



September 24, 2020

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
THE BLACK VAULT  
SUITE 1203  
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD  
CASTAIC, CA 91384-4520

FOIPA Request No.: 1301632-000  
Subject: TRAFICANT, JAMES ANTHONY,  
JR.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 143 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to—Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.
- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer

in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI’s FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state “Dispute Resolution Services.” Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit [www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records](http://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records).
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

This document is made available through the declassification efforts  
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are  
responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages  
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/24/82

Re. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
ET AL;  
RICO - BRIBERY,  
OO: CLEVELAND

Attached Cleveland teletype reports Sheriff James A. Traficant, Mahoning County (Youngstown), Ohio, held a news conference on 9/23/82. During the conference Traficant announced his department will investigate named Cleveland (Youngstown RA) Agents on charges they falsified signed confessions of Traficant. Traficant asserted that arrests would occur on Monday, 9/27/82. Traficant also publicly challenged YRA Agents to submit to polygraph examinations regarding his allegations they falsified his confession statements. Traficant's challenge included a promise to plead no contest to pending Federal charges if he failed the same polygraph examination.

Traficant is under Federal indictment charging him with RICO and Tax Violations. The indictment charges him with accepting \$163,000 in bribes from Cleveland and Pittsburgh organized crime figures while he was a candidate for sheriff. Pre-trial conferences are scheduled for 9/24/82.

- 1 - Mr.
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- 1 - Mr.
- 1 - Mr. Revell
- 1 - Mr.
- 1 - Mr. McWeeney
- 1 - Mr.
- 1 - Mr.

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APPROVED:

*SW*

- Director \_\_\_\_\_
- Exec. AD-Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Exec. AD-Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Exec. AD-LES \_\_\_\_\_

- Adm Servs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Crim. Inv. 08/24/82 \_\_\_\_\_
- Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_
- Legal Coun \_\_\_\_\_
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- Rec Mgnt \_\_\_\_\_
- Tech Servs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Training \_\_\_\_\_

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JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
ET AL;  
RICO - BRIBERY,  
OO: CLEVELAND

Instructions have been forwarded to SAC, Cleveland concerning Cleveland's responses to arrests and or searches by Traficant or his officers. (See teletype to Cleveland dated 9/8/82, copy of which was furnished to personnel receiving this note.)

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Legal Coun.	_____
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Director's Sec'y	_____

FM CLEVELAND (183A-902)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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UNCLAS E F T O

James A. Trafficant

JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR., MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF; ET AL,  
RICO - BRIBERY

ON AUGUST 9, 1982, A FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SITTING IN THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, RETURNED A TWO COUNT INDICTMENT CHARGING  
JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR., THE CURRENT SHERIFF OF MAHONING COUNTY,  
YOUNGSTOWN, WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1962 (D)  
AND 1963 AND TITLE 26, USC, SECTION 7206 (1).

ON AUGUST 9, 1982, IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY, TRAFFICANT  
APPEARED AT THE YOUNGSTOWN RA, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS PLACED UNDER  
ARREST BY BUAGENTS.

TRAFFICANT WAS TRANSPORTED TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHERE HE  
APPEARED BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JACK B. STREEPY, AND ENTERED A

*See Index*

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**AIRTEL**

To: Director, FBI  
(Att: Photographic Operations Unit, Rm. 1B903)  
From: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (P)

Date: 8/11/82

Subject: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING CITY, OHIO; JAMES PRATO;  
RICO - BRIBERY  
OO: CLEVELAND

**FBIHQ USE ONLY**

	Initials	Date
Received	RK	8/13/82
Developed	NA	8/13/82
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Enlargements	TS	8/18
Slides		
Copied		
Other		

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**1. ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK RELATES TO:**

- Current Investigation
- Mug Shot Program
- Other

**2. ENCLOSURE(S):** One (1) roll Kodacolor 400 35m exposed film

**Film To Be Processed**

Size	Color	B&W	Quantity
4 X 5			
135	1		1
126			
120			
Slides			

**Movie Film or Microfilm**

Size	Color	B&W	Quantity
16mm			
35mm			
8(super)			
70 mm AHU			

**Negatives To Be Printed**

Size	Color	B&W	Quantity
8 X 10			
4 X 5			
135			
120			
126			
220			
110			

**Other**

Item	Quantity

**3. WORK REQUESTED**

- Processing**
- Process only
  - Process & make print
  - Process & make contact print<sup>5</sup>
  - Slides to be processed
  - Slides to be duplicated
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

- Prints To Be Made**  
(From 135, 126, and 110)
- 3 1/2 X 5
  - 5 X 7
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # prints from each frame
  - Color  B&W
  - ( From 120 and 4 X 5 )
  - 4 X 5  8 X 10
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # prints from each frame
  - Color  B&W

- Prints To Be Made**  
(Prints from slides)
- Cibachrome
  - 3 1/2 X 5
  - 5 X 7
  - 8 X 10

- Custom Prints**  
(From any size negative or slide)
- Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color  B&W

**4. REMARKS**

(include trial date or other mandatory deadline and any other specific instructions)

Thanks

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Letter sent to CV  
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Film processed & prints made  
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ENCLOSURE

FBIHQ Enclosure

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Film rec'd & held with prints to CV  
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INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL

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ALL photographic work must be submitted under the substantive case caption when it relates to an investigative matter. Include FBIHQ file number when available. All other photographic processing forms (including FD-482) are obsolete and should not be used. The FD-523 is to be utilized for all photographic processing work forwarded to FBIHQ except employee identification and/or credential cards. Requests for official FBI identification and credential cards must be submitted on form FD-464, Attention: Property Procurement and Management Section.

The FD-523 may be filled out in legible hand printing. The following information is set forth to assist in properly filling out this form. Remove third sheet only (yellow field copy) and submit the remaining five pages.

1. ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK RELATES TO:

All photographic work submitted should be checked as Current Investigation, Mug Shot Program, or OTHER in appropriate block. If "OTHER" is checked a short description of what it is should be stated under item #4 (Remarks).

2. ENCLOSURE(S):

Film To Be Processed - Check appropriate column for Color, Black and White film, alongside the size of the film. Also, indicate the number of sheets or rolls or cassettes in the quantity column. Slides refers to EXTACHROME ONLY, DO NOT SEND KODACHROME.

Movie Film Or Microfilm - Check appropriate block for size and quantity. DO NOT SEND COLOR MOVIE FILM.

Negatives To Be Printed - Check appropriate block for size; Color or Black and White and quantity submitted. If 135mm negatives are to be printed, indicate by frame number, do not cut up into individuals frames. The same applies to any roll film.

Other - Enclosures to be copied e.g. photographs, documents, objects, etc.

3. WORK REQUESTED:

Processing - Only means to develop the film and NO COPIES or PRINTS e.g. microfilm.

Process And Print - Means to develop film and make one or more prints.

Process And Make Contact Strip - Means to develop film and make prints same size as negatives.

Slides To Be Processed - Means Ektachrome film to be developed and slides mounted.

Slides To Be Duplicated - Means process slide film and make one or more duplicates of each slide.

Prints To Be Made - From 135, 126 and 110 film, check size 3 1/2 X 5 or 5 X 7. These are the only size prints available from our machine printers. Check Color or Black and White.

From 120 and 4 X 5 Film - Check size 4 X 5 or 8 X 10 and indicate Color or Black and White. These are the only size prints available from our machine printers.

Cibachrome Prints - Prints made directly from slides. Machine prints can be made in sizes 3 1/2 X 5, 5 X 7 and 8 X 10.

Custom Prints - From any size negative or slide; indicate quantity and size of prints either Color or Black and White.

Custom prints are available in various sizes but require extensive special handling. This type of printing is done on special request and proper justification must be furnished under item #4 (Remarks).

4. REMARKS:

Justification for custom prints. Any special instruction or short description of "other" photographic work in item #1 of this form.

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FBIHQ  
PROPERTY PROCUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT SECTION

Date 8/12/82

TO: *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI

Bureau File Number

183A-902  
 Field Office File Number

YRA - 13  
 Squad or RA Number

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND  
 SUBJECT: *[Signature]*  
 JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
 Mahoning County Sheriff;  
 ET AL;  
 RICO - BRIBERY

Investigative Assistance or Techniques Used			
Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - If Yes, rate each used as follows			
1 = Usqd, but did not help			
2 = Helped, but only minimally			
3 = Helped, substantially			
4 = Absolutely essential			
1 Acctg Tech Assistance	Rating 6	ELSUR - Title III	Rating 11
2 Aircraft Assistance	Rating 7	Hypnosis Assistance	Rating 12
3 Computer Assistance	Rating 8	Ident Div Assistance	Rating 13
4 Consensual Monitoring	Rating 9	Informant Information	Rating 14
5 ELSUR - FISC	Rating 10	Lab Div Exams	Rating 15
16 Surveil Sqd Asst	Rating	17 SWAT Team Action	Rating
18 Telephone Toll Records	Rating	19 Undercover Operation	Rating
20 Visual Invest - Analysis (VIA)	Rating		Rating

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A Preliminary Judicial Process (Number of subjects)	Complaints	Informations	Indictments	D Recoveries, Restitutions, Court Ordered Forfeitures or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP)
	Subject Prnity (See Reverse)			
B Arrests, Locates & Summonses (Number of subjects)	A	B	C	Property or PELP Type Code *
	FBI Arrests - 1			Recoveries
FBI Locates -			Restitutions	Court Ordered Forfeitures
Criminal Summons -			Potential Economic Loss Prevented	
Number of Subjects of FBI Arrests Who Physically Resisted 0				
Number of Subjects of FBI Arrests Who Were Armed 0				
C Release of Hostages: (Number of Hostages Released)			E Civil Matters	
Hostages Held By Terrorists _____, All Other Hostage Situations _____			Government Defendant	
			Government Plaintiff	
			Amount of Suit	
			Settlement or Award	
			Enter AFA Payment Here	

F. Final Judicial Process: Judicial District \_\_\_\_\_ (Use two letter state abbreviations per U S Post Office Guide For Example - The Northern District of Texas as ND TX, The District of Maine as ME in the state field only)

Subject 1 - Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Subject's Description Code \* - \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach additional forms if reporting final judicial process on more than three subjects.

Remarks *[Handwritten notes and signature]*

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**Property Type Codes \***

Code No	Description
1	Cash (U S and foreign currency)
2	Stock, Bonds or Negotiable Instruments (checks, travelers checks, money orders, certificates, of deposit, etc)
3	General Retail Merchandise (clothing, food, liquor, cigarettes, TVs, etc)
4	Vehicles (autos, trucks, tractors, trailers, campers, motorcycles, etc)
5	Heavy Machinery & Equipment (heavy equipment, computers, etc)
6	Bulk Materials (grain, fuel, raw materials, metals, wire, etc)
7	Jewelry (including unset precious and semiprecious stones)
8	Precious Metals (gold, silver, silverware, platinum, etc)
9	Art, Antiques or Rare Collections
10	Dangerous Drugs
11	Weapons or Explosives
12	Businesses or Assets Forfeited
20	All Other Recoveries (not falling in any category above)

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**Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) Type Codes \***

Code No	Description
21	Blank Negotiable Instruments or Tickets
22	Counterfeit Stocks, Bonds, Currency or Negotiable Instruments
23	Counterfeit or Pirated Sound Recordings or Motion Pictures
24	Bank Theft Scheme Aborted
25	Ransom, Extortion or Bribe Demand Aborted
26	Theft From, or Fraud Against, Government Scheme Aborted
27	Commercial or Industrial Theft Scheme Aborted
30	All Other Potential Economic Loss Prevented (not falling in any category above)

\*The case file must contain an explanation of the computation of the recovery value or loss prevented An explanation airtel must accompany this report if the recovery is \$1 million or more, or if the PELP is \$5 million or more

**Subject Description Codes \***

- Enter Description Code Only When Reporting a Conviction -

**Organized Crime Subjects:**

- 1A Boss, Underboss or Consigliere
- 1B Capodecina or Soldier
- 1C Possible LCN Member or Associate
- 1D OC Subject Other Than LCN

**Known Criminals (Other Than OC Members):**

- 2A Top Ten or IO Fugitive
- 2B Top Thief
- 2C Top Con Man

**Foreign Nationals:**

- 3A Legal Alien
- 3B Illegal Alien
- 3C Foreign Official Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3D U N Employee Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3E Foreign Students
- 3F All Others

**Terrorists:**

- 4A Known Member of a Terrorist Organization
- 4B Possible Terrorist Member or Sympathizer

**Union Members:**

- 5A International or National Officer
- 5B Local Officer
- 5C Union Employee

**Government Official Or Employees:**

- 6A Federal - Elected Official
- 6B Federal - Nonelected Executive Level
- 6C Federal - All Other
- 6D State - Elected Official
- 6E State - Nonelected Executive Level
- 6F State - All Other
- 6G Local - Elected Official
- 6H Local - Nonelected Executive Level
- 6J Local - All Other

**Bank Officers Or Employees:**

- 7A Bank Officer
- 7B Bank Employee

**All Others:**

- 8A All Other Subjects (not fitting above categories)

\*If a subject can be classified in more than one of the categories, select the most appropriate in the circumstance

**Instructions**

**Subject Priorities for FBI Arrest or Locates:**

- A - Subject wanted for crimes of violence (i.e. murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault) or convicted of such crimes in the past five years
- B - Subjects wanted for crimes involving the loss or destruction of property valued in excess of \$25,000 or convicted of such crimes in the past five years
- C - All others

**Claiming Convictions Other Than Federal:**

It is permissible to claim a local (state, county or local) conviction if the FBI's investigation significantly contributed to the successful local prosecution. A succinct narrative setting forth the basis for claiming a local conviction must accompany this report. When claiming a conviction other than Federal, enter the word "LOCAL" in the "Conviction-Section" block, disregard the number of conviction counts, but enter the sentence in the appropriate blocks. Enter "LF" in the "In-Jail" block for all life sentences and "CP" for all capital punishment sentences.

**Reporting Convictions:**

Convictions should not be reported until the sentence has been issued. There are two exceptions to this rule. The conviction information can be submitted by itself if

- 1 The subject becomes a fugitive after conviction but prior to sentencing
- 2 The subject dies after conviction but prior to sentencing

An explanation is required in the Remarks section for either of the above exceptions

**Rule 20 Situations:**

The field office that obtained the process (normally the office of origin) is the office that should claim the conviction, **not** the office where the subject enters the plea in cases involving Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedures

**Investigative Assistance or Techniques (IA/Ts) Used:**

-Since more than one IA/T could have contributed to the accomplishment, each IA/T must be rated  
 -The IA/T used must be rated **each time** an accomplishment is claimed (For example - if informant information was the basis for a complaint, an arrest, a recovery and a conviction and if separate FD-515s are submitted for each of the aforementioned accomplishments, the "Informant Information" block must be rated on each FD-515 even if it was the same information that contributed to all the accomplishments)



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August 16, 1982

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**OUTSIDE SOURCE**

William Webster, Director FBI  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

*James A. Traficant Jr.*

Dear Director Webster:

I think there is a situation in the Mahoning Valley that you must take a personal interest in for the sake of the credibility of the Mahoning Valley.

You have probably heard the tale of a Sheriff James Traficant from Mahoning County, Ohio, however, the thing that concerns the majority of the people in this area is the fact that an ex-FBI chief of the Youngstown office became the police chief for the city of Youngstown. This made no sense at the time and it makes less sense now.

