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**FBI Atlanta  
Intelligence Note from Domain Management**

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Approval:

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Subject:

[Redacted]

Terrorism and Counterintelligence Threat

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Summary:

(S) The Atlanta Domain Team assesses with moderate-high confidence the [Redacted]

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Scope:

[Redacted] Information is

current as of 10 August 2009.

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(S) The following information was utilized for this domain note: FBI Atlanta information [Redacted] to include source reporting, assessments, and case files; interviews of FBI Atlanta agents, supervisors, and analysts; FBI and US Intelligence Community assessments and reporting [Redacted]

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**Key Judgments<sup>1</sup>**

- ~~(S)~~ The Atlanta Domain Team assesses with moderate-high confidence the [redacted] and assesses with moderate confidence the [redacted]

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- ~~(S)~~ The Atlanta Domain Team assesses with low confidence the [redacted]

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- ~~(S)~~ The Atlanta Domain Team assesses with moderate to high confidence the [redacted]

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**Background:**

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**Details:**

<sup>1</sup> (U) **High Confidence** generally indicates that judgments are based on high-quality information from multiple sources or from a single highly reliable source, and/or that the nature of the issue makes it possible to render a solid judgment.

(U) **Medium Confidence** generally means that the information is credibly sourced and plausible, but can be interpreted in various ways, or is not of sufficient quality or corroborated sufficiently to warrant a higher level of confidence.

(U) **Low Confidence** generally means that the information's credibility and/or plausibility is questionable, the information is too fragmented or poorly corroborated to make solid analytic inferences, or that the FBI has significant concerns or problems with the sources.

<sup>2</sup> Includes both foreign-born [redacted]

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(U) *Official Presence and Leadership/Structure*

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~~(S)~~ The Atlanta Division has [redacted]

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(U) *Asymmetric Presence*

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(U) *Threat to US Technologies and Potential Procurement*

~~(S//NF)~~ The Atlanta Domain Team assesses with low confidence the

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*Additional Collection Activity: Assisting, Assessing, and Influencing*

~~(S)~~ The Atlanta Domain Team assesses with moderate to high confidence the

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<sup>viii</sup> a collaborative source with indirect access, some of whose reporting has been corroborated for two years  
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(U) *Cross-program Links*

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(S) The [Redacted] presents [Redacted]

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[Redacted] While FBI reporting indicates some [Redacted]

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[Redacted] There are also indications that

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[Redacted]<sup>21</sup> In addition, source reporting which was partially corroborated by another source indicates an [Redacted]

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**Outlook:**

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**Source Coverage:**

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**Intelligence Gaps:**

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**Recommendations:**

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(S) Appendix A: Threat Justification Matrix

(U)  Threat Assessment Table

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		Threat Level	Confidence Level	Description
(S)	Capability	Physical Means/Tools		
		Knowledge		
		Sophistication		
(S)		Association		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 300px; height: 20px;"></span>
	Intent	Activity		
		Risk		
(S)	Criticality *potential for *	Violence		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 15px;"></span>
		Economic Impact		
		National Security		
		Public Trust		
	Vulnerability	Target Richness		
		Defense		
(S)		Access		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 15px;"></span>

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(U) Domain Management Threat Assessment Methodology

