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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE;  
NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA.

THE NASA MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD (MIB), THE BOARD WHICH IS  
HANDLING THE LOCAL NASA INQUIRY, HAS RELAYED A REQUEST THROUGH THE  
NASA SECURITY OFFICE AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA, FOR  
COORDINATION OF FBI AND NASA SPIN-OFF INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO THE  
CHALLENGER TRAGEDY. THE NASA SECURITY OFFICE ALSO INDICATED A

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DESIRE THAT ANY FBI INQUIRIES WITH CURRENT/FORMER NASA AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES AT THE MAJOR NASA CENTERS REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER BE COORDINATED AS FEASIBLE WITH THE NASA SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE AND INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE MAJOR NASA CENTERS.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE MATTERS WILL PROBABLY INITIATE FROM CALLS AND LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC WITH ALLEGATIONS REGARDING EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN SOME PHASE OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM OR THE SHUTTLE SUPPORT PROGRAM.

TAMPA ANTICIPATES THAT SIMILAR SPIN-OFF MATTERS WILL BE SURFACING IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS AND WILL NATURALLY OCCUR AT THE MAJOR NASA CENTERS AS WELL AS AT KSC, FLORIDA. FOR THAT REASON, TAMPA HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO OFFICES COVERING OTHER MAJOR NASA CENTERS.

TAMPA ANTICIPATES COMPLYING WITH THE REQUEST OF THE MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

THOSE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS OF INTEREST IN CAPTIONED MATTER DEVELOPED BY THE FBI WILL BE FURNISHED TO NASA SECURITY FOR PRELIMINARY CHECKS TO DETERMINE IF ANY ALLEGED AFFILIATION OR FORMER AFFILIATION WITH NASA OR A NASA CONTRACTOR CAN BE VERIFIED. THEREAFTER, THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION WILL BE COORDINATED WITH NASA

SECURITY THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIFIC INQUIRY. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TAMPA CAN VISUALIZE AT PRESENT, WOULD BE INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OR INFORMANT IN A SITUATION WHERE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD LIKELY JEOPARDIZE THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE.

NASA SECURITY HAS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY NASA THROUGH EMPLOYEE TIPS, THE NASA COMPLAINT HOTLINE AT KSC, FLORIDA, ET CETERA, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE FBI SO THAT ANY FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NECESSARY BY THE FBI MAY BE ADDRESSED. FBI, TAMPA, WILL ALSO COORDINATE THESE INQUIRIES WITH THE NASA INSPECTOR GENERAL WHERE NECESSARY. SUCH AS IN THE AREA OF ALLEGATIONS OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR IMPROPER PERFORMANCE BY A NASA OR GOVERNMENT CONTRACT EMPLOYEE.

MAJOR NASA CENTERS WHICH WILL LIKELY RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ADDRESSED ABOVE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

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JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

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NASA HEADQUARTERS,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 4/22/86  
TO: Dr. Joe Herwin  
Director of Life Sciences  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Johnson Space Flight Center  
Houston, Texas 77058

SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER  
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LAUNCH EXPLOSION ON  
NOVEMBER 28, 1984  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER,  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER,

FLORIDA; SABOTAGE -IT.

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UNITED STATES ARMY ENLISTED

INDIANA, ADVISED THE WORLD WIDE LOCATOR SYSTEM (WWLS), USAARMC, LISTS

ONE E-4 [REDACTED] HE HAS ATTAINED THE RANK OF [REDACTED]

SSAN IS [REDACTED] SHOWS [REDACTED] ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GLENN, GENERAL APO [REDACTED]

THIS LIST INCLUDES ENLISTED MEMBERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOES NOT SHOW ANY [REDACTED]

ASSIGNED [REDACTED] GERMANY

[REDACTED] UNIT TO [REDACTED]

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WWLS IS CURRENT TO DECEMBER, 1985.

ON JAN. 30, 1986, SFC [REDACTED], CENTRALIZED PAYMENTS, UNITED STATES ARMY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING CENTER, FT. BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HIS [REDACTED] SHO [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED], LE GIESSEN, G [REDACTED] AT HIS NEW UNIT, FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED, REGARDING [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEFT FT. BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, [REDACTED] AND ARRIVED AT HIS NEW UNIT, FT. BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, [REDACTED]

IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME [REDACTED] DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION [REDACTED]

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- Dept. of Energy Commercial Div/DOE/
- Dept. of Justice/DOJ/
- Dept. of State/DOS/
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- Director National Security Agency/NSA/
- Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/
- Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/
- FAA Washington HQ/FAA/
- HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/
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UNSUBS SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CANT CANAVERAL, FLORIDA;

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*in teletype dated 2/3/86 for Indianapolis advised:*  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN IT'S ENTIRETY.