The credibility of the FBI is at stake in this instance and it's a very damaging situation. As an institution, the FBI should not have to go through situations like this, but more importantly, it must defend itself in the event that it happens.

All of Ohio will appreciate your getting involved in this situation and bringing it to a timely end.

Sincerely,



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UNCLAS

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO - BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND;

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO FBIHQ, AUGUST 10, 1982.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON AUGUST 11, 1982, SUBJECT TRAFICANT HELD A LIVE TELEVISION AND RADIO PRESS CONFERENCE TO REFUTE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST HIM BY A SPECIAL FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON AUGUST 9, 1982, CHARGING HIM WITH CONSPIRACY AND INCOME TAX EVASION. SUBJECT'S SPEECH WAS RAMBLING AND AT ONE POINT HE TOLD THOSE CALLING ON HIM TO STEP ASIDE TO "GET FUCKED". THROUGH A MOTION FILED IN USDC, CLEVELAND, ON AUGUST 12, 1982, SUBJECT TRAFICANT'S CONFESSION TO FBI AGENTS IN JUNE, 1981, ALONG WITH TRANSCRIPTS OF TAPED MEETINGS BETWEEN TRAFICANT AND ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES CHARLES [REDACTED]

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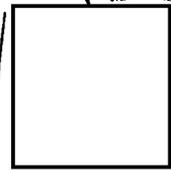
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CARABIA WAS RELEASED. ON AUGUST 16, 1982, TRAFICANT AGAIN HELD A LIVE TELEVISION AND RADIO PRESS CONFERENCE, AT WHICH TIME HE ALLEGED THE SIGNED CONFESSION FILED IN USDC ON AUGUST 12, 1982, WAS NOT THE CONFESSION HE SIGNED AND ACCUSED THE FBI OF FALSIFYING AND SWITCHING STATEMENTS. HE THREATENED TO ARREST THREE FBI AGENTS INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER WHEN HE PROVES THE CONFESSIONS FALSE. TRAFICANT FURTHER STATED HE WAS CONTACTING OHIO SENATOR JOHN GLENN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WOULD INSTITUTE A SENATE INVESTIGATION INTO ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE YOUNGSTOWN AREA AS WELL AS THE ETHICS OF THE FBI. TRAFICANT NOTED

HE HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM DESPITE MEDICAL ADVICE THAT HE IS SUFFERING FROM HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. FOLLOWING THE NEWS CONFERENCE, TRAFICANT WAS ADMITTED TO ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

SAC, CLEVELAND VIGOROUSLY DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT EVIDENCE HAD BEEN FALSIFIED BY THE FBI, BUT WOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER TO THE PRESS AS THE MATTER IS PENDING PROSECUTION AND WILL BE DECIDED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT. U.S. STRIKE FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ISSUED A SIMILAR STATEMENT.

FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

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UNCLAS E F T O

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;  
RICO-BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 16, 1982.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON AUGUST 17, 1982, INFORMATION

RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] (PROTECT  
IDENTITY) THAT SHERIFF TRAFICANT [REDACTED]

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IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THE SIGNED STATEMENT WAS

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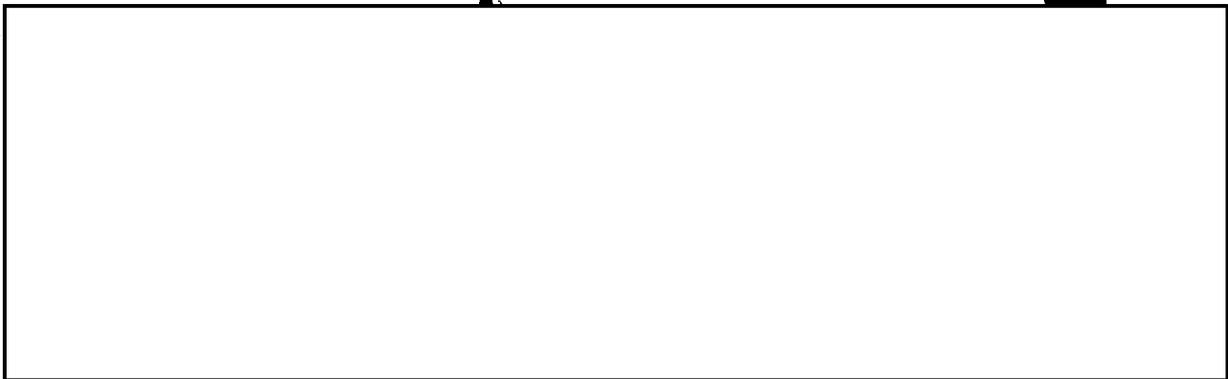
*Per SAC Griffin on 8/18/82 CV is showing active counter-intel plans. I offered every assistance possible. They will come in in process with plan. [Signature]*

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THIS CONSPIRACY HAS APPARENTLY RESULTED FROM THE INDICTMENT OF TRAFICANT FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES FROM UNDERWORLD FIGURES. TRAFICANT, DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCES, AND OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HAS REPEATEDLY ASSERTED THAT THE FBI IS PROTECTING THE MAFIA AND IN FACT, FORGED A CONFESSION HE SIGNED. THEREFORE, THE ATTACK ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE FBI IN YOUNGSTOWN WOULD BE GREATLY BOLSTERED



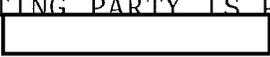
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RECORDER WILL BE WORN BY THE SOURCE, WHO IS WILLING TO TESTIFY IN COURT AND COMPLETE CONSENT FORMS.

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U.S. STRIKE FORCE, CLEVELAND, OHIO,



EMERGENCY AUTHORITY: EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY AN

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/20/82

Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
ET AL;  
RICO - BRIBERY,  
OO: CLEVELAND

Attached Cleveland teletypes report James A. Traficant, Jr., Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio (Youngstown), presently under Federal indictment on RICO and Income Tax charges, has publicly charged Youngstown Agents with falsifying signed confessions obtained from him. Traficant publicly threatened to arrest the Agents when he establishes proof of his allegations. Privately, sources report Traficant [redacted]

[redacted] Sources also report [redacted]  
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Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,

Cleveland is aware of the seriousness of the situation and is formulating plans to deal with the problem. Contact with the sources continue. Pen registers are being installed [redacted]

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[redacted] Public information relative to the pending charges against Traficant will be provided to the Ohio Governor who has authority to remove Traficant from his position pending adjudication of the pending charges.

Traficant was arrested by Agents on 8/9/82, on a two count indictment charging him with violation of Title 18, USC 1962 (d) and 1963 (RICO) and Title 26, USC 7206 (1) (Tax). The indictment charges Traficant with accepting \$163,000 in bribes from Cleveland and Pittsburgh organized crime figures. The payments were made to ensure continuation of illegal activities in Mahoning County. The payments are documented on seized tapes of conversations involving Traficant. Though not confirming the amount of the bribes, Traficant admitted, in a signed statement, to accepting the bribes.

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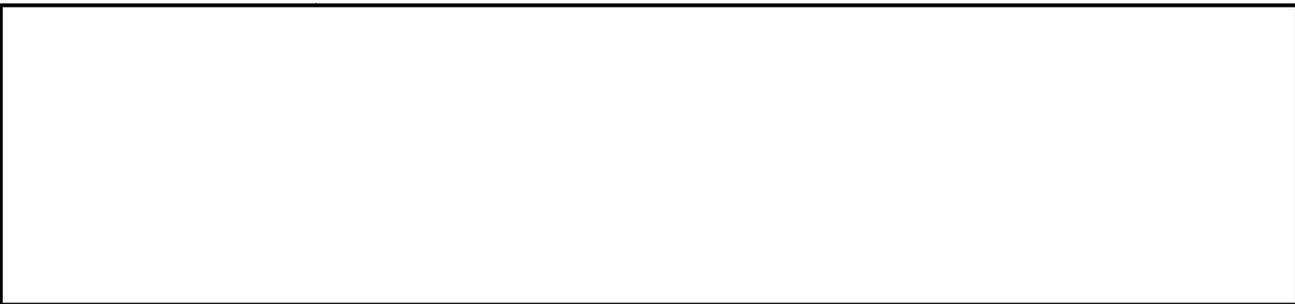
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JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;  
RICO 7 BRIBERY, OO: CLEVELAND

REFERENCE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, AUGUST 17, 1982.

ON AUGUST 18, 1982, A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN SAC,  
CLEVELAND, AND ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, CLEVELAND STRIKE FORCE,  
U.S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING PLAN  
AND STRATEGY WERE AGREED UPON.



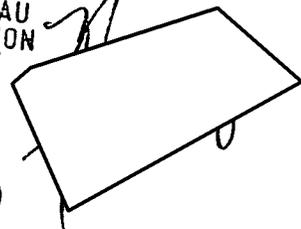
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August 20, 1982

Office of Enforcement Operations  
Criminal Division

Director, FBI

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JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO,  
ET AL; RICO - BRIBERY

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

Attached is a copy of a communication which furnishes information concerning a current investigation. Exigent circumstances precluded a request for authorization in advance to utilize an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party.

Under the provisions of Part III(b) of the Attorney General's Memorandum of September 22, 1980, to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies entitled, "Monitoring Private Conversations with the Consent of a Party," emergency monitoring was instituted under the authorization of an appropriate official of the FBI.

Monitoring of this conversation was authorized in the best interest of law enforcement in that it was expected to provide corroborative evidence and to protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Further monitoring is expected in this matter and it is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant authority.

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NOTE: Emergency authority granted by OC Section Chief McWeeney 8/19/82. Cleveland advised same date.

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Signed & walked 050 8-23-82/jain

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ATTENTION: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, (CID)

JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; RICO -  
BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1982.

FOR INFORMATION, [REDACTED] STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY, CLEVELAND,  
MET AND BRIEFED USA WILLIAM PETRO, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, ON THIS  
ENTIRE SITUATION. [REDACTED] IS OF THE OPINION THAT BASED ON INFORMATION

NOW IN HAND [REDACTED] CONSIDERATION  
BEING GIVEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONSIDERATION ALSO BEING GIVEN [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

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ATTENTION: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, ET AL;

RICO - BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

RE CLEVELAND TEL, AUGUST 16, 1982 AND CLEVELAND TELCALL TO FBIHQ, AUGUST 27, 1982.

ON AUGUST 26-27, 1982, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS:

SHERIFF TRAFICANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LCD advised CID on possible courses of action in the event of arrests of SA or execution of search warrant. Advice given on 8/27/82 and 9/1/82. Contact made with DOJ (Marsolus) on 8/27/82. Casellaw given to PLA Cleveland on 8/30/82. Additional advice given PLA on 8/27/82 and 9/1/82. CID advised teletype instructions to Cleveland forthcoming on 9/1/82. PLA, Cleveland advised.

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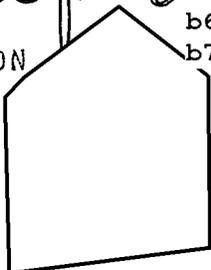
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To *OR* Mr. O. B. Revell

Date 8/27/82

From S.M. McWeeney

Subject : JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
ET AL.;  
 RICO - BRIBERY  
 OO: Cleveland

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PURPOSE: To advise of status of ongoing confrontation between Sheriff of Mahoning County, Ohio, and Agents of the FBI in the Youngstown, Ohio, Resident Agency (YRA).

RECOMMENDATION: None, for information.

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DETAILS: Traficant was arrested by FBI Agents on 8/9/82 on a two count indictment charging him with violation of Title 18, USC, Sections 1962 (d) and 1963 (RICO) and Title 26, USC, Section 7206 (1) (Tax). The indictment charges Traficant, while a candidate for Sheriff, accepted \$163,000 in bribes from Cleveland and Pittsburgh organized crime figures. The payments were made to ensure continuation of illegal activities in Mahoning County. The payments are documented on seized tapes of conversations involving Traficant. Though not confirming the amount, Traficant admitted in a signed statement to accepting bribes and in subsequent interviews admitted accepting a portion of the amount charged.

He has since publicly recanted his admissions and has charged that Agents taking the statements had falsified them. He has publicly announced he intends to initiate his own investigation into his allegations and he has publicly threatened to arrest the Agents responsible for his arrest and indictment.

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Memorandum McWeeney to Revell  
Re: James A. Traficant, Jr.  
Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio; et al.

Privately, sources reported that Traficant [redacted]

Sources also reported that [redacted]

The same sources also reported that [redacted]

The Cleveland Office has moved to place pen registers [redacted]

Interviews are to be conducted shortly.

On 8/27/82, Cleveland advised that they were contacted anonymously by an individual who advised that [redacted]

The caller also advised that [redacted]

The caller additionally [redacted]

he requests his identity remain confidential. He will continue to provide information regarding [redacted]

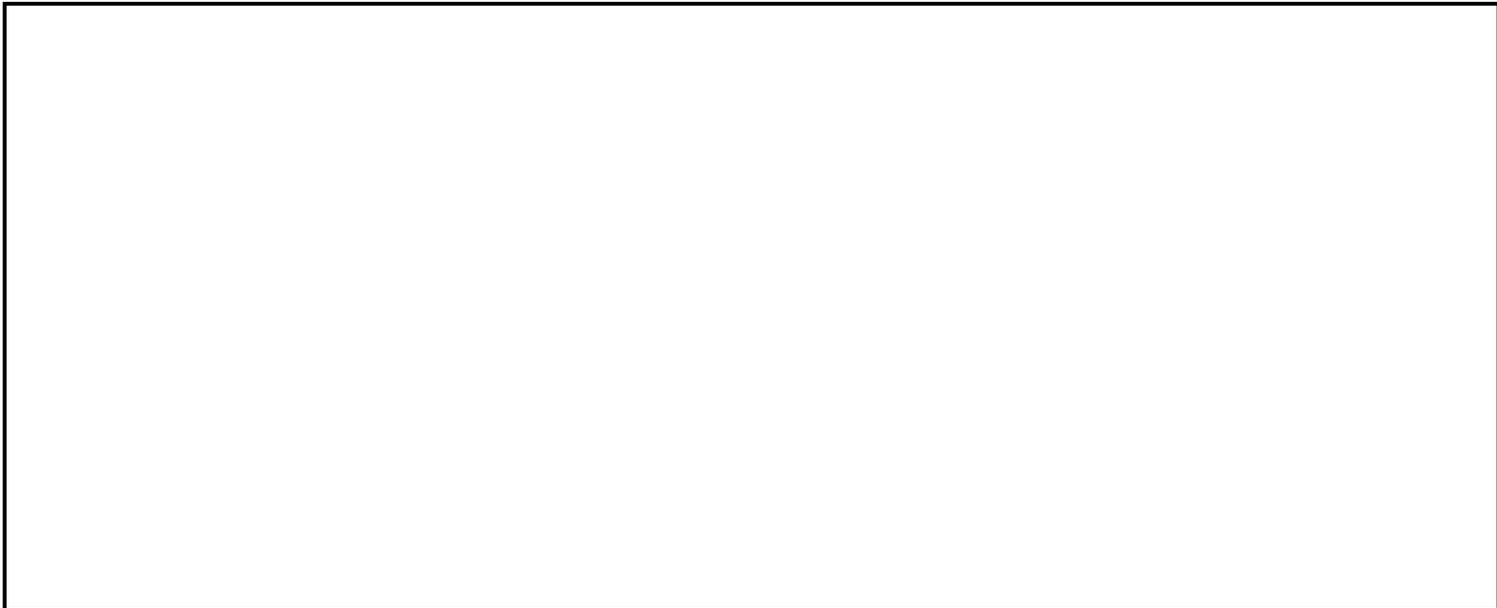
As a result of day-long consultations on 8/27/82 between management of the Cleveland Division, United States Attorney (USA), Northern District of Ohio, Strike Force Attorney representing captioned matter, and the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division, the following actions have been initiated:

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Memorandum McWeeney to Revell  
RE: James A. Traficant, Jr.  
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The Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division, is monitoring the situation very closely.

