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Subject: RE: SARs and Terrorist Watch Listing

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Please see the following information that clarifies NSI processes that you should find helpful:

1. There is no SAR database, the architecture is a federated search of a distributed system.
2. The data is currently accessible to NSI participants, fusion center NSI participants, and the FBI via eGuardian as a NSI participant. We hope to soon have DHS "live" as a NSI participant accessing and sharing SAR information.
3. Currently SAR information has to be forwarded to the NCTC from the owner of the data. However, we have explored having the NCTC access the NSI federated search which would be more effective and efficient. Also, based on the decision of the fusion centers, NSI information is view only.
4. We are have been collaborating with TSC regarding hit confirmation that will generate a message to the fusion centers when an there is a NCIC hit on an individual from the TWL. The service is written and planned to be tested by 12/30. This capability is expected to be announced at the 2001 National FC Conf.

Uploading SAR information automatically to a watchlist file would have policy implications that would not be consistent with the philosophy, architecture, and privacy and civil liberty protections that are fundamental to the implementation of the NSI program. The goal is to not move SAR data into a national database but have it accessible to appropriate law enforcement officials and partners. We continue to explore how searches can be "bundled" and make inquiries from analyst and NSI participants more effective and efficient. Please don't hesitate to contact David Lewis, who is copied on this email, for further questions – thanks!

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[REDACTED] - pat's address corrected here. Pat can advise on this.

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Jim and Pat:

Hi! I had a conversation today with someone working on anti-terrorism training. The question is whether information from the SAR database is transmitted to NCTC so that it can be included in an individual's Watch Listing file. If there is not now a process regarding SAR data and NCTC, does BJA anticipate including this on a future agenda of SAR uses? I hope this is a fair question.

Thanks and best regards,

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