RE: ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS, 1/29/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND TAMPA, 1/30/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELCALL 2/3/86, OF SA [REDACTED]  
TO SSA [REDACTED] TAMPA DIVISION.

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ON 1/31/86, SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED], CENTER SERGEANT  
MAJOR, ENLISTED RECORDS AND EVALUATION CENTER, U.S. ARMY  
MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C., DETACHED TO  
FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
542-3622, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] WHICH HE WAS

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ABLE TO LOCATE IN U.S. ARMY RECORDS, IS STATIONED IN GIESSEN, GERMANY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED], ALLUDED TO IN REFERENCED IP TELETYPE, 1/30/86.

REGARDING [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THERE WAS CURRENTLY A [REDACTED], [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED] ATTACHED TO [REDACTED] FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS [REDACTED] WAS EVER STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY.

[REDACTED] HAD A RECORD REGARDING A [REDACTED], WHO WAS [REDACTED], NOT STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND DOUBTFUL THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE PERSON THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN.

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[REDACTED] STATED THE THIRD POSSIBILITY WAS THAT THE [REDACTED] OF INTEREST TO THE FBI HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY AND WITHOUT MORE DETAILED RECORDS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HIS IDENTITY.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CID AT GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ARE AWARE OF THE LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] AS INDICATED

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IN REFERENCED ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO TB BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS,  
AND HAVE ALREADY CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY,  
REGARDING SAME, THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION IS CONDUCTING NO  
FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT THE ARMY FINANCE AND RECORD CENTER,  
FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

~~THE BUREAUS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO~~  
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LEGAT ~~BONN~~ ADVISING CID AT GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND CAPTAIN

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DIVISION TO MORE QUICKLY AND PRECISELY IDENTIFY AND LOCATE  
THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR CURRENT MILITARY UNITS IF NEEDED.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH-EXPLOSION,

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE;

NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1986,  
AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1986.

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1986, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

PR IOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AT FORT CAMPBELL, HE WAS ASSIGNED

TO [REDACTED]

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GIESSEN, GERMANY, APO 09169.

HE RECALLS [REDACTED] BEING ASSIGNED TO HIS UNIT IN GERMANY. HE COULD NOT RECALL WHEN [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE U. S. ARMY BUT THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1984, SOUNDED CORRECT. HE RECALLS RECEIVING TWO LETTERS FROM [REDACTED] AFTER HIS DISCHARGE. THE FIRST BEING APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AFTER [REDACTED] DISCHARGE. IN THIS LETTER [REDACTED] COMPLAINED THAT NO ONE WAS WRITING TO HIM AND THAT NO ONE LIKED HIM. [REDACTED] THEN WROTE [REDACTED] A RETURN LETTER APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS LATER, THEN RECEIVED THE SECOND LETTER FROM [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AFTER THAT DATE. BASED ON WORDING IN THE SECOND LETTER, [REDACTED] DID NOT SOUND STABLE AND [REDACTED] DECIDED NOT TO WRITE TO HIM ANYMORE. THE SECOND LETTER WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF PAGES LONG. [REDACTED] HAD WRITTEN NOTES IN THE MARGIN AND THE WHOLE TENOR OF THE LETTER DID NOT SEEM TO [REDACTED] TO BE STABLE. THERE WAS SOME MENTION IN THE LETTER ABOUT SOME PLANS BUT [REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL WHETHER OR NOT NASA WAS MENTIONED.

THE PRIMARY REASON THAT [REDACTED] REPORTED THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER WAS THAT [REDACTED] HAD MADE VEILED THREATS TOWARD [REDACTED] WHO HAS ALSO SINCE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM

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GERMANY. THESE VEILED THREATS RELATED TO THE FACT THAT WHEN [REDACTED] WAS BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY HE OWNED A CAR THAT MET GERMANY SPECIFICATIONS AND DID NOT WANT TO TAKE IT WITH HIM BACK TO THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] HAD AGREED TO BUY IT SINCE HE WAS STAYING IN GERMANY. THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ABOUT PAYMENT. [REDACTED] READ THE LETTER AND FELT THAT IT SHOULD BE REPORTED. [REDACTED] DID NOT TAKE ANY OF [REDACTED] COMMENTS SERIOUSLY.

