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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/01/2006

To: Counterterrorism  
General Counsel  
Denver

Attn: UC [redacted]  
Attn: Attorney [redacted]  
Attn: A/ASAC [redacted]  
A/SSA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

From: Denver  
Squad 12 / [redacted]  
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] u

Drafted By: [redacted] u

Case ID #: 266M-DN-64168 (Pending) - 293

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Title: TERRY LYNN NICHOLS;  
AOT-DT;  
CORRECTIONAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVE

Synopsis: Document action taken by the Denver Division, Colorado Springs RA, regarding a letter sent by Attorney [redacted] Ponca City, Oklahoma, dated 01/27/2006, on behalf of inmate Terry Lynn Nichols.

Reference: 266M-DN-64168, serial 255

Details: On 02/23/2006, Denver Division received a letter dated 01/27/2006, from Attorney [redacted]

[redacted] enclosing a letter from inmate Terry Lynn Nichols, currently housed at the Federal Bureau of Prison's (BOP's) U.S. Penitentiary Administrative Maximum (ADX), Florence, Colorado. In his letter, Nichols claims that inmate [redacted] is attempting to fabricate information and weave these fabrications with some truth, in order to obtain early release from prison via cooperation with law enforcement with this false information. Copies of both [redacted] and Nichols' letters are attached. A review of these letters revealed no new information, and that the allegations made by Nichols in this letter had previously been addressed and documented to Nichols' file in Denver.

On 02/23/2006 SSA [redacted] relayed the above information to UC [redacted]

[redacted] SSA [redacted] also faxed a copy of the attached

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To: Counterterrorism From: Denver  
Re: 266M-DN-64168, 03/01/2006

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letters from [redacted] and Nichols to UC [redacted] UC [redacted]  
advised he would relay this information to DAD John Lewis, [redacted]

On 02/24/2006 [redacted]

[redacted]

On 02/24/2006, UC [redacted] advised SSA [redacted] that [redacted]  
had no immediate oversight interest regarding Nichols'  
allegations, and that any further investigation was left to the  
discretion of the Denver Division.

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Denver's previous investigation regarding [redacted]  
[redacted] regarding Nichols, and Nichols' counter allegations  
regarding [redacted] is documented in referenced serial.

Based on the above information, Denver did not contact  
either Nichols or [redacted] Denver intends to take no further  
action regarding this matter.

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For information.

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February 19, 2006

[Redacted]

This is a very interesting letter from Terry Nichols of the OK bombings. It was passed to me from [Redacted] and to her from Nichol's lawyer. In his letter, he claims that one of his mates at Florence is working a scam to get early release. He also said that he passed some information to the FBI - I assume it is one of your Agents that works Florence - regarding this.

Can you pass this on to the Agents working Florence and see through BOP whether any of this is true or needs to be provided to the prosecutors working on [Redacted]. Starting in Florence was the best course of action I could think of.

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Thanks a lot

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[Redacted]

I pass this to you for whatever action you deem appropriate. For what it is worth, given what I know about [Redacted] Nichols may be right. I am also going to send a copy of the letter up to EDNY, which would be involved in any effort to get [Redacted] sentence shortened.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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P.O. DRAWER 2110

PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA 74602

LEGAL ASSISTANT

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TELEPHONE

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E-mail:

[Redacted]  
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January 27, 2006

[Redacted]

FBI, Department of Justice  
J Edgar Hoover FBI Building  
935 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20535-0001

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Dear

[Redacted]

My client, Terry Lynn Nichols, requested your address to send you the enclosed letter. Rather than giving him your address, I asked him to send it to me and I would forward it on for your review.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Attorney at Law

BTH:lda  
Encl.

Ms. Valerie Caproni

23 JANUARY 2006

U.S. federal prosecutor

RE: Gregory Scarpa, Jr.

Dear Ms. Caproni:

This letter is coming to you by way of my attorney Mr. Hermanson. My name is Terry L. Nichols, one of two persons convicted in the Oklahoma City bombing. I am writing to you at this time because I understand that you were the federal prosecutor in the trial of Gregory Scarpa, Jr. of New York, and I believe a great injustice would be done if Mr. Scarpa were to gain an early release.

Allow me to provide you a little background. I am being housed at the ADX U.S. Penitentiary in Florence, CO, and in the very same unit as where Mr. Scarpa is also housed. In fact I was in the cell next to him for a few months in early 2005. I met him actual through a friend of his at the time by the name of Emilia Bravo.

