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UNITED STATES

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(S) IN RE [REDACTED]  
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PERSONS.

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19-218

(U) VERIFIED APPLICATION

(U) (S) The United States of America hereby applies to this Court for authority to conduct **electronic surveillance**, as described herein, pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended, Title 50, United States Code (U.S.C.), §§ 1801-1812 (FISA or the Act).

[50 U.S.C. § 1804(a)(1)]

1. (U) Identity of Federal Officer Making Application This application is made by [REDACTED] a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) whose official duties at FBI Headquarters include supervision

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of the FBI's investigation of the above-captioned targets based upon information officially furnished to SSA [REDACTED].

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(U) (S) Since January 2018, I, [REDACTED], a SSA, have been assigned to the

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(S) The responsibilities of such SSAs include, among other things, coordinating, at the national level, the FBI's investigation(s) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We also coordinate, at the national level, such investigations with various components of the U.S. intelligence and law enforcement communities, as well as with foreign law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

(S) In the course of my duties, I review memoranda, reports, and other documents generated by the FBI and various U.S. and foreign intelligence services

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and law enforcement agencies regarding the agent of this foreign power targeted in this application. I also review [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well as analyses of these communications. In addition, I discuss the FBI's investigation of targets assigned to me with FBI Special Agents who are directly assigned to the relevant FBI field investigation(s) in the United States.

(S) Thus, I am informed of the FBI's investigation(s) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] including the target of this application, and make this verified application based upon my best information, knowledge and belief.

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(U) 3. (X) Statement of Facts The United States relies upon the following facts and circumstances in support of this application.