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER TO [REDACTED] WHO IS NOW OUT OF THE U. S. ARMY AND LIVING IN THE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AREA. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO COPIES OF THIS LETTER

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MADE, ONE GOING TO WHOM HE [REDACTED] THAT WAS THE CID AGENT  
THAT INTERVIEWED HIM AND ONE GOING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT AFTER [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED  
HE WAS GOING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND A COPY OF THIS LETTER IN  
HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. [REDACTED] DID NOT ATTACH ANY SIGNIFICANCE  
TO THE COMMENT ABOUT [REDACTED] HAVING COPIES OF PLANS.  
WHEN [REDACTED] HEARD ABOUT THE SPACE SHUTTLE EXPLOSION HE DID  
NOT HAVE ANY THOUGHTS THAT THIS MIGHT BE CONNECTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IN GIESSEN MIGHT HAVE A  
FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS NOT AWARE OF OTHER FRIENDS RECEIVING LETTERS  
FROM [REDACTED]. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE  
RECEIVED A LETTER ABOUT THE MONEY [REDACTED] FELT [REDACTED] OWED HIM.

IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT [REDACTED]

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SELBACH, GERMANY, MAY HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM [REDACTED] ABOUT HIS PROBLEMS WITH [REDACTED]. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ATTEMPT BY [REDACTED] TO "GO TO THE TOP".

AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT FORT CAMPBELL, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] CID FORT CAMPBELL WAS PRESENT. SA [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO CID GIESSEN DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1982 THROUGH JULY 1984. BASED ON DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS [REDACTED] GAVE REGARDING HIS REPORTING OF THIS LETTER INCLUDED THE FACT THAT HE WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE COMPANY AREA, SA [REDACTED] IS OF THE OPINION THAT [REDACTED] PROBABLY WAS INTERVIEWED BY MILITARY POLICE INVESTIGATIONS (MPI) OR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (MI).

SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN ALMOST ALL CASES INTERVIEWS OF THIS TYPE BY THE CID WOULD HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE CID OFFICE.

CID AT FORT CAMPBELL IS IN THE PROCESS OF SENDING A MESSAGE TO CID GIESSEN IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY MPI OR MI.

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1986, A REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 1983 MICROFICHE RECORDS OF THE U. S. ARMY REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED], ARMY  
SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], ELAPSED TIME OF SERVICE (ETS) [REDACTED], MILITARY OCCUPATION SPECIALTY (MOS) 13B20. THERE WAS NO LISTING ON THE CURRENT ROLLS FOR [REDACTED]

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1986, CID AT FORT CAMPBELL CHECKED THROUGH THE CRIME RECORDS CENTER, FORT HOLLIBIRD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,

AND DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

FD-302 REGARDING [REDACTED] INTERVIEW WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRTEL.

LOUISVILLE. AT FORT CAMPBELL. RECONTACT SPECIALIST [REDACTED] IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF HE IS ABLE TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED].

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AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR AND TAMPA DIVISION  
AND INDIANAPOLIS BELCALL 2/3/86, 6:00 PM

TO SSA [REDACTED] TAMPA DIVISION

OR [REDACTED] BEANI POLICE

MAJOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

MILITARY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

FT. BENJAMIN [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

542 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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ABLE TO LOCATE HIS ARMY RECORDS, IS [REDACTED] GERMANY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [REDACTED]

SSAN [REDACTED], ALLUDED TO IN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THERE

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FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS [REDACTED] WAS EVER STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY.

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AND [REDACTED] THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE PERSON THE FBI [REDACTED] INTEREST [REDACTED]

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT [REDACTED] AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ARE SHARED IN THE LETTER [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED]

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IN REFERENCED ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS  
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REGARDING SAME, THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION IS CONDUCTING NO  
FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT THE ARMY FINANCE AND RECORD CENTER  
FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDE

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO  
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by Teletype dated 2/4/86 FBI <sup>IP</sup> advised as follows

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN IT'S ENTIRETY.

