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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 08/12/2002

To: Tampa

Attn: SAC James Jarboe

SSA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

SC Dennis Lormel

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SC Charles Frahm

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From: Counterterrorism

National Joint Terrorism Task Force

Contact: A/UC [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: (U) 265A--NY-280350--TP (Pending)

(U) 66F-HQ-1215549-E (Pending)

Title: (U) [redacted]

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OO: TAMPA

Synopsis: (U) To request further investigation by Tampa Division and provide details developed at the National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJTTF).

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~~Derived From : G-3~~

~~Declassify On: X1~~

Enclosures: (U) [redacted]

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[redacted] Business information.

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Details: ~~(U) (S)~~ For information of Tampa Division, following the receipt of terrorist threat information [redacted]

[redacted] all JTFs were tasked to contact dive training schools and retail shops to determine if they had experienced any suspicious activity by individuals who maybe associated with terrorist groups and/or countries with significant terrorist

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activity. Several of the JTTFs reported information regarding scuba training and equipment purchases.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In 1998, two K-10 Hydrospeeder underwater propulsion systems, hereafter referred to as "underwater sleds" were purchased from [redacted] located in [redacted] Florida. The purchaser of this equipment was [redacted] from London England and it is alleged that the equipment's final destination was the United Arab Emirates and/or Saudi Arabia.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Review of the purchase of underwater sleds in 1998 and the activities of [redacted] are suspicious in nature relative to the maritime threats. The underwater sled purchase requires further investigation by Tampa to determine if this equipment was provided to any terrorist group and/or prohibited country. [redacted]

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The activities of [redacted] and his company needs to be fully investigated to determine the nature of his travels in the US and what items he and/or [redacted] has exported from the US. Tampa should conduct a follow up interview at [redacted] in [redacted] to determine what was exported to London and the final destination of the equipment if the dive shop has this information.

These follow up interviews and records checks at the dive shop should be conducted jointly with the Department of Commerce, Miami Field Office. The Commerce Department has licensing authority over underwater equipment destined to selected countries. It should be determined if the equipment was modified to include a re-breathing apparatus.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Tampa should initiate a [redacted] investigation regarding this matter. [redacted]

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(U) Questions should be directed to SA [redacted]
NJTF Commerce Department representative [redacted] and/or A/UC
[redacted]

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

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AT [redacted] FL

(U) ~~(S)~~ Initiate a [redacted] investigation regarding this matter and conduct logical interviews and records checks at [redacted] [redacted] Set leads accordingly to fully determine the activities of [redacted] and his company.

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Set Lead 2:

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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(U) [redacted] read and clear.

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