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(U) 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season Special Event Threat Assessment

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(U) Scope Note

(U//LES) This Special Event Threat Assessment [REDACTED]

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(U//LES) The FBI Chicago Field Intelligence Group has prepared the following threat assessment for the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season. This assessment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The information set forth in this assessment is current and accurate as of 25 August 2009. This assessment [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This event has been designated as a [REDACTED] event. Comments and queries may be addressed to the FBI Chicago Field Intelligence Group (FIG) at [REDACTED]

(U) Special Event Assessment Rating Definitions

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(U) [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

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(U) [REDACTED]

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(U) Executive Summary

(U//LES) The overall threat to those attending the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season is

[REDACTED] At this time, the FBI Chicago Division [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football season. FBI Chicago

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(U//LES) In spite of the above [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season.

(U) Event Overview

(U//LES) On Sunday 20 September 2009, the Chicago Bears football team will begin their home football season at Soldier Field with a game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Chicago Bears will play a total of eight home games. The home football season is expected to finish on Sunday 28 December 2009. The Chicago Bears play their home games at Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive, Chicago, Illinois, which is along Chicago's lakefront. Soldier Field has an approximate seating for 61,500 people. The parking lots surrounding Soldier Field open approximately four hours before kickoff to allow attendees of the games to participate in pre-game tailgating activity. The parking lots remain open for two hours after the game to allow for post-game tailgating. This is a highly popular event that attracts several thousand of the game's attendees. The dates of the Chicago Bears home games and their opponents are as follows:

20 Sep 2009	@ 3:15p.m. vs the Pittsburgh Steelers (home opener)
4 Oct 2009	@ 12:00p.m vs the Detroit Lions
1 Nov 2009	@ 12:00p.m. vs the Cleveland Browns
8 Nov 2009	@ 12:00p.m. vs the Arizona Cardinals
22 Nov 2009	@ 7:20p.m. vs the Philadelphia Eagles
6 Dec 2009	@ 12:00p.m. vs the Saint Louis Rams
13 Dec 2009	@ 12:00p.m. vs the Green Bay Packers
28 Dec 2009	@ 7:30p.m. vs the Minnesota Vikings (Monday Night Game)

(U) International Terrorism Threat

(U//LES) The FBI [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season. While

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[REDACTED]

(U//LES) The 7 July 2005 commuter bombings and the 21 July 2005 failed plot in London, England are indications that extremist groups continue to focus their efforts on attacking Western transit infrastructures.

(U//LES) The Al-Qa'ida Training Manual specifies "blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immortality, and sin...and attacking vital economic centers" as an Al-Qa'ida objective. Likewise, a posting on a jihadist message board in February 2006 "How You Can Kill Thousands of Americans with a Few Hundred Dollars and Three Men" advocated targeting US sporting venues and other public facilities during events. The posting did not purport an imminent attack but did contain information on tactics, techniques, and procedures.

(U//LES) Law enforcement officials should be especially vigilant monitoring activities

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(U) Domestic Terrorism Threat

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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(U//LES) The domestic terrorist threat is divided into three categories including special interest or single-issue groups, Right-wing groups, and Left-wing organizations.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This is
demonstrated [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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(U//LES) Several domestic extremist groups including animal rights, environmentalist, white supremacist, and black extremist organizations are known to operate within the Chicago metropolitan area. These groups are engaged primarily in recruiting, propaganda, merchandising, protests and criminal activities, to include murder, arson, extortion, vandalism, and physical violence. Although linked to violent activities, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season.

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(U) Intelligence Gaps

(U//LES) Law Enforcement and security personnel are encouraged to report any positive information pertaining to the below listed intelligence gaps to the FBI Chicago:

- (U//LES) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season?
- (U//LES) Has the city of Chicago [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the 2009 Chicago Bears Home Football Season?
- (U//LES) [REDACTED] Soldier Field and not the Chicago Bears or their opponents?

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