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From: New York

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Synopsis: (U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Submits information for future field
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Details: (S/NF) [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ On 09/11/2001, members of the Newark Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (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

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World Trade Center and may have possessed foreknowledge of the same. The area where the van was stopped and Urban Removal Systems-the business the individuals worked at, was investigated. On or around 10/10/2001, technicians from the Engineering Research Facility (ERF), located at Quantico, Va., after preliminary analysis of the computer hard drives seized at Urban Moving Systems, in Wehawken, N.J., [redacted]

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[redacted] As a result of this finding, Urban Removal was further searched for the presence of computer "flash medium." Flash medium being any magnetic or optical medium used to store information that can be inserted into a computer and then removed without any permanent trace left on the hard drive. The results of the analysis of obtained flash medium us presently pending.

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(S) (S/NF) [redacted] there was a considerable criminal venture associated with Urban Moving Systems. Along with the reported employees, these companies utilize Israeli nationals in the U.S. on B-2 Visas (tourist/business). This being done to willingly circumvent U.S. Labor, Tax, and Immigration laws. [redacted]

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[redacted] Investigation at New York continues.

(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ In New York there has been two instances of moving company trucks (AA Van Lines and Moishe's), that have had a crew of Israeli nationals and have either given false addresses and contact numbers to New York City Police Department officers or have been stopped while attempting to circumvent stationary road checkpoints in New York City.

(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ Ongoing FBI investigation in Kansas City (FBI-KC), has also revealed a possible link to an Israeli moving company. On or around 09/14/2001, a moving van in the Chicago, Illinois area was stopped by local law enforcement officers. Within the van were three Israeli nationals that according to the stopping officer, possessed boxcutters, parachute chord, and maps of New York City with local New York landmarks circled in writing, not indicative of normal tourist highlights.

(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ These circumstances, when taken in the aggregate, pose the alarming possibility that they may indicate

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[redacted] Criminal ventures or possible Israeli passport exploitation by Arabic groups. Either one of these situations warrants a notification to all FBI Field Offices.

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(U) ~~(S/NF)~~ NS-2C is respectively requested to advise all
FBI Field Offices as to the potential exploitation of moving
companies by Israeli and/or Arabic groups.

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