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SEMI-ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2006
OMAHA DIVISION

Synopsis: Omaha's semi-annual COP Report submitted.

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Enclosure(s): Letter from AO [Redacted] to SAC Paul C. LaCotti, Jr., Omaha, providing a synopsis of the semi-annual report.

Details: Below is the semi-annual report for the Omaha Division COP covering the time period of January 1, 2006 - June 30, 2006:

I. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (COP) INFORMATION

A. Personnel

1) Community Outreach Specialist/Coordinator: The Omaha Division has not had a full-time person in the position of Community Outreach Specialist (COS) since [Redacted] was promoted to the position of Investigative Analyst on 3/9/2003. There are several individuals in the Omaha Division who participate in the COP, and AO [Redacted] has been acting as the coordinator.

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The Omaha Division recently posted the position of Community Outreach Specialist, and [redacted] was selected. She will be in the COS position effective 8/6/2006, and [redacted] recently attended the in-service for COSs in Milwaukee.

a) **Specialist/Coordinator since:** The AO has acted as the coordinator since 3/9/2003.

b) **Percentage of time devoted to Community Outreach Program:** 5% for the AO. It is noted, however, that several other individuals, both agent and support, participate in the COP.

c) **List other duties assigned:** Administrative Officer

d) **Specialist/Coordinator Background:** AO since [redacted] and has participated in the COP in various aspects since the inception of the program.

e) **Have you taken the FBI's Instructor Development Course:** No

f) **The number of years the COS/Coordinator has been in the FBI:** [redacted]

g) **COS/Coordinator's previous liaison experience:**

In the role of AO, [redacted] has had significant liaison experience with other government agencies, businesses, and community service organizations. In addition, she served as the chairman of the AO Advisory Committee for a number of years and had significant liaison experience with the executives at FBIHQ, including Director Freeh.

2) **Assistant COS/Coordinator:** Although Omaha does not have a person who has been designated as the Assistant COS/Coordinator, several employees participate in the program. As an example, [redacted] the previous COS, heads the Adopt-A-School Program and receives assistance from several other individuals in the office. The SAC, ASACs, Squad Supervisors, and several agents interact with community leaders in various organizations and conduct presentations and speeches.

3) **Does the Community Outreach Program offer internships? If so, how many interns participate and what are their backgrounds?** Omaha has no interns.

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4) Other Program Support: In addition to the comments made under Number 2 above, the Human Resource Specialist and the Applicant Coordinator spend a great deal of time recruiting at career fairs.

5) What other programs are being tasked to Special Agents/other personnel without coordination with COS? Since the Omaha Division did not have a COS during the reporting period, the Citizens' Academy was assigned to the Chief Division Counsel (CDC) for coordination. In the future, COS [] will coordinate the Citizens' Academy.

6) Who does the COS report to? COS [] will report directly to the Administrative Officer. During the reporting period, AO [] reported to ASAC []

7) Will the Community Outreach Program produce better results if the COS works closely with the SAC? This assignment works well for Omaha inasmuch as the AO has frequent contact with the SAC regarding Community Outreach efforts. In addition, the COS is free to discuss COP matters with the SAC directly.

8) Is the Community Outreach Program articulating the need for citizens to support the FBI responsibility to collect intelligence information? If so, please explain. Yes. In each contact made with the community, the Omaha Division attempts to articulate the need for citizens to report intelligence information.

B. Program Activities

1) List, in chronological order, all meetings your Division has held, sponsored, or actively participated in during the reporting period. Ensure the following categories are included:

a) Citizens' Academy: Include the number of academies for the present reporting period. Omaha held no Citizens' Academies during the report period.

b) Minority Liaison Outreach: Include the Division initiatives with national ethnic minority groups and organizations. SAC LaCotti is an Omaha Community Partnership (OCP) executive committee member. OCP works to promote a safe and drug-free community through education and awareness. In his role as an executive committee member, SAC LaCotti regularly attends the committee meetings and ensures the committee reaches out throughout the community. SAC LaCotti ensures that FBI representatives speak out at various minority youth conferences promoting anti-drug and anti-violence/gun messages. During the

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reporting period, SAC LaCotti spoke to organizations and included the message of the OCP in his presentations.

On December 7, 2005, the Omaha Police Department requested investigative assistance in the investigation of the mysterious disappearance of the twelve-year-old white/black female, Amber Harris. During this rating period, the case was a significant focus in the minority community. Mr. LaCotti met with three separate TV Stations to discuss the Amber Harris case. The remains of the child were found on May 14, 2006.

SAC LaCotti maintains regular liaison with [redacted] the Anti-Defamation League, [redacted] and regularly visits the Jewish Community Center. SAC LaCotti also remains in contact with the U.S. Mexican Consulate Jose Luis Cuevas, to ensure any issues or problems which may arise are dealt with in a timely manner. SA [redacted] Primary Civil Rights Agent for the Omaha Division, also meets with the Mexican Consulate on a regular basis. Both SAC LaCotti and SA [redacted] attend semi-annual meetings of the Hate Crimes Coordinating Council.

SAC LaCotti attends monthly meetings held by Project Safe Streets, and Gangs, Guns and Drugs Meetings held at the U.S. Attorney's Office. SAC LaCotti also attends monthly DENT (Drug Enforcement Nebraska Task Force) meetings. Mr. LaCotti was a featured speaker at a press conference held to promote the Safe Streets Task Force efforts.

