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[redacted] date of birth, [redacted] was recontacted at the Metropolitan Detention Center. [redacted] aware of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, was provided with the form entitled "Advice of Rights (FD-395)," which he read aloud, stated he understood and signed. [redacted] thereafter provided the following information:

In July 1992, he graduated from an Israeli High School (NFI), and took one month off for personal vacation before entering the Israeli Defense Forces. On August 2, 1992 he joined the Israeli Army (IA) and began basic training. He was initially assigned to a "DOHCFAT" unit whose responsibility was primarily as an anti-tank unit. His unit was the last unit to be stationed in the Hebron area of Israel before the unit's primary responsibility was shifted to the Gaza Strip area in western Israel. [redacted] served in this unit for approximately four months. At the conclusion of this tour of duty, [redacted] received cross training which lasted for approximately four months. After this training he was posted at "Don Kalen" which is located near the middle of Israel. During this posting, [redacted] had accrued one week of vacation due to normal military protocol which allots an Israeli soldier one week of vacation for every four months of his or her tour of duty. Due to disciplinary measures the IA denied his leave request. [redacted] decided to take his accrued leave without the approval of the IA. This action rendering him absent without leave (AWOL) in the eyes of the IA. As a result of this action, [redacted] was arrested and placed in military jail (brig) for forty two (42) days. During this period, [redacted] was interviewed by several military councilors and at the end of his detainment, he was posted to a "secretary" unit. [redacted] stated that this new assignment required him to work in a communications room for the IA. [redacted] was posted to this assignment for approximately three months during which he was placed in the brig for seven (7) days on two separate occasions for various IA code infractions. During his last stay in the brig, [redacted] met an IA Captain named [redacted] and acted in the capacity as this officer's driver for approximately two (2) months. The area that this Captain was assigned was the Golan Heights. After learning that an [redacted] lived next door to him, [redacted] began driving for [redacted] refused to

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provide the name of [Redacted] withheld [Redacted] name because of he was ashamed of his behavior on September 11, 2001, and does not want [Redacted] who is well known in Israel, to be associated with [Redacted] Officer. [Redacted] stated that one of the reasons that he was asked to drive for [Redacted] was because he was good at navigation. During the eight (8) months that he drove for [Redacted] [Redacted] was driving a Chevrolet Blazer equipped with communications equipment only. The area that he traveled in mostly was near the Hebron area of Israel.

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[Redacted] finished his mandatory tour of three years in the IDF on 19 August 1995. During the next five months he worked at the Israeli Dead Sea region in the Hotel "Don Elat", as a room service delivery boy and later on as a hotel manager. [Redacted] stated that if a soldier leaves the IDF after their three year tour of duty and works in Israel in certain job fields for six months, that person will receive approximately 5,000 Shekels from the Israeli government. Two of these job fields are the construction and Hotel industries. Since [Redacted] left the "Don Elat" Hotel after only five months, he was not eligible to receive this compensation.

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After leaving the "Don Elat", [Redacted] traveled back to his home town of "Par de San" and answered an ad in the local paper

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[Redacted] worked in the room service section and later became the room service manager. After approximately one (1) year at the end of 1997 he quit the hotel service industry and was [Redacted]

[Redacted] at which time he answered a local news paper ad to be a boarding school councilor. He performed this job for approximately one (1) year and received 2,700 Shekels per month. In mid 1998 he was fired as being a councilor and spent the next six (6) months at home with his parents.

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[Redacted] father is a retired flower factory worker and his mother is a retired house keeper. In the beginning of 1999 he assisted a friend who was opening a welding business in Par-des-hanna. For his help he received approximately 2,500 Shekels per month.

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In early 1999 he traveled to North Carolina, USA to visit with [Redacted], NC. During this visit he helped watch [Redacted] and visited tourist attractions located around the Charlotte area. After three months he traveled with a friend from Israel [Redacted], to Chicago, Illinois and worked for [Redacted]

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After two (2) months at home with his family he returned to the U.S. with [REDACTED] traveled to the U.S. using a visitor's visa he knew would expire in two weeks. [REDACTED] knew prior to traveling to the U.S. that he would overstay the expiration of the visa. [REDACTED] knew prior to traveling to the U.S. that he would obtain employment in the U.S. and that this employment on an expired visitor's visa would be a violation of U.S. law. He stayed with [REDACTED] and his friends; [REDACTED] and a woman named [REDACTED] (LNU) at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY. He stayed with his brother for a short period of time and then traveled to North Carolina to stay with [REDACTED] for four (4) days. After four days he traveled to Atlanta to stay with relatives of [REDACTED] whom he had just met at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] remembered their names as [REDACTED] (PH), and his wife FNU [REDACTED] (PH), a.k.a. [REDACTED] stayed at their house located in a residential area north of Atlanta (NFI), for approximately one month. During this period [REDACTED] neither visited any tourist sites or worked. He spent all of the time at the local pool.

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[REDACTED] then traveled back to New York to stay with [REDACTED] and his roommates at their apartment in Brooklyn. [REDACTED] a job at Urban Moving Systems located in Weehawken, N.J. [REDACTED] stated that it is widely known in Israel that Israelis can come to the United States and work in certain jobs. Examples of these jobs are: AU Pairs, construction workers, and working in Israeli owned moving companies. Information on these jobs can be found in the Israeli newspaper called Akiboz. This newspaper can be found in many of the Kibbutz's in Israel. Information on jobs can be found in the New York area by reading the Jewish newspaper Yediot Ahcaronot. [REDACTED] did not have to fill out any paperwork for employment at Urban Moving Systems. This paperwork is normally handled by [REDACTED] at Urban. after two days he met with [REDACTED] LNU. [REDACTED] explained that he would pay [REDACTED] \$8.00/hour for the first week and \$450.00/week after that. [REDACTED] would normally travel to work with [REDACTED] in a company van provided by Urban Moving Systems. There are only two sets of keys to the van, one held by [REDACTED] and the other usually by [REDACTED].

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On the morning of September 11, 2001, [REDACTED] stated that he drove to work as usual in the company van with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. When they arrived at the office there was no one there and the computers were down, meaning that they could not retrieve

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any of the work schedules. The internet was accessible and [redacted] "surfing" the World Wide Web (WWW), in an effort to download a picture of a wolf. He did this because he wanted a good picture of a wolf to have as a template for a tattoo. At some time before 9:00am, [redacted] asked [redacted] to take his car and go to their Hoboken storage facility to allow a truck to pick up a load of steel rods. There were 21 cells or rooms in the storage facility and the facility was half full with customer boxes and material. [redacted] was at this location when the first plane struck the World Trade Towers. After returning to Urban Moving in Weehawken, [redacted] told the employees to go home for the rest of the day due to the terrorist attacks. [redacted] got into the van with four other employees of Urban Moving and attempted to drive home. On the way home, [redacted] requested that they stop at White Glove Moving located in New Jersey to pick up some skis from his girlfriend. Once at White Glove, [redacted] girlfriend came out to the van and dropped off a package that he was told contained skis and ski cloths. Shortly after picking up the ski equipment at White Glove the van was stopped on route 3 in New Jersey by the police and all of the people in the van were arrested and brought to jail.

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[redacted] has now disclosed all important information to the FBI. [redacted] or that he has engaged in any activity on [redacted].

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Upon further discussion, [redacted] continued to deny that he is now affiliated with [redacted] while in the U.S. The interview was concluded when [redacted] requested to speak to his attorney and to leave the interview room.

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