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determine if a connection to the PENTTBOMB investigation existed.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Information provided by FBI Newark on 09/16/2001 indicated that [redacted] and [redacted] had been detained at the INS facility in York County, Pennsylvania, and were associated with 5 Israeli Nationals that had been detained in the New York city area for possibly having prior knowledge of the 09/11/2001 terrorist attacks. [redacted] and [redacted] are employed by the same company, Urban Moving Systems, Inc., as the New York detainees. FBI Philadelphia interviewed [redacted] and [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 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], New Jersey, and began working for a moving company called [redacted]. [redacted] found this job through a newspaper ad. [redacted] was run by [redacted] LNU. [redacted] worked here for 3 months.

(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].

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(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 is owned by [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.

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

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[redacted] and to [redacted] LNU, a Russian Israeli that [redacted] has become friends with. These calls were made from [redacted] personal cellular telephone.

(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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(U) ~~(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]

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(S) (S) [redacted] and did not have any prior knowledge of the terrorist attacks that occurred on 09/11/2001.

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

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(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

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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 [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] 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.

(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.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] DOB [redacted] was interviewed by FBI Philadelphia on 09/17/2001 and 09/21/2001 with the following results.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On March 21, 2001, [redacted] arrived in U.S. on a 6-month Visa and went directly to Brooklyn, NY. [redacted] stayed in the Jewish-Israeli part of town, residing at a place called "Rivka" (ph). He came to the U.S. to travel as a tourist. He came with a friend, [redacted] LNU. He has no family in the U.S. He toured Manhattan, Brooklyn, went sightseeing and shopping. [redacted] stayed here 2-3 weeks.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On approximately April 12, 2001, [redacted] flew to Miami, FL. Israeli's in NY said he should visit Miami to have some fun during his stay in the U.S. While in Miami, he lived with [redacted] (ph) [redacted] and [redacted] in an apartment belonging to [redacted], at [redacted] FL. An Israeli he met in NY arranged for him to stay with [redacted]. Here, [redacted] met [redacted]. He went to clubs and bars and stayed there 3-4 weeks.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On approximately May 10, 2001, [redacted] returned to Brooklyn and rented a room on [redacted] and Quentin, where he stayed for 1 month.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On approximately June 10, 2001, [redacted] returned to Miami and stayed again with [redacted] obtained a Florida Driver's license during this visit, with issue date of July 31, 2001. [redacted] states his reason for getting a driver's license was to cut down on transportation costs and borrow a friend's car to drive places. [redacted] stayed with [redacted] for 1-2 weeks.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Sometime after July 31, 2001, (based on the issue date of the driver's license), [redacted] returned to New York to the same rented room as before. By this time, [redacted] girlfriend, [redacted] had joined him in New York from Israel. A business card for [redacted] was found in his belongings, indicating that she had a job as a sales associate for [redacted], [redacted] New York, telephone [redacted], Ext. 205. [redacted] refused to admit that this card belonged to his girlfriend and insisted that she did not work in the U.S. [redacted] did state, though, that [redacted] had family in the Brooklyn area.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Sometime in the beginning of August, 2001, [redacted] visited Massachusetts with a friend of [redacted] named [redacted] (ph) LNU. They didn't visit a city, but a place with a lake in the countryside, the name of which [redacted] could not recall.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On approximately August 27, 2001, [redacted] and [redacted] were both in Brooklyn. [redacted] worked for Urban Moving Systems, Inc., Weehauken, New Jersey, and asked [redacted] for help in a furniture delivery to Arkansas.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On September 10, 2001, [redacted] agreed to help [redacted] with another furniture delivery to Ohio. [redacted] and [redacted] visited the Urban Moving Systems storage location (same as the office location) in Weehauken, New Jersey, on the same day to pick-up the furniture. They departed New Jersey Monday evening, driving a Penske truck. At 11:30 pm, they were stopped by the Pennsylvania State Police for a traffic violation, on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On September 11, 2001, [redacted] and [redacted] arrived in Worthington, Ohio, to deliver furniture. At the customer's residence, they saw on television what has happened in New York with regard to the hijackings. They subsequently contacted their friends and family to inquire about their safety. FBI Philadelphia contacted the customer, [redacted]

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(S) SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES [redacted]
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[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] who verified [redacted] statements.

