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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 1:45 PM
To: [redacted] (CE) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Black extremist

Hi [redacted]

This matter is still being discussed here. But right now we're still just using a very general comment when we get inquiries.

"Without commenting on the document, the FBI investigates activity which may constitute a federal crime or pose a threat to national security and cannot initiate an investigation based solely on an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or the exercise of First Amendment rights. The FBI remains committed to protecting those rights for all Americans. Our focus is not on membership in particular groups but on individuals who commit violence and other criminal acts. Furthermore, the FBI does not and will not police ideology. When an individual takes violent action based on belief or ideology and breaks the law, the FBI will enforce the rule of law."

Best,
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (CE) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:53 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: Black extremist

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Ok, well add this to your discussion. Our major police partner is getting the below questions. Just for a different perspective.

From: Aaron Morrison [redacted]
Date: October 25, 2017 at 13:33:45 EDT
To: "Adams, Michael" [redacted]
Subject: Re: MEDIA REQUEST: Interview with CMPD executive about how it handles counterterrorism intelligence from the FBI Hi [redacted]

Here are likely questions I'll ask in our conversation:

- What does the CMPD counterterrorism unit look like? When was it established?
- In what situations are officers/detectives trained in counterterrorism dispatched to address or assess threats?
- How frequently are you working with your partners in the FBI on counterterrorism issues?
- When the FBI makes you aware of an emerging threat, how is that communicated during roll call?
- What are the difficulties involved? Police officers routinely say they don't get enough training. Do FBI assessments like the "black identity extremist" designation put new, unfair burdens on officers?

Again, I'd like to have a conversation over the phone about this. I'm available this afternoon, (have some availability on Thursday), and Friday all day.

What works for you?

Thanks,
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From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:37 AM

To: [REDACTED] (CE) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Black extremist

We have not discussed any particular leaked intelligence assessment, including that one.
We are having more discussions today about how to handle inquiries.

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From: [REDACTED] (CE) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:35 AM

To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: Black extremist

Can I have the guidance on the black extremist bulletin. Our local law enforcement partner is looking for information on what we released as they are getting questioned about our bulletins and how they use them, etc.

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