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Reporting Office <b>CLEVELAND</b>	Office of Origin <b>CLEVELAND</b>	Date <b>1/7/82</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/24/81 - 12/8/81</b>
Title of Case <b>JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., Sheriff, Mahoning County; JAMES N. PRATO;</b>		Report made by SA [redacted]	Typed By: <b>tmw</b>
[redacted]		Character of Case <b>RICO - BRIBERY</b>	

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REFERENCES

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PROSECUTIVE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.  
and others  
RICO - BRIBERY

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Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: 1/7/82

Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Field Office File #: 183B-902

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Narrative of Offense:

This investigation was initiated upon recovery of a cassette tape on 4/24/81 from an apartment in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area that had been shared by Joseph Marc DeRose and [redacted] gave FBI Agents oral consent to search the apartment after the disappearance of DeRose and the subsequent finding of [redacted]

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The tape recording was of a meeting participated in by [redacted] Charles Carabbia, Sheriff-elect James A. Traficant, Jr., [redacted] During the meeting, Sheriff-elect Traficant discussed receiving sums of money from James Prato and from the Carabbias and who he was aligned with.

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On 6/15/81, Sheriff James Traficant came to the Youngstown Resident Agency of the FBI and admitted in a signed statement to accepting money from [redacted] Charles Carabbia, James Prato and Joseph Naples to allow them to conduct illegal activities in Mahoning County without interference from the Sheriff.

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On 9/1/81, a search warrant was obtained and executed [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] On 12/8/81, [redacted]  
[redacted], advised [redacted]  
[redacted] On 12/22/81, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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NAMES OF DEFENDANTS:

1. James A. Traficant, Jr., described as:

<u>Race</u>	<u>White</u>
<u>Sex</u>	<u>Male</u>
<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>May 8, 1941</u>
<u>Height</u>	<u>6'1"</u>
<u>Weight</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Hair</u>	<u>Brown</u>
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Green</u>
<u>SSAN</u>	<u>280-38-7600</u>
<u>Ohio driver's</u>	
<u>license number</u>	<u>NQ140118</u>
<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Sheriff</u>
<u>Address</u>	<u>429 North Main</u>
	<u>Poland, Ohio</u>

Full text of interviews, pages 5 through 13.

2. James Prato, described as:

<u>Race</u>	<u>White</u>
<u>Sex</u>	<u>Male</u>
<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>February 10, 1907</u>
<u>Height</u>	<u>5'8"</u>
<u>Weight</u>	<u>225</u>
<u>Hair</u>	<u>White</u>
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Brown</u>
<u>SSAN</u>	<u>287-01-9942</u>
<u>Address</u>	<u>537 Roland Road</u>
	<u>Poland, Ohio</u>
<u>Ohio driver's</u>	
<u>license number</u>	<u>NP495563</u>
<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Restaurant owner</u>

3.  described as:

<u>Race</u>	<u>White</u>
<u>Sex</u>	<u>Male</u>
<u>Date of Birth</u>	
<u>Height</u>	
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PROSECUTIVE STATUS:

On 12/18/81, Strike Force Attorney [redacted]  
Cleveland, Ohio, and SA [redacted] discussed the  
prosecutive merits of this investigation. [redacted] feels the  
case [redacted]  
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WITNESSES:

1. [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, FBI  
Youngstown Resident Agency  
Cleveland Division

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Can testify to James A. Traficant's signed statement admitting receiving bribes. Also, oral admissions from Traficant. Can testify to recovery of cassette tape from apartment shared by DeRose and [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, FBI  
Youngstown Resident Agency  
Cleveland Division

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Can testify to oral admissions made by James A. Traficant plus written admissions made in a letter sent by Traficant to [REDACTED] by registered mail.

3. [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, FBI  
Youngstown Resident Agency  
Cleveland Division

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Can testify to signed statement of James A. Traficant admitting receiving bribes. Also, oral admissions from Traficant and oral consent to search given by

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, FBI  
Youngstown Resident Agency  
Cleveland Division

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Can testify to recovery of cassette tape from apartment shared by DeRose and [REDACTED] and oral consent to search given by [REDACTED]

5. [redacted]  
Special Agent, FBI  
Youngstown Resident Agency  
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Can testify to [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Can testify as she did before Federal Grand Jury  
[redacted]

7. [redacted]  
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Can testify as he did before Federal Grand Jury that  
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8. [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio

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Can testify as he did before Federal Grand Jury that  
[redacted]

9. [REDACTED]  
Associate of Joseph Marc DeRose  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Ohio

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Can testify she gave oral consent to search her  
Pittsburgh apartment.

Full text of interviews, pages 2 and 3.

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EVIDENCE:

1. Signed statement of James A. Traficant.
2. Letter of James A. Traficant.
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4. One (1) cassette tape recovered from apartment of  and Joseph Marc Derosé.

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[redacted] was contacted at the residence of her parents, [redacted] Ohio, and provided the following information:

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[redacted] in the presence of her mother, gave her consent for Agents of the FBI to search her apartment located at [redacted], Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. [redacted] at the time of consent, provided SA [redacted] with the key to that apartment.

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[redacted] was advised that she could refuse to allow the search if she desired, and that her consent was absolutely voluntary. [redacted] stated she understood that she could refuse to allow the search. [redacted] concluded that she was giving consent but that she refused to sign any document in that regard.

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SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted] HSS: emw Date dictated 4/30/81

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On April 24, 1981, [redacted]  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was advised of the identities of  
 [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents  
 of the FBI and Inspector [redacted] and Detective [redacted]  
 [redacted] of the Allegheny County Police Department, and [redacted]  
 gave verbal consent to the aforementioned individuals in the  
 presence of her father, [redacted], to search the  
 premises known as [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

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On April 24, 1981, a search was conducted at [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pursuant to verbal consent given by [redacted] and the following items were seized evidence:

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>By</u>
1. 19 pages of a March telephone bill	Kitchen table	SA [redacted]
2. 16 pages of a February telephone bill	Southwest bedroom	SA [redacted]
3. One Realistic cassette tape	Tape player, living room	SA [redacted]
4. One Sound Tech cassette tape	Middle drawer southwest corner kitchen	SA [redacted]
5. One FBI report	First floor closet	SA [redacted]
6. One Western Union Mailgram and envelope	Kitchen table	SA [redacted]
7. One white notepad with writing on several pages	Kitchen table	SA [redacted]
8. Six pieces of paper with names and telephone numbers	Living room	SA [redacted]
9. One gold and silver advertisement	Telephone Kitchen	SA [redacted]
10. One A-1 Manufacturing tool, San Diego, California	Basement	SA [redacted]

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SA's [redacted]

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The following is a signed statement obtained from James Traficant:

"June 15, 1981  
Austintown, Ohio

"I, James Traficant, make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize, and fully understand, that I do not have to make this statement, and that it could be used against me at a later time. During the period of time that I campaigned for Sheriff of Mahoning County Ohio, I accepted money from [redacted] Charles Carabbia, Joseph Naples and James Prato. This money was given to me with the understanding that certain illegal activities would be allowed to take place in Mahoning County after my election, and that as Sheriff I would not interfere with those activities. I have read this statement consisting of this page, and it is true and correct.

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"/s/J A Traficant 6-15-81

Witness: "/s/[redacted] SA, FBI, Youngstown, Ohio 6/15/81

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Witness: "/s/[redacted] SA FBI, Youngstown, Ohio 6/15/81"

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/25/811

James Traficant, Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, appeared at the Youngstown, Ohio, office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

In addition to information furnished in a signed statement, Traficant stated when exiting the building that he had cash given to him by the Carabbias and that he would turn the money over to the FBI in the near future. Traficant was not specific as to the amount of money.

Traficant concluded that the "people at the Calla Mar" had recently offered to perform excavating work on his farm.

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Date of transcription 6/29/811

James Traficant, Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, appeared at the Youngstown, Ohio, Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

Traficant advised that shortly before the Mahoning County Democratic Primary to select a candidate for Sheriff, he and Charles Carabbia went to the Calla Mar Manor and met with James Prato. During this meeting, it was agreed upon that Prato would pay Traficant \$15,000.

Traficant stated that the amount of money he referred to on June 15, 1981, that he intended to turn over to the FBI was \$8,000. Traficant concluded that the remainder of the money he accepted was either spent in the campaign or turned over to Charles Carabbia. The money turned over to Charles Carabbia was the cash given to him by Prato.

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A meeting was held between Sheriff James A. Traficant and Special Agent [redacted] at Traficant's request.

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Traficant stated that he was undecided on whether or not he would help the FBI. He said that after thinking about his predicament, he regretted signing the statement admitting that he received bribes during the Sheriff's campaign. He said that if he helped the FBI, it would appear as if he had been forced into cooperating because of the statement. He said it would be better for him if the Sheriff's Office and the FBI conduct a "joint" investigation of the briberies and corruption. He said that he had been naive during the campaign and had not realized what he had gotten involved in. When questioned about the money he received from the Carabbias and Prato, \$60,000 from one and \$103,000 from the other, he responded that it was \$55,000 and he only said it was more. He stated that he had said a lot of things during the campaign. He claimed that all money he received from Jimmy Prato went to Charlie Carabbia who put some of it back into the campaign. He said money was paid by Prato on two occasions and was handed to someone who had accompanied him (Traficant) to see Prato. He would not identify this person who accepted the money on his behalf as he felt this person was an innocent bystander. He also stated one of his reasons for being reluctant to help the FBI was that innocent people might become involved.

Toward the end of the meeting, Traficant stated that since being elected, he has not met with Prato, Joey Naples or [redacted] and because of this he was not sure he would be in a position to help the FBI. He claimed that he presently had enough evidence to arrest [redacted] himself but that he would probably decide to help the FBI.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Traficant agreed to future meetings with Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted].

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Date of transcription 7/8/811

James Traficant, Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, appeared at [redacted] and furnished the following information:

He advised he had become associated with [redacted] through [redacted] when [redacted] had taken him to [redacted] to financially assist him with his campaign. Traficant stated after a short time, he had also become associated with [redacted], Charles Carabbia, and that the Carabbias had given him money for his campaign. He stated after a period of time, Charles Carabbia had his "hooks" into him and he wished he had never accepted the Carabbias' money, but that it was too late.

Traficant said Charles Carabbia had also taken him to James Prato and he accepted money from Prato both before the primary election and the general election. He said he asked Prato for \$100,000 prior to the general election, never thinking Prato would even consider it and that Prato, although claiming that was too much money did give him \$25,000.

Traficant said his link to Prato was Charles Onesti and that it was actually Onesti who picked up the \$25,000 for him from Prato. He said all the money he received from Prato he turned over to Charles Carabbia.

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James Traficant, Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, appeared at [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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Traficant advised that a few days after meeting with James Prato at the Calla Mar Manor, which Traficant described on June 17, 1981, he met Prato in the parking lot of Prato's residence and accepted \$15,000 payment from him. Traficant continued that he turned this money over to Charles Carabbia.

Traficant stated that just prior to the general election for Sheriff of Mahoning County, Ohio, he accompanied Charles Carabbia to the Calla Mar Manor to meet with James Prato. Traficant said that Charles Carabbia had previously told him that he should get as much money from Prato as possible, because what money he, Traficant, did not get from Prato would be given to his opponent and used against him. Upon meeting Prato, Traficant advised that he asked for \$100,000, believing that Prato would never consider such a high amount. Traficant continued that Prato did, in fact, refuse to pay \$100,000, but did agree to pay him \$25,000, which was later received from Charles Onesti who picked it up from Prato.

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James Traficant, Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, appeared at [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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Traficant stated that he did not have the \$8,000 to turn over to the FBI that he had described on June 15 and 17, 1981. Traficant offered no explanation for this inconsistency.

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ATTN: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID.

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO-BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1982.

THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE BEING MADE, SHOULD SHERIFF TRAFICANT CARRY OUT HIS THREATS AGAINST FBI PERSONNEL IN THE YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, RESIDENT AGENCY AS SET FORTH IN RETEL.

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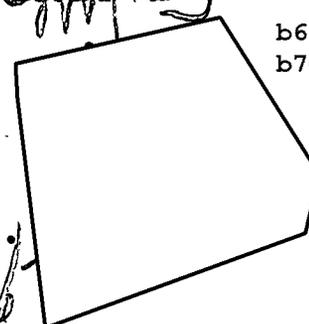
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JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO-BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TELCALLS TO BUREAU, AUGUST 31, 1982.

STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] CLEVELAND,

ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED IT IS HIS OPINION THAT [REDACTED]

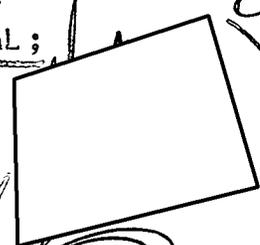
[REDACTED] NONETHELESS, HE STATED HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE

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JAMES A. TRAFICANT JR.

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Judge Webster has asked that I respond to your August 16th letter and express our appreciation for your concern and interest that the FBI defend its integrity. The matters concerning Sheriff Traficant and an ex-FBI employee are currently under extensive investigation by our Cleveland Office and you may be sure that all allegations will receive appropriate attention. I cannot, at this time, comment further as to do so could have a prejudicial effect on future prosecutive efforts. I thank you for writing and hope you will understand our position.

Sincerely yours,

*OR*  
Oliver B. Revell  
Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division

*OR*

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- 1 - Cleveland (183A-406, 183A-802) - Enclosure  
Personal Attention SAC: ReBucal to SA [redacted] Youngstown Resident Agency.
- 1 - Administrative Unit, CID - Enclosure  
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- 1 - Mr. [redacted] Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] - Enclosure

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NOTE: Above response coordinated with SA [redacted] Youngstown RA, and SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Organized Crime Section, CID. Sheriff Traficant is the subject of an ongoing organized crime investigation, and has been indicted. In public statements to the press, he has attempted to implicate ex-Agent Stanley E. Peterson, who after retiring became Chief of Youngstown P. D. and is the chief (former) referred to in the letter, as being involved in organized crime during his employment with the FBI. Peterson is also under investigation.

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To : Mr. Revell

Date 9/2/82

From : S.M. McWeeney

Subject : JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
 ET AL;  
 RICO - BRIBERY  
 OO: Cleveland

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PURPOSE: To update the status of the ongoing confrontation between the Sheriff of Mahoning County, Ohio, and Agents of the FBI in Youngstown, Ohio. Also, the purpose is to recommend a course of action for our Agents in Youngstown. (S.M. McWeeney to O.B. Revell memo dated 8/27/82 attached.)

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached teletype be sent to Cleveland recommending that our Agents resist any attempt by Sheriff Traficant to (1) search Resident Agency (RA) premises or (2) arrest Agents inside the RA.

