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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 10/17/2001

To: New York

Attn: National Security Division
ASAC Branch B, Jay C. Manning

Attn: Polygraph Unit
SA [redacted]

To: Newark

Attn: Squad C-9
SA [redacted]

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From: New York

Squad I-21

Contact: SA [redacted] 212-384-2239

Approved By: Manning Jay C

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Drafted By: [redacted] rvd

Case ID #: (S/NF) [redacted] (Pending)

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Title: (S/NF)

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Synopsis: (U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Requests SAC authorization for polygraph of detained Israeli national and sets forth lead to New York Polygraph Unit.

(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ ~~Derived From: G-3~~
~~Declassify On: X1~~

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Reference: (S/NF)
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To: New York From: New York
Re: (S/NF) [redacted] 10/17/2001

Administrative: (U) ~~(S/NF)~~ New York Polygraph Unit is to schedule a polygraph exam for [redacted] as soon as possible.

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Details: (U) ~~(S/NF)~~ On September 11, 2001, members of the FBI-NK, acting upon information received from a complainant, stopped and arrested five (5) Israeli nationals purported to have witnessed the initial explosion of the World Trade Center and were seen to be celebrating the event. With the timing of the complaint sighting coupled with the joyous celebration of the individuals, members of the FBI-NK arrested the five individuals after a possible "hit" was received by a law enforcement bomb squad canine. [redacted]

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[redacted] indicating that five (5) Israeli nationals, detained in conjunction with the TWINBOM investigation, had videotaped the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and may have possessed foreknowledge of the same. After investigating the area where the van was stopped and Urban Removal Systems-the business the individuals worked at, there was no indication of the video camera mentioned in the complaint. To aid in ascertaining whether or not there was a video camera and where its location could be, [redacted] (hereinafter referred to as [redacted]), was administered a polygraph and asked whether [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ On 09/18/2001, [redacted] was interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent of the New York office (FBI-NY) [redacted] and Special Agent of the

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Newark office [redacted] at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) located on 3rd Avenue between 28th and 29th Streets in Brooklyn, NY. The interviewing SAs advised [redacted] that the purpose of this interview was to clarify information obtained from him by local police and SAs of the FBI-NK office after the van [redacted] was driving in was stopped by police on Route 3 in New Jersey on 09/11/2001, the day of the attack on the World Trade Center (WTC) in New York City.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ As noted by the Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on the interview FD-302, [redacted]

[redacted]. It should be noted that other members of the detained Israeli nationals did provide information with respect to questions concerning the country of Israel.

(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Due to logistical constraints, [redacted] was unable to be administered a polygraph on the day of the interview as was accomplished on the four other Israeli nationals arrested with [redacted] on 09/11/2001.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Interview of one of [redacted] associates on 09/18/2001 ([redacted], see FD-302) implicated [redacted] to have been the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated position as [redacted] by definition would make him aware and most likely [redacted] conducted at his prior position. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] associates [redacted]

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[redacted] in New York. [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Ensuing investigation by the FBI's Computer Analysis Response Team (CART), located at Quantico, Va., after preliminary analysis of the computer hard drives seized at Urban Moving Systems, in Weehawken, N.J., [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Recent analysis of an acquired surveillance tape from an Exxon gas station located in Weehawken, N.J., showed a possible match to the white van that [redacted] was driving in the morning of 09/11/2001. Of note is that the local time and position of the van, if this van is identical to [redacted] could support a witness testimony that places one or more of the individuals at a viewing position in place before the first World Trade Tower was hit by the United Airlines commercial aircraft.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ By way of background, Newark conducted its own investigation into the possible foreknowledge of the five individuals concerning the WTC terror attack. Shortly before [redacted] was scheduled to receive a polygraph examination, Newark, due to increasing investigative needs, reassigned its assets to include its polygraph unit, to other matters. [redacted] is presently believed to be represented by legal counsel.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ To aid in determining [redacted] association or prior knowledge of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Tower, SAC authorization to administer an FBI-NYO polygraph on [redacted] is requested.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Squad A-1 is requested to schedule a polygraph examination for [REDACTED] as soon as possible and to coordinate the examination through Squad I-21.

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