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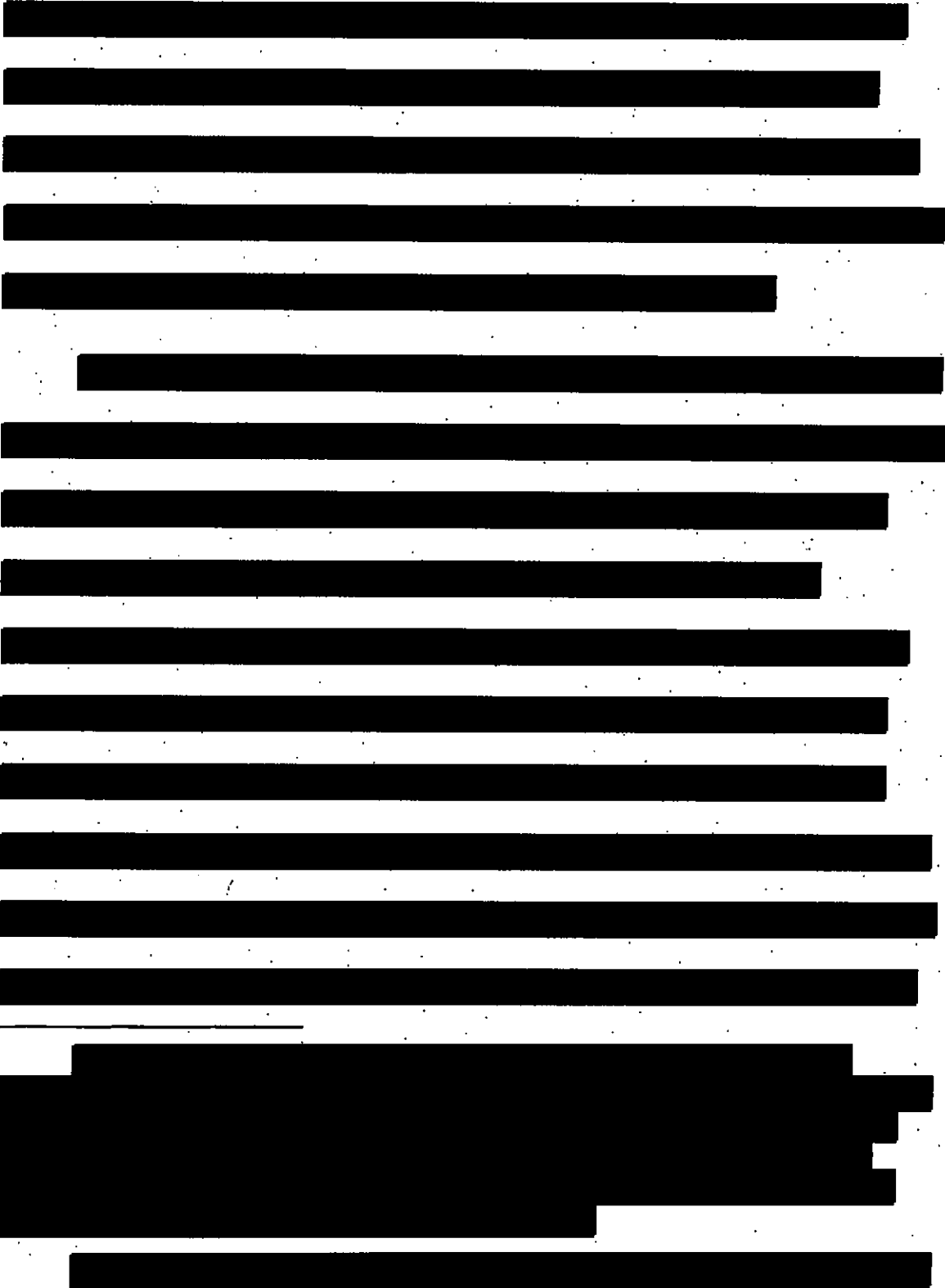
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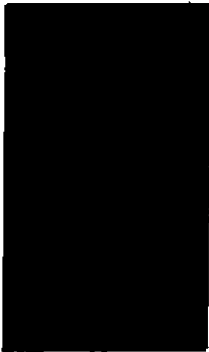