(U) ~~(S)~~ A toll receipt was later found in the Penske truck indicating that they entered the Chicago Skyway at 8:00 pm on September 11, 2001. [redacted] denied being in Chicago, although, perhaps he did not understand the question, as his English is limited. FBI Philadelphia contacted [redacted] Illinois, telephone number [redacted] informed Philadelphia that two Middle Eastern males delivered two chairs and a table to his residence at approximately 10:00 pm on September 11, 2001. [redacted] of Chicago.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On September 12, 2001, returning home to New Jersey, through Pennsylvania, they were stopped again by the Pennsylvania State Police and detained upon learning of their employment with Urban Moving Systems. After examining their passports and other documentation, INS took custody of [redacted] and [redacted] and they were transported to the York County Detention Center in York, Pennsylvania.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] was born near Haifa, Israel. After finishing 12 years of school, he served his required 3 years in the Israeli Army. His service included 1 year in Lebanon and 2 years doing security work within Israel. [redacted] was discharged from the Israeli Army approximately 5 years ago and has been working for Electra, selling television and air conditioning parts. He planned to take the entrance exam for the university in October, 2001. [redacted] was asked about [redacted] and stated that they wouldn't want him anyway because he wasn't "motivated" (or strong) enough. [redacted] stated that he didn't receive any specialized training and did not have a security clearance.

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(S) [redacted] took a polygraph and showed deception, with the most reaction to question [redacted] After the polygraph, [redacted] admitted to being untruthful regarding his employment status (he stated he wasn't getting paid by Urban Moving, but only helping [redacted] ..later, he admitted that he was, in fact, getting paid directly by Urban Moving), the employment status of his girlfriend (he stated that she didn't work at all and was visiting from Israel...he later admitted that she did work in the U.S. [redacted] but didn't want to get her in trouble). When questioned about whether he was untruthful about matters pertaining to the terrorist incident, [redacted] said absolutely not.

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(U) (S) Based on the polygraph results and upon learning new information from FBI Newark, [redacted] was re-interviewed on 09/21/2001. During the subsequent interview, [redacted] admitted that he was working for Urban Moving Systems and was getting paid in cash for his services. [redacted] also admitted that his girlfriend did work in New York. [redacted] reiterated [redacted]

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(U) (S) More information was ascertained regarding Urban Moving Systems during the subsequent interview. [redacted] stated that Max Movers is the same company as Urban Moving. [redacted] stated that the owner is [redacted] LNU, who is half Israeli and half Chinese, perhaps, although he did speak Hebrew. [redacted] [redacted], name unknown, an Israeli National, also works for Urban Moving. There is an Israeli male named [redacted] LNU who works [redacted] and who is usually there every morning between 7-7:30 am. There are also between 10-12 Russians who work at Urban Movers as helpers, periodically.

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(U) (S) Based on the information provided by [redacted] during the second interview as well as documentation seized by FBI Newark during the search of the Penske truck, 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) Since these interviews were conducted, INS Philadelphia notified FBI Philadelphia of 6 other Israeli nationals detained for violating their visas by working in the United States. Each of the individuals worked for a moving company, providing a similar account to that of the previous interviews.

(U) (S) It was learned during these interviews that after their required military service, Israeli men, and some women, plan a vacation before returning to attend the university. Popular vacation spots are Bangkok, Thailand, popular for it's "mushrooms", various locations in Italy and Spain, New York City and Miami, Florida in the United States, and various cities in South America. While visiting the US, it seems there are four popular odd-jobs Israelis are involved with; cleaning carpets, moving furniture, selling art door-to-door and selling toy helicopters in the malls. An EC dated 03/30/2001 was [redacted]

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(S) [REDACTED] FBI Kansas City, Cleveland and Philadelphia have reported groups of Israelis in their respective areas that have been identified as selling Zoom-Copters in the mall.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Comments by the interviewees indicates that perhaps these are inter-related. A brief summary of each interview follows:

(U) ~~(S)~~ On 10/12/2001, [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED], possessing Florida commercial driver's license [REDACTED] issued on 06/01/2000 indicating an address of [REDACTED], FL, was interviewed at INS Philadelphia. A concerned citizen notified the police that a moving van in the area had been abandoned. When police arrived, [REDACTED] and his partner, [REDACTED] were at the vehicle. Upon learning they were Israeli citizens, INS was contacted. The two individuals were detained after it was apparent they were in violation of their visa status by working on a tourist visa.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] arrived in the United States on 09/07/2001 and met [REDACTED] at an Israeli restaurant in Miami, FL shortly thereafter. They have been traveling together for about 3 weeks and were accompanied by a third companion, the girlfriend of [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth Petah Tikvet, Israel. [REDACTED] presented a valid German passport and was not detained by INS. [REDACTED] was using [REDACTED] as her first name.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Since departing the Miami area, the three visited the states of Georgia, Texas, Colorado, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. [REDACTED] indicated they are employed by [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] FL. [REDACTED] claimed to be a helper to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised he was compensated by tips from the customers.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] indicated he was a "regular soldier" in the Israeli Army, mainly responsible for border control along the Gaza Strip during his three years of service.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED], Florida Driver's License # [REDACTED] was also interviewed on 10/12/2001. [REDACTED] has been in the United States since 10/1998, having first visited the U.S. in 1992 for 4 months after finishing his military service. [REDACTED] began working for [REDACTED]

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[redacted] in 12/1999 for a period of one year. A friend of his from [redacted] also an Israeli national, started his own moving company, [redacted] worked for [redacted] for a month, and then began working for [redacted] in 01/2000. [redacted] could not provide any detailed information regarding any of the employees of any of these moving companies. He stated that personal information was never discussed.

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(U) (S) [redacted] was in the Israeli Army for 3 years and [redacted] Ambassador of China to Israel for a period of time. [redacted] stated his performance in the military was such that he was offered a position with "JR", which he described as a security position with El Al Airlines. [redacted] married an American citizen, [redacted] Last Name Unknown, as [redacted] could not remember his wife's maiden name. [redacted] was traveling with his girlfriend, [redacted] as described above. [redacted] had several telephone numbers in his wallet that are in the process of being reviewed by Philadelphia.

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(U) (S) [redacted], date of birth [redacted] Israeli Passport [redacted] was found working without authorization for [redacted] Florida. He was interviewed on 10/18/2001. [redacted] last entered the U.S. on 09/06/2001 and flew directly to Miami, FL. Last year, [redacted] visited relatives and a friend in Brooklyn and Manhattan, New York City, NY, and stayed for a duration of one month. [redacted] stated he did not work during his first visit to the U.S. [redacted] began working for [redacted] as a favor for his friend, [redacted] LNU, whom [redacted] met in an Israeli bar in Miami. Other employees at [redacted] that [redacted] could remember were [redacted] LNU and [redacted] LNU. [redacted] served in the Israeli Army only for 1 year, claiming he was confused by weapons training and released. [redacted] is originally from Tel Aviv, Israel and has studied Computer Graphic Design for 3 years. When asked why [redacted] was working for a moving company, he stated it was to earn some extra money. He stated he is paid approximately \$650 per week.

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(U) (S) [redacted], date of birth [redacted] Israeli Passport [redacted] was found working without authorization for [redacted] as well and was interviewed on 10/18/2001. [redacted] entered the U.S. on 07/23/2001 and is visiting [redacted] who lives in Plantation, FL. [redacted] is originally from a small town near Haifa, Israel. [redacted] wanted to see the United States, and thought the best way would be to work for a moving company, making money and sight-seeing at the same time.

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[REDACTED] found the position with [REDACTED] through a note posted in an Israeli restaurant in Miami. [REDACTED] stated that many Israeli's work for moving companies in Miami and New York. When asked what other work Israeli's do while visiting the US, he mentioned carpet cleaning, selling art door-to-door and selling toy helicopters in malls. He said one can find these positions by reading the "YEHODIOT AMERICA" (ph) in New York City or the "JEWISH MAGAZINE" in Florida, which are Israeli publications in these areas. [REDACTED] has traveled throughout most of the continental U.S.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] indicated he served 3 years in the Israeli Air Force as an F-16 mechanic. He stated that he owns two businesses in Israel, a plumbing business and a landscaping business. When asked how he was running his businesses while he was moving furniture in the U.S., he stated he had several brothers in Israel that were helping him. [REDACTED] stated that he wanted to work for El Al Airlines, but they have an overall requirement to score a "97" on some type of test, but he only scored "82", due to his poor vision. He described this test as an evaluation of physical strength as well as intelligence.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] was in the U.S. on a visa which expired 09/08/2001. [REDACTED] had not been given any extensions and therefore was detained by INS and interviewed by FBI Philadelphia on 10/18/2001. [REDACTED] entered the U.S. for the first time on 03/09/2001 and was planning on staying for 6 months, then continuing on to South America. [REDACTED] has been working for the last 16 years helping his father with a family hotel and restaurant business in Romania. [REDACTED] spent the summers there, but was born and is currently living in a small town near Nazareth, Israel. He also worked in Israel in plastics, possibly as an extrusion and compression machine operator for 3 years.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] did not serve in the Israeli military. He stated that it was "not for him". He expressed to the Israeli authorities that he would spend the entire term in the army in jail, so they told him he did not need to serve. (AGENT'S NOTE: It is possible [REDACTED] had a substance abuse issue which prevented him from serving in the military. [REDACTED] kept referring to troubles he had when he was younger.) [REDACTED] also worked for [REDACTED] claiming he was only a helper and had only been there for 1 month. He stated [REDACTED] LNU was [REDACTED].