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DETAILS: The attached memorandum dated 8/27/82 sets forth the background in this matter. Since that time, informant information has not revealed that Sheriff Traficant is taking active steps to either search the RA or arrest our Agents; however, the possibility of either occurrence does exist. The Strike Force Attorney in Cleveland, supported by David Margolis at the Department of Justice (DOJ), has

[Redacted] A decision has been made by the Cleveland Office not to subpoena either the sheriff or his deputies at this time, for the purpose of eliciting more information regarding threats by Traficant. Our Cleveland Office has decided against this course of action because they believe that to subpoena Traficant and his deputies would only be playing SEP 11 1982 his hands and allow him a publicity advantage. Nevertheless, we are

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Memo McWeeney to Revell  
Re: James A. Traficant, Jr.

faced with the situation wherein the possibility exists that a corrupt sheriff, with malevolent intentions, may obtain either an arrest or search warrants against our Agents and/or our property. Cleveland has asked for instructions if this occurs. Currently, they have no instructions. The Criminal Investigative Division (CID) recommends that any attempt to execute a search warrant at our RA or to arrest Agents inside the RA should be resisted to every extent possible short of an armed confrontation. The Cleveland Strike Force Office will not issue written authorization for our Agents to take such a course of action; however, it is CID's belief that they can legally resist for a number of reasons, i.e., the malevolent intent of the sheriff, the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution, probable cause to believe that civil rights, illegal trespass and interference with a Federal investigation exists. We also must resist based upon the existence of classified documents within the RA territory.

Cleveland has instructed RA personnel that if Sheriff Traficant attempts to arrest them at their home or other location, they are not to resist at any time. CID concurs.

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To : Mr. O. B. Revell

Date 8/27/82

From : S.M. McWeeney

Subject : JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
 SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
 ET AL.;  
 RICO - BRIBERY  
 OO: Cleveland

PURPOSE: To advise of status of ongoing confrontation between Sheriff of Mahoning County, Ohio, and Agents of the FBI in the Youngstown, Ohio, Resident Agency (YRA).

RECOMMENDATION: None, for information.

DETAILS: Traficant was arrested by FBI Agents on 8/9/82 on a two count indictment charging him with violation of Title 18, USC, Sections 1962 (d) and 1963 (RICO) and Title 26, USC, Section 7206 (1) (Tax). The indictment charges Traficant, while a candidate for Sheriff, accepted \$163,000 in bribes from Cleveland and Pittsburgh organized crime figures. The payments were made to ensure continuation of illegal activities in Mahoning County. The payments are documented on seized tapes of conversations involving Traficant. Though not confirming the amount, Traficant admitted in a signed statement to accepting bribes and in subsequent interviews admitted accepting a portion of the amount charged.

He has since publicly recanted his admissions and has charged that Agents taking the statements had falsified them. He has publicly announced he intends to initiate his own investigation into his allegations and he has publicly threatened to arrest the Agents responsible for his arrest and indictment.

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Director, FBI  
SAC, Cleveland (183A-902)

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JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO,  
ET AL, RICO - BRIBERY;  
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Re Cleveland teletype to the Bureau, dated 8/19/82.

Enclosed for receiving office is one copy of a memorandum from the Director to the Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division, which authorizes you to use a transmitting and recording device as described in referenced communication.

Within 30 days of the expiration of authorization, furnish the following information to FBI Headquarters regarding the use of this equipment:

1. Aided in directing course of investigation
2. Obtained direct evidence.
3. Was used - no information of value obtained.
4. Furnished lead material.
5. Gave protection to Agent or person wearing recorder.
6. Was not used.

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More than one of the above can apply in a case.

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You are reminded that in those instances when the identity of the nonconsenting party is not known at the time of the request, a letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Bureau within 30 days following termination of monitoring which will identify the nonconsenting party.

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In the event a renewal of this authority is deemed warranted, submit your request with full justification (Manual of Investigative Operations, Part II, Section 10, Page 1062) at least seven days prior to the expiration of the existing authority.

Enclosure

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NOTE: No Bureau markings are to be placed on attached communication.  
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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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Airtel to SAC, Cleveland  
Re: James A. Trafficant

In addition, you should insure that all persons identified as having been monitored, are suitably included in the field office and FBIHQ-ELSUR indices, commensurate with existing instructions as outlined in Bureau airtels to all offices dated 4/12/77, 6/8/77, and administrative controls must be established to insure these requirements are met.

# Memorandum



To : Office of Enforcement Operations  
Criminal Division

Date August 20, 1982

*with/ps*

From : Director, FBI

Subject : JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO,  
ET AL; RICO - BRIBERY

ACTION MEMORANDUM

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Attached is a copy of a communication which furnishes information concerning a current investigation. Exigent circumstances precluded a request for authorization in advance to utilize an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party.

Under the provisions of Part III(b) of the Attorney General's Memorandum of September 22, 1980, to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies entitled, "Monitoring Private Conversations with the Consent of a Party," emergency monitoring was instituted under the authorization of an appropriate official of the FBI.

Monitoring of this conversation was authorized in the best interest of law enforcement in that it was expected to provide corroborative evidence and to protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Further monitoring is expected in this matter and it is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant authority.

Enclosures

Approved:

(Pursuant to the Authority of the  
Attorney General 9-22-80)

*[Signature]*

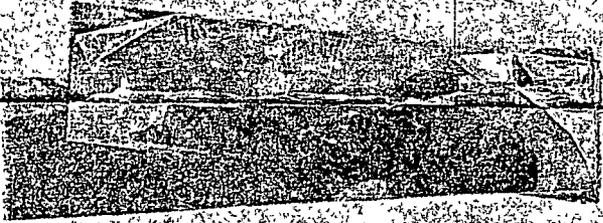
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JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO - BRIBERY, OO: CLEVELAND

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RE CV TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 8/31/82.

SAC, CLEVELAND, IS INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE AGENTS OF THE

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YOUNGSTOWN RESIDENT AGENCY {YRA} TO RESIST ANY ATTEMPT BY SHERIFF

TRAFICANT OR HIS OFFICERS TO EITHER SEARCH RA SPACE OR TO ARREST

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AGENTS WITHIN THE SPACE. RESISTANCE THROUGH THE USE OF WEAPONS

IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

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IN THE EVENT THE SHERIFF OR HIS OFFICERS COME TO THE YRA WITH

ARREST WARRANTS AND/OR SEARCH WARRANTS CALLING FOR A SEARCH OF

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THE YRA, THE MAHONING COUNTY OFFICERS ARE TO BE TOLD TEMPORARY

RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE BEING OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE, NORTH-

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ERN DISTRICT OF OHIO. IF THE MAHONING COUNTY OFFICERS REFUSE TO

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- 1 - MR. REVELL
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AWAIT THE ISSUANCE OF THE TRO THE AGENTS NAMED IN THE ARREST  
WARRANTS SHOULD BE PRODUCED OUTSIDE OF THE RA PREMISES AND SHOULD  
SUBMIT TO ARREST.

IF THE OFFICERS INSIST ON SEARCHING THE RA FOR THE AGENTS,  
ENTRY IS TO BE RESISTED SHORT OF AN ARMED CONFRONTATION.

CONFERENCES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND  
RACKETEERING SECTION, DOJ, HAVE RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING  
ADDITIONAL DECISION:



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NOTE: IN THE OPINION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, [REDACTED]

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AT A MEETING ON FRIDAY, 9/3/82, AT THE DOJ INVOLVING SECTION CHIEF SEAN MC WEENEY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LCD, IT WAS SUGGESTED TO THE DOJ THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH DOJ OFFICIALS WERE INITIALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS APPROACH, ON TUESDAY, 9/7/82, AFTER A CONFERENCE BETWEEN DAVID MARGOLIS AND AAG LOWELL JENSEN, DOJ [REDACTED]

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ALTHOUGH OUR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REGARDING SHERIFF TRAFICANT'S INTENTIONS HAS DRIED-UP, HE COULD BE CONSPIRING TO ARREST OUR AGENTS AT ANY TIME.

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/10/82

Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
ET AL;  
RICO - BRIBERY,  
OO: CLEVELAND

Attached teletype reports Sheriff James A. Traficant, Mahoning County, Ohio, continues to consider arresting four Youngstown Agents. Source information also indicates [redacted]

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[redacted] addition, Traficant's attorney has told prosecuting attorneys that Traficant intends to represent himself in the bribery trial.

Cleveland continues to monitor source information re Traficant's intentions to arrest the Youngstown Agents. Cleveland has been given specific instructions to be followed when and if Traficant actually attempts to arrest the Agents or search the Youngstown Office (see teletype to Cleveland dated 9/8/82, copy of which was forwarded to personnel receiving this note).

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- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

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ATTENTION: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, ET AL;

RICO-BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

REFERENCE CLEVELAND TELETYPES AUGUST 27, 30, AND 31; BUREAU  
TELETYPE SEPTEMBER 9, 1982.  
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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1982

CLEVELAND STRIKE FORCE, ADVISED THAT

ALSO STATED

THAT SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] HAD CONTACTED HIM TODAY

AND IS GOING TO WITHDRAW AS DEFENSE COUNSEL, AS THE SHERIFF WILL

PROBABLY REPRESENT HIMSELF IN COURT. [REDACTED] DID INDICATE THAT THE

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SUBJECT WANTED HIM TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF SOME MOTIONS,  
NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THESE MOTIONS MAY HAVE  
TO DO WITH THE SIGNED STATEMENT *Ohio*

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1982 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OHIO ADVISED THAT ON [REDACTED]

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TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM AND REQUESTED THAT HE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE SHERIFF'S

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HE SAW SEEMED HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND DETERMINED  
TO ARREST THE FBI AGENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ATTENTION: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, ET AL; RICO

BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, SEPTEMBER 8, 1982.

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1982, TRAFICANT HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE ON YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO THAT WAS COVERED BY MEDIA FROM CLEVELAND, YOUNGSTOWN AND PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA. DURING THE CONFERENCE, TRAFICANT CHALLENGED SPECIAL AGENTS (SA'S) [REDACTED] OF THE

YOUNGSTOWN RESIDENT AGENCY (RA) TO TAKE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS REGARDING HIS SIGNED STATEMENT FURNISHED TO THE FBI IN JUNE, 1982.

HE SAID IF THE TESTS ARE TAKEN BY THE AGENTS, HE WILL PLEAD NO CONTEST IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT ON ALL FEDERAL CHARGES AND GO TO JAIL. FURTHERMORE, IF THE AGENTS FAIL THE POLYGRAPH TESTS, THEY WILL

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GO TO JAIL. THE TESTS, ACCORDING TO TRAFICANT, WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY THREE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS SELECTED BY A 13 MEMBER PANEL OF TRAFICANT'S CHOOSING. TRAFICANT FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAS TAKEN PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS ANALYSIS TESTS ADMINISTERED BY [REDACTED] TRUTH VERIFICATION EXAMINER, MOLING AND ASSOCIATES, INC., 3379 SOUTH MAIN STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO WHICH PROVES HE DID NOT SIGN THE STATEMENT RELEASED IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT. HE FURNISHED THE MEDIA PRESENT WITH PACKETS CONTAINING THE TEST RESULTS.

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TRAFICANT STATED THAT ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1982, HE WILL LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF SSRA [REDACTED] SA'S [REDACTED] FOR FALSIFYING EVIDENCE. AFTER THE CONFERENCE, HE TOLD CERTAIN NEWS PEOPLE THAT HIS INVESTIGATORS ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE FBI AND, "AS FAR AS THE FBI IS CONSIDERED, THEY COULD GO TO HELL." HE INDICATED TO THESE MEDIA PEOPLE THAT ON MONDAY, HE WOULD BE MAKING SOME ARRESTS AND HIS MEN WOULD BE ALL OVER THE COUNTY GATHERING EVIDENCE.

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ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, TRAFICANT TRAVELED TO BOSTON FOR A CONSULTATION WITH THE FIRM OF ATTORNEY [REDACTED] DURING THE

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PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, HE SAID HE CANNOT AFFORD THE \$50,000 RETAINER OR THE DEFENSE WHICH COULD EARN AS HIGH AS A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS.

TRAFICANT IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, CLEVELAND, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1982 FOR A PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE REGARDING THIS MATTER. STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] U. S. DISTRICT OF ATTORNEY, CLEVELAND, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE CONTENTS OF TRAFICANT'S NEWS CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 23.

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THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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- Teletype
- Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
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Date 10/28/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ELSUR INDEX)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
JAMES PRATO  
BRIBERY - RICO  
OO: CLEVELAND

On 9/14/82 authorization was received from the Special Agent in Charge for the use of telephone consensual monitoring in captioned matter. The following information relates to the use of the equipment authorized that date:

- Its use aided in directing course of investigation.
- Its use obtained direct evidence.
- It was used, but no information of value was obtained.
- Its use furnished lead material.
- Its use gave protection to the Agent or other person equipped with device.

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(Complete and submit within 30 days of expiration of SAC authorization for consensual telephone monitoring and for each extension or renewal thereof. More than one of the above may apply. Transmit to FBIHQ in sealed brown envelope labeled "Director, FBI, ELSUR Index, FBIHQ.")

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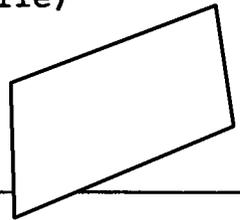
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Director, FBI (80-5)

SAC, Cleveland (189A-902)

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.  
SHERIFF, MARSHING COUNTY, OHIO  
ET AL;  
RICO - BRIBERY  
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Re CV Airtel to FBIEG 9/28/82.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Division is an LHM, pertaining to Voice Stress Devices, as requested in referenced communication.

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Date 10/14/82

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

RE: JAMES A. <sup>(b)</sup>TRAFICANT, JR.,  
 SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
 ET AL;  
 RICO - BRIBERY  
 OO: CLEVELAND

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Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, dated 9/3/82.

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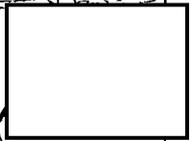
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ATTENTION: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID.

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, ET AL;

RICO-BRIBERY, OO: CLEVELAND.

ON NOVEMBER 5, 1982, [REDACTED] PROTECT IDENTITY,  
ADVISED THAT FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS [REDACTED]

AND THAT TRAFICANT IS [REDACTED]

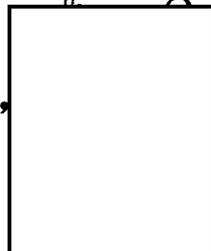
[REDACTED] STATED THAT ON THE EVENING OF [REDACTED] 1982, HE WAS

CONTACTED BY SOMEONE [REDACTED] WHOM HE WOULD NOT  
IDENTIFY AND THIS PERSON TOLD [REDACTED] THAT ON [REDACTED] 1982.

