication that subject may meet at Pine Hills Country Club, Orlando, Florida, and therefore the following is reported:

On August 29, 1962, Detectives WILLIAM WARREN and ROBERT COOK, Orlando, Florida, Police Department, advised SA GORDON F. ELLISON that their office had covered the Pine Hills Country Club the nights of August 11 and August 18, 1962. They advised their coverage determined that subject did not visit the club on either evening, and there had been no indication of his presence in Orlando during recent months.

SA ELLISON further determined through Deputy ROBERT TANNER, Orange County Sheriff's Office, that the original source of information was still in custody and had not been out of jail since his arrest on August 6, 1962, and could furnish no further information about any proposed visit of the subject to Orlando.

Information has been previously reported from a source which indicated that a JERRY GREITZER had been in Tampa, Florida, in the past years and had been in contact with JAMES C. LONGO, WILLIE PEP, and SANTO TRAFFICANE. Further, that GREITZER had made a trip to Key West, Florida, for LONGO and obtained a package from an individual only known as "Reno". Investigation has also previously been set forth concerning investigation at



Key West, Florida, to identify "RENO", with negative results.

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The New York Office has advised that JERRY GREITZER has been transferred from Sing Sing Prison to Wallkill, New York.

AT WALLKILL, NEW YORK:

JOHN SHEEHEY, Principal Clerk, advised SA JACK H. LUPTON on September 11, 1962, that his records reflect that WILLIE PEPITONE (WILLIE PEP) resides at 430 Martin Avenue, Santa Clara, California, as of August 7, 1962. He explained that this information is available on the record of [redacted] an inmate who corresponds with PEP. PEP's previous address is shown as 19 McKinley Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

[redacted] advised SA LUPTON on September 11, 1962, that he corresponds with WILLIE PEP regularly and mentioned that PEP currently works at a missile plant in Santa Clara.

[redacted] was shown a photo of five individuals, one of whom was LOUIS BLACKIE FERNANDEZ, FBI Number 22610E. [redacted] was unable to identify this individual, and when asked if FERNANDEZ could be identical with the individual previously referred to by him as RENO, he stated that he is not identical with this individual.

[redacted] was questioned further about his activities in Key West, Florida, and he claimed that due to the lapse of time, his memory is vague. He stated that he cannot now recall if this person's name was RENO. He stated that he does recall that the night club where he obtained the package was a large night club, largely attended by sailors, and recalled that the marquee on the front advertised "dancing girls." He stated that he can now recall nothing further concerning this matter other than the fact that the owner of this night club is a "wise guy" (hoodlum).

[redacted] ventured the opinion that TRAFFICANTE is involved in transporting heroin from Cuba into the United States.