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was contacted as a result of a call from [redacted] advising that [redacted] may have information relative to the investigation of the bombing of the A.P. Murrah Federal Building. [redacted] was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] and of the nature of the interview. The interview was conducted in [redacted] rather than [redacted] due to [redacted] concern that [redacted] identity be protected. [redacted] thereafter advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is very familiar with the Elohim City area [redacted] [redacted] was also became familiar with a number of the residents of Elohim City. [redacted] states they are very anti-government, but want to obtain state and federal money. In [redacted] went inside the Elohim City compound for the first time. [redacted]

[redacted] arrived in the compound at around 2:00 p.m. and there was a church service in progress.

A man armed with a military style rifle, fitted with a bayonet, came out to see what [redacted] wanted. [redacted] believes the rifle was an SKS. He wore full camouflage clothing and was barefoot. He was a white male with black hair. Last week while watching a television program about the bombing [redacted] recognized this man as ANDY STRASSMEIR.

STRASSMEIR determined the purpose of [redacted] visit and went inside. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] commented to [REDACTED] about a strange looking hat on a shelf in [REDACTED] trailer. [REDACTED] described the hat as having an unusual design like the one on the baseball cap in the composite picture of JOHN DOE #2. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] the hat was from South Africa.

[REDACTED] saw a lot of vehicles in the compound when [REDACTED] left.

A few days later [REDACTED] had to return to the Elohim City compound [REDACTED] hoping the church service would be over and [REDACTED] would not have to wait. On this visit the chained gate was open and [REDACTED] observed lots of children and a couple of adults outside. As soon as they saw [REDACTED] they all ran to a door at the lower level of the church and went in. A lone, white male approached [REDACTED]. He was wearing a handgun on a black gun belt, blue jeans, a white T-shirt, and black shoes. He was very clean cut and looked like he had just gotten out of military basic training according to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked for the [REDACTED] and he told [REDACTED] they were not around. In the televised coverage of the events immediately following the bombing [REDACTED] realized that this man looked like TIMOTHY MCVEIGH. [REDACTED] initially doubted what [REDACTED] had seen was actually MCVEIGH, because from the television pictures [REDACTED] had formed the impression that MCVEIGH was very tall. The man [REDACTED] had spoken with at the compound was only about five feet ten or eleven inches tall.

When [REDACTED] had earlier discussed reporting having seen this man at Elohim City [REDACTED] dismissed the idea. Only when [REDACTED] realized that [REDACTED] had seen STRASSMEIR in the compound did [REDACTED] insist that [REDACTED] be allowed to report this information.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was "99 percent sure" about having seen MCVEIGH and "150 percent sure" about STRASSMEIR.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] could determine the exact dates of the visits when [REDACTED] observed STRASSMEIR and MCVEIGH [REDACTED] to determine when [REDACTED] had visited the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that GARY HOLDER is an individual with close ties to ROBERT MILLAR and the residents of Elohim City. HOLDER is a "fallen away" Baptist preacher, who is now involved in sawmill operations in the area. [REDACTED] he came to the area from Dallas, where he was the minister of one of the largest Baptist churches in the area. [REDACTED] he had to leave the ministry because of a divorce. He is a white male, 43 years old, who resides in Tahlequah.

When he came to the area he opened a sawmill near Stilwell. He has been sued by several people for stealing timber. He bought the old Curtsinger (Phonetic) ranch near Elohim City to log.

He has become very involved with ROBERT MILLAR and his followers. [REDACTED] the initial involvement was that they would act as guards for his equipment after someone burned one of his bulldozers. He has since become much more involved and is even allowed to preach at Elohim City. He calls ROBERT MILLAR Doctor MILLAR. [REDACTED] MILLAR wanted him to accompany MILLAR, when he went to Arkansas to pick up RICHARD WAYNE SNELL's body after SNELL was executed.

[REDACTED] HOLDER helped get the "good" sawmill set up at Elohim City. [REDACTED]

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Now when HOLDER talks about his own views they sound exactly the same as [REDACTED] heard ROBERT MILLAR espouse in a televised interview.

HOLDER spoke [REDACTED] several times about his friend ANDY STRASSMEIR. [REDACTED] does [REDACTED]

HOLDER once claimed to be building a home for wayward kids on his property near Elohim City. He wanted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] knows that he has been about to lose this property over unpaid, back taxes, but does not know if this is connected [REDACTED]

After seeing STRASSMEIR on television, it occurred to [REDACTED] HOLDER may have mentioned STRASSMEIR [REDACTED] to see if [REDACTED] had seen STRASSMEIR at Elohim City. [REDACTED] speculated that HOLDER may even be concerned that [REDACTED] would know the dates when MCVEIGH and STRASSMEIR were both at Elohim City.

The following background and descriptive information for [REDACTED] was obtained through interview and observation:

Name
Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Hair
Height
Weight
Address

Home telephone

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