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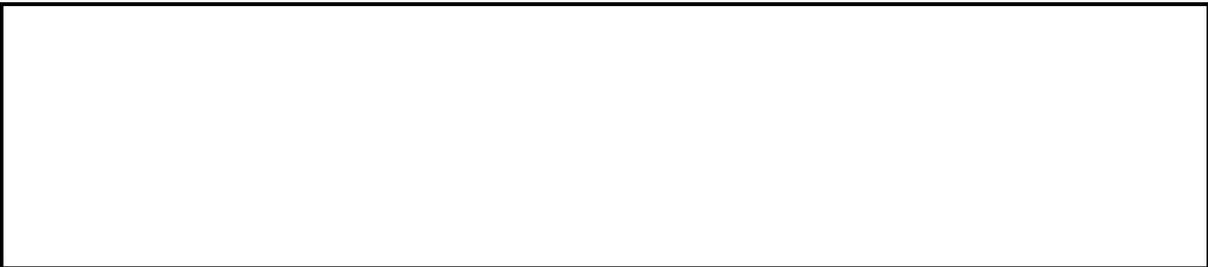


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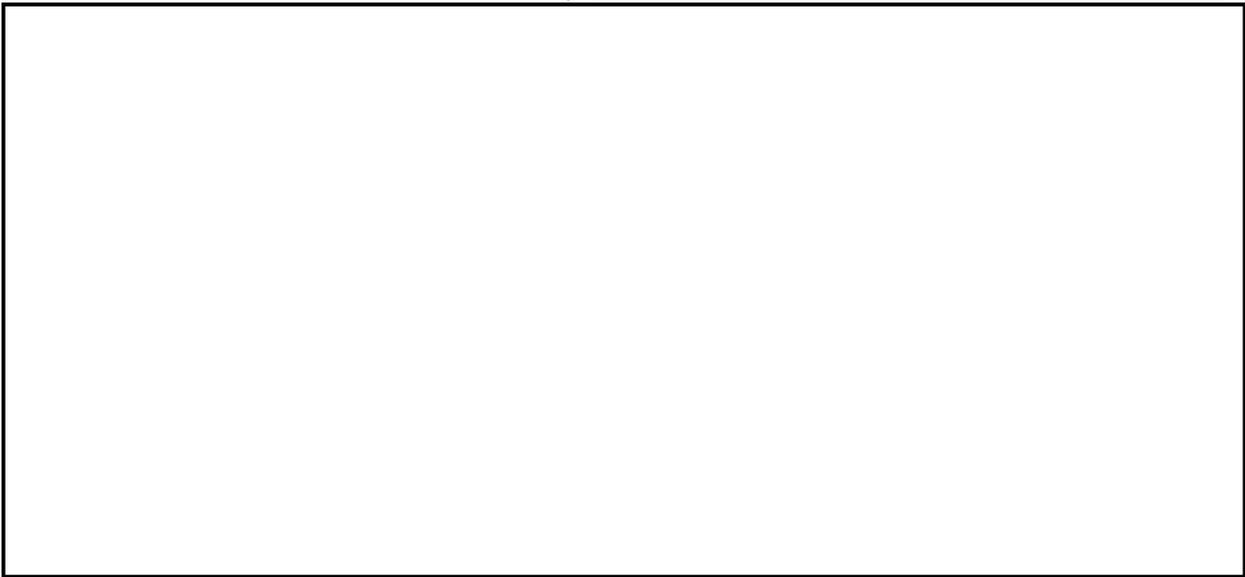


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ON DAN RYAN'S BROADCAST ON WBBW, NOVEMBER 5, 1982, NUMEROUS CALLERS COMMENTED ON THE ABC 20/20 PROGRAM AND MADE STATEMENTS INDICATING IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT FBI AGENTS LIE AND THEREFORE TRAFICANT'S ACCUSATIONS ARE TRUE. RYAN, HIMSELF, ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE FBI IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE EVEN WHEN AGENTS COMMIT CRIMES. HE SAID THE YBI IS MUCH TOO POWERFUL AND IF AGENTS ARE INVOLVED

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CARABBIA (NOW MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD) WERE DISCOVERED DURING TWO SEARCHES CONDUCTED BY YOUNGSTOWN AGENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A GANGLAND MURDER INVESTIGATION. THESE TAPES RECORDED CONVERSATIONS OF CHARLES AND  TRAFICANT, AND OTHERS WHEREIN, TRAFICANT ADMITTED TAKING MONEY FROM THE LCN FACTIONS IN MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO. IN JUNE, 1981, TRAFICANT WAS CONFRONTED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND SIGNED A CONFESSION AGAIN ADMITTING TAKING BRIBES. SUBSEQUENT TO THE INDICTMENT OF TRAFICANT, HE HAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED YOUNGSTOWN AGENTS INCLUDING THE SSRA, OF FALSIFYING THE SIGNED CONFESSION AND HAS THREATENED TO ARREST YOUNGSTOWN AGENTS. HE HAS MADE NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN MAHONING COUNTY DURING NEWS CONFERENCES, AND HAS REMOVED THE FATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP) AS THE OFFICIAL BARGAINING UNIT OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THIS HAS LEAD THE FOP TO QUESTION THE SHERIFF'S ACTIONS AND ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN THEIR REQUEST FOR THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO HOLD HEARINGS REGARDING TRAFICANT'S 1980 CAMPAIGN. TRAFICANT HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS COMMISSION IN COLUMBUS, OHIO ON NOVEMBER 30, 1982 AT 10:00 A.M.

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ONGOINGS THEY ARE MERELY TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT.  
HE COMPLAINED THAT THE FBI IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO ANYONE AS WAS  
EVIDENCED IN THE 20/20 PROGRAM AND HOPES TRAFICANT'S ACCUSATIONS  
AGAINST LOCAL FBI AGENTS ARE PROVED.

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[REDACTED] COULD NOT SAY WHAT  
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[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON TWO OCCASIONS BY BUREAU  
AGENTS CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE OF THE YOUNGSTOWN RA DURING THE  
PAST MONTH.

SURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BUREAU.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU FROM CLEVELAND (2)

CLEVELAND FILE NUMBER 183A-902

BUREAU FILE NUMBER 183-6064

VIA LETTER DATED 12/13/82

Memorandum



To DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064) Date 12/13/82  
(ATTENTION: VOUCHER STATISTICAL SECTION)

From SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

Subject JAMES A TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO,  
ET AL;  
RICO - CONSPIRACY  
OO: CLEVELAND

Enclosed herewith are two checks in the amount of ten dollars each from Attorney [redacted] made payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This amount represents reimbursement for the cost of four (4) cassette tapes and agents time to reproduce the cassette tapes.

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2 Checks for \$ 10.00 detached and sent to the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, VA. See Certificate of Deposit and Schedule of Collection # 126, dated 1/12/83.

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

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ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR [redacted] ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID

ROOM 3028

ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR D. CASSENS, COLUMBUS RA

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO - BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

RE CLEVELAND TELCALLS TO BUREAU AND CINCINNATI, COLUMBUS RA, NOVEMBER 29, 1982.

FOR INFORMATION OF CINCINNATI, SUBJECT CURRENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT, USDC CLEVELAND FOR RICO-CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ACCEPTANCE OF \$163,000 IN BRIBES FROM LCN FIGURES IN THE YOUNGSTOWN OHIO AREA DURING THE 1980 SHERIFF'S CAMPAIGN. THIS INFORMATION ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED WHEN TAPES MADE BY UNDERWORLD FIGURE CHARLES

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ON NOVEMBER 29, 1982, SPECIAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] USDOJ,  
STRIKE FORCE, CLEVELAND, REQUESTED AN AGENT ATTEND THIS PUBLIC  
HEARING AND RECORD TRAFICANT'S TESTIMONY. IF TESTIMONY DEEMED  
PERTINENT, A TRANSCRIPT WILL BE REQUESTED AT A LATER DATE.

CINCINNATI, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO: WILL ATTEND STATE ELECTION  
COMMISSION HEARING ON NOVEMBER 30, 1982 AS REQUESTED BY STRIKE FORCE  
ATTORNEY, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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A NEWS CONFERENCE AT 6:00 P.M., THIS DATE, AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. AGENTS IN THE YOUNGSTOWN RA HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF HANGUP TELEPHONE CALLS AT THEIR HOME, AND THE RA HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS CHEERING THE ACQUITTAL OF THE SHERIFF. TRAFFICANT HAS THREATENED TO FILE CHARGES AGAINST THE AGENTS WHO TOOK THE CONFESSION FROM HIM. FURTHER, HE STATED IN COURT, HE WOULD SEE SA [REDACTED] ON THE 29TH. JUNE 29 IS THE DATE SET FOR A HEARING IN FEDERAL COURT AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, ON CHARGES BROUGHT BY TRAFFICANT AGAINST THE SAC, ASAC, AND EIGHT AGENTS OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION. CLEVELAND WILL CAREFULLY FOLLOW TRAFFICANT'S ACTIONS AND REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED HEARING.

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TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

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DATE: 1/27/83

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064)

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902)  
JAMES A. OTRAFICANT, JR. -  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF;  
ET AL  
RICO; CONSPIRACY

Re your airtel dated 1/19/83

There is (are) being forwarded to

your office,  
Attention: SA

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by GBL/86706966, Profit by Air  
the following five 40" X 60" trial exhibits

prepared by Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division, re captioned matter.

The following action should be taken by your office

**TRIAL EXHIBITS OR OTHER VISUAL AIDS**

- Check the above items against submitted work papers or roughs
- Advise FBIHQ, attention Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division, (within ninety-days), re the use and effectiveness of these items, including all pertinent comments

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**ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS OR RETOUCED PHOTOGRAPHS**

- Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation
- If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments of witness(es) to FBIHQ, Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division
- Advise (within ninety-days) re the use and effectiveness of the above items Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photographs

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Date 1/19/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064)  
 ATTN: [redacted] UNIT CHIEF  
 GRAPHIC PRESENTATION UNIT, ROOM 1B224

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. -  
 Mahoning County Sheriff;  
 ET AL  
 RICO; CONSPIRACY

OO: Cleveland

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Re telcall between SA [redacted] and [redacted] 1/17/83.

Enclosed herewith are rough copies of five graphic presentations that Strike Force Attorney [redacted] desires to use for trial of captioned subject commencing 1/24/83 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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It is requested that graphic presentations be 40"x60" in size with the 60" measurement being the width except in the case of the signed statement, in which the 40" measurement should be the width. It is requested that the presentations be sent directly to the Cleveland Division Office.

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Date 2/2/83

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION  
 UNIT CHIEF SA WILLIAM D. JONES  
 ROOM 3232

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) <sup>U/R ecc</sup> (P)

RE: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
JAMES N. PRATO;  
 [redacted]  
 RICO; BRIBERY; GANG MURDERS;  
 OO: CLEVELAND

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For the information of the Document Section, trial in captioned matter began 1/24/83. Evidence in the form of a signed statement, was disputed by Defendant Traficant, inasmuch as he claimed his signature had been forged. Inasmuch as the alleged forgery of a signed statement witnessed by two FBI agents, challenged the integrity of the FBI, U.S. District Judge Ann Aldrich retained an independent document examiner to conduct the appropriate examination of the questioned signature. Prior to the week of the trial, the defense council retained the services of [redacted] who claims to be a document examiner, residing at [redacted] Florida. [redacted] is listed

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as being a member of the World Association of Document Examiners and Independent Association of Document Examiners. She is also listed in the [redacted] Florida phone book as a handwriting expert under the name of [redacted]  
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On 1/20/83, for chain of custody purposes, the evidence was hand carried by SA John B. Sommer of the Cleveland Division to [redacted] Florida, for the purposes of examination. At that time, SA Sommer observed [redacted] "laboratory" in her residence and noticed a diploma on the wall listing her as a "Master Graphologist". The result of her examination, which was reflected in a written report and submitted to the Court, indicated that the questioned signature was a "no-ident" and accordingly, not prepared by the defendant, Traficant.

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A subsequent examination by Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt, Examiner of Question Documents, who was retained by the Court, revealed that the question signature, was in fact prepared by the defendant, Traficant. Mr. Shaneyfelt's results were submitted in a report, which was submitted to Judge Aldrich on 1/24/83. On 1/26/83, both Shaneyfelt and [redacted] were scheduled to appear before the Court and testify in a suppression hearing. At that time, the defense council withdrew their motion to suppress the evidence (signed statement) and Ms. [redacted] did not testify.

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It was further noted that during the period of Ms. [redacted] examination, she told SA Sommer that she had [redacted] years of experience which was comprised of going to numerous meetings and seminars on the subject of handwriting identification. She also stated that she had presented numerous papers on the subject and also has more work than she can handle and has to turn away many cases because she does not have the time to work them. She also advised that she has traveled extensively throughout the United States on many different cases and has testified approximately 30 times.

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Date 3/11/83

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064)  
 ATTN:   
 GRAPHIC PRESENTATION UNIT

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

RE: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
 Mahoning County Sheriff;  
 ET AL;  
 RICO - CONSPIRACY

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Trial in captioned matter which was to begin January 24, 1983, was rescheduled after suppression hearings which ended January 26, 1983. The trial was reset for March 23, 1983.

It is requested that the Graphic Presentation Unit prepare a 40" x 60" chart with the following names and descriptive data and that the chart be forwarded directly to the Cleveland Division to arrive by March 23, 1983.

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DATE: 3/22/83

FROM: Director, FBI (183-0004)

TO: SAC, Cleveland (183A-902)

**JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF;  
ET AL;  
RICO - CONSPIRACY**

Re <sup>serib</sup> urairtel dated 3/11/83

There is ~~XXXX~~ being forwarded to **your office**

by Profit by Air BL# 90028093  
the following one 40"x60" trial exhibit

prepared by Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division, re captioned matter

The following action should be taken by your office

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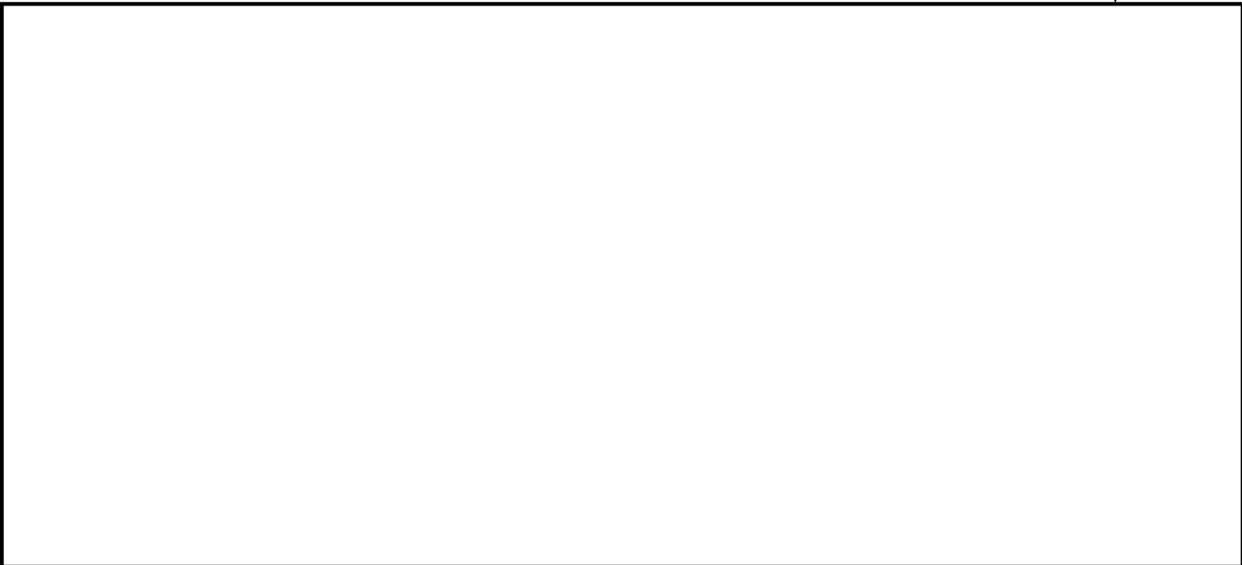
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LEAD STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] AND U.S. ATTORNEY  
J. WILLIAM PETRO HAVE BEEN FULLY APPRISED OF ALL OF THE FOREGOING.  
THE STRIKE FORCE, WHICH IS HANDLING THIS MATTER, WILL, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT IS MOST PROBABLE THAT THE SHERIFF'S ACTION  
WILL CAUSE WIDESPREAD MEDIA ATTENTION AND THE NAMED AGENTS  
OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRESS INQUIRIES.  
SAC WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND THE  
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL EVENTS.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/22/83

Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

Attached Cleveland teletype advised that on 4/20/83, a hearing was held in U. S. District Court (USDC), Cleveland, in relation to charges filed by the subject, Sheriff Traficant, against Cleveland FBI Agents. Both SAC Griffin and ASAC [redacted] testified at this hearing which was held regarding removal from state court <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ Federal court and continuance of the temporary restraining order against Sheriff Traficant.

