

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/07/2008

To: Sacramento

Attn: SA [redacted]

From: Sacramento

[redacted] Fresno RA
Contact: SSRA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]
Drafted By: [redacted] j1

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Case ID #: 188A-SC-C30338-FRESNO

Title: [redacted] LIAISON
[redacted]
05/06/2008

Synopsis: Liaison with [redacted] of the Islamic Cultural Center in Fresno.

Enclosure(s): Three enclosures: (1) email from [redacted] to SSRA [redacted] dated 05/05/2008; (2) email from [redacted] to SSRA [redacted] dated 04/23/2008; and (3) Fresno PD report number 07-055439

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Details: [redacted] is [redacted] of Granville Homes, a real estate developer in Fresno. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Cultural Center in Fresno (ICCF). [redacted] construction of the ICCF in 2001. [redacted] and SSRA [redacted] first met on 04/11/2007 at the ICCF at a meeting of Muslim community leaders arranged by retired SSA [redacted] the ICCF, and [redacted] at the ICCF.

[redacted] contacted SSRA [redacted] via email on 05/05/2008 to request a lunch meeting explaining "We can catch-up and I would like to share some info with you." SSRA [redacted] met [redacted] for lunch at Sakanaya on N. Fort Washington Street in Fresno on 05/06/2008.

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During the lunch, [redacted] explained he is a Shia Muslim, born in [redacted] left [redacted] to go to the United States to live with [redacted] in Fresno a couple months after high school graduation, [redacted] before the Iranian revolution and fall of the Shah occurred.

[redacted] noted the meeting at the ICCF 13 months earlier on 04/11/2007 had been constructive to open lines of communication between the Muslim community in Fresno and the

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local FBI. He suggested it might be useful to have similar meetings every six months or so. He explained he had not discussed this idea yet with the ICCF Board of Directors, but wanted SSRA [redacted] feedback first. SSRA [redacted] agreed it would be beneficial to keep the lines of communication open and to strengthen the relationship that already exists.

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[redacted] went on to explain that two incidents within the past year motivated his proposal. First, he described an incident that occurred on 04/22/2008 at the ICCF. [redacted] noticed an unidentified adult male sitting in a parked car across the street (Nees Avenue) from the ICCF. The man sitting in the car was there for a few hours and appeared to be watching the ICCF. [redacted] wondered if the man was part of a law enforcement surveillance, part of a hate group, or someone who posed a threat to the ICCF. [redacted] took two photos of the man and car with his cell phone camera. SSRA [redacted] explained to [redacted] that [redacted] had called SSRA [redacted] the same day as the incident and subsequently emailed the photos to SSRA [redacted]

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The second incident occurred about eight months ago near [redacted] home on [redacted] [redacted] noticed a white female with [redacted] hair sitting in her car for several hours parked in front of [redacted] house. When [redacted] confronted her, she told him to leave her alone, then she drove away toward the security guard kiosk at the entrance to the cul de sac, but was confronted again by [redacted]. She then spoke into a radio and a man drove up, pulled a gun, told [redacted] to leave the woman alone, and then both the man and woman left. This incident was reported to the Fresno Police Department.

Note: Subsequent query of Fresno PD records shows the incident occurred on 06/29/2007 and was documented in police report #07-055439.

[redacted] and SSRA [redacted] agreed to continue liaison.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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