During the rating period, SAC LaCotti personally met with State Senator Ernie Chambers. Senator Chambers is a very outspoken minority representative in the State of Nebraska. SAC LaCotti is scheduled to meet with Senator Chambers on a regular basis to ensure a positive relationship between the FBI and Senator Chambers.

SAC LaCotti is an active member of the Metro Chiefs Association. This committee meets on a monthly basis with an average of thirty to forty Chiefs, Sheriffs and heads of agencies in attendance. SAC LaCotti uses these meetings as a recruiting venue to promote minority hiring in the FBI.

During the rating period, SAC LaCotti met with Omaha Police Chief [redacted] During these meetings, SAC LaCotti promoted FBI hiring both in speciality categories and in minority categories.

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On January 22, 2006, ASAC [redacted] SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] met with [redacted] spokesman for the Islamic Mosque in Omaha, Nebraska.

On March 15, 2006, SSRA [redacted] ASAC [redacted] Chief Bill McCarthy, and Assistant Chief Judy Bradshaw met with [redacted] of the Franklin Avenue mosque, Des Moines, Iowa.

On March 27, 2006, ASAC [redacted] ASAC [redacted] and U.S. Attorney Michael Heavican met with [redacted] spokesman of the Islamic Mosque in Omaha, Nebraska.

On June 9, 2006, SAC LaCotti served as a judge in the annual "Sand in the City" fund raiser benefit for the Nebraska Children's Home. The Nebraska Children's Home has several locations. The main home is located in the heart of North Omaha, which is predominately a minority community.

The Applicant Coordinator/Recruiter for the Omaha Division made 12 presentations to various colleges in the Nebraska/Iowa communities, including information regarding the backgrounds the FBI is currently seeking for the Special Agent and professional support positions.

c) **Adopt-A-School Programs and Youth Programs:** During this reporting period, Omaha Division employees once again held a Junior Special Agent Program (JSAP) at Central Park Academy, a predominantly minority elementary school, located in the heart of Omaha's minority community. From the end of January through April, twelve employees taught lessons to 60 fifth-grade students. The eight lesson plans stressed getting a good education, living drug-free lives, and abstaining from violent behavior, and provided the students with an inside look at today's FBI. The final lesson was a fun-filled fitness/academic race. Each student was given prizes and T-shirts to commemorate their participation in the Junior Special Agent Program.

On May 9, 2006, the Junior Special Agent students visited the Omaha FBI Office, where a swearing-in ceremony was hosted by SAC LaCotti. In addition to swearing in these Junior Special Agents, SAC LaCotti spent time answering questions for the students and encouraging them in their future endeavors. SAC LaCotti presented each student with a Junior Special Agent badge and credentials.

The JSAP is well-respected by both teachers and parents of students attending Central Park Academy.

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For approximately six years, [redacted] has been in a mentor/mentee relationship with a minority at-risk student, who is now a freshman at Northwest High School. They met weekly in the school to discuss school and life issues and to study a workbook about self esteem and life transitions. School academic progress reports were obtained and discussed.

d) Tutoring Programs: Include locations and ages of those being tutored. Omaha currently has no tutoring programs.

e) Sports Drug Awareness Programs: The Omaha Division continues to support schools that request speakers from the FBI, and presentations and speakers for community groups and businesses are also available upon request.

f) Federal, State and Local Partnerships: Include initiatives that involve working with local law enforcement. Please also see Minority Liaison Outreach above.

On January 5, 2006, SAC LaCotti met with [redacted] Commissioner, Iowa Department of Public Safety, and Thomas Warren, Chief of Police, Omaha, Nebraska.

On January 5, 2006, SSRA [redacted] met with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Southern District of Iowa regarding counterterrorism matters.

On January 10, 2006, SA [redacted] attended the FIFWG and FISA meeting.

On January 10, 2006, ASAC [redacted] was a guest speaker for the Rotary Club in Shenandoah, Iowa, where he discussed the priorities of the FBI and recruiting matters.

On January 11, 2006, ASAC [redacted] attended a meeting at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Center, Kearney, Nebraska, which was attended by various Nebraska law enforcement agency heads to discuss drug task force matters.

On January 11, 2006, the Omaha chapter participated in a combined CCTF/InfraGard Event at which the CIO of eSellerate gave a presentation to CCTF and InfraGard members on the topic of "eCommerce."

On January 11, 2006, the Nebraska InfraGard Member's Alliance held an executive board meeting.

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On January 11, 2006, SSRA [] toured the Linn County Emergency Management Center at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids regarding utilizing the facility for a Continuing of Operations Plan (COOP) and major case command post for eastern Iowa.

On January 12, 2006, SSRA [] met with [] and [] LEIN Fusion Center regarding Fusion Center 3.

On January 12, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Polk County, Iowa, Chief's Luncheon, during which various law enforcement issues were discussed.

On January 13, 2006, SSRA [] provided an FBI patch to Investigator [] Floyd County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, to add to the collection displayed in his office. [] said the collection was a way to illustrate teamwork among law enforcement in Iowa.

On January 18, 2006, SSRA [] attended a meeting at the United States Attorney's Office, Des Moines, Iowa, which was attended by First Assistant [] Criminal Chief [] representatives from the Des Moines Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

On January 19, 2006, SA [] attended a JTTF meeting re Weapons of Mass Destruction.