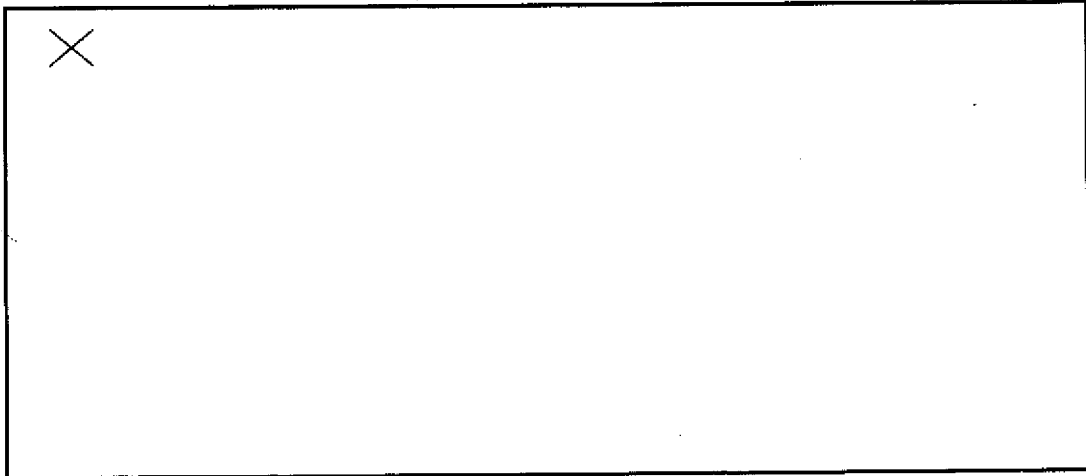
Capability	Low	Medium	High
Physical Means/Tools	Has identified tools and/or needs	Has the ability to readily obtain materials or already has some materials	Possesses requisite materials and tools
Knowledge	Actors rarely exhibit a specialized skill set and do not seek training	Actors occasionally exhibit a specialized skill set but are actively seeking training related to that skill set	Actors routinely exhibit a specialized skill set and actively seek training related to skill set
Sophistication	Actors have little or no organizational structure, exhibit a limited if not absent ability to adapt and/or modify their techniques	Actors occasionally employ highly structured, long term plans, rarely exhibit an ability to adapt and/or modify their techniques as appropriate	Actors routinely employ highly structured, long-term plans, regularly exhibiting an ability to adapt, modify their techniques as appropriate and avoid detection
Associations	Actors have no connections to persons of concern to the FBI or Intelligence Community	Actors have connections to persons of concern to the FBI or Intelligence Community within Domain	Actors have multiple connections to persons of concern to the FBI or Intelligence Community within and outside domain

Intent	Low	Medium	High
Activity	Actors have vocalized desires but has taken little or no action to achieve goal	Actors have occasionally taken some action to achieve goal	Actors have made continuous and dedicated actions to achieve goal
Acceptance of Risk	Avoids Risk	Willingness to accept minimal risk	Willing to accept substantial risk

Criticality	Low	Medium	High
Violence	Aggression and violent actions rarely result in death or psychological trauma	Aggression and violent actions typically result in moderate loss of life or bodily harm or is expected to result in severe psychological trauma	Aggression and violent actions typically result in substantial loss of life or severe bodily harm and often include collateral damage
Economic Impact	Actor(s) poses to exact thousands of dollars in losses to US entities	Actor(s) poses to exact millions to tens of millions of dollars in losses to US entities	Actor(s) poses to exact hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in losses to US entities
National Security	Actor(s) specifically targets US entities, potentially resulting in damage to US national security, regional infrastructure or the nation's critical infrastructure	Actor(s) specifically targets US entities, potentially resulting in serious damage to US national security or the nation's critical infrastructure	Actor(s) specifically targets US entities, potentially resulting in grave damage to US national security or the nation's critical infrastructure
Public Trust	Actions affect local levels of public trust only	Actions affect regional levels of public trust only	Actions affect national levels of public trust

Vulnerability	Low	Medium	High
Target Richness	Traditional singular targets	Traditional type pf target but many them in domain	Non-traditional targets, many potential targets in domain
Defenses	Well-protected and difficult to exploit	Simple security that requires threat to have a plan and basic level of skill to overcome	No defenses, target easily attacked or compromised
Access	Actor(s) do not have access to target	Actor(s) have indirect access or the potential to obtain direct access to target	Actor(s) have direct access to target