To keep a long story short, I was trying to find a way to get certain information regarding the OKC bombing and "others unknown" to Congress. Mr. Scarpa claimed he had a forensic investigator who was currently conducting a govt misconduct probe and who had some strong connections to some members of Congress and who could get congressional authorization to recover certain critical evidence and open a proper investigation into the OKC bombing & others unknown.

However, unknown to me at the time Mr. Scarpa had another plan up his sleeve. He took some of the information I provided him and intentionally fabricated a number of lies

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and weaved them in with the truth in an attempt to work a sweeter deal in getting his sentence reduced. Some of the lies that Mr. Scarpa fabricated are:

1.)- That my brother James also knew of the location of those explosive components that the FBI recovered from my former Kansas home.

2.)- That James was to retrieve those items to use in a second bombing.

3.)- That a second bombing would occur on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OKC bombing.

These and other lies from Scarpa prompted the federal gov't. and other agencies to spend a great amount of resources to do investigations, increase security, and such regarding the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in OKC. Plus his lies also put a tremendous amount of fear, stress & worry into the hearts & minds of the good people of Oklahoma needlessly.

In addition, his self-serving actions did nothing but complicate my efforts in getting evidence & information to Congress to re-open the OKC bombing. But this is not the reason I'm writing to you. I'm not after revenge, but rather only to see that an injustice is not done by Mr. Scarpa and those assisting him in trying to get him an early release.

In fact if Mr. Scarpa deserves anything he deserves to be prosecuted for fabricating lies which ~~the~~ caused the gov't. much expense and much grief <sup>for</sup> the folks of Oklahoma. And this is why I'm writing to you should you choose to file charges against Mr. Scarpa, or to help prevent him from



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gaining an early release, I would be willing to provide you with an affidavit or testify for you to the lies & evil scheming he did and the harm & expense he caused others. And there is another inmate who has firsthand knowledge of these things as well and I'm sure would be willing to provide the same so that an injustice does not occur.

By the way, after my ordeal I became aware of a similar scam that Mr. Scarpa tried to pull off regarding TWA Flight 800 & Ramzi Yousef. And I was recently made aware of the fact that Mr. Scarpa is now "working another angle" (i.e. - scam) to gain his freedom faster.

Ms. Caproni, perhaps if Mr. Scarpa would be prosecuted again and a few more years tacked onto his current sentence would send him a clear message to stop his evil conniving & scheming which continually burdens many needlessly. But of course that decision is up to you.

If I can be of any assistance in this matter please let my attorney know. And please understand I'm not doing this with any intentions of expecting any benefits.

Sincerely,

~~Terry L. Nichols~~ 08157-031

TERRY L. Nichols

U.S. Penitentiary MAX

P.O. Box 8500

Florence, CO. 81226

P.S. - If it would help you in any

way I turned over to the B.O.P.-S.I.S.

& the FBI a handwritten threat from

Mr. Scarpa stating that he would harm

my family members & friends if his

"deal" did not work out. In fact I turned

over to them 176 pages, many of Scarpa's own letters, to help expose his scam, lies & manipulations.

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# CONFIDENTIAL FAX

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## MESSAGE

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Attention: Night Duty Officer

The attached letter to Congressman William Delahunt recounts information which was provided to me today by [redacted]

I bring this to the attention of your office because [redacted] to by Terry Lynn Nichols, whose [redacted]

Note that I am making no accusation concerning Mr. Nichols.

Feel free to contact me at any time.

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*SA [redacted]*  
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*EC setting lead*  
*to do so.*

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Date: 2005-03-02

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1961 Stout Street  
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Date: 3/1/05

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From: [Redacted] (DN) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 3:17 PM

To: [Redacted] (OC) (FBI)

Cc: [Redacted] (FBI) [Redacted] (DN) (FBI) [Redacted] (DN)

Subject: Nichols interview (DRAFT)

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I interviewed Nichols on Wednesday, 05/11/05. I requested Nichols review the FD-302's based on previous miscommunications. He was delighted to review the documents and made small corrections. I will generate an FD-302 reflecting the corrections. Nichols has a legal visit with an attorney friend scheduled for today. I told Nichols that I will come back down to the prison at his request. The attached FD-302 is a draft and has not been uploaded. I will be out of the office next week and will send you an email upon my return. Please continue to seek input from others for future interviews.