On January 12, 2006, ASAC [] attended the Police Standards Advisory Council in Grand Island, Nebraska, along with various representatives from Nebraska law enforcement agencies.

On January 12, 2006, and January 26, 2006, SSRA [] met with various State of Iowa Intelligence Bureau officials to discuss and prepare for the State of Iowa's submission to the Department of Homeland Security for federal funding.

On January 20, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] attended Chief Doug Book's funeral in Waldorf, Iowa. Several hundred law enforcement officers and dozens of agencies were in attendance.

On January 23, 2006, SSRA [] met with First Assistant [] at the United States Attorney's Office to discuss the Victim Witness Program within the Southern District of Iowa.

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On January 23, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with Captain Jeff Mellgren, Cedar Rapids Police Department and Assistant United States Attorney [] regarding a police corruption and civil rights matter in Cedar Rapids.

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On January 24, 2006, SA [] gave an Innocent Images National Initiative (IINI) presentation at the Metropolitan Community College for students pursuing degrees in Criminal Justice.

On January 24, 2006, SSRA [] was a speaker at a Rotary Club meeting in Kalona, Iowa.

On January 25, 2006, SSRA [] attended a meeting at the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Iowa, to discuss the Tequila Sunrise OCDETF investigation.

On January 25, 2006, SAC LaCotti, ASAC [] and ASAC [] attended the Omaha Metro Chiefs Association meeting in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

On January 25, 2006, SA [] met with [] (protect identity) of the Omaha Islamic Center regarding Hate Crimes and other general Civil Rights matters. (serial 74 of 44-OM-C45245-L)

On January 26, 2006, a Central/Western Iowa JTTF meeting was conducted at the Des Moines Resident Agency office consisting of full- and part-time members, during which various JTTF matters and initiatives were discussed.

On January 26, 2006, ASAC [] attended the Omaha Community Partnership meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

On January 27, 2006, SSRA [] met with the Resident Agent in Charge, [] of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to discuss potential criminal activity to include possible corruption being committed by an individual employed at the Iowa Workforce Development for the State of Iowa.

On February 1, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting hosted by Sheriff Dennis Conard, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Davenport, Iowa. All local Chiefs of Police or their designees attended. Iowa Highway Patrol representatives were also present. Numerous topics were discussed.

On February 1, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting involving the Health Care Fraud Task Force.

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On February 2, 2006, SAC LaCotti, ASAC [] and ASAC [] met with U.S. Attorney Michael Heavican to discuss cases and the FBI's Counterintelligence program.

On February 3, 2006, Acting SSA [] provided the Child Abduction response plan to eleven law enforcement agencies in the State of Iowa. This plan was discussed by A/SSA [] at the Iowa Sex Crimes Investigators Conference in January, 2006.

On February 7, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee (ATAC) meeting, United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Iowa.

On February 7, 2006, SSRA [] attended the ATAC meeting at the U. S. Attorney's Office, during which a representative from Iowa State University made a presentation on computer security.

On February 8, 2006, the Nebraska InfraGard Member's Alliance held an executive board meeting.

On February 9, 2006 SSRA [] attended the Polk County Chief's Luncheon and also on 2/9/2006, attended a planning meeting at the Des Moines airport, during which a field training exercise was discussed that is going to take place on 9/9/2006.

On February 14, 2006, SA [] attended the 2006 Iowa Healthcare Fraud Task Force meeting. Various items of interest to all participating agencies were discussed.

On February 14, 2006, SSRA [] contacted the Physical Security Manager at the Fort Des Moines U. S. Army Reserve Training Center regarding the statutory authority and jurisdiction of the FBI as it relates to criminal or terrorist activity impacting the Reserve facility.

On February 15, 2006, SSRA [] attended a USP3 program presentation by SSA [] FBIHQ, along with SSRA [] at the State Patrol office in Des Moines, IA.

On February 15, 2006, SSRA [] along with SA [] attended a meeting and presentation regarding the USP3 Network, during which various state and local officials agreed that they would be part of this information-sharing network.

On February 16, 2006, SA [] attended the FIFWG and FISA meeting.

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On February 21, 2006, the Omaha Division celebrated Black History Month with keynote speaker Omaha Police Chief Warren, an African-American. Chief Warren discussed growing up in North Omaha, a predominantly African-American area of the city. The two-hour session was attended by approximately 35 employees.

On February 22, 2006, SSRA [] attended a meeting at the Metro Start (tactical team) office in Des Moines. Present during the meeting were Captain [], Lieutenant Clock, and Transportation Security Administration employee []. Plans were discussed regarding the 9/9/2006 field training exercise at the Des Moines airport.

On February 23, 2006, SSRA [] arranged the Central/Western Iowa JTTF meeting, which was conducted at the Des Moines Resident Agency office which consisted of full- and part-time members. Various JTTF matters and initiatives were discussed.

On February 23, 2006, SSRA [] along with the TSA, local police and Des Moines airport officials, attended a planning meeting for the field training exercise to take place on 9/9/2006.

On February 23, 2006, SAC LaCotti, ASAC [] and ASAC [] met at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Omaha, Nebraska, to discuss the Interagency Information Sharing Initiative. This meeting was also attended by several executives with state and federal agencies for Nebraska.

On February 28, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with Assistant United States Attorney [] regarding computer intrusion investigations in eastern Iowa.

