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Title: LIAISON WITH ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH COMMUNITY LEADERS
ATTACKS ON ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH INDIVIDUALS/
INSTITUTIONS;
HATE CRIMES
CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM

Synopsis: San Francisco response to FBIHQ lead dated 2/25/2003.

Details: In a communication dated February 25, 2003, all offices were requested to establish contact with the Arab/Muslim/Sikh community leaders within their division and explain/reiterate the FBI's commitment to aggressively investigate violations of federal hate crime laws.

On March 12, 2003, eight representatives from the San Francisco Division of the FBI met with representatives of twenty-five Muslim organizations from around the San Francisco Bay Area. The meeting was held at the Muslim Community Association (MCA Mosque), 3003 Scott Boulevard, in Santa Clara, California, and was hosted by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). After the meeting, FBI representatives were given a tour of MCA followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

The following individuals from FBI San Francisco were in attendance: SAC Mark J. Mershon; ASAC [redacted] ASAC [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted] SA [redacted] Chief Division Council; SRA [redacted] and, SA [redacted] (Hate Crimes Coordinator).

The following Muslim organizations had representatives in attendance: CAIR, Muslim American Society (MAS), Islamic

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Cultural Center of Oakland, Milpitas Islamic Community, South Bay Islamic Association, Muslim American Society, Islamic Community of North America, Al-Qalam Institute, Masjid Waritheen, Islamic Society of San Francisco, Islamic Society of Stanford, San Francisco Masjid, American Muslims Intent on Learning and Activism, Yassine Foundation, Islamic Society of East Bay, American Muslim Alliance, Morgan Hill Muslim Community, Irvington Masjid, Afghan Masjid, Indian Muslim Relief Committee, Muslim Community Association, Rahima Foundation, Afghan Coalition, and Islamic Networks Group.

A representative of CAIR began the meeting by giving a brief presentation on Islamic culture and an overview of the Muslim presence in the San Francisco Bay area. SAC Mershon then addressed the attendees and explained the FBI's mission regarding the prevention of terrorism and reiterated the FBI's commitment to aggressively investigate violations of federal hate crime laws. The meeting was then opened to questions from the community.

The overall tone of the meeting was quite positive and seemed to build a greater sense of trust between the Muslim Community and the FBI in the San Francisco Division. The San Francisco Division will continue to actively engage in effective outreach efforts with Arab/Muslim/Sikh community leaders.

San Francisco considers this lead covered.

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