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JOHN DAVID CASH, Newspaper Reporter, McCurtain County Gazette, Idabel, Oklahoma, described as a white male, born April 14, 1952, was told the identity of the interviewing Agent and made aware of the nature and purpose of the interview. He was interviewed at his place of business, in the presence of McCurtain County Gazette Editor BRUCE WILLINGHAM and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Special Agent CHRIS DILL. He thereafter provided the following information:

CASH advised he is currently writing a series of articles for the McCurtain County Gazette concerning his interviews with DENNIS MAHON. The interviews took place over several months and CASH advised everything he has written about MAHON is the absolute truth for which he is willing to submit to the polygraph should there be any questions concerning the articles' veracity.

CASH stated in November, 1995, he received a tip from New York Times Reporter JO THOMAS, who advised CASH she had developed an informant who had informed her that DENNIS MAHON was involved in the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

CASH decided that he would attempt to contact several right-wing extremists. In order to do so, he had to gain some credibility. He therefore contacted PAUL HALL, who runs an underground paper called the Jubilee. CASH stated he wrote a series of articles for the Jubilee and during the course of his tenure with the Jubilee he obtained a bootleg copy of toll records from Elohim City. While examining the bootleg toll records, he observed several telephone calls to Elohim City from DENNIS MAHON.

CASH stated he soon became acquainted with RICHARD REYNA, an Investigator for TIMOTHY MCVEIGH's defense team. Both REYNA and CASH went out to Elohim City and interviewed several individuals at the compound. It was there that CASH learned that DENNIS MAHON kept a trailer on the compound and was a frequent visitor there. Individuals who were interviewed by CASH would not talk about DENNIS MAHON, however, several were free to discuss ANDREAS STRASSMEIR. He stated that it was through these interviews that he determined that STRASSMEIR was not a true

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German Nazi, although he purported himself to be one.

CASH stated he learned from REYNA that STRASSMEIR had obtained TIMOTHY MCVEIGH's Desert Storm uniforms, however, he took MCVEIGH's nametags off the uniforms and destroyed these nametags.

✓ CASH advised he became familiar with MAHON when he contacted MAHON's attorney sometime in January, 1996. CASH contacted MAHON's attorney, although he cannot recall the attorney's name, and advised the attorney he had some information that the attorney needed. He then brought a copy of the Jubilee ✓ to the attorney, which depicted CASH's picture and name in one of the articles. CASH also brought a letter from STEVEN JONES, TIMOTHY MCVEIGH's attorney, which JONES had written to CASH ✓ advising him that MCVEIGH wished to speak with him. CASH felt these documents gave him credibility and would convince MAHON's attorney to allow him to speak to MAHON. CASH did, in fact, meet with MAHON and set up a series of interviews, which MAHON felt would be featured in the right-wing newspaper, the Jubilee.

CASH advised that once he obtained MAHON's confidence, he got to the point where he could talk freely with MAHON. On one occasion CASH advised MAHON, "Why did you blow the fucking building up in broad daylight? You pissed everyone off when you did that. What makes it bad is that STRASSMEIR is an informant for the government and is giving them information."

CASH stated he told MAHON this as a ruse in order to bluff MAHON and filter him out. He stated MAHON became extremely nervous and replied, "Oh sweet Jesus, I'm fucked." He further advised, "If THOMAS goes down, I'm going down too."

CASH advised MAHON then said he must contact MARK THOMAS because MARK THOMAS "is in this up to his ass." MAHON advised CASH that MIKE BRESCIA was JOHN DOE #2 and that the only good sketch of him was the sketch depicting the side view of JOHN DOE #2.

✓ MAHON contacted THOMAS and during the course of the conversation, allowed CASH to speak with THOMAS. CASH asked THOMAS if he was at Elohim City prior to the bombing and THOMAS refused to talk to him, asking to speak with MAHON.

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CASH stated MAHON advised him during one of the interviews that he and several others had utilized AMERICAN AIRLINES' vouchers in order to travel around the country prior to the Oklahoma City bombing. CASH stated MAHON never directly said that he traveled around the country to arrange for the bombing, but CASH feels that this was the purpose for the travel. MAHON had advised CASH that his brother, DANIEL MAHON, works for AMERICAN AIRLINES and had obtained the vouchers for him. MAHON and his friends used so many of the vouchers in 1996 that AMERICAN AIRLINES shut off all their travel until 1997.