On February 28, 2006, ASAC [] attended a memorial service at the Capehart Chapel, United States Air Force (USAF) Base, for a Special Agent with the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. After the service, ASAC [] met with a USAF commander and OSI staff to express the Bureau's sympathies.

On March 1, 2006, SSA [] attended the Metro-Task Force monthly meeting and discussed active cases, suspects, future activities, and prosecutorial items of interest. The following agencies were present: OPD Narcotics, OPD Gang unit, Douglas County Attorney's Office, The U.S. Attorney's Office, DEA and local police departments.

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On March 2, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting regarding the Health Care Fraud Task Force.

On March 2, 2006, the Omaha chapter held a chapter event at the "Ethical Certified Hacker" certification was discussed.

On March 2, 2006, SA [] gave an FBI presentation to students at the University of Nebraska.

On March 2, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with Captain [] Cedar Rapids Police Department, regarding a police corruption case.

On March 3, 2006, SSRA [] met with United States Attorney Matt Whitaker, Des Moines, to discuss various matters.

On March 3, 2006, ASAC [] and SSRA [] attended a meeting with Chief McCarthy and his executive staff at the Des Moines Police Department.

On March 4, 2006, SSRA [] attended a promotion ceremony for Assistant Director Steven Bogle to Brigadier General rank within the National Guard.

On March 9, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Des Moines airport tri-annual emergency exercise planning meeting as well as the Polk County Chief's luncheon meeting.

On March 9, 2006, SA [] attended a NIFTTF meeting.

On March 9, 2006, SA [] attended a lecture regarding technology developments for use in the detection of infectious diseases by Johns Hopkins University.

On March 14, 2006, ASAC [] and SSRA [] attended the Santee Sioux Reservation "Retrocession" ceremony.

On March 14, 2006, SA [] attended the FIFWG and FISA meeting.

On March 14, 2006, SA [] met with Iowa State Fire Marshal Bomb Technicians concerning the destruction of recovered explosives.

On March 15, 2006, SA [] gave an IINI presentation to employees at Mutual of Omaha Insurance headquarters.

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On March 15, 2006, SSRA [] ASAC [] Chief Bill McCarthy, and Assistant Chief [] met with [] of the Franklin Avenue mosque, Des Moines, Iowa.

On the same date, ASAC [] attended the Police Standards Advisory meeting in Grand Island, Nebraska, to discuss various matters.

On March 16, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with the Meskwaki Security Director, in Tama, Iowa regarding a multi-million dollar embezzlement case in Cedar Rapids.

On March 17, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with Iowa Falls Chief of Police Doug Strike (retired) to present a retirement plaque from the Omaha Division of the FBI.

On March 17, 2006, ASAC [] attended a meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, with Nebraska Congressman Tom Osborne and Virginia Congressman Frank Wolf regarding methamphetamine and other narcotic problems in Nebraska. Various other Nebraska law enforcement agencies were represented at the meeting, along with Colonel Bryan Tuma, Nebraska State Patrol, and Nebraska State Attorney General John Bruning. ASAC [] met separately with [] U.S. Attorney's Office, and Michael Behm, Director of the Nebraska Crime Commission, regarding matters of mutual interest to all agencies.

On March 22, 2006, [] of the Meskwaki Tribal Council, [] swore in Roger Sanders as the new chief of the Meskwaki Police Department. The department will hire five officers. These officers have not previously worked as law enforcement officers and have one year to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Currently, the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Iowa is assisting the Meskwaki Tribal Council with planning a summit. The summit will include a long list of attendees from most local, state, and federal agencies that have some type of involvement in tribal criminal matters. The summit's goal is to define the likely areas of inter-agency conflict, see how these problems have been resolved in other jurisdictions, and begin the processes for resolving any problem areas. The tribe's goal is to have a law enforcement agency that addresses the alcohol and drug problems of the tribe in a manner that is culturally sensitive and does not result in incarceration. This objective to solve criminal problems without incarceration also extends to Meskwakis involved in child molestation and drug distribution. The Meskwakis extended an

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invitation to the Indian Country Unit for the June 8, 2006 summit. Likely areas of requested assistance will be funding and follow-on training for the law enforcement officers.

On March 22, 2006, SSRA [] and ASAC [] met with United States Attorney Charles W. Larson, Sr., Northern District of Iowa in Cedar Rapids to discuss FBI priorities and current resources.

On March 22, 2006, SSRA [] met with Chief Mike Klappholz, Cedar Rapids Police Department, in Cedar Rapids, IA to discuss FBI priorities and current resources.

On March 23, 2006, SSRA [] and ASAC [] met with Chief Samuel E. Hargadine, Iowa City Police Department, in Iowa City, IA to discuss FBI priorities and current resources.

On March 23, 2006, SSRA [] and ASAC [] met with Assistant United States Attorney [] Southern District of Iowa, in Moline, Illinois to discuss FBI priorities and current resources.

On March 23, 2006, SSRA [] and ASAC [] met with Chief Mike Bladel, Davenport Police Department in Davenport, IA to discuss FBI priorities and current resources.

On March 23, 2006, ASAC [] attended the Omaha Community Partnership to discuss various matters.

On March 27, 2006, SA [] attended a Central Nebraska JTTF meeting held in the federal building in Grand Island, Nebraska.

On March 27, 2006, ASAC [] met with representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Secret Service, concerning a joint Vietnamese Cyber case.