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Israeli Passport [redacted] was charged with criminal mischief after driving his moving vehicle into a gate at a local Storage USA facility. Upon learning he was working without authorization, he was detained by INS and interviewed by FBI Philadelphia on 10/19/2001. [redacted] was employed by [redacted] [redacted] PA. [redacted] entered the U.S. via New York City with a valid visa on 07/17/2001. He stated he spent some time in NY, and then came to visit Philadelphia. He stated he was a Philadelphia Sixers fan and wanted to get away from the crowded city of New York, even though Philadelphia does not have the large Israeli community as that of New York City or Miami. [redacted] was befriended by [redacted] who offered [redacted] a position with [redacted] provided [redacted] a place to live, [redacted] PA, which [redacted] rented for [redacted] and another employee [redacted]. [redacted] and [redacted] are also both Israeli, but [redacted] did not know any other details about them.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] stated he was an officer in the Israeli Army, working in the field signals communication unit. He was very enthusiastic about his work in the military, but stated that he wanted more freedom in his life and decided to leave. When asked why an Israeli military officer was moving furniture in the U.S., he stated he needed some extra money. He only worked local moving jobs for [redacted] so he wasn't doing it to see more of the country. When confronted with how odd it seemed, he stated that he could have also chosen to clean carpets, sell art door-to-door or sell toy helicopters in the local malls. He stated he had a friend who had come to Canada to sell art door-to-door, but [redacted] didn't want to do this. He didn't want to bother people at their homes. It is widely known among the young Israeli's that these 4 types of jobs are available in the U.S., specifically in the New York City and Miami areas.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 10/24/2001, [redacted] date of birth 04/29/1975, Israeli Passport # [redacted], was interviewed at York County INS Detention Center. [redacted] entered the U.S. on 01/21/2001 flying from Tel Aviv, Israel to New York City, NY. While in New York, he resided at [redacted] NY until 08/17/2001, when he traveled to Montreal, Canada by train. According to the INS report, "In Canada he stayed in hotels and with locals until 08/25/2001, when he began walking on small country roads and through fields until such time he was apprehended by Border Patrol Agents. [redacted] admitted to INS that he was crossing the border at a location not designated by the Attorney General as a port of entry", but when interviewed by

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the FBI, he denied crossing the border. He explained that he was still in Canada when he was arrested.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] told INS agents that he had been working in New York City as a furniture mover since June, 2001, but would not supply the name of the company he was working for or the name of any co-workers. When asked by the FBI, [redacted] denied even working for the moving company. The only information he would provide is that he has a computer engineering degree and has plans to open his own business when he returned to Israel. He does not want to return, as he has more travel to complete before returning. He stated that being sent back to Israel would cause problems for him at home (it was unclear what type of problems) and that it would not be in his best interest. [redacted] would not elaborate on his responses or provide any specific information.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 06/27/2002, an attempt was made to interview captioned subject at his home address, [redacted] Pennsylvania; there was no answer at this location. [redacted] name above the door bell was spelled [redacted]. This differs from the spelling used by [redacted] however, it is the spelling [redacted] uses.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] was contacted to confirm [redacted] is currently residing at this location. [redacted] advised [redacted] is currently residing at this location. In addition, [redacted] advised [redacted] recently co-signed for an apartment at this location for two of his employees. The lease expires at the end of September 2002. [redacted] provided identifying information concerning these individuals, [redacted], date of birth [redacted], Passport Number [redacted] was issued a J1 Visa on 05/02/2002 which expires 10/04/2002. [redacted] is a Lithuanian citizen. The other individual is [redacted]. There was no identifying information available regarding [redacted]. As [redacted] co-signed the rental applications for these individuals, the file contained information concerning him. Specifically, the application indicated a new address for

