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FIELD DIVISION INTERROGATORY

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (COP)

I. Background:

Beginning in 1988 with a drug awareness program, the FBI has expanded its outreach efforts to include hate/bias crimes, drugs, gangs, and violence. Each of the FBI's 56 field divisions has a Specialist who actively participates in community outreach events. These Specialists serve on advisory boards, councils, and community coalitions. They also work with other organizations and various community groups to create new community outreach initiatives. The FBI joins with other Federal departments and agencies in supplementing traditional law enforcement efforts with long-term crime, drug, gang, and violence prevention efforts, as well as to increase communities awareness of cultural diversity.

The mission of the FBI's COP is to provide a comprehensive program that deals with multiple interrelated societal problems, including crime, drugs, gangs, and violence, in support of our investigative mission. Linking community service, drug abuse prevention, and law enforcement is a major national trend as grass roots efforts have brought about Federal Government support for public safety initiatives. FBI employees have joined in this national movement, volunteering in a wide variety of FBI community-related efforts.

Recognizing the interdependency of children, parents, other adults, community groups, businesses, schools, social services, and health services, the FBI focuses its community outreach efforts in three areas: the community, the schools, and the workplace.

FBI community-based efforts include forming partnerships with local groups, addressing community meetings, and working with existing community networks. Also, some FBI field divisions conduct a FBI Citizens'

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Academy for community and business leaders. On an annual basis, field divisions select an outstanding citizen to receive the Director's Community Leadership Award. In addition, several SACs host a COP and Information Night Reception for community, business, and law enforcement leaders operating within their territorial jurisdictions.

FBI school-based initiatives revolve around our Adopt-A-School Program. Included are the Junior Special Agent, Mentoring, and Tutorial programs. These programs were developed to assist socioeconomically disadvantaged students improve academically and to help them develop into good citizens.

FBI workplace-based endeavors include assisting local businesses establish anti-crime, drug, and violence policies, educating corporations about the dangers of substance abuse and violence in the workplace, and providing up-to-date information on how local crime, drug, gang, and violence problems affect the local business community.

In connection with these efforts, the FBI became a partner with several national and local organizations, and supports such programs as the National Family Partnership, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Race Against Drugs, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Youth Against Violence, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Parent Resources and Information on Drug Education (PRIDE), National Night Out, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Urban League, and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

COP policy has been established and disseminated in a Bureau Airtel to all SACs formerly under the title Drug Demand Reduction Program, Drug Demand Reduction/COP dated 5/4/88 and a teletype dated 9/2/94; MIOG Part I, Section 12-20; a Bureau EC to all SACs dated 10/18/96; and a Bureau EC to all SACs dated 07/17/2000, concerning the FBI Citizens' Academy Program.

II. Questions:

Response to this interrogatory should cover the period since the last inspection and be typewritten on separate letter sized paper. Respond to all questions in sequential order,

American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Sacramento Valley Chapter, community forum.

Asian Pacific community in the Sacramento area: Division personnel participated in the annual Pacific Rim conference held in May, 2004. [redacted] Asian Pacific State Employees Association, was a member of the first Citizens' Academy class. SAC Slotter attended the Council of Asian Pacific Islanders Together for Advocacy & Leadership (CAPITAL) dinner in April, 2004.

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- b. Were above-mentioned contacts developed by the COP Specialist to assist the SAC in establishing strong ties within the community?

SAC Slotter established these contacts through his attendance and participation at community forums, along with his development of the division's first Citizens' Academy. The Community Outreach Coordinator has developed her own liaison contacts with these individuals through the Citizens' Academy.

6. List COP initiatives that have been developed by the division to seize opportunities to make new contacts in the community and to share the Bureau's mission with those who may be in a position to render assistance, currently or in the future.

The primary Community Outreach Program initiated by the Sacramento Division has been the establishment of the Citizens' Academy. The first Citizens' Academy was a resounding success based on the extremely positive evaluations and letters received from the class members. The contacts made with this group of community leaders have already resulted in better relations with many community groups. In addition, the class members have spoken so highly of the program that the second class was filled with many referrals from the first class. Having such contacts with a diverse group of community leaders will greatly enhance the Division's ability to receive assistance now and in the future.