I spoke with the asset/informant unit regarding [Redacted]

[Redacted]

SA [Redacted]  
Colorado Springs RA

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Date of transcription 05/12/2005

Terry Lynn Nichols, white male, date of birth April 1, 1955, place of birth Lapeer, Michigan, Social Security Account Number 371-68-4869, was interviewed. Nichols is currently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Administration Maximum (ADX), 5880 State Highway 67 South, P.O. Box 8500, Florence, Colorado, 81226. Technician Michelle Bond, United States Penitentiary, ADX, 5880 State Highway 67 South, P.O. Box 8500, Florence, Colorado, 719-784-5252, was present during the interview. Nichols is serving multiple life terms for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Nichols advised as follows:

Timothy McVeigh chose the Geary Lake Wildlife Area to build the truck bomb. The truck bomb was used in 1995 to destroy the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. McVeigh and Nichols loaded truck bomb components from a storage locker into a Ryder rental truck. McVeigh, driving the Ryder rental truck, told Nichols to follow McVeigh. McVeigh left the Geary Lake Wildlife Area and drove in the direction of Junction City, Kansas. McVeigh stopped at the Geary Lake Wildlife Area to build the truck bomb. Nichols would not have chosen the Geary Lake Wildlife Area because he believed that it was too open to the public.

Nichols did not purchase diesel fuel prior to building the truck bomb for the specific purpose of building the truck bomb. Nichols kept his truck "topped off" resulting in frequent fuel purchases.

Nichols' personal relationship with [redacted] was very limited. Nichols met [redacted] while both were in the military. Nichols did discuss job opportunities around Kingman, Arizona with [redacted]

Nichols has very limited knowledge of [redacted] McVeigh often spoke to [redacted] and both were like minded.

McVeigh may have been employed as an armored truck driver while living in New York. McVeigh may have sought similar employment as an armored truck driver and often discussed his ability to rob armored cars. Nichols has no knowledge of McVeigh

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Investigation on 05/12/2005 at Florence, Colorado

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Date dictated 05/11/2005

by SA [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of Terry Lynn Nichols, On 05/12/2005, Page 2

ever committing an armored car robbery. Nichols has no knowledge of McVeigh robbing the Crazy Horse Lounge.

In 1993 or 1994, Nichols shopped for farm land in Missouri. On one of the trips to Missouri to view land, McVeigh traveled with Nichols. McVeigh did not get out of the automobile when viewing the land and no one else was with Nichols and McVeigh.

Nichols has a copy of McVeigh's book, American Terrorist. The book contains large and small lies allegedly written by McVeigh. One example is that Nichols conducted surveillance of federal buildings in Kansas City, Missouri. Nichols has never conducted surveillance of federal buildings.



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111 S. Tejon, Suite 600  
Colorado Springs, CO

June 1, 2006

[Redacted]

RE: Terry Lynn Nichols  
Inmate number 08157-031

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Dear [Redacted]

This correspondence serves as an official request for information in furtherance of a criminal investigation.

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[Redacted]

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If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the case agent, SA [Redacted]

Sincerely,

*Richard C. Powers*

Richard C. Powers  
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisory Special Agent

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Colorado Springs, CO

May 30, 2006



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By:   
Supervisory Special Agent

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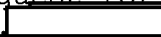


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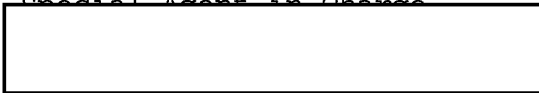
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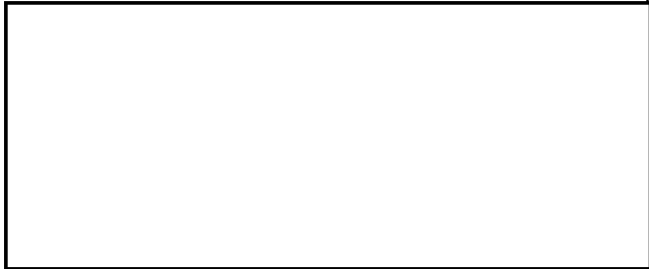
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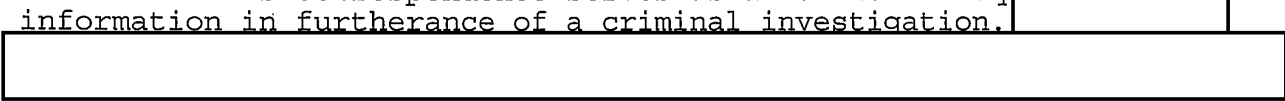
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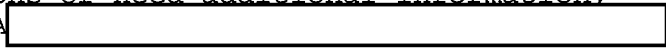