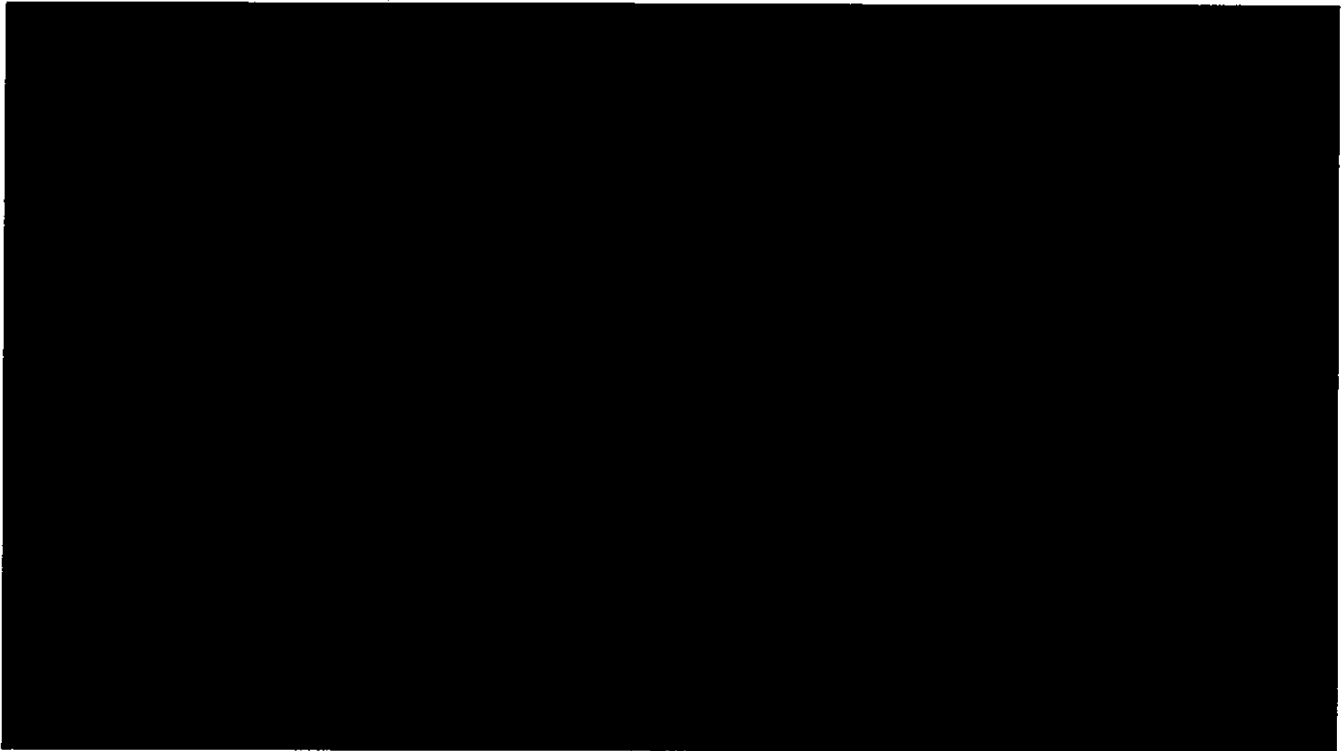
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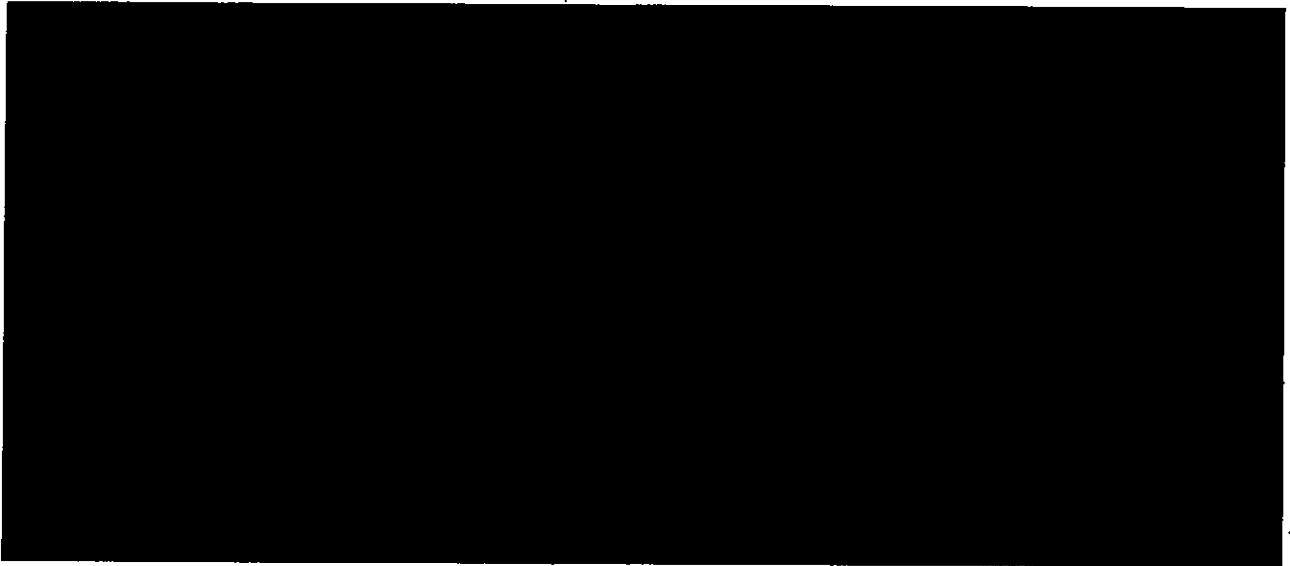
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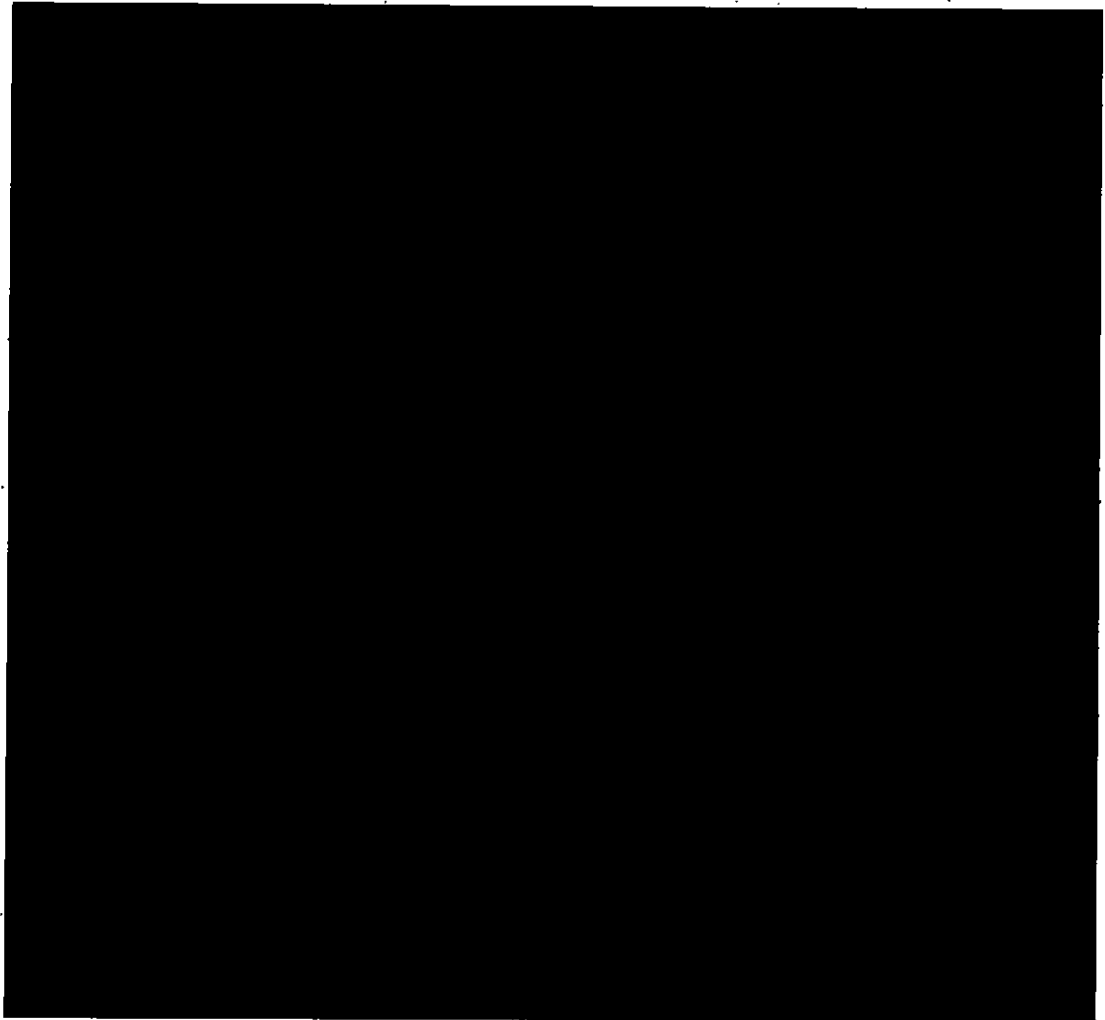
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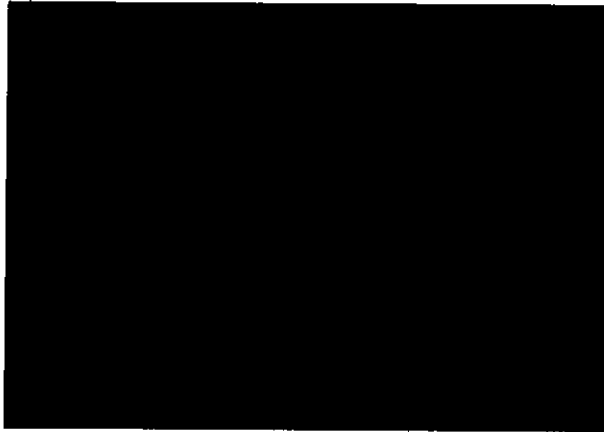
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**IV. (U) Conclusion**