On March 28, 2006, SSRA [] met with the United States Marshal in Des Moines, Iowa to discuss general criminal matters and for the issuance of Assistant Chief Randy Kessel's receipt of his deputization credentials by the U. S. Marshal.

On March 29, 2006, the State of Nebraska Department of Correctional Services was contacted by SAC LaCotti to express the gratitude of the FBI for the assistance provided by two Investigators. Both of these individuals have provided outstanding service to the FBI in response to numerous requests for information and intelligence.

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On March 29, 2006, SA [] met with representatives of the Kearney Airport for a meeting.

On March 31, 2006, SSRA [] attended a meeting with Des Moines Police Chief Bill McCarthy to discuss several matters.

On April 4, 2006, SSRA [] along with SA [] attended a [] working group at the U.S. Attorney's Office to discuss [] with the []

On April 4, 2006, the Omaha chapter of InfraGard sponsored a breakfast event at the 2006 INFOTEC conference held at the Quest Center in Omaha. [] partner with Baird Holm Law Firm, gave a presentation titled "The Top Things You Need To Know To Stay Out Of Jail."

On April 6, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council meeting which took place at ILEA, during which various police officer certifications were discussed.

On April 7, 2006, SSRA [] along with agents from the Des Moines RA attended a meeting with the Federal Department of Labor, United States Attorney's Office, the Division of Criminal Investigation, and the State Auditor's Office to discuss the initiation of a new corruption matter.

On April 10, 2006, SA [] gave a presentation pertaining to Infant Child Abductions to staff, pediatricians and safety coordinators at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska.

On April 11, 2006, SA [] attended the FIFWG and FISA meeting.

On April 12 2006, ASAC [] was one of the guest speakers who made opening remarks, along with U.S. Attorney Michael Heavican, at the Crime Victims Conference.

On April 13, 2006, SSRA [] met with officials from the Tama County Sheriff's Office and newly formed Meskwaki Tribal Police who assisted with the execution of a search warrant in Tama, Iowa.

On April 13, 2006, a meeting was held at the Des Moines RA to discuss the recently opened public corruption CIETC matter.

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Representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Department of Labor, DCI, State Auditor's Office, and Polk County Attorney's Office attended the meeting.

On April 13, 2006, SA [] gave a briefing about child safety on the Internet to the Omaha Public School's Superintendents Advisory Council during their quarterly meeting.

SSRA [] attended the Polk County Chief's luncheon meeting also on April 13, 2006.

On April 13, 2006 and April 14, 2006, ASAC [] Training Coordinator [] and Training Assistant [] attended the National Academy Annual Conference in Kearney, Nebraska.

On April 18, 2006, SSRA [] attended a LEIN 2 meeting at the Mason City Police Department, Mason City, IA to discuss current crime trends and intelligence issues for the region.

On April 18, 2006, SSRA [] met with Chief David Ellingson, Mason City Police Department, in Mason City, IA to discuss FBI priorities and current resources.

On April 18, 2006, SSRA [] met with the North Central Iowa Narcotics Task Force in Mason City, IA to discuss ongoing and targeted drug investigations.

On April 18, 2006, ASAC Kelley attended a meeting with U.S. Senator Ben Nelson, Omaha Chief of Police Thomas Warren, and Bellevue Chief of Police John Stacy, to discuss various matters.

On April 18, 2006, SA [] gave an Innocent Images presentation to Medical Technicians and social workers.

On April 18, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting involving the Health Care Fraud Task Force.

On the same date, ASAC [] attended the Law Enforcement Coordinators Awards Committee meeting at Nebraska State Patrol Headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska, along with various other law enforcement agency heads.

On April 19, 2006, ASAC [] attended the Police Standards Advisory Council in Grand Island, Nebraska.

On April 19, 2006, SA [] Lincoln RA, met with [] Nebraska spokesman for Common Cause, concerning Public Corruption.

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On April 20, 2006, SA [] Special Federal Officer (SFO) [] SFO [] and SFO [] attended a meeting of the Quad Cities Council of Criminal Investigators. Attendees were briefed regarding several cases currently being investigated by various local law enforcement agencies.

On the same date, ASAC [] and ASAC [] attended the Omaha Metro Chiefs Association meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

On April 21, 2006, SSRA [] met with Sergeant [] and detectives from his intelligence bureau to discuss several criminal matters.

On April 25, 2006, SA [] and members of the Evidence Response Team conducted forensic training with members of the McCook Police Department and law enforcement agencies from the surrounding area. SA [] coordinated this training with Chief Ike Brown of McCook.

On April 26, 2006 and April 27, 2006, SSRA [] attended the FBINAA Iowa Spring Retrainer in Sioux City, Iowa.

On April 26, 2006, SSRA [] attended a meeting with the Thurston County Sheriff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Nebraska State Patrol, and the Tribal Police to discuss various matters concerning cases involving the Omaha and Winnebago reservations.

On April 26, 2006, through April 28, 2006, SSRA [] attended the National Academy Retrainer session.

On April 28, 2006, and May 2, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting re infrastructure protection matters and WMD preparedness.

On May 2, 2006, SSRA [] held a meeting at the Des Moines Resident Agency for all concerned investigative parties to discuss the CIETC investigation.