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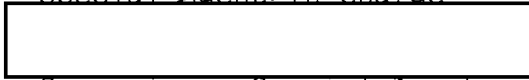
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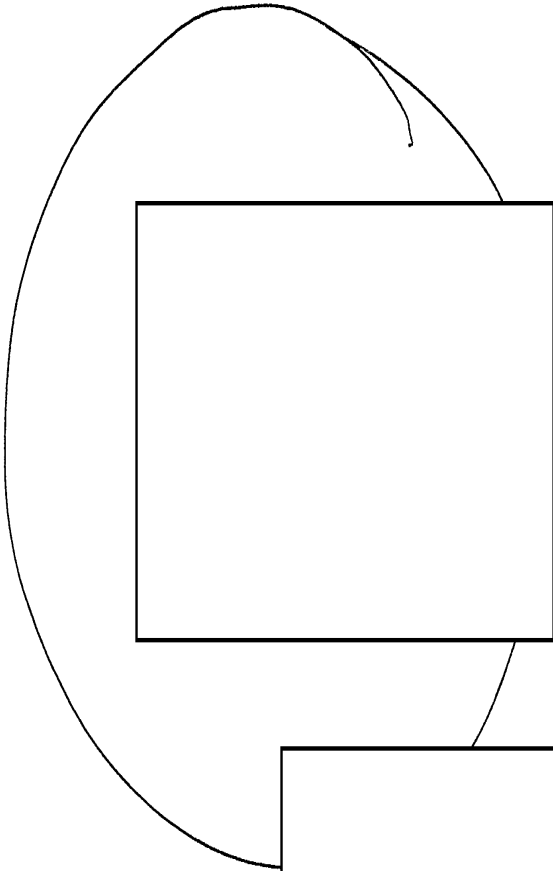
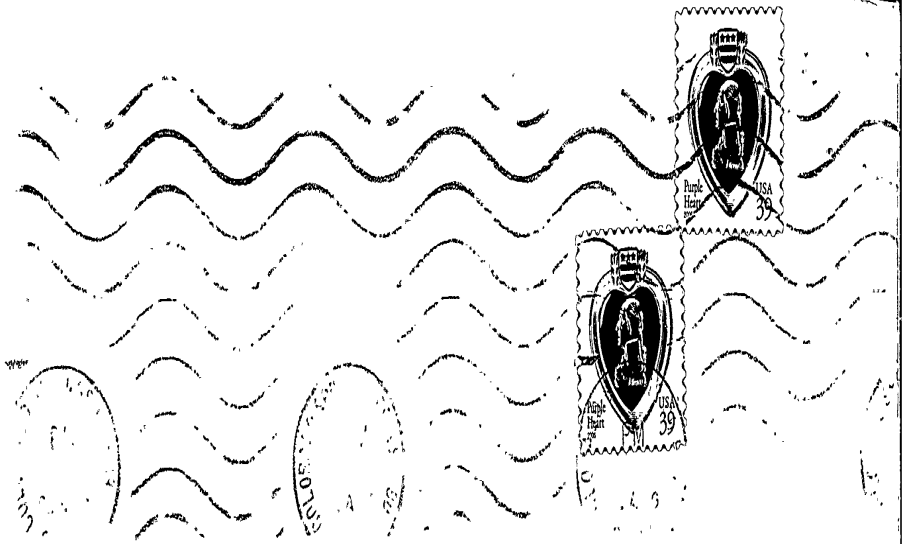
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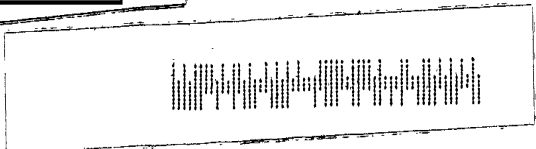
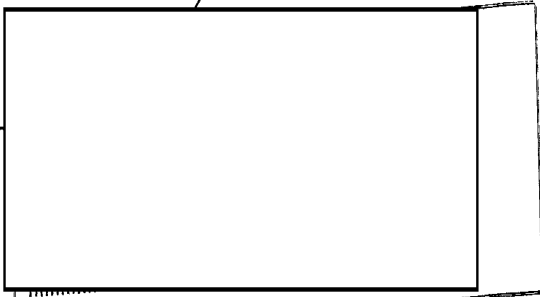
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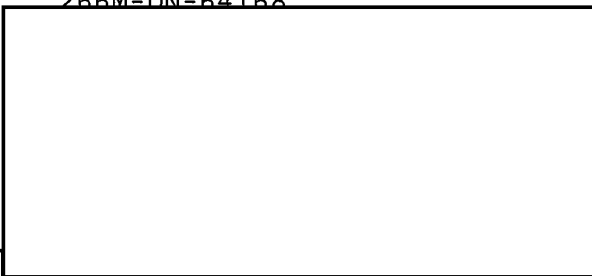
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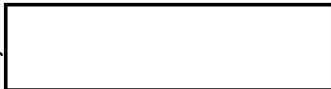
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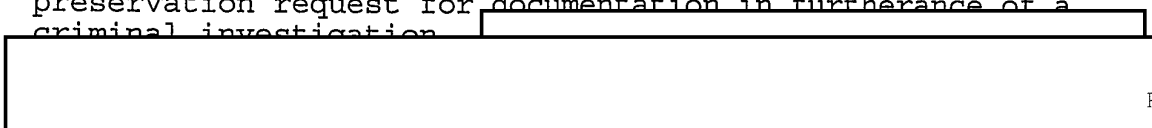
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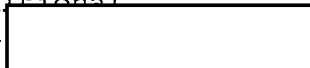
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September 20, 2006