(S//OC/NF) Based on the foregoing, the FBI believes there is probable cause

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(U) a. (S) **The facilities or place at which electronic surveillance will be directed.**

(S) The following facilities or place are being used or are about to be used by the targets of this application and was identified and/or confirmed through FBI investigation, as follows.

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the facilities serviced by:

[REDACTED]

at any location in the United States that is owned, operated, or controlled by

[REDACTED]

(U) (X) The facts and circumstances establishing that the targets are using or about to use these facilities are set forth above in detail.

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4. ~~(S)~~ Proposed Minimization Procedures As to all information acquired through the authorities requested herein, the FBI will follow its standard minimization procedures for electronic surveillance and physical search, which have been adopted by the Attorney General and are on file with this Court in docket number [REDACTED] as most recently modified [REDACTED]

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(U) In addition, the United States will follow:

(U)  Additional supplemental or particularized procedures

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Further, in any application to renew the authority requested

herein, the Government will provide to the Court:

- (1) (a) the number of communications acquired by the FBI pursuant to this authority; and (b) the number of communications acquired by the FBI pursuant to this authority that the FBI assesses are not communications of the targets of this application; and
- (2) for any communication acquired by the FBI pursuant to this authority that the FBI assesses is not a communication of the targets of this application, (a)

(U) [REDACTED]

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the location and United States-person status of the parties to the communication, if known; (b) an assessment of how and why the FBI acquired the communication; and (c) a description of the handling and disposition of the communication.

5. (S) Nature of the Information Sought [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(S) Communications or Activities Subject to Electronic Surveillance The

types of communications or activities to be subjected to electronic surveillance are specific to the techniques requested herein:

[REDACTED]

as described above.

(U) 6.  Certification



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Related Criminal Matters



(U)  Any information derived from the authorities requested herein will be disseminated to criminal investigative or prosecutive offices, if at all, only in accordance with the standard FBI minimization procedures for electronic surveillance and physical search, and will be accompanied by a statement that the information, or any information derived therefrom, may be used in a criminal proceeding only with the advance authorization of the Attorney General.

(U) The Purpose of the Authorities Requested

(U)  The FBI's foreign intelligence goals for this investigation are set forth in the certification of the Executive Branch official contained herein. However, the

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authorities requested in this application may produce information and material which might, when evaluated by prosecutive authorities, constitute evidence of a violation of United States law, and this investigation may result in an eventual criminal prosecution of the targets. Nevertheless, as discussed in the certification, at least a significant purpose of this request for electronic surveillance is to collect foreign intelligence information as part of the FBI's investigations of these targets.

(U) 7. ~~(S)~~ The Means by Which Electronic Surveillance Will be Effected [REDACTED]

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8. (U) Previous Applications None.

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(U) 9. ~~(S)~~ Duration of the Authorities Requested The authorities requested should not automatically terminate when foreign intelligence information has first been obtained. Additional information of the same type will be obtained on a continuous basis throughout the entire period requested. The activities which the United States must identify and monitor are incremental and continuous, and communications relating to such activities are often disguised to appear innocuous. The type of foreign intelligence information being sought and the fact that the activities of these targets are ongoing preclude the conclusion that, at a given time,

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all such information has been obtained and collection can be ended. Accordingly, the United States requests the authorities specified herein [REDACTED]

10. (X) Assistance Required and Proposed Orders [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] To implement the authorities requested herein, the FBI requires the assistance of the following specified persons:

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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including affiliates, subsidiaries, and assigns or other successors in interest to said specified persons.