On May 3, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting hosted by Sheriff [] Scott County Sheriff's Department. Most local Chiefs of Police attended, including representatives from Buffalo, Iowa; Blue Grass, Iowa; Davenport, Iowa; Eldridge, Iowa; and Walcott, Iowa.

On May 3, 2006, SSRA [] met with Investigators from the Iowa Department of Transportation, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to discuss an ongoing investigation of a pipe bomb investigation.

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On May 4, 2006, SA [] contacted Cindy Schmall, Chief, Iowa Insurance Fraud Bureau, regarding re-insurance companies operating in Iowa.

On May 9, 2006, SSRA [] attended an awards luncheon sponsored by the American Society of Industrial Security during which various awards were issued.

On May 9, 2006, ASAC [] met at the U.S. Attorney's Office with tribal members from three Nebraska Indian tribes where matters of mutual interests were discussed.

On May 9, 2006, SA [] attended the FIFWG and FISA meeting.

On May 10, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] attended the Johnson County Bio-Terrorism Exercise in Iowa City, Iowa. Other participating agencies included: Coralville Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, University of Iowa Police Department, Iowa City Police Department and the U.S. National Guard - 71st Civil Support Team.

On May 10, 2006, SSRA [] attended the [] working group meeting at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

On May 11, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Polk County Chief's luncheon meeting.

On May 15, 2006, SSRA [] met with Assistant United States Attorney [] regarding the Schuer bankruptcy fraud investigation.

On May 16, 2006, SSA [] and SA [] met with law enforcement officials from the State of Nebraska, Washington County, Douglas County, and the cities of Omaha and Bellevue to plan the integration of JTTF and Omaha FBI assets during a terrorism attacks which may target the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station.

On May 16, 2006, SSRA [] attended the ATAC meeting at the United States Attorney's Office to discuss various issues to include training. Also on 05/16/2006, SSRA [] along with SA [] and SA [] attended the police memorial service at a local church.

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On Tuesday, May 16, 2006, ISS [] attended the joint Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN) Region 3, North Central Task Force and northern Iowa intelligence meeting held at the Hampton City Hall, Hampton, Iowa. Approximately 20 persons attended representing the below agencies:

Belmond Police
Cerro Gordo Sheriff's Office, Mason City, Iowa
Hampton Police
Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Garner, Iowa
Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Ft. Dodge
Iowa Narcotics Officers Association
LEIN Region 3 Fusion Center, Waterloo, Iowa
Mason City Police
North Central Iowa Task Force
Osage Police
Worth County Sheriff's Office, Northwood, Iowa
Wright County Sheriff's Office, Clarion, Iowa

ISS [] answered questions and shared information pertaining to: 1) the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IC3) and their website at www.ic3.gov, 2) websites for federal agencies, including the FBI, and 3) tip sheets for victims of identity theft and/or internet fraud for use by dispatchers and officers, 3) FBI's interest in terrorism, including domestic terrorism, animal rights activists and anti-government groups.

On May 17, 2006, SA [] attended an Emergency Management Planning Session at the Grand Island Airport.

On May 18, 2006, SA [] met with the City of Omaha, Douglas County, College World Series, and private sector executives concerning final planning considerations and FBI Counterterrorism asset integration for the 2006 College World Series special event.

On May 19, 2006, SSRA [] met with Colonel Garrison of the Iowa State Patrol to discuss various JTTF initiatives.

On May 19, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with employees of the Emma Goldman Clinic, Iowa City, IA regarding an ongoing FACE investigation.

On May 22, 2006, SSRA [] met with Assistant United States Attorney [] Iowa Department of Transportation investigators, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding the pipe bomb incident and related car ring / illegal alien operations in Postville, IA.

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On May 23, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) terrorism exercise in Independence, Iowa. The exercise included numerous emergency medical responders, fire fighters, LEIN 3 and local law enforcement personnel.

On May 23, 2006, SSRA [] held a meeting at the Des Moines Resident Agency with the Department of Energy (Chicago) and representatives from the Ames DOE Lab to discuss various JTTF matters.

On May 24, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Field Intelligence Group meeting held in the Des Moines Resident Agency.

On May 25, 2006, SSRA [] held a monthly JTTF meeting at the Des Moines Resident Agency, which was attended by Assistant Chief Judy Bradshaw.

On May 25, 2006, ASAC [] attended the Omaha Community Partnership meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

On May 30, 2006, ASAC [] met with Nebraska State Patrol Attorney [] concerning his testimony before an arbitrator on 6/2/2006.

On May 30, 2006, SA [] made contact with [] formerly of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, regarding the Hate Crimes Project and other general Civil Rights matters. (serial 81 of 44-OM-C45245-L)

On June 1, 2006, SSRA [] attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy council meeting, during which various academy issues and training were discussed.

On June 1, 2006, SA [] attended a meeting involving the Health Care Fraud Task Force.

On June 2, 2006, SSRA [] met with Detective [] of Story County Sheriff's Office, during which Detective [] was provided a security briefing regarding her newly issued top secret security clearance.

On the same date, ASAC [] provided testimony at an administrative hearing for the Nebraska State Patrol regarding the Ku Klux Klan.

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On June 6, 2006, a meeting was held in the Des Moines Resident Agency for various law enforcement agencies to discuss the CIETC investigation.

On June 7, 2006, SA [] and SA [] attended the OCDETF District Coordination meeting at the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Iowa, in Cedar Rapids, IA.