RE: ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS, 1/29/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND TAMPA, 1/30/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELCALL 2/3/86, OF SA [REDACTED]  
TO SSA [REDACTED] TAMPA DIVISION.

ON 1/31/86, SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED], CENTER SERGEANT  
MAJOR, ENLISTED RECORDS AND EVALUATION CENTER, U.S. ARMY  
MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C., DETACHED TO  
PT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
342-3422, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] WHICH HE WAS

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ABLE TO LOCATE IN U.S. ARMY RECORDS, IS STATIONED IN GIESSEN, GERMANY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED] ALLUDED TO IN REFERENCED IP TELETYPE, 1/33/86.

REGARDING [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THERE WAS CURRENTLY A [REDACTED], [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED] ATTACHED TO [REDACTED] FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS [REDACTED] WAS EVER STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY.

[REDACTED] HAD A RECORD REGARDING A [REDACTED] [REDACTED], NOT STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND DOUBTFUL THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE PERSON THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN.

[REDACTED] STATED THE THIRD POSSIBILITY WAS THAT THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF INTEREST TO THE FBI HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY AND WITHOUT MORE DETAILED RECORDS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HIS IDENTITY.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CID AT GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ARE AWARE OF THE LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] AS INDICATED



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IN REFERENCED ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS,  
AND HAVE ALREADY CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY,  
REGARDING SAME, THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION IS CONDUCTING NO  
FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT THE ARMY FINANCE AND RECORD CENTER,  
FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO  
LEGAT BOND ADVISING CID AT GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND CAPTAIN  
[REDACTED] THAT MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED] SUCH AS DOB'S, SSAN'S, WILL ENABLE THE INDIANAPOLIS  
DIVISION TO MORE QUICKLY AND PRECISELY IDENTIFY AND LOCATE  
THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR CURRENT MILITARY UNITS IF NEEDED.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH -

EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE;

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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY,  
REBUCAB JANUARY 30, 1986, RELAYING NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE  
JANUARY 29, 1986, AND BUCAB JANUARY 30, 1986, RELAYING ST. LOUIS  
TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, CAPTIONED "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA; SABOTAGE - IT,"  
ALSO REFERENCE BUCAB FEBRUARY 31, 1986 (SIC), RELAYING CHARLOTTE  
TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

*By Teletype dated 2/5/86 152 Legat Bonn advised as follows*

FIRST TWO REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS WERE CLASSIFIED "SECRET."  
THE THIRD ONE WAS UNCLASSIFIED. THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED  
"SECRET" DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE FIRST TWO WERE CLASSIFIED,  
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[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF THE  
NEW ORLEANS FBI WITH INFORMATION THAT MIGHT RELATE TO THE LOSS OF  
THE SPACE SHUTTLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN 1983,  
WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAD LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION  
STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD  
DO A JOB ON THEM." BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO  
ABOVE UNIT.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOMETIME IN 1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLUDED TO ABOVE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE BASE CID IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THEM. HE RECALLS THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LEARN OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

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THE PRESENT DETACHMENT COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN [REDACTED]. THE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF THE LETTER AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME, NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LEGAT, BONN, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], U.S. ARMY, CID, GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF CID FILES AND NAME INDEX REVEALED THAT NO INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTED REGARDING [REDACTED] CONTACT WITH CAPTAIN [REDACTED], COMMANDER OF THE 36TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT AT GIESSEN, REVEALED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL [REDACTED] OR ANY INCIDENT REGARDING THE MAILING OF A LETTER BY [REDACTED]

UPON A REVIEW OF THEIR MISCELLANEOUS FILES (NOT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS), TWO INCIDENTS REGARDING [REDACTED] WERE LOCATED

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[REDACTED] (2) A LT. [REDACTED] OF THE 36TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT RECALLED A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO. IN THIS LETTER, [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] OWED HIM \$400 FOR A CAR WHICH [REDACTED] SOLD TO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED SOMETHING IN THE

LETTER WHERE [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS GOING TO "BLOW UP NASA." [REDACTED]

COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE LETTER.

CID COULD NOT LOCATE A COPY OF THE LETTER, BUT WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LEGAT IF THEY DO. [REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO HAVE KEPT THE ORIGINAL.

A COUPLE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING [REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS "STRANGE, ODD AND FLAKY."