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[redacted] Pennsylvania.
[redacted] advised [redacted] have been
visiting [redacted] from Massachusetts over the summer.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The [redacted] is the new
business address for [redacted] On 06/27/2002,
[redacted] date of birth [redacted], place of birth
Yugoslavia, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of [redacted]
[redacted] and information concerning his employer. By way of
background information, [redacted] is a Israeli citizen who was
detained and subsequently deported by the Immigration and
Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for violating
his Visa. [redacted] was illegally employed by [redacted]
appeared at [redacted] court appearance and paid the fines [redacted]
incurred as a result of breaking a door at a storage facility.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] was interviewed at his employment
located at [redacted], Pennsylvania.
[redacted] furnished the following information:

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] advised he knew [redacted] as an employee
who had been deported. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had learned
of [redacted] from a Third Party Labor
Organization in Massachusetts. There are several ways Israeli's
learn of employment opportunities while living in the United
States, Israeli newspapers and websites being the most popular
method. [redacted] advised [redacted] had been detained by the
Malvern Police Department for breaking the door at a storage
facility. The matter was referred to the Immigration and
Naturalization Service in Philadelphia because, [redacted] was
working in violation of his tourist visa. [redacted] parents in
Israel placed calls to the Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia
regarding their sons detention. [redacted] advised the Consulate
became involved in the situation and [redacted] believed [redacted]
was deported within two weeks. [redacted] stated there was a
woman at the Consulate working on [redacted] behalf.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] advised he was born in Yugoslavia which
had a Jewish community of approximately five thousand people. At
age fourteen, [redacted] father died and he moved to Israel.
[redacted] advised he knew the climate in Yugoslavia was
indicative of an impending war. [redacted] advised he had
predicted the civil war in Yugoslavia.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Upon his arrival in Israel, [redacted] attended
school and lived in a Kibbutz. Upon completion of his education,
[redacted] entered the Israeli Military and remained in the

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military for five years. [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ Upon leaving the military, [redacted] worked for [redacted] primary responsibility was [redacted] advised the Israeli criminal community is very good and are among the worst criminals. He stated the Israeli and Arab criminal communities work together dealing primarily in weapons and drugs. [redacted] advised that Israeli's will run drugs and arms through Israel for the Arab countries, there are Israeli's who support Arab terrorism through their criminal activity. [redacted] advised [redacted] to terrorists and individuals funding terrorist activities. [redacted] advised Israel is the largest exporter of Ecstasy.

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(S) [redacted] stated that the service that would handle this is the Mossad and he stated that since [redacted] there has been no activity in the United States. [redacted] did stated that he is aware that [redacted] is active at a Mosque in North Philadelphia. [redacted] advised he is able to identify Arabs based upon the way they shave their beard. [redacted] believed that [redacted] was an embarrassment to the United States and Israel. [redacted] did mention that the Mossad may be active in the United States when a specific target or mission has been identified. [redacted] stated that he knows the Mossad has an interest in Detroit, Michigan but, he did not elaborate. [redacted] added that Israel has an agency comparable to the FBI of the United States which is known as the Shabak, or Shin Bet, the Israeli Security Service.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] advised his grandmother lives in what was formerly known as Yugoslavia and his wife's family live in Israel. [redacted] in-laws are wealthy and live in a safe area in Israel. His father-in-law is in the [redacted].

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] advised he and his spouse moved to the United States in May, 2000, his wife received a job at a Jewish school outside of the Boston area. [REDACTED] became bored and contacted an old friend from the military who was living in the area. [REDACTED] met this individual while he was receiving his military training. While in the military, this individual was impressed with [REDACTED] abilities and asked him if he would be interested in a business opportunity. [REDACTED] advised he was not interested at that time but, he contacted him when he got to the United States. This individual offered him a position with [REDACTED]. Shortly after beginning this employment, his employer requested that he transfer to the Philadelphia office. [REDACTED] stated the Philadelphia branch was a mess when he arrived and it was his responsibility to restore this office. [REDACTED] advised he has been very successful in this location and will be moving back to the Boston area either September 30 or October 30.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ A new business opportunity has been presented to [REDACTED] and he is probably moving back to Massachusetts with his family. [REDACTED] is looking to purchase a print shop near the YALE UNIVERSITY campus and run his own business printing for the college and its students. [REDACTED] advised his in-laws in Israel are wealthy and are helping him purchase this business.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Both [REDACTED] and his spouse have recently applied to become Permanent Residents of the United States. They just completed the final stage of the application process and are waiting to hear from INS. [REDACTED] speaks Hebrew, English and Serbo-Croatian fluently. [REDACTED] advised he knows some Arabic, specifically the dialect spoken in the Gaza Strip. [REDACTED] advised he has not spoken Arabic lately and believes he would have difficulty speaking this language.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] advised he contacted the Philadelphia FBI shortly after the September 11 terrorist attacks against the United States. He called to inform the FBI that he had been taking private flying lessons at Jet Center at the airport in Northeast Philadelphia. [REDACTED] instructor was Egyptian and had been in the United States for several years. The Egyptian had not traveled home to Egypt until this past year when he traveled home five times. [REDACTED] did not know if this was anything significant but, he felt he needed to report the information to the FBI. [REDACTED] advised he had taken the written flight test and passed. A review of Philadelphia indices provided no references to the contact [REDACTED] alleges to have had with the FBI.

