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From: [redacted] (DN) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2005 9:59 AM
To: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Congressman Rohrabacher's Interview of Terry Nichols

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My comment regarding pre-coaching Nichols was based on my misinterpretation of [redacted] reply to my e-mail; specifically, development of a strategy for the Congressman's interview with Nichols.

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We do not believe Nichols will shut-down on us if he talks to the Congressman. [redacted] has developed a good rapport with Nichols, appealing to Nichols' "country-folk" mentality, and bonding through their shared former residency in Michigan. Giving the Congressman access to Nichols now will hopefully give the Congressman what he wants, allowing him to move on to other interests. With the Congressman's concurrence that we can sit in on his interview with Nichols, we will be positioned to immediately follow-up on any new information or discrepancies. I have attached [redacted] bullets regarding his interview with Nichols yesterday.

*// Denver will unequivocally follow CTD's direction regarding any/all Nichols interviews. We share CTD's concern regarding the John Doe #2 information, and want to resolve that issue as soon as possible.

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From: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 5:25 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: LEWIS, JOHN E. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]

Subject: RE: Congressman Rohrabacher's Interview of Terry Nichols

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*// [redacted] concerned about your comment on pre-coaching Nichols, we should not attempt to coach or influence him in any way. We need to get to the bottom of the John Doe #2 issue and between DT and DN we need

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to refocus a strategy to address this. I requested our DT folks to get the Behavior Science folks into the process in an attempt to get some fresh ideas. We need to continue to push forward on this and I would like to see us interview him on Friday, Saturday and as much as we need too. Our original issue was to get your interviewers thoughts on how Nichols would react to the presence of the Congressman. Do we have the relationship to the point wherein he will not close down to us if he has the chance to talk to the Congressman? This is an important process and Nichols agreement to talk to us is very significant. We need to ensure we have the best strategy to get to the truth and close this chapter. Would like your thoughts Thanks tom

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From: [REDACTED] (DN) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 4:34 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DN) (FBI)
Cc: LEWIS, JOHN E. (CTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Congressman Rohrabacher's Interview of Terry Nichols

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[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] will be in a position to diffuse Nichols should he start getting too far astray of the Congressman's question. I don't see how we can prevent Nichols bringing up John Doe #2 during the Congressman's interview. I believe that pre-coaching Nichols has a high probability of backfiring on us. Each time we have interviewed Nichols, we have brought-up the subject of John Doe #2, and we will again attempt to solicit this information from Nichols on Tuesday, and during any other interviews prior to the Congressman's visit. With [REDACTED] present during the Congressman's interview, we will be in a position to jump on any new information Nichols relates, and will certainly get the word out quickly if this happens.

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From: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 2:04 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DN) (FBI)
Cc: LEWIS, JOHN E. (CTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Congressman Rohrabacher's Interview of Terry Nichols
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[REDACTED]
 Thanks for getting back to us so quickly. I am not sure that we will be able to limit the Congressman's questions to the IT nexus even though that is where his jurisdiction lies. What is important is that [REDACTED] will be in a position to diffuse Nichols if he attempts to go off on some deranged tangent by calling his attention to the previous interviews. There has been no mention of him bringing anyone other than one of his staffers. I am forwarding this e-mail to all parties involved. Someone will contact you as soon as a date is established. At that time, we will discuss further strategy regarding this particular interview.

*// As for the John Doe #2 story. I am beginning to think he is now trying to manipulate us. If my memory serves me, at first, he stated he had no evidence that a John Doe #2 existed. Now he knows a name and will not release it for fear his family may be in danger? Realistically speaking, with all the press this has gotten, if there was an all powerful/dangerous Doe #2, his family would have been in trouble long before now. This is the only area that concerns me for when he talks to the Congressman.

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UC [redacted]
Domestic Terrorism Operations Unit

[redacted] (pgr)
[redacted] (cell)

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DN) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 3:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Congressman Rohrabacher's Interview of Terry Nichols

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Denver believes that now is an appropriate time for Congressman Rohrabacher to interview Terry Nichols. [redacted] advised the Congressman has agreed to the following interview conditions:

- 1) The interview will cover only a potential IT nexus to OKBOMB; and
- 2) The only people present for the interview will be the Congressman, SA [redacted] possibly a Congressional Aide, and possibly one of the former OKBOMB Case Agents.

Should the Congressman stray outside the IT nexus topic area, Denver does not feel we are in a position to adjust the Congressman's line of questioning. Absent specific direction from CTD, Denver will take no action to attempt to enforce this condition, should the interview deviate from the IT nexus topic area. I recommended to [redacted] that CTD attempt to secure the Congressman's agreement to these conditions in writing, should CTD deem that to be appropriate. I also recommended to [redacted] that CTD attempt to secure the Congressman's assurance that he will not have any media representatives present during the interview. I suggested CTD identify potential interview dates for which the Congressman is available, and that Denver would work with those dates to coordinate the interview.

*// [redacted] is currently returning from his interview with Nichols. Nichols was on the verge of identifying John Doe #2, but declined to do so. Nichols advised [redacted] that John Doe #2's name has never surfaced. Nichols fears for his family's safety should that happen. [redacted] assured Nichols the U.S. Government would take appropriate action to protect Nichols' family. Despite these assurances, Nichols hesitated, then declined to identify John Doe #2.

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will provide some additional bullets regarding his interview with Nichols today when he returns to the office. He plans to interview Nichols again on Tuesday, before the Congressman comes for his interview.

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