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At the conclusion of the hearing, the Federal Judge ruled that all complaints against the FBI Agents were removed to Federal court and ordered the continuance of the temporary restraining order against Traficant until the conclusion of Traficant's trial in USDC, which is scheduled to begin 4/25/83. Both the Mahoning County District Attorney and the City Prosecutor have publicly stated that Traficant's charges are without merit and retaliatory in nature.

APPROVED.

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- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR (183-6064) IMMEDIATE

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ATTN: SEAN MC WEENEY, CHIEF, OC SECTION, CID.

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE; RICO-BRIBERY.

RETEL CALL SAC TO SECTION CHIEF SEAN MC WEENEY,  
APRIL 12, 1983, AND BUTEL, SAME DATE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 PM THIS DATE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED

SSRA [REDACTED] AND SAID THAT SUBJECT TRAFICANT

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TO DIRECTOR (183-6064)

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ATTENTION: SEAN MC WEENEY, CHIEF, OC SECTION, CID  
JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE; RICO-BRIBERY

REFERENCE TELCALL SAC JOSEPH E. GRIFFIN TO CHIEF SEAN  
MC WEENEY, APRIL 12, 1983.

ON APRIL 11, 1983,

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SAC, CLEVELAND, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND SPOKE WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO THE SHERIFF. SHERIFF TRAFICANT WAS UNAVAILABLE. [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO GIVE TRAFICANT A MESSAGE WHICH STATED THAT THE SAC WAS PERSONALLY PRESENT AND IN COMMAND DURING THE EVENTS THE SHERIFF ALLEGES. SAC ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT IF AGENTS WERE FALSELY ARRESTED THE USA AND THE INDIVIDUAL AGENTS WOULD TAKE WHATEVER LEGAL ACTION WAS APPROPRIATE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD ADVISE THE SHERIFF.

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PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR [REDACTED], CLEVELAND DIVISION, HAS RESEARCHED THE [REDACTED] AND STATES THAT [REDACTED]

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HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF ALL OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CIRCUMSTANCES.

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[REDACTED] WHOSE OFFICE IS HANDLING THE PROSECUTION OF TRAFICANT,  
HAS ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT THINK [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HIS OFFICE WILL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TRAFICANT IS DUE TO APPEAR AT THE CLEVELAND OFFICE  
OF THE FBI ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1983, TO REVIEW EVIDENCE IN THE  
CASE AGAINST HIM PURSUANT TO DISCOVERY MOTIONS.

SAC IS PERSONALLY AND CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS SITUATION,

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AND THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL DETAILS.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/13/83

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Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;  
RICO - BRIBERY

The attached Cleveland teletypes report that Mahoning County Sheriff, James A. Traficant, continues his attempts to arrest several Youngstown RA Agents.

Traficant is under Federal indictment charging him with accepting bribes from organized crime figures while a candidate for sheriff. He is due to appear at the Cleveland FBI office on 4/15/83 for discovery, and trial is scheduled to begin on 4/25/83. He is apparently planning a press conference on Friday, 4/15/83.

Yesterday, 4/12/83,

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APPROVED: *[Signature]*  
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TKK: [Redacted] (12)

Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;  
RICO - BRIBERY

Cleveland Strike Force Chief and U.S. Attorney  
have been fully apprised of the foregoing and will

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Because of Traficant's obviously aberrant  
behavior, this matter is considered most serious  
especially since the safety of our Agents could be  
endangered.

Instructions have been forwarded to SAC,  
Cleveland concerning Cleveland's responses to arrests  
and or searches by Traficant or his officers. (See  
teletype to Cleveland dated 9/8/82, a copy of which  
has been furnished to personnel receiving this note.)

The Organized Crime Section, Criminal  
Investigative Division, will again pursue the issuance  
of a temporary restraining order in order to protect  
the Agent's safety.

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TO DIRECTOR (183-6064) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: SEAN MC WEENEY, CHIEF, OC SECTION, CID.

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
RICO BRIBERY.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 15, 1983.

ON APRIL 20, 1983, A HEARING WAS HELD IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NDO, CLEVELAND, BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ALVIN KRENZLER. THIS HEARING WAS IN RELATION TO CHARGES FILED BY SUBJECT, JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., AGAINST CLEVELAND AGENT PERSONNEL. THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING WAS TO REMOVE THE FILED CHARGES FROM STATE COURT TO FEDERAL COURT AND TO CONTINUE THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THE SHERIFF.

AT THIS HEARING, SAC JOSEPH E. GRIFFIN, AND ASAC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TESTIFIED FOR THE GOVERNMENT. TRAFICANT WAS REPRESENTED

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BY THE MAHONING COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, VINCENT GILMARTIN. GILMARTIN ADVISED THAT HE DISAGREED WITH THE SHERIFF'S POSITION AND THAT THE SHERIFF DID NOT WANT GILMARTIN TO REPRESENT HIS INTERESTS. THE JUDGE RULED THAT BECAUSE GILMARTIN WAS COUNTY PROSECUTOR, HE MUST REPRESENT THE SHERIFF AND THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT QUESTIONING IN THE COURT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING, JUDGE KRENZLER RULED THAT ALL COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE FBI AGENTS WERE REMOVED TO FEDERAL COURT. HE FURTHER ORDERED THE CONTINUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST TRAFICANT UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF TRAFICANT'S TRIAL IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL 25, 1983. THE JUDGE ORDERED A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING ON THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE AGENTS TO BE HELD ON A DATE NAMED FOLLOWING TRAFICANT'S TRIAL. THE JUDGE FURTHER INDICATED TO GILMARTIN THAT HE AND THE CITY PROSECUTOR MIGHT REVIEW THESE CHARGES AND SEE IF THEY ARE WORTH PURSUING OR SHOULD BE DISMISSED. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, BOTH GILMARTIN AND THE CITY PROSECUTOR, WILLIAM MARSHALL, HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THAT CHARGES AGAINST THE AGENTS ARE WITHOUT MERIT AND RETALIATORY IN NATURE. IT IS ANTICIPATED

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THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY THESE CHARGES WILL BE DISMISSED PRIOR  
TO ANY SCHEDULED HEARING.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER DETAILS IN THIS  
MATTER.

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ATTN: SEAN MC WEENEY, CHIEF, OC SECTION, CID.

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE; RICO - BRIBERY.

RETELCALL SAC, CLEVELAND, TO SECTION CHIEF MC WEENEY,

APRIL 15, 1983.

TODAY, TRAFICANT APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE LLOYD HAINES, MUNICIPAL COURT, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. TRAFICANT FILED COMPLAINTS CHARGING TEN FBI AGENTS WITH VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. AGENTS NAMED IN CHARGES FILED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

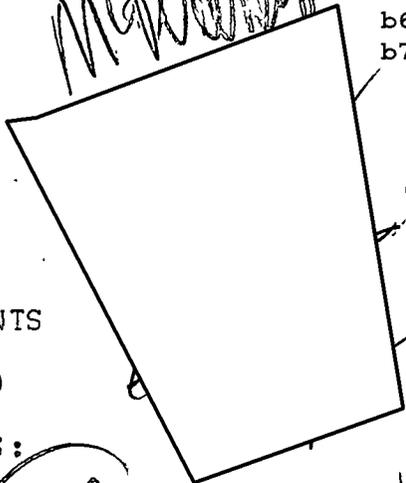
SAC JOSEPH E. GRIFFIN CHARGED WITH 2921.44, OHIO REVISED CODE (A MISDEMEANOR), DERELICTION OF DUTY; SECTION 2921.45 (A MISDEMEANOR), INTERFERING WITH CIVIL

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*S. M. McWeeny advised of contents. P.M.M. 9:20 PM 4/15/83*  
*O. B. Russell advised of contents. P.M.M. 11:30 PM 4/15/83*

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RIGHTS; SECTION 2921.03 (A MISDEMEANOR), INTIMIDATION;  
SECTION 2913.02(A)(1), GRAND THEFT, A FELONY.

THE FOLLOWING SUPERVISORS AND AGENTS WERE CHARGED WITH  
2921.44, OHIO REVISED CODE (A MISDEMEANOR), DERELICTION  
OF DUTY; SECTION 2921.45 (A MISDEMEANOR), INTERFERING WITH  
CIVIL RIGHTS; AND 2913.02(A)(1), GRAND THEFT, A FELONY:

ASAC [REDACTED]

SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

(NOW ASSIGNED [REDACTED] DIVISION)

SA [REDACTED]

JUDGE HAINES SET HEARING DATE OF APRIL 21, 1983. AT  
THIS HEARING THE SHERIFF MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGE TO  
ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE THAT SUMMONS OR WARRANTS SHOULD  
BE ISSUED.

TRAFICANT INITIALLY TOOK THE WARRANTS BEFORE ANOTHER  
JUDGE IN MAHONING COUNTY, WHO ADVISED HIM HE HAD NO CAUSE.  
THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND THE CITY ATTORNEY HAVE ADVISED BOTH

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TRAFICANT AND THE FBI, CLEVELAND, THAT FEDERAL AGENTS ARE NOT COVERED UNDER 2921.44 OR 2921.45. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN A TELEPHONE CALL TODAY THAT TRAFICANT WAS OUT OF CONTROL. FBI, CLEVELAND, IN POSSESSION OF A LETTER FROM

[REDACTED] WHEREIN HE OUTLINES HIS PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH TRAFICANT AND STATES TRAFICANT

INFORMATION AT YOUNGSTOWN FROM RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATED

THAT TRAFICANT HAD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE HAS SCHEDULED A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 9:00 AM, MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1983 AT THE MANSION RESTAURANT IN YOUNGSTOWN.

FOLLOWING INITIAL INFORMATION THAT TRAFICANT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THOSE AGENTS WHOSE NAME APPEAR IN COMPLAINTS WERE BROUGHT FROM YOUNGSTOWN INTO CLEVELAND HEADQUARTERS CITY. ASAC [REDACTED] WITH OTHER

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AGENTS, PROCEEDED TO THE YOUNGSTOWN RA. SPECIAL AGENTS FROM CLEVELAND WERE PLACED IN THE HOME OF EACH NAMED YOUNGSTOWN AGENT TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR FAMILIES.

SAC JOSEPH E. GRIFFIN AND STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPEARED BEFORE CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FRANK J. BATTISTI, NDO, AND BATTISTI ISSUED AN ORDER REMOVING THIS ENTIRE MATTER TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT AND SIGNED A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ORDERING THAT THE SHERIFF RESTRAIN FROM EXECUTING ANY ARRESTS OF THE FBI AGENTS CHARGED.

JUDGE BATTISTI HAS ORDERED A HEARING ON THIS MATTER FOR 10:00 AM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1983. THE U.S. MARSHAL, NDO, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SERVE THE RESTRAINING ORDER AND THE REMOVAL NOTICE ON TRAFICANT TONIGHT, APRIL 15, 1983.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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ATTN: SEAN MC WEENEY, CHIEF, UC SECTION, CID

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE; RICO BRIBERY.

RETELCALL ASSISTANT SECTION CHIEF [REDACTED]

TO ASAC [REDACTED] APRIL 13, 1983.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUMMARIZES THE EVENTS IN THIS CASE TODAY.

A.M., THIS DATE, SA'S DID A DETAILED INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IF NECESSARY, AND AT THE APPRO-

PRIATE TIME, [REDACTED] WILL GIVE A SWORN AFFIDAVIT AS TO HIS

CONVERSATION WITH TRAFICANT. TRAFICANT HAS ANNOUNCED TO MEDIA

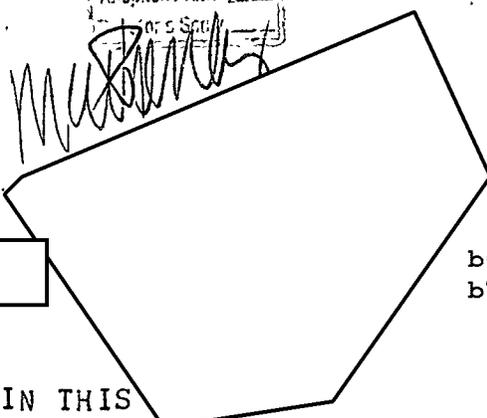
AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, THAT HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1983 ON THE [REDACTED] CASE. TIME AND PLACE OF

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PRESS CONFERENCE NOT ANNOUNCED. NO INDICATION RECEIVED BY  
CLEVELAND DIVISION THAT TRAFICANT HAS FILED COMPLAINTS.  
STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] HAS PREPARED NECESSARY  
DOCUMENTS TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REQUESTED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TRAFICANT TO APPEAR U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CLEVELAND,  
APRIL 14, 1983 TO ARGUE SIX NEW MOTIONS FILED BY HIM. THIS  
DATE, SAC RECEIVED A LETTER FROM TRAFICANT, WHICH STATES  
AS FOLLOWS:

"JOSEPH GRIFFIN

AGENT IN CHARGE

STRIKE FORCE

005 FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING

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"DEAR SIR:

"YOUR PHONE CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] YESTERDAY

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IS NOTHING MORE THAN A THREAT.

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"BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS A STATUTE UNDER OHIO LAW ON ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE WITNESSES IN POTENTIAL CRIMINAL CASES.

"I WILL EXPECT NO MORE THREATS OF REPRISALS FROM YOU, THE F.B.I. THE I.R.S., OR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

"CONTINUED THREATS WILL ONLY LEAD YOU INTO DEEPER PROBLEMS WITH THE GREENHOUSE CASE THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE.

"RESPECTFULLY,

"/s/ J.A. TRAFICANT, JR."

COPIES OF THIS LETTER SENT TO:

"F.B.I. DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ATTY. GENERAL UNITED STATES, MR. SMITH

U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C., DIRECTOR

U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, OH

WILLIAM MARSHALL, YOUNGSTOWN CITY PROSECUTOR

VINCENT E. GILMARTIN, MAHONING COUNTY PROSECUTOR



TRAFICANT REFERS TO TELCALL FROM SAC TO HIM ON APRIL 11, 1983, REFERRING IN PREVIOUS CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU. PRIOR TO CALLING TRAFICANT, SAC CONSULTED WITH STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY AND USA. IN CALL TO TRAFICANT, SAC ADVISED TRAFICANT

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THAT HE, SAC, WAS ON THE SCENE AND IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF FBI INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE [REDACTED] MATTER. SAC TOLD TRAFICANT THE ACTIONS OF HIS AGENTS WERE ENTIRELY PROPER AND THAT THE USA AND THE AGENTS WOULD TAKE WHATEVER LEGAL ACTION APPROPRIATE IF FALSE CHARGES FILED BY TRAFICANT. THIS DATE, CLEVELAND IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE OTHER SUBJECTS OF TRAFICANT ACTION AS:

SUPV. [REDACTED]

SUPV. [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

(NOW ASSIGNED [REDACTED] DIVISION)

SA [REDACTED]

BEING ADVISED OF DETAILS THIS MATTER SEPARATELY

BY CLEVELAND DIVISION. NO FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFICANT REGARDING THIS MATTER THIS DATE.