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(U) (S) [REDACTED] has traveled extensively throughout the United States, he stated he has traveled to forty-seven states. The only states he has not visited are Hawaii, South Dakota and Alaska. [REDACTED] advised when he and his family first arrived in the United States, they borrowed a friends' Recreational Vehicle and traveled throughout the U.S.

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(U) (S) [REDACTED] advised he would be willing to assist the FBI with any additional information that was needed.

(U) (S) On October 24, 2001, the following automobile tags of interest were recorded in the vicinity of [REDACTED] Pennsylvania:

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(U) (S) Pennsylvania EDH7812 (Blue Van), Registered to AVANT GARDE MARKETING, 619 Durham Place, Bensalem, Pennsylvania. AVANT GARDE MARKETING is connected to kiosks operating in shopping malls in the Philadelphia/New Jersey area selling ZoomCopter toy helicopters, Rainbow Art and Nail It Naturally.

(U) (S) Pennsylvania [REDACTED] (Red Volkswagen), Registered to [REDACTED] Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] resided at the same address as [REDACTED] Pennsylvania. On October 18, 2001, [REDACTED] was taken into custody by INS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has since been removed to Israel. An ACS check provided a reference for [REDACTED] in the PENTTBOM investigation.

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(U) (S) On 09/17/2001, Homestead Police Department, Homestead, Florida, were provided information concerning two suspicious individuals staying in Room 102 of the Rodeway Inn, 815 North Krome Avenue, Florida City, Florida. These individuals were allegedly asking for directions to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in Homestead, Florida.

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(U) (S) On 09/16/2001, [REDACTED] Knights Inn, Florida City, Florida, advised an individual attempted to rent a room at the Knights Inn and was turned away by [REDACTED] advised the individual had produced an Israeli passport, Israeli International driver's license and a Florida driver's license. [REDACTED] did not feel safe dealing with the individual so she turned him away and notified her husband, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rodeway Inn, Florida City, Florida. [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] information concerning [REDACTED] and his attempt to rent a room from her. [REDACTED] was driving a Volkswagen with Pennsylvania tag [REDACTED] and provided an address of [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter on 09/16/2001, [redacted] and his companion arrived at the Rodeway Inn and rented a room under the name [redacted] with the same vehicle. [redacted] obtained the following information from [redacted] Israeli passport number [redacted] bearing B2 Visa displaying the alpha numeric character I-94 issued 6/12/2001, expiration 12/11/2001 and date of birth [redacted]; Israeli address of Carmiel, Israel. [redacted] was accompanied by a female.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] Knights Inn and Rodeway Inn, Florida City, Florida, was interviewed by the FBI, Miami Division and provided the following information. [redacted] advised on Saturday, 09/15/2001, he had seen a red vehicle, possibly a Toyota, pull into the Knights Inn in Florida City. The occupants of the vehicle, an Indian male accompanied by a female exited the vehicle and approached a tenant at the inn. [redacted] overheard the individual ask the tenant for directions to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant, and heard the street name Palm Drive as the directions were being given. [redacted] believed the individuals obtained directions from a hotel occupant who was a Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant contract worker. It is believed the contract worker was staying at the hotel while working at the power plant. [redacted] believed that the individual asking for these directions may have been the individual who had been turned away from the Knights Inn the previous night. [redacted] looked in the vehicle driven by the individual's who had rented the room and observed, a map and what appeared to be directions to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant, along with receipts from hotels in Key West. House was not able to identify [redacted] as being the same individual who had asked for directions to Turkey Point. However, he believed that it could have been the same individual based upon the similarity between [redacted] red Volkswagen and the red car he had seen.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] female companion was identified as [redacted] [redacted] White Female, Date of Birth [redacted].