On June 9, 2006, SSA [] and SA [] met with the City of Omaha, Douglas County, College World Series, and private sector executives concerning final planning considerations and FBI Counterterrorism asset integration for the 2006 College World Series special event.

On June 9, 2006, SSA [] met with the Nebraska National Guard, Civil Support Team to discuss the operational planning issues associated with the integration of National Guard personnel during a terrorism related event.

On June 9, 2006, SSRA [] along with SA [] attended a meeting with Criminal Chief [] and AUSA [] to discuss the CIETC investigation.

On June 14, 2006, SA [] attended the FIFWG and FISA meeting.

On June 14, 2006, SSRA [] attended a [] Review Committee meeting at the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Iowa, in Cedar Rapids, IA. []

On June 15, 2006, SAC LaCotti and ASAC [] attended a press conference at the U.S. Attorney's Office concerning enhanced gang enforcement in the Omaha metropolitan area. SAC LaCotti was the key speaker.

On June 16, 2006, SSRA [] contacted the Davenport U. S. Army Reserve Training Center regarding the FBI's jurisdiction involving terrorist and criminal matters at the facility.

On June 16, 2006, SA [] attended a [] meeting held at the United States Attorney's Office.

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On June 20, 2006, SSRA [] met with [] a Reporter for the Gazette newspaper, Cedar Rapids, IA regarding media relations.

On June 22, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with [] FastServers, Cedar Falls, Iowa regarding computer crimes.

On June 22, 2006, SSA [] and SA [] met with Iowa law enforcement partners concerning the revised goals and objectives of the Omaha JTTF and the cooperation between Federal, state, and local agencies during terrorism investigations and events.

On June 27, 2006, SSRA [] and SA [] met with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office regarding the [] case.

On June 30, 2006, SSRA [] attended a retirement party for SAC Ron Mower, Department of Criminal Investigation, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

SA [] contacted Bellevue Lt [] during the week of July 3, 2006 about the Greater Omaha Safe Streets Tasks Force.

g) **Awards Presented:** On 2/8/2006, SAC LaCotti presented the Director's Community Leadership Award to Sergeant [] at the Nebraska State Patrol.

h) Speakers Program:

On February 8, 2006, the Omaha chapter participated in a combined CCTF/InfraGard Event at which [] Instructor at the Peter Kiewitt, gave a presentation to CCTF and InfraGard members on the topic of TCP/IP.

On February 23, 2006, SA [] conducted bank robbery training for the Progressive Bankers Association in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

On February 28, 2006, SA [] conducted bank robbery training for the SAC Federal Credit Union in Bellevue, Nebraska.

On March 28, 2006, SA [] provided Computer Intrusion Investigations training at Bellevue University, Bellevue, Nebraska.

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On May 8, 2006, through May 12, 2006, SA [redacted] made a presentation [redacted] in Bucharest, Romania.

On June 8, 2006, SA [redacted] made a presentation re Computer Intrusion Investigations in Budapest, Hungary.

2. Briefly describe your program's two most significant events and accomplishments during the reporting period.

During this reporting period, Omaha Division employees once again held a Junior Special Agent Program at Central Park Academy, a predominantly minority elementary school, located in the heart of Omaha's minority community. From the end of January through April, twelve employees taught lessons to 60 fifth-grade students. The eight lesson plans stressed getting a good education, living drug-free lives, and abstaining from violent behavior, and provided the students with an inside look at today's FBI. The final lesson was a fun-filled fitness/academic race. Each student was given prizes and T-shirts to commemorate their participation in the Junior Special Agent Program.

On May 9, 2006, the Junior Special Agent students visited the Omaha FBI Office, where a swearing-in ceremony was hosted by SAC LaCotti. In addition to swearing in these Junior Special Agents, SAC LaCotti spent time answering questions for the students and encouraging them in their future endeavors. SAC LaCotti presented each student with a Junior Special Agent badge and credentials.

The JSAP is well-respected by both teachers and parents of students attending Central Park Academy.

SAC LaCotti regularly attends quarterly meetings with the Omaha Tribe Leaders and the Winnebago Tribe Leaders. These meetings are held on the Indian reservations or at the United States Attorney's Office. The FBI was recognized and presented with a tribal quilt at a Santee Sioux Nation "Retrocession" Celebration held at the community center on the Santee reservation. The quilt is being displayed in the FBI office.

3. Please answer the following regarding your Citizens' Academy meetings:

a) Who coordinates your Citizens' Academy Program?

Omaha held its first Citizens' Academy in the Fall of 2005. The Chief Division Counsel was tasked with coordinating

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the Academy due to Omaha not having a COS position. In the future, the COS will coordinate.

b) How often are Citizens' Academy meetings held?

They will be held annually.

c) How many students attend?

Omaha plans to have 15 to 20 students.

d) Does your Division have a Citizens' Academy Foundation or Alumni Association? If so, did the Citizens' Academy class join the Alumni Association or Citizens' Academy Foundation?

Omaha does not currently have a Foundation or Alumni Association.

4. What statistical accomplishments can you cite on behalf of the Citizens' Academy?

Although the Omaha Division has not claimed any statistics on behalf of the Citizens' Academy, a number of business relationships were established between the attendees and the Agents of the Omaha Division.

a) Who is the present Alumni Association or Citizens' Academy Foundation president?