CID ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD A "TOP SECRET" SECURITY CLEARANCE. HE WAS A SENIOR ASSEMBLER FOR ASSEMBLY OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS (I.E., HE WORKED ON MISSILES). HE LEFT THE ARMY FEBRUARY 23, 1964. WHEN LEAVING GIESSEN, HE MENTIONED THAT HE WANTED TO OPEN AN ARTS AND CRAFT SHOP BACK IN THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO WORK WITH THE SAME CONSTRUCTION FIRM HE WORKED WITH BEFORE HE JOINED THE ARMY (NOT KNOWN WHAT FIRM THAT WAS).

THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS PROVIDED FOR THE BELOW-LISTED INDIVIDUALS: (1) [REDACTED] (NOTE: CID MICROFILM RECORDS SHOW ONLY FIRST THREE LETTERS OF MIDDLE NAME - [REDACTED], BORN OCTOBER 27, 1947, SSAN [REDACTED] FORWARDING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2) SPEC 4 [REDACTED], BORN JUNE 16, 1964, SSAN [REDACTED] CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST OF 3RD FIELD ARTILLERY, FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY; (3) SGT E-5 [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]

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AUGUST 31, 1956, SSAN [REDACTED] CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO  
3RD CALVARY REGIMENT AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS. b7c

AS BRIEFLY NOTED ABOVE, [REDACTED] PURCHASED A CAR FROM [REDACTED] AND  
SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED ONE OR MORE THREATENING-TYPE LETTERS FROM [REDACTED]  
BECAUSE OF MONEY STILL OWED BY HIM TO [REDACTED]

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION BEING SUPPLIED, CID ADVISED  
THAT [REDACTED] FORMER GIRLFRIEND HAD LEARNED FROM SGT [REDACTED] WIFE  
THAT SEVERAL OF [REDACTED] FORMER COLLEAGUES HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM  
HIM (AFTER HE LEFT THE ARMY) URGING THEM TO QUIT THE ARMY AND TO  
JOIN HIM IN FLORIDA "RUNNING DRUGS" AND ALSO TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH  
AMERICA TO "OVERTHROW A GOVERNMENT" THERE.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED  
AT BONN.

~~BY 5238, DECL OADR,~~

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NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA

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LEAD - EL PASO DIVISION

AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING LETTERS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM  
[REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN IF THESE LETTERS CONTAINED ANY THREATS  
TO NASA.

LEAD - LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING THE LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]  
WHICH THREATENED TO "DO A JOB" ON NASA. OBTAIN A COPY OF THE  
LETTER IF AVAILABLE.

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LEAD - TAMPA DIVISION

AD [REDACTED] WILL CONFIRM [REDACTED] RESIDENCE AT  
[REDACTED] CONDUCT LOCAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT. b7c

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EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986;  
SABOTAGE; NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA

REFERENCE TAMPA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 6, 1986  
TAMPA'S PROPOSAL TO COORDINATE SPIN OFF INVESTIGATIONS  
WITH NASA SECURITY AND INSPECTOR GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES IS  
APPROVED BY FBIHQ. AS NOTED BY TAMPA, SOURCE OR OTHER  
SENSITIVE INFORMATION MAY REQUIRE EXCEPTION TO THIS AGREEMENT.

*[Handwritten initials]*

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RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED  
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[REDACTED] WHO WOULD NOT FURNISH HIS ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE  
NUMBER FOR FEAR OF RETRIBUTION FROM HIS EMPLOYER FOR USING  
EQUIPMENT FOR PRIVATE INTEREST WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, CONTACTED  
THE DALLAS OFFICE OF THE FBI AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
ON FEBRUARY 26, 1986:

[REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT IS WITH A DALLAS COMPUTERIZED VIDEO

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ENHANCEMENT FIRM. HE MADE A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE RECENT SPACE SHUTTLE EXPLOSION FROM THE CBS EVENING NEWS AND HAS RUN HIS VIDEO ON A COMPUTERIZED ENHANCEMENT MACHINE.

APPROXIMATELY FOUR FRAMES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE PUFF OF SMOKE PRECEDING THE EXPLOSION, HE OBSERVED AN INDENTATION ON ONE OF THE BOOSTERS WHICH WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL LOCATED JUST ABOVE THE "O" RING, AND WHICH THEN DISAPPEARED.