CASH advised that sometime after telling MAHON that STRASSMEIR was an informant, MAHON received a telephone call from Germany in which the caller advised MAHON to determine if STRASSMEIR was an informant and if he was, STRASSMEIR was to be knee-capped, a confession was to be obtained from him, whereupon a 30 minute trial would be held and STRASSMEIR would be executed. CASH stated he feels the caller from Germany was a German terrorist named STEPHEN WEISSEL, who is closely associated with MAHON. MAHON did not confirm this and CASH did not verify the telephone call, but he stated he recalls MAHON advising him that MAHON and WEISSEL traveled to Oklahoma City prior to the Oklahoma City bombing and looked at the Murrah Building. MAHON did not advise CASH why he and WEISSEL had gone to examine the Murrah Building, but CASH feels they were planning to bomb it and had gone to the building specifically to assist in the planning stage of the bombing.

CASH stated that MAHON was "crazy" and halfway through one of these interviews he got so drunk that he went into a back room and obtained an AK47 rifle and sat through the interview with the rifle, sometimes pointing the gun at CASH.

CASH advised that although MAHON claims to have ties with WEISSEL he does not believe that MAHON is involved with international terrorists, even though he sometimes insinuates that he is.

CASH advised in September or October, 1996, MAHON traveled to Idabel, Oklahoma, in order to visit CASH. CASH stated he feels the purpose of the visit was for MAHON to determine where he lived and for MAHON to tell CASH that he was getting too close to the truth of the Oklahoma City bombing and

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that he (CASH) was in danger of losing his life. MAHON also provided CASH with a bulletproof vest and told CASH that he had just about figured out all of the details of the Oklahoma City bombing and that several individuals were becoming upset with him. The details which MAHON was referring to were details which were depicted in several articles written by CASH concerning MAHON and STRASSMEIR.

CASH advised that it was during this meeting that MAHON made it clear that he had built the bomb which blew up the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City. CASH stated he and MAHON were looking over several photos of the imploded Murrah Building and when MAHON came to a particular photograph he stopped and laughed. CASH stated that MAHON had a proud look on his face and stated, "God that was a beautiful bomb." CASH advised that MAHON was "fairly sober" during this conversation and CASH asked him, "Did TIM and TERRY help?" MAHON replied, "Those guys couldn't build a bomb." CASH stated he took this to mean that TIM MCVEIGH and TERRY NICHOLS did not build the bomb and that MAHON himself had built it, although MAHON never said he was the one who built the bomb. CASH stated he came to this conclusion because MAHON "implied" that he had built the bomb, although he never actually admitted it. MAHON had advised CASH that TIM MCVEIGH and TERRY NICHOLS did not have the knowledge to build the bomb and that TIM MCVEIGH was a good soldier who would follow orders.

CASH advised MAHON talks frequently about building bombs, although he has never told CASH where the recipe for the Oklahoma City bomb came from. He advised, MAHON has numerous books concerning bomb making at his house, although CASH cannot recall any specific titles or any specific recipes that MAHON had given him for bomb making. He stated that during one of these conversations, MAHON admitted to making bombs used in abortion clinic bombings in the Tulsa area and admitted making a bomb which blew up a Tulsa abortion clinic in 1990 or 1991. CASH stated he cannot recall the name of the abortion clinic or the exact date, however, MAHON advised him that he had bombed the same abortion clinic twice and had entered the clinic by cutting out a glass portion of a window and placing a pipe bomb in the clinic area.

CASH stated that the majority of his interviews with MAHON were conducted prior to 2:00 pm because MAHON started

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drinking around noon and was usually intoxicated by the latter half of the afternoon. He stated he cannot recall any interviews where MAHON was entirely sober, but feels that MAHON was coherent enough to know what he was talking about. He stated MAHON has several personalities which project themselves during the interviews. During one of these interviews, MAHON mentioned how he wanted to obtain a nuclear device and would like to take it to the Capital in Washington, D.C. and blow up the Capital. He further advised CASH that he was willing to give his life up in order to do this. During some of these interviews, MAHON would frequently get up, walk around, and look out through his window with a set of binoculars. CASH described MAHON as being extremely paranoid and extremely prone to violence.

CASH advised that during one interview, he told MAHON, "I love you and your brother's aliases, TOM and TERRY BANKS." CASH had told MAHON this in order to solicit a response from him concerning several bank robberies which are apparently tied to the Oklahoma City bombing. MAHON replied, "That's cute. Bank robbers, BANKS." MAHON did not respond that he had robbed any banks, but merely that the "BANKS" alias was a reference to bank robberies.

Although never admitting to actually performing the bank robberies, MAHON advised TIMOTHY MCVEIGH worked for an armored car company and helped plan robberies, but never actually participated in the robberies. MAHON advised CASH that MCVEIGH was a good soldier and wanted to take the fall for the Oklahoma City bombing and wants to be remembered as a martyr.