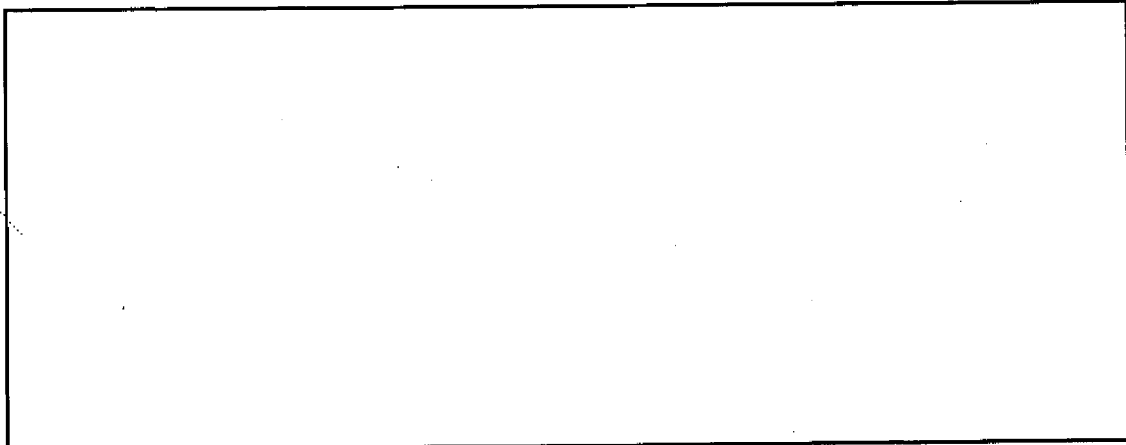
**Appendix B: Common Operational Pictures**



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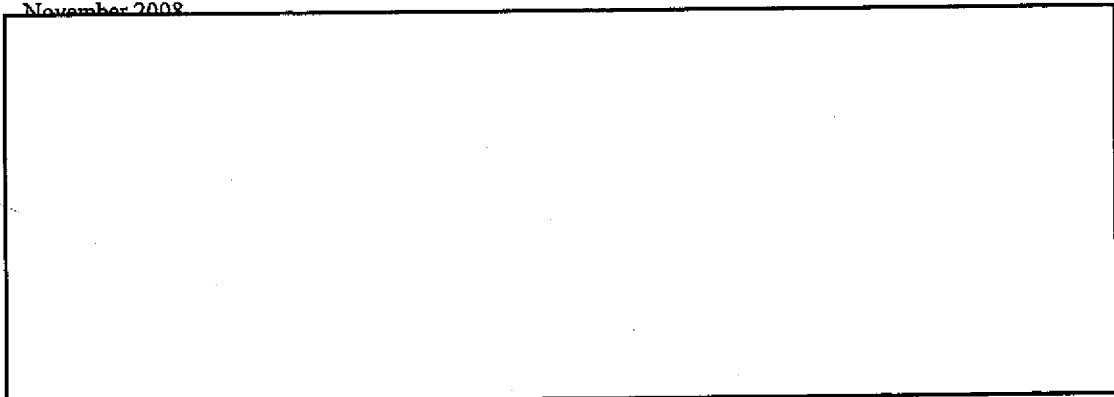
**End Notes:**



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<sup>9</sup> FBI Intelligence Assessment, (U) The Foreign Intelligence Threat in the United States, dated 25 November 2008.



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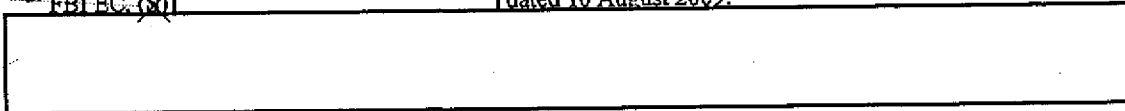
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<sup>20</sup> FBI Intelligence Assessment, (U) FBI Cyber National Threat Assessment - 2008, dated 22 June 2009.

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<sup>21</sup> FB/EC. (S) [redacted] dated 10 August 2009.

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