

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>MIAMI</b>	Office of Origin <b>MIAMI</b>	Date <b>7/7/59</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/16-6/25/59</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka</b>		Report made by <b>STEPHEN J. LABADIE</b>	Typed By: <b>sl1</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

**Synopsis:**

REFERENCES: Report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE, 4/24/59, at Miami.  
Bureau letter to Miami, 5/4/59.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Bureau advised May 19, 1959, through Identification Division record on subject, that copy of subject's identification record was forwarded to Dallas, Texas Police Department. Inquire at Dallas, Texas Police Department their interest in subject.

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will maintain contact with informants, law

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<p>3 - Bureau (92-2781) 2 - Dallas 2 - Miami (92-88)</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>	<p><b>92-2781-105</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>REC-88</b></span></p> <p><b>JUL 9 1959</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CRIM. INTEL. STAT. SECT.</b></p>

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ten years as sheriff and has been since under TWITCHELL, current sheriff, Snohomish County, the "pick-up" and "fix" man for that county.

In May, 1956, MM T-10 advised that RON WARNOCK had been campaign manager for ARNOLD ZEMPLE, Snohomish County prosecutor and as a result had ZEMPLE's permission to permit gambling and was, in fact, the man who says whether a particular place can operate or not.

RON WARNOCK is closely associated with one EUGENE ALBERT PETERSON, who is an admitted active gambler in Snohomish County at the present time.

MM T-11 advised on April 8, 1959, that he was departing this area for the purpose of going to the Kentucky Derby, at the conclusion of which he was going to Havana, Cuba, to look into gambling interests there.

MM T-11 advised on May 25, 1959, that he had just returned from Havana, Cuba. He advised that while in Cuba he was in contact with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, who was still trying to sell the Sans Souci Casino. He advised that TRAFFICANTE was supposed to have sold his interest in the Sans Souci but that actually he still owns the same interest as he formerly did.

MM T-11 advises that originally RON WARNOCK went to Havana, Cuba, in the hopes of putting Spanish language punchboards in that area. He advised that WARNOCK was unable to make arrangements for the punchboard operation but that while he was in Havana, he was in contact with the operator of the Sans Souci Casino. MM T-11 advises that his and WARNOCK's punchboard operation in Snohomish County depends on obtaining the boards from PAT ZURLA, Chicago, and ZURLA was to be the source of the Spanish language punchboards.

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MM T-11 advises that the source of capital that was to be used in purchasing the Sans Souci Casino was from Seattle. He stated that actually he and WARNOCK could not raise sufficient funds to purchase the casino but at the same time, due to the inactive gambling patrons in the form of tourists in Cuba, caused them to have little desire to pay the amount necessary to purchase this casino at this time.

#### Hotel Plaza Casino

MM T-9 advised on March 10, 1959, that he had been informed by JOE STASSI, one of the major interest holders in the Hotel Plaza Casino, that STASSI had made a "payoff" to an official of the Cuban government (unidentified) in the amount of \$50,000.00 in order to obtain permission for the Hotel Plaza Casino to reopen. Source stated that although the Hotel Plaza Casino now had permission to reopen, they had no "bankroll" with which to operate and that STASSI and other interest holders are contacting individuals in the United States in an effort to obtain a new bankroll.

#### Hotel Comodoro Casino

This casino, in which SANTO TRAFFICANTE is the major interest holder, is patronized principally by Cubans and is managed by BENNY FERNANDEZ, who was brought to Cuba by TRAFFICANTE from Tampa, Florida.

MM T-2 advised on March 9, 1959, that there had been no indication as yet of resuming gambling activities in this casino. MM T-2 advised on March 23, 1959, that BENNY FERNANDEZ continues to operate the casino in the Hotel Comodoro in which SANTO TRAFFICANTE has a major interest. Source stated that TRAFFICANTE's nephew had been observed frequenting the casino in recent weeks. Source stated that SALVADORE SCALIA, former manager of the Comodoro Casino, reportedly had gone to Florida.

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INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is HAV-31.

MM T-2 is HAV-33.

MM T-3 is PCI ALBERTO SUAREZ ALEMAN, who is employed at the apartment house where TRAFFICANTE normally resides.

MM T-4 is PCI ARTHUR NEWMAN, Credit Manager, Hotel Nacional gambling casino.

MM T-5 is ANTHONY J. GIRRADDI, SR., Tampa, Florida.

MM T-6 is MM 416-C.

MM T-7 is EDGAR ADAIR, Agent, Internal Revenue Service, Intelligence Unit, Tampa.

MM T-8 is Legat, Havana.

MM T-9 is PCI GRIDO DE PHILLIPS, former employee of SANTO TRAFFICANTE.

MM T-10 is SE-551-C.

MM T-11 is EUGENE ALBERT PETERSON, PCI, Seattle Office.

MM T-12 is JK-1C.

MM T-13 is JK-4C.

MM T-14 is JK-15C.

MM T-15 is JK-51G.

MM T-16 is MARY MOTT, National Airlines, Hillsboro Hotel on request.