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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/17/1999

To: National Security
✓ Dallas

Att.: NS-3B; SSA (P)

Att.: ASAC (P)

SA Gamal Abdel-Hafiz

From: Chicago

CT-1

Contact: SA (P)

Approved By: (P)

Drafted By: (P)

Case ID #: 265C-CG-101942 (Pending) - 767

Title: Vulgar Betrayal
AOT-IT (Money Laundering)

Synopsis: Dallas Division is requested not to proceed with consensual monitoring assistance to Chicago, unless such recording is done covertly.

Reference: 1. 265C-CG-101942 Serial 737
2. 265C-CG-101942 Serial 758

Details: In #2 referenced communication, SA Abdel-Hafiz expressed his recollection of circumstances and telephonic discussions regarding (D), (G), (P) (currently under subpoena to testify before a Chicago grand jury), and (G), (P) (P), (G) a personal friend of SA Abdel-Hafiz and a (G) (G). The conclusion of #2 stated that SAC Dallas approved of a meeting with (D), (G), (P) under the condition that the meeting be overtly recorded with the approval of the subject.

In #1 referenced communication, SA Abdel-Hafiz reported that (G), (P) (G), (P)

The Chicago Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois are both of the opinion that an overtly recorded meeting between SA Abdel-Hafiz and (D), (G), (P) would be unproductive and, in fact, possibly detrimental to the Vulgar Betrayal investigation. The possibility exists that such a meeting would provide an open forum for (G), (P) to make entirely

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self-serving statements which could subsequently be presented to the court in his defense. Therefore, Chicago opposes any overtly recorded future contact between SA Abdel-Hafiz and (D), (G), (P)

Based upon the suspicious activity linking (G) (D), (G), (P) being investigated in the VULGAR BETRAYAL matter, Chicago suspects that a covertly recorded interview of (D), (G), (P) could be productive from an investigative standpoint. Dallas is requested to re-consider proceeding with the covert recording, if, at any time in the future, the perceived problem of consensually monitoring a Muslim seeking advice regarding a major U.S. Government criminal investigation is overcome.

Chicago would like to clarify paragraph four of communication #2. It was the recollection of SSA (P) that during the 4/14/99 conversation, SSA (P) expressed his respect for SSA (P) and SA Abdel-Hafiz's opinion and their request that SA Abdel-Hafiz not meet with (D), (G), (P) but that he did not specifically direct or advise SA Abdel-Hafiz to not meet with (D), (G), (P)

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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