[REDACTED] CONTENTION IS THAT SOMETHING HIT THE ROCKET BOOSTER, SUBSEQUENTLY CAUSING THE EXPLOSION. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE IS AWARE THAT NASA HAS THE SAME TYPE OF VIDEO EQUIPMENT OWNED BY HIS EMPLOYER AND IS CAPABLE OF RUNNING THE SAME TESTS THAT HE HAS RUN, BUT HE WANTED TO PASS ON HIS OBSERVATIONS FOR WHAT IT WAS WORTH.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: DIVISION 6 - TERRORISM SECTION  
 SSA [REDACTED], ROOM 4251) (b)(7)(C)

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

① SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH  
 EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER,  
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one audio cassette tape and a copy of one topographical map with annotations.

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[REDACTED] advised that on 2/23/86 he was introduced to

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claims to be in contact with certain psychic forces that provide her with higher information on selected subjects. She refers to these forces as "Source" and when providing information from Source she often speaks in the collective "we". [REDACTED] claimed that she had come to Washington, D.C. to provide information concerning the Challenger space shuttle explosion on 1/28/86.

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On 2/24/86, [REDACTED] was debriefed by [REDACTED] concerning the information she wished to reveal. The enclosed audio tape is a record of that entire session and is self explanatory. It should be noted that [REDACTED] were present at this session and can be heard making comments and asking questions toward the end of the tape. The following points are emphasized by [REDACTED] during the course of the debriefing:

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(A) The space shuttle explosion was not the result of a technical malfunction. Rather, it was an act of sabotage perpetrated by a terrorist organization.

(B) There were three saboteurs on the scene at Cape Canaveral. These included two ground crewmen and one of the astronauts who died in the explosion.

(C) The terrorist organization is a Japanese based fanatical group with an ancestral lineage and a deep seated hatred toward the United States. Its motivation in destroying the shuttle was to embarrass and discredit the United States and to impede the progress of the space program.

(D) The three saboteurs were all of oriental heritage. They were apparently recruited by the terrorist organization after their employment by NASA.

(E) The explosion was effected by a device placed inside the external fuel tank of the shuttle. An individual whose description seems to match that of an engineer or technician placed this charge. The charge was triggered by a second saboteur using a hand-held transmitter while standing in the crowds watching the shuttle liftoff. This individual matches the description of a guard or security person.

(F) The astronaut saboteur chose to die in the explosion as a sort of ritual death or "cleansing".

(G) The descriptions of the saboteurs provided by [redacted] are probably complete enough to pinpoint the individuals. Although names and addresses are not available, in the case of the "guard" [redacted] pinpointed his residence on a 1:24,000 scale topographical map of an area of Florida near Cape Canaveral (enclosed). She also provided a description of his physical appearance as well as his life style. While actual names are difficult for Source to acquire [redacted] claims she could easily identify the saboteurs from a list of names if NASA could provide one.

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(H) [REDACTED] claims that Source's motivation in revealing this information is to assure the United States that its space program is a safe undertaking and that there is no major technical flaw in the shuttle equipment. Further [REDACTED] claims that Source is concerned about possible lengthy delays in the progress of the space program that will allow other nations to surge ahead. [REDACTED] predicted that wreckage of the shuttle will be found within the next several days that will support the sabotage allegation.

[REDACTED] advised WFO that [REDACTED] although previously unknown to him, appeared to be a rational, intelligent and articulate individual who was sincere in her claims and beliefs. He further stated that [REDACTED] is willing to work with any responsible investigative body concerning this matter.

[REDACTED] was advised by WFO that the foregoing information would be reported in appropriate Bureau channels in an expeditious manner. He was also encouraged to make the information available to the President's Commission investigating the shuttle explosion. [REDACTED] contacted the Commission on 2/26/86 and later reported to WFO that the Commission is interested in the information and has requested a full transcript of the audio tape. [REDACTED] will provide the transcript as soon as possible.

Above is provided to the Bureau and the Tampa Division for their information. WFO is not in a position to make any recommendation in this matter. Dissemination of the information to the Commission investigating the shuttle incident is left to Bureau and Tampa Discretion.

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EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986, SABOTAGE,

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SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA; SABOTAGE - IT."

