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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/21/1999

To: Chicago

Attn: ASAC (P)

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From: Dallas

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Approved By: (P)

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Case ID #: 265C-CG-101942 (Pending) - 758

Title: VULGAR BETRAYAL
ACT-IT (MONEY LAUNDERING)

Synopsis: Response to Chicago's request for Dallas Division's assistance in captioned investigation.

Reference: 265C-CG-101942 serial 747 and SAC Dallas and Chicago's telcal on 4/22/1999.

Details: Referenced communication requested SA Gamal Abdel-Hafiz meet with a Vulgar Betrayal target, (G), (P) has been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago. SA Abdel-Hafiz has been requested to wear a recording device and record the conversation that takes place between himself and (G), (P)

Referenced communication does not completely reflect the conversations which took place via telephone on 04/14/1999, between SA Abdel-Hafiz, SSA (P) and SSA (P) or the subsequent conversation which took place on 04/15/1999 between SA Abdel-Hafiz, SSA (P) SA (P) SA (P) Assistant U.S. Attorneys (P) The following reflect the facts as to Dallas' recollection:

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1. (G), (P) is a friend of the whole (D), (G), (P) family. (G), (P) grew up in the same neighborhood in Cairo, Egypt as the (D), (G), (P) family.

2. After the original conversation with (G), (P) on 3/12/1999, the reason SA Abdel-Hafiz's attention was directed towards the Vulgar Betrayal case was that (G), (P) mentioned that (D), (G), (P) testimony was going to be in Chicago.

3. (G), (P) called SA Abdel-Hafiz on Sunday, April 11, 1999, to discuss a few items (G). During conversation, (G), (P) stated that (D), (G), (P) was getting scared and appeared very concerned about his upcoming grand jury appearance. (D), (G), (P) asked (G), (P) if (G), (P) thought whether SA Abdel-Hafiz knew about the issue. (G), (P) told (D), (G), (P) he didn't know, but that SA Abdel-Hafiz might know about the matter since there "aren't many Arab agents within the FBI". (D), (G), (P) asked (G), (P) if he thought it might be appropriate to call SA Abdel-Hafiz and seek his advise about his situation. (G), (P) told (D), (G), (P) that he did not think it would be a good idea since (G), (P) knew SA Abdel-Hafiz did not like to talk about his work with others. (G), (P) asked SA Abdel-Hafiz if he gave (D), (G), (P) the proper answer. SA Abdel-Hafiz advised (G), (P) that he answered correctly. (G), (P) never attempted to broker a meeting between SA Abdel-Hafiz and (D), (G), (P) as previously mentioned in Chicago's EC to Dallas.

4. In referenced 04/14/1999, telcal to discuss the possibility of SA Abdel-Hafiz consensually monitoring the meeting with (D), (G), (P) it was made clear that SA Abdel-Hafiz had no personal reason to meet with (D), (G), (P). It was also explained that there existed a huge potential for SA Abdel-Hafiz to lose his ability to gather intelligence from the Arab community if it were known in the community that he had recorded a conversation between himself and another Muslim seeking advise. SSA (P) concurred with both SSA (P) and SA Abdel-Hafiz and advised SA Abdel-Hafiz not to meet with (D), (G), (P) at all.

5. During the teleconference on 4/15/1999, between Chicago Agents and AUSA's, and Dallas Agent Abdel-Hafiz and his supervisor (P) the fact of the potential loss of SA Abdel-Hafiz's ability to assist the remaining fifty five FBI field offices in gathering intelligence regarding their investigations was not addressed. SA Abdel-Hafiz also expressed that disclosure of the recording could create a grave safety issue for himself and his family due to previous threats.

In referenced telcal SAC (P) concurred with SA Abdel-Hafiz that the potential loss of his ability to work within the Muslim community and his security concerns were far too great

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to pursue the covert recording of any conversation that might take place between SA Abdel-Hafiz and (D), (G), (P) However, SAC Dallas approves of the meeting if it is overtly recorded with the subject's agreement to the recording.

Dallas SA Abdel-Hafiz will coordinate with Chicago and WMFO to travel to WMFO and interview (D), (G), (P)

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