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] he had been in Florida with his girlfriend [redacted] and [redacted]. They were in Miami for three to four days. [redacted] took a bus back to Florida and [redacted] and [redacted] drove to Key West, Florida for two days. The couple stopped in Florida City overnight. [redacted] and [redacted] rented a room in Florida City. The police had come to speak to them, they reviewed their documents and left. [redacted] advised he neither visited nor did he ask anyone for directions to a nuclear power plant. [redacted] advised he did not have a Florida driver's license and provided his telephone number as [redacted].

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Other individuals at [redacted]
[redacted] PA, showed their passports which contained the following:

Name: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
Passport: Israeli, [redacted], issued 06/30/1992;
USA R Visa, Type B1, Class B2 [redacted]
issued 06/26/2001, expiration 06/21/2011
Canada stamp dated 09/03/2001

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Name: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
Passport: Israeli [redacted], issued 03/06/2001
USA R Visa, Type B1, Class B2 [redacted]
issued 04/12/2001, expiration 04/10/2011
Stamp Kobenhaven F059 05/07/2001

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] was identified previously as the roommate of [redacted]
[redacted] who had lived at [redacted]
Pennsylvania prior to being returned to Israel in October.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] left a voicemail message for SA [redacted]
and advised her she had lost her passport. [redacted] advised,
her visa was going to expire and she may need some assistance.
[redacted] advised she was in Tennessee and would try to reach
SA [redacted] the following day. SA [redacted] spoke with Squad 13
personnel and it was decided if [redacted] contacted SA [redacted]
again she would request that she come to Philadelphia and SA
[redacted] would put him in contact with the appropriate individuals
at the Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia. [redacted] never
called back.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Lead Agent, while conducting interview at [redacted]
[redacted], Pennsylvania, observed the individuals
residing at this location possessed an expensive camera which was
on tabletop tripod.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In October, 2001, the FBI Philadelphia PENTTBOMB
Command Post received a call from the Delaware River Port
Authority reporting suspicious activity on the Walt Whitman
Bridge in Philadelphia. At approximately midnight on the evening
of 10/16/2001, an unoccupied vehicle was observed parked on the
Walt Whitman Bridge, which connects Camden, New Jersey and
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and crosses the Delaware River. A
Middle Eastern male was observed standing outside the vehicle
taking photographs from the bridge, possibly of a trash-to-steam

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facility located nearby. This facility has several cooling towers that one could mistake for a possible nuclear facility. It is also possible he was taking pictures of the Ben Franklin Bridge, approximately 5 miles north of the Walt Whitman Bridge. His vehicle was stopped heading in a westerly direction over the bridge.

(U) ~~(S)~~ The observer contacted the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) who in turn stopped the vehicle upon reaching the toll booths at the west end of the bridge. When asked why he was taking pictures, the individual stated it was for memoirs for his home country, Israel. The driver was further identified as [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED], Israeli passport # [REDACTED] presented a valid B1/B2 Visa which expires 03/12/2011. [REDACTED] could not produce a driver's license, but provided DRPA with an address of [REDACTED] New Jersey.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The registration of the vehicle [REDACTED] was operating indicated the owner was [REDACTED] Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] indicated he had recently purchased the vehicle from [REDACTED] who had just recently returned to Israel and would not be coming back to the United States. The vehicle was impounded by DRPA and [REDACTED] called a taxi-cab for a ride home.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Further investigation conducted by Philadelphia revealed [REDACTED] PA is the address for a temporary auto tag business. Personnel at the business indicated that there are 15-20 Israeli's who regularly register their vehicles at this location, using variations on a few addresses to include [REDACTED] both in [REDACTED] PA. A female employee at the business indicated that there are two Israeli males who seem to be the "leaders" of the group, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She stated that they were all approximately mid 20's in age and worked in mall kiosks selling toy helicopters called ZOOMCOPTERS.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ A check of the address [REDACTED] provided to DRPA indicated that this apartment unit was rented by [REDACTED] for employees of [REDACTED] New Jersey. [REDACTED] had also rented a second unit for himself. Both of these apartment units were rented between 08/2001 and 09/2001 for a lease duration of only 3 months. The business address of [REDACTED] is a home in a residential area. Further checks indicated this property had been purchased by [REDACTED] in 08/2000. A vehicle parked at the