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TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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[REDACTED], TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF THE

NEW ORLEANS FBI WITH INFORMATION THAT MIGHT RELATE TO THE LOSS OF

THE SPACE SHUTTLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN 1985,

WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED]

HE HAD LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION

STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD

DO A JOB ON THEM." BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO

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[REDACTED] SOMETIME IN 1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLUDED TO ABOVE.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE BASE CID IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THEM. HE RECALLS THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LEARN OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW [REDACTED] SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

THE PRESENT DETACHMENT COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN [REDACTED]. THE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF THE LETTER AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME, NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LEGAT, BONN, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] U.S. ARMY, CID, GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF CID FILES AND INDEX REVEALED THAT NO INVESTIGATION

HAD BEEN CONDUCTED REGARDING A [REDACTED] CONTACT WITH CAPTAIN [REDACTED] COMMANDER OF THE 30TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT AT GIESSEN, REVEALED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL [REDACTED] OR ANY INCIDENT REGARDING THE MAILING OF A LETTER BY [REDACTED]

UPON A REVIEW OF THEIR MISCELLANEOUS FILES (NOT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS), TWO INCIDENTS REGARDING [REDACTED] WERE LOCATED

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[REDACTED] (2) A LT. [REDACTED] OF THE 30TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT RECALLED A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO. IN THIS LETTER, [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] OWED HIM \$400 FOR A CAR WHICH [REDACTED] SOLD TO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED SOMETHING IN THE

LETTER WHERE [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS GOING TO "BLOW UP NASA."

[REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE LETTER.

CID COULD NOT LOCATE A COPY OF THE LETTER, BUT WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LEGAT IF THEY DO. [REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO HAVE KEPT THE ORIGINAL.

A COUPLE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING [REDACTED], DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS "STRANGE, ODD AND BIZARRE."

CID ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD A "TOP SECRET" SECURITY CLEARANCE.

HE WAS A SENIOR ASSEMBLER FOR ASSEMBLY OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS (I.E.,

HE WORKED ON MISSILES). HE LEFT THE ARMY FEBRUARY 23, 1984. WHEN

LEAVING GIESSEN, HE MENTIONED THAT HE WANTED TO OPEN AN ARTS AND

CRAFT SHOP BACK IN THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE

WOULD TRY TO WORK WITH THE SAME CONSTRUCTION FIRM HE WORKED WITH

BEFORE HE JOINED THE ARMY (NOT KNOWN WHAT FIRM THAT WAS).

THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS PROVIDED FOR THE BELOW-LISTED

INDIVIDUALS: (1) [REDACTED] (NOTE: CID MICROFICHE RECORDS

SHOW ONLY FIRST THREE LETTERS OF MIDDLE NAME - [REDACTED], BORN

OCTOBER 27, 1957, SSAN [REDACTED] FORWARDING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2) SPEC 4 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BORN JUNE 16, 1964, SSAN [REDACTED], CURRENT

ASSIGNMENT: ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST OF 321ST FIELD ARTILLERY, FT.

CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY; (3) SGT E-5 [REDACTED] BORN

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AUGUST 31, 1956, SSAW [REDACTED], CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO

1ST CALVARY REGIMENT, [REDACTED]

AS BRIEFLY NOTED ABOVE, [REDACTED] PURCHASED A CAR FROM [REDACTED] AND  
SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED ONE OR MORE THREATENING-TYPE LETTERS FROM [REDACTED]  
BECAUSE OF MONEY STILL OWED BY HIM TO [REDACTED] b7c

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION BEING SUPPLIED, CID ADVISED  
THAT [REDACTED] FORMER GIRLFRIEND HAD LEARNED FROM SGT [REDACTED] WIFE  
THAT SEVERAL OF [REDACTED] FORMER COLLEAGUES HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM  
HIM (AFTER HE LEFT THE ARMY) URGING THEM TO QUIT THE ARMY AND TO  
JOIN HIM IN FLORIDA "RUNNING DRUGS" AND ALSO TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH  
AMERICA TO "OVERTHROW A GOVERNMENT" THERE.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED  
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AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING LETTERS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM

[REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN IF THESE LETTERS CONTAINED ANY THREATS

TO NASA.

LEAD - LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING THE LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

WHICH THREATENED TO "DO A JOB" ON NASA. OBTAIN A COPY OF THE  
LETTER IF AVAILABLE.

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LEAD - TAMPA DIVISION

[REDACTED] WILL CONFIRM [REDACTED] RESIDENCE AT

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[REDACTED] CONDUCT LOCAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT.

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