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ATTENTION: OC SECTION, CID

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO - BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND, FILE NUMBER 183A-902

JOSEPH NAPLES, JR.; ET AL; RICO - MURDER; OO: CLEVELAND, FILE  
NUMBER 183A-406

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE, APRIL 15, 1983, AND CLEVELAND AIRTEL  
TO BUREAU, JUNE 17, 1983.

ON JUNE 30, 1983, TRAFICANT FILED A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST  
10 ADDITIONAL AGENTS OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION, CHARGING THEM WITH  
VIOLATIONS OF OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTIONS 2921.44 (A MISDEMEANOR),  
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CHARGED JUNE 21 ARE:

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2. SA [REDACTED]
3. SA [REDACTED]
4. SA [REDACTED]
5. JOHN T. DUNN, JR.
6. SA [REDACTED]
7. SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]
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10. SA [REDACTED]

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AS BEFORE, TRAFICANT ATTEMPTED TO GET WARRANTS FOR THE AGENTS CHARGED, BUT AUTHORIZATION WAS DENIED BY CITY PROSECUTOR WILLIAM MARSHALL DUE TO INSUFFICIENT PALLABLE CAUSE AND LACK OF JURISDICTION BY THE STATE.

ON JUNE 30, 1983, TRAFICANT IS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, LEO P. MORLEY, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO FOR A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING REGARDING THE ABOVE AGENTS. STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, [REDACTED] CLEVELAND, WILL FILE PETITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF THE CHARGES TO FEDERAL COURT ON A.M., JUNE 30, 1983,

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AND REQUEST THAT ABOVE CHARGES BE HEARD IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT WITH THOSE PREVIOUSLY FILED AGAINST SAC AND OTHER AGENTS ON APRIL 15, 1983. AT THE REQUEST OF TRAFICANT, THE HEARING, REGARDING THOSE CHARGED ON APRIL 15, 1983, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM JUNE 29, 1983 TO JULY 18, 1983 IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/17/83

On April 15, 1983 Trafficant filed local charges against Cleveland personnel. Criminal charges alleged included dereliction of duty; interfering with civil rights, intimidation and grand theft. Cleveland personnel who were charged were the SAC, ASAC, three supervisors and four agents.

These charges, believed by Cleveland to have been prompted by the Federal indictment of Trafficant, are not based on the facts decided in Trafficant's Federal trial. The local charges relate to the Cleveland investigation entitled, "Joseph Naples, Jr., et al, RICO-Gangmurs."

In the Naples case three prominent Youngstown area organized crime figures were arrested by Cleveland FBI, and later convicted, while in the process of killing a suspected informant. The local charges filed by Trafficant relate to the manner in which that investigation was conducted.

The pending local charges against FBI personnel have been removed to USDC (Cleveland). A hearing on these charges is scheduled for June 29, 1983.

In the Federal trial Trafficant was successful in convincing the jury to disregard the confessions and taped conversations; and in his claim his actions were part of a planned infiltration of the Youngstown mob.

Re: SHERIFF JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR.,  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO; ET AL; RICO-BRIBERY;  
OO: CLEVELAND

Attached Cleveland teletype reports Mahoning County (Youngstown), Ohio Sheriff James A. Trafficant Jr., was found not guilty on RICO-Bribery and related IRS violations.

Trafficant was charged with accepting \$163,000 from area mob figures to protect their gambling operations in the Youngstown area. The bribe payments occurred during Trafficant's 1980 campaign for sheriff. The charges were based on confessions signed by Trafficant and on recorded conversations between Trafficant and the mob figures. The recorded conversations were secretly recorded by one of the participants in the conversations. Tapes of these meetings were seized during two searches conducted relative to this investigation.

Since signing the confessions, Trafficant has publically recanted the written statements and charged the statements were altered by FBI personnel.

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1-Mr. [ ]  
1-Mr. McWeeney

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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

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ATTENTION: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID  
SHERIFF JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR., MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO; ET AL; RICO-BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

REFERENCE CLEVELAND TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

TODAY, A JURY FOLLOWING A SEVEN-WEEK TRIAL AND THREE DAYS OF DELIBERATION, FOUND SUBJECT, TRAFFICANT, NOT GUILTY ON BOTH COUNTS OF THE TWO-COUNT INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM. PRESS INTERVIEWS WITH THE JURORS INDICATED THAT THEY DISREGARDED THE TAPES OF TRAFFICANT ACCEPTING BRIBES AND DISREGARDED HIS CONFESSION. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ANN ALDRICH COMMENTED TO THE PRESS THAT SHE THOUGHT THE JURY IDENTIFIED WITH TRAFFICANT'S DEMEANOR, FOUL LANGUAGE, AND ANTICS IN THE COURTROOM. TRAFFICANT HAS SCHEDULED

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ATTN: OC SECTION, CID

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL;

RICO - BRIBERY, OO: CLEVELAND (183A-902) JOSEPH NAPLES, JR.; ET AL

RICO - MURDER, OO: CLEVELAND (183A-406)

RE CLEVELAND TELCALLS TO BUREAU IN KANSAS CITY, JULY 5, 1983,  
AND CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JULY 5, 1983.

SUBJECT [REDACTED] ALONG WITH SAM SCAFFIDI AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PLED GUILTY, NOVEMBER 3, 1982, U.S.D.C., CLEVELAND, TO  
FOUR COUNT INDICTMENT CHARGING VIOLATION OF FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT.

CHARGES WERE THE RESULT OF TITLE III MISUR WHICH ENABLED BUREAU  
AGENTS TO ARREST SUBJECTS DURING COMMISSION OF ARMED ROBBERY OF ONE

[REDACTED] OF A [REDACTED] IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

ON JUNE 4, 1982. SUBJECT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL COURT, JANUARY 25, 1983

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ASAC [REDACTED] advised ok  
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TO FIFTEEN, SEVENTEEN YEARS RESPECTIVELY.

IN AUGUST, 1982, MAHONING COUNTY JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., WAS INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON A CHARGE OF RICO - BRIBERY CONSPIRACY. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF HIS TRIAL ON APRIL 25, 1983, TRAFICANT FILED CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST TEN FBI AGENTS OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION INCLUDING SAC GRIFFIN, ASAC [REDACTED] AND THREE SUPERVISORS WITH GRAND THEFT, DERELICTION OF DUTY AND VIOLATION OF [REDACTED] RIGHTS DURING ARREST OF SUBJECTS ON JUNE 4, 1983. TRAFICANT WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY IN USDC ON RICO, BRIBERY AND CONSPIRACY CHARGES. TRAFICANT HAS SINCE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL 10 CV AGENTS AND PLANS TO CHARGE 4 MORE.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS DESIRE THAT [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED], CASE AGENT, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH ALL ASPECTS OF INVESTIGATION AND SA [REDACTED], WHO WAS NOT CHARGED AND WHO HAS DEVELOPED A RAPPORT WITH [REDACTED] WILL

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/17/83

Re: SHERIFF JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR.,  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO; ET AL; RICO-BRIBERY;  
OO: CLEVELAND

Attached Cleveland teletype reports Mahoning County (Youngstown), Ohio Sheriff James A. Trafficant Jr., was found not guilty on RICO-Bribery and related IRS violations.

Trafficant was charged with accepting \$163,000 from area mob figures to protect their gambling operations in the Youngstown area. The bribe payments occurred during Trafficant's 1980 campaign for sheriff. The charges were based on confessions signed by Trafficant and on recorded conversations between Trafficant and the mob figures. The recorded conversations were secretly recorded by one of the participants in the conversations. Tapes of these meetings were seized during two searches conducted relative to this investigation.

Since signing the confessions, Trafficant has publically recanted the written statements and charged the statements were altered by FBI personnel.

- 1-Mr. [redacted]
- 1-Mr. Revell
- 1-Mr. [redacted]
- 1-Mr. [redacted]
- 1-Mr. McWeeney

- 1-Mr. [redacted]
- 1-Mr. [redacted]
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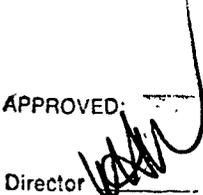
On April 15, 1983 Trafficant filed local charges against Cleveland personnel. Criminal charges alleged included dereliction of duty; interfering with civil rights, intimidation and grand theft. Cleveland personnel who were charged were the SAC, ASAC, three supervisors and four agents.

These charges, believed by Cleveland to have been prompted by the Federal indictment of Trafficant, are not based on the facts decided in Trafficant's Federal trial. The local charges relate to the Cleveland investigation entitled, "Joseph Naples, Jr., et al, RICO-Gangmurs."

In the Naples case three prominent Youngstown area organized crime figures were arrested by Cleveland FBI, and later convicted, while in the process of killing a suspected informant. The local charges filed by Trafficant relate to the manner in which that investigation was conducted.

The pending local charges against FBI personnel have been removed to USDC (Cleveland). A hearing on these charges is scheduled for June 29, 1983.

In the Federal trial Trafficant was successful in convincing the jury to disregard the confessions and taped conversations; and in his claim his actions were part of a planned infiltration of the Youngstown mob.


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ATTN: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CID; OPR INSPECTION DIVISION, FBIHQ.

JAMES A. TRAFFICANT, JR., SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, ET AL;

RICO-BRIBERY. OO: CLEVELAND (CV FILE 183A-902); JOSEPH NAPLES, JR.,

ET AL; RICO-MURDER. OO: CLEVELAND (CV FILE 183A-406).

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 12, 1983. *NR cons/BPH 9/5/83*

*General Agency*

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND CLEVELAND, SAN ANTONIO HAS

MAJOR MISUR INSTALLATION SCHEDULED FOR [REDACTED] 1983, UPON

APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SERVICES NECESSARY FOR

THIS INSTALLATION.

PROVIDED MISUR INSTALLATION COMPLETED PRIOR TO [REDACTED] 1983, OR *(fu)*

AFFIDAVIT APPROVAL DELAYED UNTIL AFTER [REDACTED] 1983, SAC, SAN ANTONIO

WILL AUTHORIZE SA [REDACTED] TRAVEL TO CLEVELAND.

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CLEVELAND DIVISION ON MARCH 8, 1985 THROUGH A MEDIA INQUIRY MADE BY A REPORTER FROM THE YOUNGSTOWN BUREAU OF THE UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI). IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE CLEVELAND FBI DIVISION HAS NO ACTIVE CASES ON TRAFICANT. HE IS CURRENTLY THE TARGET OF A CIVIL ACTION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. THIS ACTION IS AIMED AT RECOUPING TAXES HE EVADED PAYING ON \$163,000 HE ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTED FROM ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IN A JURY TRIAL IN JULY OF 1983, TRAFICANT WAS ACQUITTED OF CHARGES THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY IN BRIEES.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/29/81

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James Traficant, Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, appeared at [redacted] and discussed with Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] his position in relation to the ongoing bribery investigation involving Traficant, James Prato, Joseph Naples, [redacted] Charles Carabbia and others. The conversation at this meeting centered on Traficant's cooperation with the investigation and how the investigation would ultimately affect him personally.

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Interviewed on 7/17/81 at Youngstown, Ohio File # Cleveland 183A-406

by SA's [redacted] AND [redacted] dictated 7/23/81

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/6/811

A certified letter addressed to [redacted] 5537 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44515 was received at the Youngstown Resident Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 28, 1981. This letter had a return address of [redacted] Ohio, [redacted] was stamped "Return Receipt Requested"; and certified with number P323625421. Written on the lower left corner of the front of the envelope was "Personal". The letter advised as follows:

"7-25-81

"Dear [redacted] :

"I'm sending this letter to again clarify that prior to signing your statement I stated it was not true - I had not taken illegal money for political favors.

"Any questionable money, once determined, was returned before the election. I told you that!

"I am still willing to cooperate 100% even though I feel your plan is hasty since I do not have the confidence of the people you seek.

"Again, my only dilemma is that I cannot allow the connotation of that statement to stand -- it is not true. Before this is over you will come to learn that all money was returned.

"/s/J A Traficant Jr."

Interviewed on 7/28/81 at Youngstown, Ohio File # Cleveland 183-406  
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by SSSA [redacted] :tmw Date dictated 8/3/81

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/7/81

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[redacted]  
 [redacted] Ohio, was served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, directing his appearance before a Federal Grand Jury at [redacted]. He acknowledged receipt of the subpoena and voluntarily provided the following information:

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Interviewed on 8/5/81 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 183A-406  
 by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] RJF:tmw Date dictated 8/6/81

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Date of transcription 8/11/81

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At approximately 3:15 p.m., August 7, 1981, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], met with [redacted] and [redacted] at Ferguson's Farm Market, which is located on Route 7 near intersection with Route 14, just south of North Lima, Ohio. This meeting was held in response to a telephone call from [redacted] to SA [redacted] in which [redacted] asked to meet the interviewing Agents at that location.

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At the outset of the meeting, SA [redacted] explained that the FBI [redacted]

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Interviewed on 8/7/81 at North Lima, Ohio File # Cleveland 189A-406

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] RUF:tmw Date dictated 8/10/81

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 8/17/81

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] at which time SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was a possible subject of a prosecution in a Federal case

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] indicated that [redacted] stated that all he knows is that [redacted] came to him wanting to [redacted] and he was merely trying to put him in touch with someone who he

[redacted] was later [redacted]

[redacted] was angry, greedy and interested in revenge and that [redacted] and told him [redacted] about it later. [redacted] said he thought [redacted] was crazy to do that.

[redacted]

could contact any of the three Agents present.

Interviewed on 8/5/81 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 183A-406  
by SA's [redacted] Date dictated 8/11/81  
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On August 19, 1981, [redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment after being advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry.

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[redacted] was advised at the outset of this interview he could have his attorney present during interview if he wished. [redacted] indicated he did not want his attorney in on any interviews.

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Traficanti was questioned with regard to [redacted]

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[redacted] advised after he received his subpoena to testify in Cleveland, Ohio, before the Grand Jury, [redacted]

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During the interview, [redacted] said he felt his phone was tapped by someone and people had been sitting at the end of his drive to his business. He felt someone was watching him all the time.

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Investigation on 8/19/81 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 183A-406 <sup>1838-902</sup>

by SA [redacted] BLH:tmw Date dictated 8/25/81

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Date of transcription 9/11/81

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Pursuant to the execution of a search warrant for

[redacted]

[redacted] Ohio, issued by United States Magistrate Charles R. Laurie, Akron, Ohio, on September 1, 1981, the following activities resulted.

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted]

Ohio, and to whom [redacted] was telephonically advised that a search warrant had been issued for [redacted] and a request was made for [redacted]

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[redacted] pursuant to the warrant.

[redacted] appeared at the [redacted]

[redacted] Ohio, and advised that at the advice of her attorney, [redacted]

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Investigation on 9/1/81 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 183A-406

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by SA [redacted] RGK:tmw Date dictated 9/7/81

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview at [redacted] Ohio.

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[redacted] acknowledged that the [redacted] but declined to make any further comment at this time.

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Investigation on 9/1/81 at [redacted] Ohio File Cleveland 183A-406  
by SA [redacted] RGR:tmw Date dictated 9/7/81

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The following signed statement was provided by [redacted] on December 8, 1981:

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"12/8/81  
Youngstown, Ohio

"This statement is made by [redacted] at the request of Special Attorney [redacted] U.S. Dept. of Justice, Cleveland, Ohio, and pursuant to the immunity granted 12/3/81, US District Court Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

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"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness:

"/s/ [redacted]  
/s/ [redacted]  
/s/ [redacted]

Special Agent, FBI, Youngstown Ohio  
SA FBI Ygst. Ohio."