CASH advised that in reference to the reported bank robberies, CAROL HOWE had advised him that during the time of the bank robberies, MAHON would frequently call her on the telephone and tell her about dollar amounts which were taken in the robberies, although these dollar amounts were never reported by the local media. She further advised that although MAHON was not working, he always had large amounts of money on him and was frequently using credit cards, charging large amounts of money to the credit cards.

CASH advised that although MAHON is usually drunk when he provides information to CASH, over a period of time, MAHON has been accurate according to his actions and insinuations. He

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advised MAHON has told him that PETE WARD is the individual who took food to MCVEIGH's room on the Saturday night prior to the bombing. He stated WARD is the individual identified as JOHN DOE #3 and that although never actually saying so, MAHON insinuated that TONY WARD was the individual who rented the RYDER truck used in the Murrah Building bombing. CASH stated he could not recall any exact conversations implicating TONY WARD in the rental of the truck, but does recall that MAHON led him to believe this.

CASH advised that during one of the preliminary hearings for the Oklahoma City bombing, he was seated near TERRY NICHOLS' family and MIKE TIGAR, TERRY NICHOLS' attorney, asked CASH and the family members to have a meeting with him. At the meeting, TIGAR told CASH that the bomb which blew up the Murrah Building was built on the 10th, 11th, and 12th, of April and that the bomb was originally built in a 12 year-old RYDER truck, different from the RYDER truck which was used to transport the bomb to the Murrah building. TIGAR advised that the United States Government would have an extremely hard time proving that NICHOLS was involved in the actual building of the bomb because he has an airtight alibi for the 10th, 11th, and 12th of April. TIGAR did not advise CASH or family members how he knew when the bomb was built, although TIGAR led CASH to believe that NICHOLS had given a confession and had advised his attorney who had built the bomb and when it was built. CASH stated that the second RYDER truck (12 year-old RYDER truck) has never been located, but he does recall that a RYDER truck was seen in a parking lot of a strip joint in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Saturday prior to the bombing in which MIKE BRESCIA was positively identified as being the driver of the truck. A bouncer at the Tulsa strip joint had told CASH that he remembers the RYDER truck being in the parking lot because one of the strippers had pulled her clothes off and urinated on the truck.

CASH advised the second truck theory has currently surfaced again and he has recently received information that J.T. HALE, who has a compound in Smithville, Oklahoma, had a RYDER truck prior to the Oklahoma City bombing and the truck has since disappeared. HALE reportedly disassembled the truck and sold the bed to an unknown individual, whose sister has had conversations with CASH. CASH refuses to divulge the sister's identity and advised she quit talking to him when she found out CASH was doing a series of articles on the Oklahoma City bombing. CASH stated

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when he confronted MAHON about information concerning J.T. HALE, MAHON refused to talk about HALE and became nervous whenever HALE's name was mentioned.

CASH advised that although MAHON never actually admitted to being anywhere near the bombing on April 19, 1995, MAHON did say, "CASH, you have figured the whole thing out and it's going to get you killed." CASH stated that the information he had figured out was that BRESCIA, STRASSMEIR, MAHON, and possibly one or two others had planned the Oklahoma City bombing and had used TIMOTHY MCVEIGH to actually execute the bomb. CASH had theorized that on the day of the bombing, STRASSMEIR drove a second vehicle to the Oklahoma City area, which was to be used as a get-away car. BRESCIA was the individual who drove the truck to the Murrah Building with MCVEIGH. Several other individuals were dressed up as Middle easterners to help carry out the plan, in line with plans used in the TURNER diaries. CASH stated he had obtained all this information from MAHON in a round-about way and MAHON never actually confirmed that this information was true, however, he indicated to CASH that CASH knew the whole plan although a few minor details were left out.

CASH advised that one night MAHON was extremely drunk and CASH had asked to speak to MIKE BRESCIA and asked MAHON to call BRESCIA. BRESCIA was eventually called and, upon learning that MAHON wanted BRESCIA to talk to CASH, BRESCIA berated MAHON and firmly reprimanded him for giving CASH so much information. BRESCIA refused to talk to CASH.

CASH stated he was advised by CAROL HOWE that BRESCIA was one of the major planners in the Oklahoma City bombing and that STRASSMEIR and MAHON planned all of the bank robberies and the bombing and had used MCVEIGH as a soldier to execute the plans. CASH advised that during a interview with MAHON, MAHON advised him that there was a plan to bomb the Murrah Building at night, but the plan was changed at the last minute. MAHON advised CASH that, "MCVEIGH fucked up and changed the plan." CASH advised that MAHON further indicated that someone else helped MCVEIGH change the plan, but MAHON would not indicate who changed the plan to bomb the Murrah Building during daylight hours.