- (U) (X) The FBI requests that said persons be directed to:
  - (a) furnish the FBI all information, facilities, or technical assistance necessary to effect the authorities requested; and
  - (b) maintain any records concerning this matter, or the aid furnished to the FBI, under the security procedures approved by the Attorney General and the Director of Central Intelligence (or the Director of National Intelligence) that

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have previously been or will be furnished to the specified persons and are on file with this Court.

(U) (S) Specific Authorities Requested Based upon the foregoing information, the United States requests that this Court authorize the FBI to conduct the activities described immediately below for the period requested herein.

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facilities serviced by:

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and denominated as:

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using the identifiers described

above, at any location in the United States that

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owns, operates, or controls.

(S)

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pursuant to this application.

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(U)    ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] – in the conduct of this electronic surveillance.

(U)    ~~(S)~~ The FBI has reviewed this verified application for accuracy in accordance with its April 5, 2001 procedures, which include sending a copy of the draft to the appropriate field office(s). A copy of those procedures was previously provided to the Court.

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(U) VERIFICATION

(S) I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information regarding [REDACTED] is true and correct. Executed pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, § 1746 on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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(U) CERTIFICATION

(X) I, the undersigned, having been designated as one of the officials authorized to make the certifications required by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended, do hereby certify with regard to the electronic surveillance requested in this verified application [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as follows:

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(S) Potential for Use in Criminal Proceedings Another purpose of the authorities requested herein is to obtain information which may assist at some future time in the criminal prosecution [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Such assistance may include:

- (1) obtaining information to support a prosecution, or a legitimate threat of prosecution, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(2) obtaining information to support prosecutions of others, including U.S. persons, for federal foreign intelligence-related criminal offenses.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Limitations of Normal Investigative Techniques The foreign intelligence information being sought through the authorities requested herein cannot reasonably be obtained by normal investigative techniques. The activities of the targets of this application are carefully concealed. Other investigative techniques generally would not provide the same information sought by the authorities requested herein. Even assuming that in certain situations some of this information could be provided by other techniques, its accuracy and degree of detail may not be as great and could not be assured, and it may not come on a sufficiently timely basis to permit an adequate response by the FBI to the activities of the targets. In addition, other investigative techniques may not provide the same type of information in a manner that is as secure or as protected against countermeasures or detection as the authorities described herein.

~~(S)~~ In this particular case, the FBI and other agencies of the U.S. Intelligence Community have employed those investigative techniques described in this application [REDACTED]

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Notwithstanding the use of that criminal investigatory technique, the overall FBI investigation of the matters discussed in this application is predominantly a foreign intelligence investigation. The criminal investigation is an ancillary aspect of the overarching foreign intelligence investigation of the targets. As such, criminal investigatory techniques cannot provide the comprehensive and ongoing real-time collection necessary to satisfy the foreign intelligence requirements in this matter.

(S) Based upon the foregoing information, it is the Government's belief that the authorities requested herein [REDACTED] are critical investigative means for obtaining the foreign intelligence information identified herein.

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(X) Accordingly, I execute this certification [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in accordance with the requirements of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance

Act of 1978, as amended.

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Date

(U) APPROVAL

(X) I find that this application [REDACTED]

satisfies the criteria and requirements for such applications set forth in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended, and hereby approve its filing with this Court.

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(X) WHEREFORE, the United States submits that this application

 satisfies the criteria and requirements of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended, and therefore requests that this Court authorize the activities described herein, and enter the proposed orders which accompany this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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