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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/28/2001

To: Newark
National Security

Attn: Squad C-9
SSA [redacted]
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From: New York
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Contact: SA [redacted] 212-384-2239

Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)
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Title: (S) [redacted]

(S) TWIN TOWERS:
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Synopsis: (U) (S) Sets forth results of two interviews and polygraphs of [redacted]

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(S) (U) [redacted]

Enclosure(s): (S) [redacted] one seven (7) page Fd-302 dated 11/16/2001 regarding interview of [redacted] including original notes, one four (4) page Fd-302 dated 11/13/2001 regarding interview of [redacted] for others, one seven (7) page Fd-302 regarding interview of [redacted] and one four (4) page Fd-302 dated 11/13/2001 regarding interview of [redacted]

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Details: (U) (S) On 11/13/2001 and 11/16/2001 [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agents (SAs) of the New York office (FBI-NY) [redacted] and [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

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purpose of this interview was to clarify information obtained from him by local police and SAs of the FBI's Newark Office (FBI-NK) after the van [redacted] was riding 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. [redacted] was interviewed and polygraphed on 11/13/2001 and 11/16/2001. SA [redacted] provided an FD-395 (Advice of Rights form) to [redacted] [redacted] read the form, said he understood the form, signed it and agreed to proceed with the interview. [redacted] voluntarily provided the information contained in the enclosed Fd-302s.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] was interviewed and then polygraphed with respect to two main concerns: whether or not he had prior knowledge of the terrorist attacks on 09/11/2001, and if he had contact and/or was being directed by a foreign intelligence service while on his present or prior visit to the United States. Preliminary results of the polygraph have shown [redacted] to not have prior knowledge regarding the terrorist attacks on 09/11/2001. However, [redacted] showed deception when asked about [redacted] It was evident to the interviewing agents that [redacted] had lied on two previous interviews and was with holding information during the present interview/polygraph. It is unclear to the interviewing agents as to the exact nature and reason for [redacted] deception.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ After review of [redacted] interview and polygraph results, the following anomalies in his statements suggest deception and may point to a Foreign Counter Intelligence (FCI), connection:

1. (U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] stated that he had disciplinary problems in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and as a result spent time in the brig (IDF jail). Even though he must be considered a recalcitrant by IDF standards, he was hand picked to serve in a communications post that would require the ability to operate highly technical secure and non secure equipment. A post that according to U.S. standards would only be assigned to the top performers.
2. (U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] stated that he became a driver for a Captain assigned to the Golan Heights region. He was hired due to his ability to navigate with a compass. Not only does this posting seem incongruous with the communications posting he previous held, the primary means of navigation for most advanced defense forces like the IDF is through the relatively inexpensive and extremely accurate Global

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Positioning System (GPS). This, coupled with the fact that the Golan Heights is one of, if not the most strategic posting in the IDF. [redacted] stated that after this posting he was assigned to drive [redacted] in the IDF whose name he would not provide. There seemed no ordinary reason for [redacted] to withhold this name from the interviewing agents.

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3. (U) ~~(S)~~ After discussion on his employment after the military, he stated that he worked in the hotel industry for approximately five months. Ensuing discussion showed [redacted] to have forfeited approximately two months pay (5,000 Shekels), by voluntarily leaving his hotel job one month early. As explained by [redacted] the Israeli Government allots 5,000 Shekels to any citizen that leaves the IDF and works in certain vocations like the hotel industry for one, for at least six months.

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4. (U) ~~(S)~~ Given his dubious military record, [redacted] was picked

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5. (U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] initially refused to provide the name of the person he worked for while on a trip to Chicago, Ill. When

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6. (U) ~~(S)~~ Of particular concern was the fact that [redacted] could not provide a plausible account for the approximate one month he spent in Atlanta with relatives of his brother-in-law. These were relatives that he had just met on his present trip to the U.S.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] deceptive manner was not seen in the four other interviews and polygraphs administered to his four associates taken into custody on 09/11/2001.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Given the seemingly unnecessary flight to avoid questioning of [redacted] Urban Moving, coupled with the investigations and arrests of Israeli "students" working for Israeli moving companies

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nationwide, it is quite possible that [redacted] was working for
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