CASH stated that during his interviews with MAHON he

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✓ had seen several scrapbooks with pictures of MCVEIGH at Klan rallies and militia movements.

In reference to STRASSMEIR's role in the Oklahoma City bombing, CASH advised he feels the Government and investigators have not focused on STRASSMEIR due to STRASSMEIR's relationship with the German Government. He stated STRASSMEIR is being protected by the United States Government because of the effect his involvement would have on the German Government and the upcoming Kohl elections. He stated that MAHON has insinuated to him that he and STRASSMEIR were the major planners of the Oklahoma City bombing. He further advised that MAHON does not have an alibi for the bombing and that MAHON was pen-pals with WAYNE SNELL.

MAHON has further advised CASH that TERRY NICHOLS' role in the Aryan Republican Army was to launder money from bank robberies. NICHOLS would obtain money which was dyed by dye packs in the robberies and transport it to the Philippines where there is a market for the money.

In reference to the interview with TIMOTHY MCVEIGH, CASH advised that their conversation was supposed to be "off the record" and that nothing substantial came out of that interview. He advised that prior to starting the interview, he told MCVEIGH that he (CASH) was going to see RANDY WEAVER and LOUIS BEAM and that BEAM was really interested in what had happened in the Oklahoma City bombing. He stated that MCVEIGH's face revealed that he had met with BEAM previously, although MCVEIGH never admitted to doing so. He stated that he then went through the Government's prior knowledge of the bombing and how the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms knew that the Oklahoma City bombing was going to happen and were waiting to arrest him. CASH stated that all other details concerning this conversation were related to other items and did not concern the Oklahoma City bombing.

CASH stated that he has several hours of taped conversations with MAHON, but that the tapes are all concerning telephone calls between he and MAHON. He advised MAHON is very reluctant to talk about any details concerning illegal activities on the telephone and therefore, the majority of the tapes do not contain any incriminating statements. He stated he did not wear



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a recorder on his personal meetings with MAHON or any other Aryan members for fear that a recorder would be discovered. He stated he does have a death threat against CAROL HOWE by MAHON on one of the tapes, but besides that there is nothing concrete on the taped recordings. He advised that the tapes will be saved for a future book which he intends to write regarding MAHON and the circumstances surrounding the Oklahoma City bombing.

CASH advised that although MAHON never actually admitted to participating in the Oklahoma City bombing and the bank robberies to finance the bombing, he (CASH) has come to know MAHON well and knows what MAHON means when he eludes to certain items.

CASH advised he has done several interviews and feels he is a good judge of character and can tell when an individual is telling him the truth. He stated, therefore, although MAHON never actually admitted certain illegalities, he did acknowledge his participation by comments he made confirming CASH's information.

CASH admitted that the majority of his interviews with MAHON were conducted when MAHON was under the influence of alcohol and that MAHON was prone to fabricating stories and lying. He stated, however, he could tell when MAHON was lying and filtered out many of the falsehoods in MAHON's stories and picked out what he knew to be the truth. He stated that he became very familiar with MAHON and knew when MAHON was lying and when MAHON was telling the truth. He advised MAHON did admit to making up a story concerning an interview he had given to another reporter in which he had talked about Iraqi money being used in the Oklahoma City bombing. MAHON advised CASH, that story "was bullshit" and that he was having a drink and made the whole story up.

CASH advised he believes that MAHON has been intricately involved in the Oklahoma City bombing and the bank robberies used to finance the bombing and that MAHON has recently attempted another bank extortion scheme in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He advised that upon reading about this scheme, he contacted MAHON and although MAHON did not admit to attempting this scheme, CASH got the impression from MAHON that he was, in fact, the individual who had attempted to extort money from a Tulsa bank.

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CASH stated that the mistake that was made was that MAHON had asked for too much money and that had MAHON asked for \$20,000 or \$30,000 the bank would have given the money without any question.

CASH advised he feels MAHON is extremely prone to violence in that MAHON blames the United States Government for losing his job with the airlines and that he intends to pay the Government back for this. He stated that he feels MAHON will perform some violent act in the future and that CASH may possibly be a target of one of these acts. He stated MAHON has several connections with right-wing extremists and is familiar with the TURNER diaries and plans on terrorists acts, which are described in the TURNER diaries.

CASH advised he plans future articles concerning MAHON's interviews and they will appear in the McCurtain County Gazette and that other information will appear at a later date in a book he is planning. He advised he will cooperate with any investigation and would have to refer to his notes in order to give a complete and accurate account of all of his dealings with DENNIS MAHON.