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Investigation on 12/8/81 at Youngstown, Ohio File # Cleveland 183B-902

by SA [redacted] w/ [redacted] Date dictated 12/14/81

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5 ELSUR - FISC		10 Lab Div Exams		15 Search Warrants Executed		21 Visual Invest - Analysis (VIA)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND  
 SUBJECT: **JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio; ET AL; RICO - BRIBERY, CONSPIRACY**

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**Traficant acquitted in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, on 6/16/83.**

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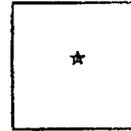
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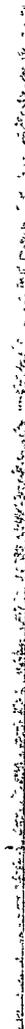


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**FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND**

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**SUBJECT:**

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**CONSPIRACY**

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 Squad or RA Number

- X if case involves corruption of a public official (Federal, State or Local)

Investigative Assistance or Techniques Used			
Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - If Yes, rate each used as follows			
1 = Used, but did not help			
2 = Helped, but only minimally			
3 = Helped, substantially			
4 = Absolutely essential			
1 Acctg Tech Assistance	Rating	6 ELSUR - Title III	Rating
2 Aircraft Assistance		7 Hypnosis Assistance	
3 Computer Assistance		8 Ident Div Assistance	
4 Consensual Monitoring		9 Informant Information	
5 ELSUR - FISC		10 Lab Div Exams	
11 Lab Div Field Support	Rating	12 Pen Registers	Rating
13 Photographic Coverage		14 Polygraph Assistance	
15 Search Warrants Executed		16 Show Money Usage	Rating
17 Surveil Sqd Asst		18 SWAT Team Action	
19 Telephone Toll Records		20 Undercover Operation	
21 Visual Invest - Analysis (VIA)			

A. Preliminary Judicial Process (Number of subjects)	Complaints	Informations	Indictments	D. Recoveries, Restitutions, Court Ordered Forfeitures or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP)				
				Property or PELP Type Code *	Recoveries	Restitutions	Court Ordered Forfeitures	Potential Economic Loss Prevented
B. Arrests, Locates, Summonses & Subpoenas (No. of subjects)	Subject Priority (See Reverse)							
	A	B	C					
FBI Arrests -					\$	\$	\$	\$
FBI Locates -					\$	\$	\$	\$
Number of Subjects of FBI Arrests Who Physically Resisted _____					\$	\$	\$	\$
Number of Subjects of FBI Arrests Who Were Armed _____					\$	\$	\$	\$
Criminal Summons _____					\$	\$	\$	\$
Subpoenas Served _____					\$	\$	\$	\$
C. Release of Hostages: (Number of Hostages Released)				E. Civil Matters		Government Defendant		Government Plaintiff
Hostages Held By Terrorists _____, All Other Hostage Situations _____				Amount of Suit	\$	\$	\$	\$
				Settlement or Award	\$	\$	\$	\$
				Enter-AFA Payment Here				

F. Final Judicial Process: Judicial District ND OH (Use two letter state abbreviations per U S Post Office Guide For Example - The Northern District of Texas as ND TX, The District of Maine as ME in the state field only)

Subject 1 - Name - **JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.** Subject's Description Code - *[Handwritten]*

<input type="checkbox"/> Pretrial <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acquittal	- Convictions - Enter conviction and sentence data in space at right. If more than four sections are involved, limit to the four most relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> Plea <input type="checkbox"/> Trial	Conviction			In-Jail Term		Suspended		Probation		Fine
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Subject 2 - Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Subject's Description Code - \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject 3 - Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Subject's Description Code - \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach additional forms if reporting final judicial process on more than three subjects

Remarks \*  Trafficant acquitted in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, on 6/16/83.

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See codes on reverse side Subject description codes in Section F are required only when reporting a conviction  
 Identify the other Federal Agency(ies) in the Remarks Section

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**Property Type Codes\***

Code No	Description
1	Cash (U S and foreign currency)
2	Stock, Bonds or Negotiable Instruments (checks, travelers checks, money orders, certificates of deposit, etc)
3	General Retail Merchandise (clothing, food, liquor, cigarettes, TVs, etc)
4	Vehicles (autos, trucks, tractors, trailers, campers, motorcycles, etc)
5	Heavy Machinery & Equipment (heavy equipment, computers, etc)
6	Bulk Materials (grain, fuel, raw materials, metals, wire, etc)
7	Jewelry (including unset precious and semiprecious stones)
8	Precious Metals (gold, silver, silverware, platinum, etc)
9	Art, Antiques or Rare Collections
10	Dangerous Drugs
11	Weapons or Explosives
12	Businesses or Assets Forfeited
20	All Other Recoveries (not falling in any category above)

**Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) Type Codes \***

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Code No	Description
21	Blank Negotiable Instruments or Tickets
22	Counterfeit Stocks, Bonds, Currency or Negotiable Instruments
23	Counterfeit or Pirated Sound Recordings or Motion Pictures
24	Bank Theft Scheme Aborted
25	Ransom, Extortion or Bribe Demand Aborted
26	Theft From, or Fraud Against, Government Scheme Aborted
27	Commercial or Industrial Theft Scheme Aborted
30	All Other Potential Economic Loss Prevented (not falling in any category above)

\* The case file must contain an explanation of the computation of the recovery value or loss prevented. An explanation airtel must accompany this report if the recovery is \$1 million or more, or if the PELP is \$5 million or more

**Subject Description Codes \***

- Enter Description Code Only When Reporting a Conviction -

**Organized Crime Subjects:**

- 1A Boss, Underboss or Consigliere
- 1B Capodecina or Soldier
- 1C Possible LCN Member or Associate
- 1D OC Subject Other Than LCN

**Known Criminals (Other Than OC Members):**

- 2A Top Ten or IO Fugitive
- 2B Top Thief
- 2C Top Con Man

**Foreign Nationals:**

- 3A Legal Alien
- 3B Illegal Alien
- 3C Foreign Official Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3D U N Employee Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3E Foreign Students
- 3F All Others

**Terrorists:**

- 4A Known Member of a Terrorist Organization
- 4B Possible Terrorist Member or Sympathizer

\* If a subject can be classified in more than one of the categories, select the most appropriate in the circumstance

**Union Members:**

- 5A International or National Officer
- 5B Local Officer
- 5C Union Employee

**Government Official Or Employees:**

- 6A Federal - Elected Official
- 6B Federal - Nonelected Executive Level
- 6C Federal - All Other
- 6D State - Elected Official
- 6E State - Nonelected Executive Level
- 6F State - All Other
- 6G Local - Elected Official
- 6H Local - Nonelected Executive Level
- 6J Local - All Other

**Bank Officers Or Employees:**

- 7A Bank Officer
- 7B Bank Employee

**All Others:**

- 8A All Other Subjects (not fitting above categories)

**Instructions**

**Subject Priorities for FBI Arrest or Locates:**

- A - Subject wanted for crimes of violence (i.e. murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault) or convicted of such crimes in the past five years
- B - Subjects wanted for crimes involving the loss or destruction of property valued in excess of \$25,000 or convicted of such crimes in the past five years
- C - All others

**Claiming Convictions Other Than Federal:**

It is permissible to claim a local (state, county or local) conviction if the FBI's investigation significantly contributed to the successful local prosecution. A succinct narrative setting forth the basis for claiming a local conviction must accompany this report. When claiming a conviction other than Federal, enter the word "LOCAL" in the "Conviction-Section" block, disregard the number of conviction counts, but enter the sentence in the appropriate blocks. Enter "LF" in the "In-Jail" block for all life sentences and "CP" for all capital punishment sentences.

**Reporting Convictions:**

Convictions should not be reported until the sentence has been issued. There are two exceptions to this rule. The conviction information can be submitted by itself if:

- 1. The subject becomes a fugitive after conviction but prior to sentencing
- 2. The subject dies after conviction but prior to sentencing

An explanation is required in the Remarks section for either of the above exceptions.

**Rule 20 Situations:**

The field office that obtained the process (normally the office of origin) is the office that should claim the conviction, not the office where the subject enters the plea in cases involving Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedures.

**Investigative Assistance or Techniques (IA/Ts) Used:**

- Since more than one IA/T could have contributed to the accomplishment, each IA/T must be rated.  
 - The IA/T used must be rated **each time** an accomplishment is claimed. (For example - if informant information was the basis for a complaint, an arrest, a recovery and a conviction and if separate FD-515s are submitted for each of the aforementioned accomplishments, the "Informant Information" block must be rated on each FD-515 even if it was the same information that contributed to all the accomplishments.)

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, EMIL P.

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U. S. CONGRESSMAN JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. (D-17), YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, 245

INFORMATION CONCERNING

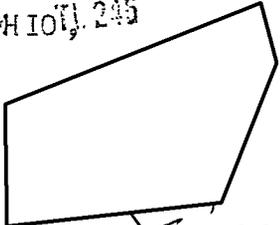
RE CLEVELAND TELCALL TO EMIL MOSCHELLA, MARCH 8, 1985.

ON MARCH 8, 1985, CONGRESSMAN TRAFICANT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BOARDMAN, OHIO WHEREIN, HE STATED THAT HE IS "THE NUMBER ONE TARGET OF THE FBI IN THE NORTHEASTERN-MIDWESTERN SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES." TRAFICANT MADE SEVERAL OTHER STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND POSSIBLY THE FBI HAVE BEEN CONTACTED TO CONTINUE FURTHER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO HIS DEALINGS.

THESE STATEMENTS WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR

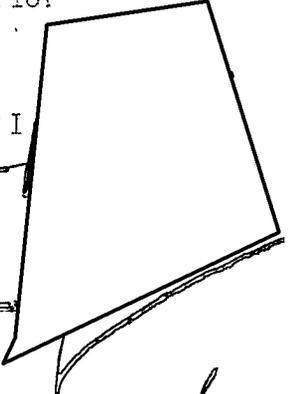
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TRAVEL TO LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW. SAC  
CLEVELAND AND SAC KANSAS CITY CONCUR WITH TRAVEL REQUEST.

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JAMES A. TRAFICANT, MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF; RICO - BRIBERY; OO: CV

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, JAMES A. TRAFICANT, FORMER MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF AND PRESENTLY A U.S. CONGRESSMAN REPRESENTING THE 17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WAS ACQUITTED ON JUNE 16, 1983 OF RICO CHARGES RELATING TO \$163,000 IN BRIBES WHICH HE ACCEPTED WHILE RUNNING FOR SHERIFF FOR MAHONING COUNTY IN 1980.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) IS CURRENTLY BRING CIVIL CHARGES OF INCOME TAX IVASION AGAINST TRAFICANT REGARDING THE \$163,000 IN BRIBES WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTED, AND TRIAL IS SCHEDULED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1986. A SUPPRESSION HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JULY 14, 1986 AT 9:00 A.M. IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

AND SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR AT THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME.

[REDACTED] STRICK FORCE ATTORNEY, [REDACTED], CLEVELAND, OHIO [REDACTED]

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WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO TESTIFY ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1986.

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INFORMATION NOTE

Date 7/1/83

Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., SHERIFF,  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; ET AL; RICO-  
BRIBERY; OO: CLEVELAND

Attached Cleveland teletype reports Mahoning County (Youngstown), Ohio Sheriff James A. Trafficant, Jr. has filed a criminal complaint against ten (10) additional Cleveland Agents. The complaints were filed on June 30, 1983. Local prosecutors refused to authorize issuance of arrest warrants.

The ten (10) agents were charged with dereliction of duty, interfering with civil rights (misdemeanors) and Grand Theft (felony). See attached note of 6/17/83 for related details.

Strike Force Attorney Cleveland will file a petition to remove the charges to Federal Court.

Local charges against ten (10) other agents (including SAC/ASAC Cleveland) were previously removed to Federal Court.

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1-Mr. Revell     | 1-Mr. [redacted]     |
| 1-Mr. [redacted] | 1-Mr. [redacted]     |
| 1-Mr. [redacted] | 1-Mr. [redacted]     |
| 1-Mr. McWeeney   | 1-Mr. [redacted] OPR |
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1/19/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064)  
ATTN: [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF  
GRAPHIC PRESENTATION UNIT, ROOM 1B224

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. -  
Mahoning County Sheriff;  
ET AL  
RICO; CONSPIRACY

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[REDACTED] Re telcall between SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 1/17/83.

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Enclosed herewith are rough copies of five graphic presentations that Strike Force Attorney [REDACTED] desires to use for trial of captioned subject commencing 1/24/83 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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It is requested that graphic presentations be 40"x60" in size with the 60" measurement being the width except in the case of the signed statement, in which the 40" measurement should be the width. It is requested that the presentations be sent directly to the Cleveland Division Office.

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TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

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DATE: 1/27/83

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064)

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902)  
JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. -  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF;  
ET AL  
RICO; CONSPIRACY

Re your airtel dated 1/19/83

There ~~is~~ (are) being forwarded to **your office,**  
**Attention: SA**

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by GBL#86706966, Profit by Air  
the following five 40" X 60" trial exhibits

prepared by Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division, re captioned matter

The following action should be taken by your office

**TRIAL EXHIBITS OR OTHER VISUAL AIDS**

- Check the above items against submitted work papers or roughs
- Advise FBIHQ, attention Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division, (within ninety-days), re the use and effectiveness of these items, including all pertinent comments

**ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS OR RETOUCHE PHOTOGRAPHS**

- Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation
- If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments of witness(es) to FBIHQ, Special Projects Section, Laboratory Division
- Advise (within ninety-days) re the use and effectiveness of the above items Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photographs

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/8/82

Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
SHERIFF, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO;  
ET AL;  
RICO - BRIBERY,  
OO: CLEVELAND

Attached Cleveland teletype reports information received by a source from [redacted]

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[redacted] that Traficant was [redacted]

[redacted]

Source further advised [redacted]

[redacted] Cleveland reports reserve sheriff's deputies have been observed on two occasions conducting surveillances of the RA.

- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Revell
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. McWeeney
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
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APPROVED: *[Signature]*  
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Re: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,

Traficant is under Federal indictment charging him with RICO and Tax Violations. The indictment charges him with accepting \$163,000 in bribes from Cleveland and Pittsburgh organized crime figures while he was a candidate for sheriff.

Instructions have been forwarded to SAC, Cleveland concerning Cleveland's responses to arrests and or searches by Traficant or his officers. (See teletype to Cleveland dated 9/8/82, copy of which was furnished to personnel receiving this note.)

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3/11/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6064)  
ATTN:   
GRAPHIC PRESENTATION UNIT

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (183A-902) (YRA) (P)

RE: JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
Mahoning County Sheriff;  
ET AL;  
RICO - CONSPIRACY

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Trial in captioned matter which was to begin January 24, 1983, was rescheduled after suppression hearings which ended January 26, 1983. The trial was reset for March 23, 1983.

It is requested that the Graphic Presentation Unit prepare a 40" x 60" chart with the following names and descriptive data and that the chart be forwarded directly to the Cleveland Division to arrive by March 23, 1983.

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DATE: 3/22/83

FROM: Director, FBI (183-6064)

TO: SAC, Cleveland (183A-902)

**JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,  
MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF;  
ET AL;  
RICO - CONSPIRACY**

Re urairtel dated 3/11/83

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