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- May not be used in the course of providing aS5~stance to other federa' agenc\es, un like other assessment methods, U niess-DOJ approva l. AGG-OOM Section II1.6.2.c. (see also DIOG S.9.H.S),
- Should generally not be used to collect noncr; minai(non-national security threat-related foreig n Intelligence from USPs, since FBI 'must operate openly and consensually with a USP1 to the extent practica bre, in that regardA AGG-OOM Section I.(see a so DIOG 5.9.H.47

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•• Limit use in focus and scope to what is necessary to Limit use in focus and scope to what is necessary to accomplish the authorized purpose and objective of accompl ish the authorized purpose and object\ve of the assessment or predicated investigation. If only the assessment or predicated myestigation. If only an assessment is open must limit CHS activities as an assessment is ope~1 must Umit CHS activities as necessary to ach; eve me objective of the necessary to achieve the objective of the assessment; if come upon info that would justify assessment; if come upon info that wou,d justify predicated investigation, then need needneed to open predicated investigation, then to open \nvestigation (DIOG 5.9.H.4).

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• Controlled purchase of drugs, stolen property, other contraband.

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- . Payment of bribes.
- Making false representations to conceal

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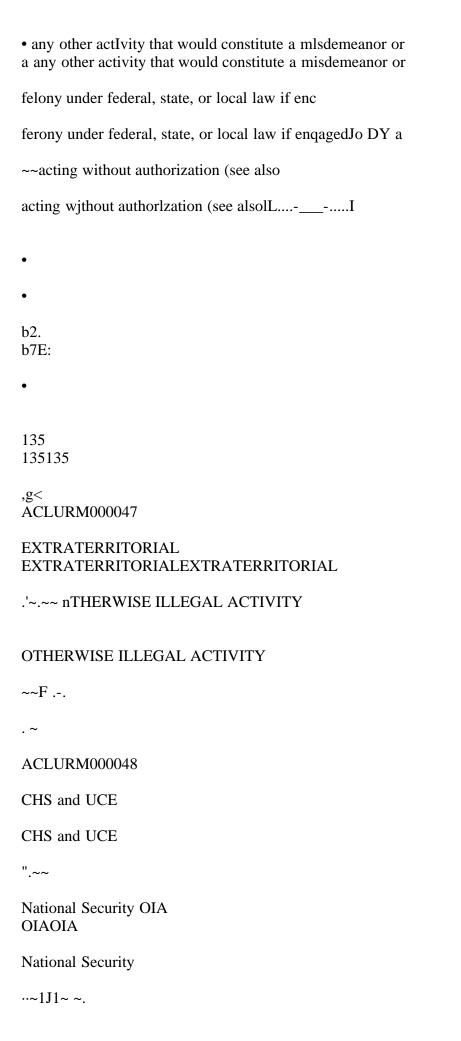
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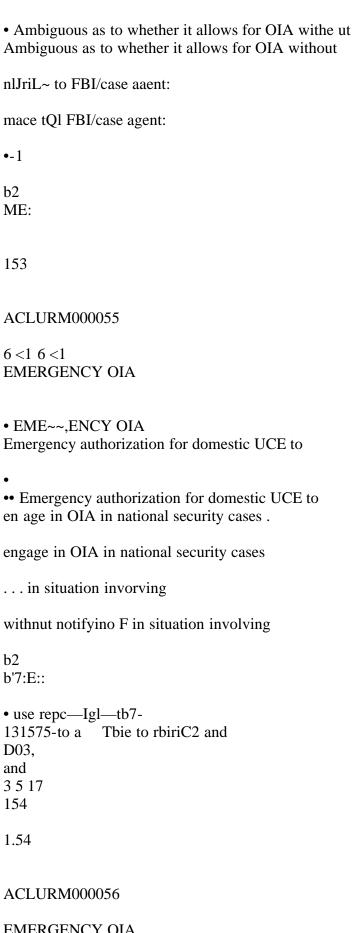
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