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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/28/2006

To: San Francisco

Attn: ASAC  
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From: San Francisco

[Redacted] / San Jose Resident Agency  
Contact: SA [Redacted]

Approved By:

[Redacted]

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Case ID #: (U)

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Title: ~~(S)~~

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Synopsis: (U) To document commencement

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Details: (U/LES) Numerous FBI [Redacted] have been published which indicate significant interconnectivity [Redacted]

Based upon this [Redacted] has commenced the

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(U/LES) By exploiting links between criminal and [redacted] will improve opportunities for [redacted]. Significantly [redacted] believes that the [redacted] Initiative will also provide important [redacted] opportunities. Finally, the [redacted] Initiative will provide potential opportunities for [redacted] when appropriate.

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(U/LES) In order to accomplish these goals, [redacted] plans to utilize both criminal and [redacted] techniques in the [redacted] Initiative. However, the [redacted] Initiative will emphasize criminal investigative techniques in order to preserve options for prosecution. By maintaining prosecutive flexibility, [redacted] will maximize opportunities to [redacted] and will better leverage federal statutes [redacted].

(U/LES) [redacted] has completed a preliminary survey designed to identify potential [redacted]. Specifically, SA [redacted] conducted a review of the FBI [redacted] as well as meeting with representatives from the San Francisco [redacted]. SA [redacted] also reviewed relevant San Francisco files, to include [redacted] and [redacted] dating back to approximately 2002. The purpose of this review was to identify [redacted] and cases in which criminal activity may have been conducted.

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(U/LES) Additionally, SA [redacted] conducted liaison with federal, state and local agencies regarding [redacted] criminal activity in the South San Francisco Bay Area and the Monterey Bay Area. To date, these agents have conducted liaison meetings with the following agencies: [redacted]

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(U/LES) During liaison meetings, SA [redacted] sought information and cooperation regarding potential [redacted]. During liaison meetings, the agents defined the desired criteria for [redacted]. The agents explained that the [redacted] significant criminal activity undertaken by organized groups of individuals [redacted]. [redacted] Initiative will prioritize those [redacted].

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groups based upon [redacted]

(U/LES) Initial liaison efforts did uncover instances of [redacted]

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However, initial liaison does not indicate that [redacted] is widespread in the area.

(U) As a result of the survey described above, SA [redacted] developed a consolidated list of potential [redacted] Initiative cases. This list was reviewed with [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted] in order to evaluate and prioritize potential cases. The following table summarizes the current list of potential cases developed as a result of the [redacted] Initiative survey:

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(U)	Case # /	Subject	Illegal Activity	Possible Link
	Numerous			
(U)			[redacted] does not appear to be a legitimate business. [redacted] checks indicate [redacted] involved in past fraud	
(S)				Alleged link; possibly [redacted]
(U)				Potential [redacted]
	SF-			Potential [redacted]

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(U) Limited resources preclude addressing every possible case listed above. Therefore, SSA [redacted] in consultation with SSA [redacted] will prioritize and direct efforts of agents assigned to the [redacted] Initiative. Current efforts in the [redacted] Initiative are focusing on [redacted] case openings and case transfers. To date, [redacted] efforts in the [redacted] Initiative have resulted in [redacted] one case transfer [redacted] and one pending case opening which [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] anticipates that the [redacted] Initiative will result in further case openings [redacted] prior to the end of December, 2006. Additionally, [redacted] Initiative agents will continue liaison efforts with local, state and federal law enforcement partners. Continued liaison will leverage the strengths of different agencies and will alert [redacted] to developing criminal activity.

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