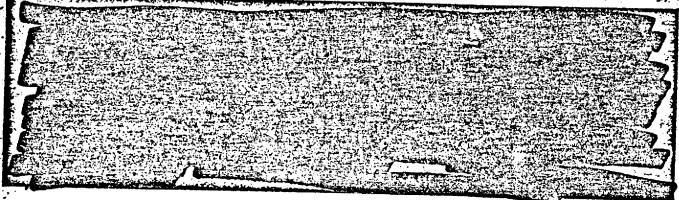


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## Trafficante's Reputation

Ragano claimed that certain allegations concerning Trafficante have been ridiculous and cited recent publicity afforded the investigation of District Attorney Garrison, New Orleans, into the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy. Ragano stated that a newspaper reporter from Long Island, New York, telephoned him to obtain confirmation of the story that Jack Ruby was to be flown from Dallas to Cuba when Trafficante was jailed by Fidel Castro since Ruby was allegedly friendly with Castro. Ragano stated that such an allegation was completely false and appeared to be an attempt to involve Trafficante in the assassination of former President Kennedy.