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residence was registered to [redacted]
[redacted] PA. [redacted] was further identified as having Social Security Account Number [redacted], date of birth [redacted] PA D/L # [redacted]. It should be noted again that a vehicle that was registered to [redacted] [redacted], NJ, was observed at [redacted], PA.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Information was then received from FBI Kansas City, Jefferson City RA and FBI Cleveland, Lima RA, that there were groups of young Israeli's selling ZoomCopter toy helicopters in the local malls, similar to the group in the Philadelphia area. The information also suggested that both groups were found with sophisticated, similar, photographic equipment. As mentioned during the PENTTBOM interview conducted at [redacted] [redacted] PA, expensive photographic equipment was seen in the apartment.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Further investigation regarding the Philadelphia area group revealed the following:

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] is affiliated with [redacted] [redacted], and has arranged leases with several local area malls renting kiosks during the holidays. [redacted] has several different types of kiosks that operate in the various malls to include ZoomCopter toy helicopters, Rainbow Art and Nail-It Naturally. As mentioned previously, a vehicle registered to [redacted] [redacted] was observed parked in the vicinity of [redacted] [redacted], Pennsylvania.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Philadelphia determined that the individuals who actually work in the malls are Israeli men and women ranging in age from 20-26. Most seem to reside in [redacted] PA, in a Korman Suites complex at addresses of [redacted] [redacted]. They rotate working between the different malls in the Philadelphia area to include Southern New Jersey.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] at the Cherry Hill Mall, Cherry Hill, NJ, stated that [redacted] had rented spaces in that mall for the last two years. She stated he was a "nice guy" and told [redacted] that he finds workers from the Kibbutz' in Israel.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 11/07/2001, a call was received at the FBI Philadelphia command post from [redacted], Lancaster Police Department, Lancaster, PA. [redacted] indicated that detectives in his department had been working with Park City Mall

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officials regarding security in the mall. At approximately 2:30 PM, he received a call from his detectives stating that at 1:30 PM, the Israeli's working at the ZoomCopter kiosk, the Rainbow Art kiosk and the Fine Art kiosk suddenly left their kiosks and departed the area. After further inquiries by the Lancaster Police Department, it was determined that several ZoomCopter, Rainbow Art and Fine Art kiosks in the country were suddenly left unattended the afternoon of 11/07/2001. At 2:40 PM, workers left the Neshaminy Mall, Bensalem, PA and the King of Prussia Mall, King of Prussia, PA. At 1:00 PM, workers left the Valley Hills Mall in Hickory, North Carolina and at 3:15 PM, workers left the Landmark Mall in Washington, D.C.

(U) ~~(S)~~ The Lancaster PD also informed that they had heard that Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) had rounded up Israeli workers at a mall in Arlington, Texas, on 11/06/2001. It is possible that this information was relayed to those in the PA area.

(U) ~~(S)~~ A representative of the Rouse Company, the national mall management company that manages several local malls in the Philadelphia area, informed FBI Philadelphia that she had received several telephone calls reporting these merchants had not shown up for work. These merchants included not only Avant Garde Marketing, but also CART America and Marketing on Wheels. After contacting Avant Garde Marketing, the management company learned that rumors had been circulating that INS in Dallas, Texas, was arresting and detaining these kiosk employees for violating their Visa status. It was confirmed that employees were detained by INS Dallas on 11/06/2001. It was evident that an extremely well-organized and effective communication system existed between these Israelis, nationwide.

(U) ~~(S)~~ FBI Philadelphia attempted to locate the kiosk workers at the apartments where they were residing, only to learn that they had been vacated and the leases canceled.

(U) ~~(S)~~ 7/22/2002 at 1:15 AM, Officer [REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 4th District (267)250-1914 telephonically contacted the Philadelphia FBI to provide information regarding an individual he had detained at Darien Street and Patterson Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. Officer [REDACTED] advised he had observed [REDACTED] taking photos of the underside of I-95; he was accompanied by a white female. When questioned, [REDACTED] stated he was taking photos of the female who was accompanying him. Officer [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was

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not pointing the camera in the direction of the female, rather he was pointing the camera toward the understructure of the highway.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Officer [redacted] identified [redacted] DOB [redacted], Pennsylvania Operator's License Number [redacted] which indicates a home address of [redacted] Pennsylvania. [redacted] advised the officer he had recently moved to [redacted] Pennsylvania. He also advised he and his brother own and operate a used car lot called [redacted] which is located at [redacted], [redacted] PA. [redacted] advised he is currently a U.S. citizen but is originally from Tel Aviv, Israel. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] an interview has not been conducted. Philadelphia anticipates interviewing this individual [redacted]
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