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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/21/2001

To: National Security
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Attn: NS-2C, SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
I-21, SA [redacted]

From: Philadelphia
Squad 13

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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

Title: (S) [redacted] PENTTBOMB

Synopsis: (U) ~~(S)~~ Report results of interviews with [redacted]

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Details: (U) ~~(S)~~ Information provided by FBI Newark indicated that [redacted] and [redacted] presently detained at the York County Detention Center by INS in York County, Pennsylvania, were associated with 5 Israeli Nationals who were being detained in the New York city area for possibly having prior knowledge of the captioned terrorist attacks. [redacted] and [redacted] are employed by the same company, Urban Moving Systems, Inc., as the New York detainees. FBI Philadelphia interviewed [redacted] with the following results:

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] DOB [redacted] provided the following timeline regarding his visit to the United States:

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On July 22 or July 25, 2000, [redacted] arrived in the U.S. on a 6-month Visa. He came to New York City and stayed in some kind of hotel for 1-2 weeks, then stayed with a couple, [redacted] and [redacted] LNU (they have since returned to Israel) for 1-2 weeks. He then rented a room in a hotel called Idono (ph) for 1

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month. During this time, he traveled mostly in New York. [redacted] passport was stolen shortly after his arrival to the States. He received a new passport from the Consulate, but did not remember the exact date.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In September, 2000, [redacted] traveled to Miami, Florida, on vacation. He spent 1 month with a friend he knew from the Israeli Army. The address on [redacted] driver's license is recorded as [redacted] Florida.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In October, 2000, [redacted] returned to New York City and rented a basement room at [redacted]. The home is owned by a Jewish family. [redacted] shared the room with a friend, [redacted] (ph) who after two months moved to Brazil.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In January, 2001, [redacted] moved to [redacted], Jersey City, New Jersey, and began working for a moving company called [redacted]. [redacted] found this job through a newspaper ad. [redacted] was [redacted] LNU. [redacted] worked here for 3 months.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In March, 2001, [redacted] returned to South Beach, Florida, for 2 weeks. [redacted] met [redacted] for the first time, as they were staying at the same apartment. A similar interview conducted with [redacted] revealed this apartment belonged to [redacted] (ph) [redacted]. Their stays in Florida overlapped by only one or two days.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In May, 2001, [redacted] returned to New York City and resumed working for [redacted].

(U) ~~(S)~~ In June or July, 2001, [redacted] began working for Urban Moving Systems, moving furniture. [redacted] stated that since working for these moving companies, he has traveled all over the East Coast, as well as to Minneapolis, MN and Arkansas. Urban Moving Systems [redacted] LNU and [redacted] supervisor is [redacted] LNU.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In August, 2001, [redacted] met [redacted] again in Manhattan, and asked if he would be willing to help him move furniture for Urban Moving Systems.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On September 10, 2001, [redacted] to the Urban Moving Systems storage/office location in Weehauken, New Jersey, and loaded up a rented Penske truck with furniture to be

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delivered in Ohio. [redacted] in Bayonne, New Jersey, and slept a few hours. [redacted] was with him this entire time. They started their trip toward Ohio between 4 and 5 pm on September 10, 2001. Later that evening, they were stopped by the Pennsylvania State Police. Toll receipts found in their truck by FBI Newark for the Delaware River Toll Bridge dated 09/10/2001 at 5:20 pm and the Pennsylvania Turnpike dated 09/10/2001 at 10:45 pm corroborate this information.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On September 11, 2001, [redacted] and [redacted] were in Ohio and delivered furniture to [redacted] had the television on and they heard of the terrorist attack while they were at [redacted]. They drove to Chicago, Illinois, to deliver two chairs and a table and then begin heading home. They were anxious to return to New York. They stopped at a rest area to sleep for a few hours. [redacted] called home to his roommate, [redacted] and to [redacted] LNU, a Russian Israeli that [redacted] has become friends with. These calls were made from [redacted] personal cellular telephone.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On their return home to New Jersey, they were stopped by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and detained after PSP realized they were employed by Urban Moving Systems. Apparently, PSP had been advised to be on the lookout for an Urban Moving Systems van.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] was born in Afula, Israel. After finishing 12 years of school, [redacted] served his required 3 years in the Israeli Army. [redacted] was trained as a paratrooper and a medic, and did have some security detail assignments. [redacted] has a younger sister and an older brother, [redacted], who works for a private security firm in Germany. He has a cousin that is still in the Israeli military. He stated that neither he nor any of his relatives are involved with [redacted]

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(S) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] took a polygraph on 09/17/2001 and the results were inconclusive. Based on these results and further information provided by FBI Newark, [redacted] was re-interviewed and re-polygraphed on 09/21/2001. At the conclusion of this interview, it was determined [redacted] was being truthful [redacted] and did not have any prior knowledge of the terrorist attacks that occurred on 09/11/2001.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ During the subsequent interview with [redacted], he provided further information regarding Urban Moving Systems. He

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stated that Urban Moving Systems is the name of the company that does local moves. Max Movers is the name given to the part of the company that does long distance moves. Both are owned by [redacted] LNU and operated from the same physical storage and office locations. [redacted] believes that [redacted] LNU operates both of these companies so if a customer is dissatisfied with Urban Moving, for instance, perhaps they would be willing to do business with Max Movers.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] identified other employees at Urban Moving Systems. [redacted] LNU is [redacted] for local service and is from an Israeli city near Tel Aviv. [redacted] remembers that he was a driver in the Israeli military. [redacted] LNU is [redacted] for long distance service and is from an Israeli city close to Nazareth and was in the Israeli infantry. Both are Israeli Nationals, and [redacted] believes [redacted] may be out of status with INS, but is not sure. [redacted] name unknown, also works at Urban, and she is also an Israeli National. [redacted] speaks Hebrew, but [redacted] believes he is only half Israeli, and possibly half Chinese. [redacted] mentioned [redacted] LNU and his brother [redacted] who work in the storage area and as helpers.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On the day of the terrorist attacks, [redacted] [redacted] supervisor, called from his cellular telephone to [redacted] cellular telephone about 10:00 am EST. [redacted] told [redacted] that "they" (NFI) went to the roof to get a better view of the twin towers. [redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that he forgot to bring his camera on the roof to take pictures, because it would have been an unusual, or awesome sight.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] mentioned that he did not believe it was normal for the workers to "hang out" on the roof for smoke or coffee breaks. [redacted] did mention, though, that if there is a moving job scheduled for that morning, [redacted] and usually others are at the location between 7:00 and 8:00 am.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] ended the interview by offering information that one can buy an Israeli paper in New York City and find pages of advertisements or job openings for moving companies in that area. [redacted] stated that most moving companies in New York are owned by Israelis.

(U) ~~(S)~~ At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] contacted the Israeli Consul and spoke with [redacted] at the Israeli Consulate, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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