NA

5. What are the affiliations of the participants? (African-Americans, Muslims, Hispanics, Asians, Infragard)

No Citizens' Academy was held during the rating period

6. List any instance where information provided to the COP was shared with another law enforcement or public sector entity (include your state Homeland Security or the Federal Department of Homeland Security). How is this sharing documented?

Omaha has not documented this information, but in the future will record this type of information sharing in the division's liaison files.

7. List instances where Citizens' Academy participants have provided significant information that enhanced ongoing investigations.

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Omaha has only graduated eleven individuals from the Citizens' Academy, and to date has no statistics to report.

8. Have any of your liaison contacts contributed to leads and case or intelligence base development (statistics)?

Nearly all of the law enforcement liaison contacts have contributed to leads and intelligence development.

C. Management Support

1. List the activities that the ADIC has attended:

NA

2. List the activities that the SAC has attended:

Please see the statements under Program Activities.

3. List the activities that the ASAC has attended:

Please see comments under Program Activities.

4. Has the COS participated in regular management meetings?

Yes. During the rating period, the AO coordinated the COP and attended all management meetings.

5. Is the Community Outreach Program presentation part of the Division's Annual Conference for all employees? If yes, please provide the date of the presentation. If not, why not?

An annual conference was not held during the rating period.

D. Citizens' Academy Foundations

1. Is the Citizens' Academy Foundation incorporated. If not, why not? If yes, what is its corporate name?

NA

2. Do you have a Citizens' Academy local board? If not, describe your efforts to form one. If no efforts have been expended, what circumstances have impeded them?

Omaha does not have a board. The first class of eleven was graduated in the fall of 2005. The CDC has been working with

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the graduates to start an alumni association, and the new COS will continue those efforts.

3. If you do have a Citizens' Academy local board, provide the name, occupation and length of service of your board members.

NA

4. Describe the participation of Citizens' Academy Alumni and the Citizens' Academy Foundation in helping you develop and run events for your Community Outreach Program?

NA

5. What is the most frequent complaint you hear from your Division concerning the Community Outreach Program?

That we were not given funding for a COS position.

6. What is the most significant complaint you have about your Citizens' Academy participants?

Omaha has received no complaints from the participants.

7. How often does your Citizens' Academy Foundation or Alumni Association meet?

NA

8. Does your Citizens' Academy Foundation have local by-laws?

NA

9. How often does your Citizens' Academy hold elections for board members and does this comply with your by-laws?

NA

10. Does your chapter have a Web site?

NA

E. Critique of Headquarters Program Management

1. Training - Adequate

2. Guidance - Excellent. During the reporting period, [redacted] and [redacted] have been extremely helpful to Omaha.

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3. Facilitation - Excellent
4. Open Comment - Nothing to add

F. Budget

1. What expenses have been incurred during the reporting period?

Items to be utilized at the next Citizens' Academy.

2. What funding was available during the reporting period?

\$500

3. Is the program running a deficit?

No

4. Is the budget reviewed and approved by Division management?

Yes

5. On a separate sheet, provide a budget statement and list the balance, date items were purchased and vendor from whom items were purchased.

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Community Outreach Program (COP)
Budget Statement
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Beginning Balance \$500.00

On 7/7/2006, items for the next
Citizens' Academy were purchased
from:

Business Innovations,
6579 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30092
770-242-8002

\$498.55*

Current Balance \$ 1.45

* This is an estimate, as the shipping amount has not yet been
finalized. The total cost was \$458.55, and the shipping was
estimated at \$40.00.

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July 13, 2006

Mr. Paul C. LaCotti, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Paul:

For your review, enclosed is the Omaha Division's Community Outreach Program (COP) Semiannual Report for January, 2006, through June, 2006. Since the Omaha Division just recently filled the position of Community Outreach Specialist, I have been acting as the coordinator for the program. As you know, we have participated in the following activities: Minority Liaison Outreach; Adopt-A-School and Youth Programs; Law Enforcement Partnerships; and many miscellaneous liaison-type contacts with the community.

Included in this semiannual report is statistical information required during inspection periods, along with budget information. During the six-month reporting period, Omaha held, sponsored, and/or actively participated in approximately 130 liaison/outreach activities. With your support, 12 employees, both Agent and Support, volunteered to help [redacted] with the Adopt-A-School and Junior Special Agent Program, and a SWAT team member and Safe Streets Agent gave one-day presentations to the students. Another support employee volunteered to coordinate a chess club at an at-risk school, to not only teach students how to play chess, but mentor them at the same time.

Along with providing assistance and useful information to the communities we serve, our outreach efforts have resulted in a great number of liaison contacts being established. For instance, contacts have been established in the Muslim community and with several minority groups.

Traditionally, the Community Outreach Program has been an established network of resources. However, as outlined in the

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semiannual report, the program has also facilitated information sharing and collaborative operations between the community and the FBI's investigative programs. Moreover, Omaha Division's Community Outreach Program supports the FBI's mission and investigative priorities.

During this reporting period, we successfully completed our goal of establishing a Community Outreach Specialist (COS) position in Omaha. [redacted] will be an extremely valuable addition and will definitely enhance the COP in Omaha. As you know, we are continuing our efforts to recruit additional Citizens' Academy students for a fall class in Omaha, and establish a Citizens' Academy in the Des Moines, Iowa, RA territory.

After your review and approval, the semiannual report will be submitted to the Office of Public Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
Administrative Officer

Enclosure