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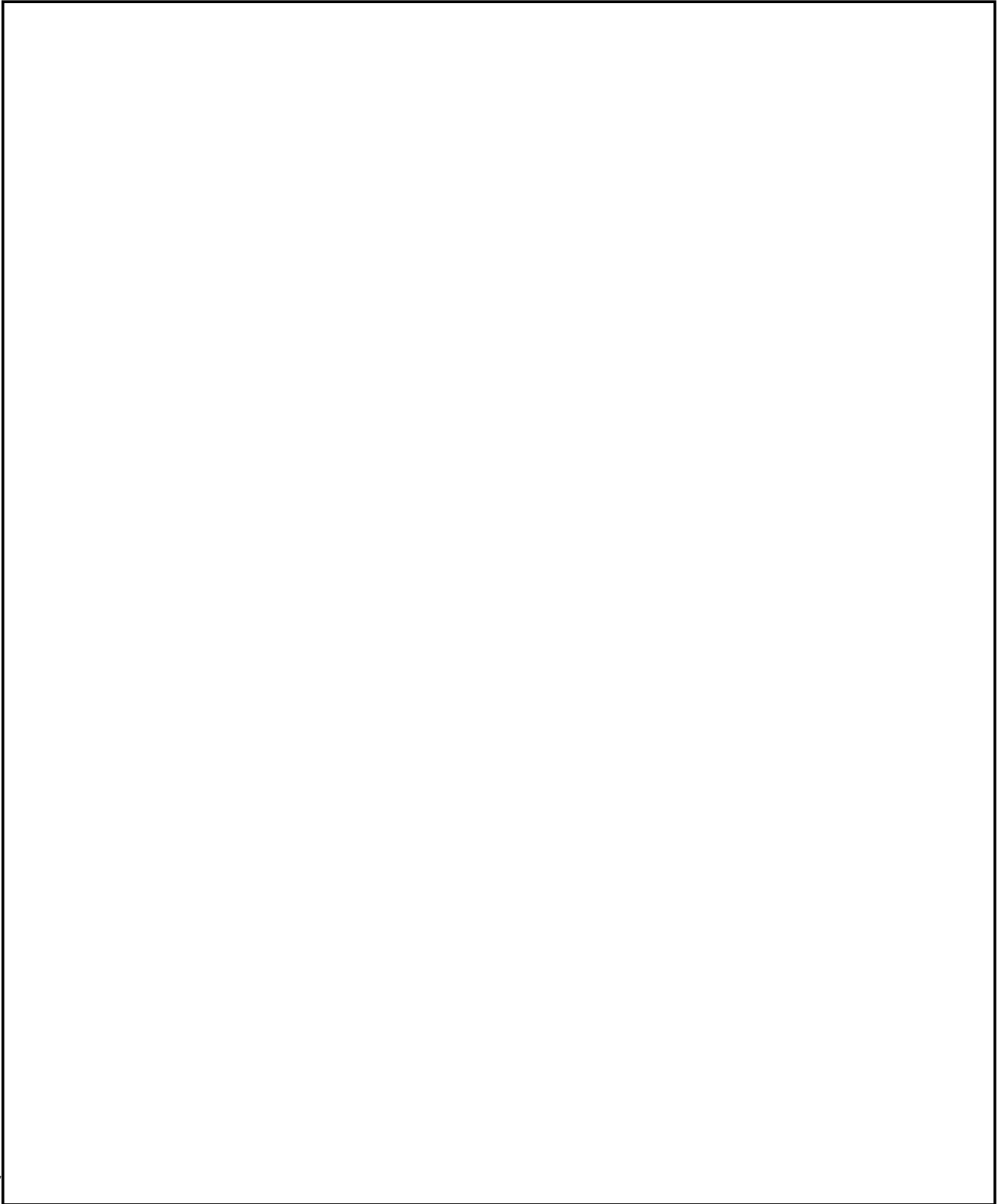
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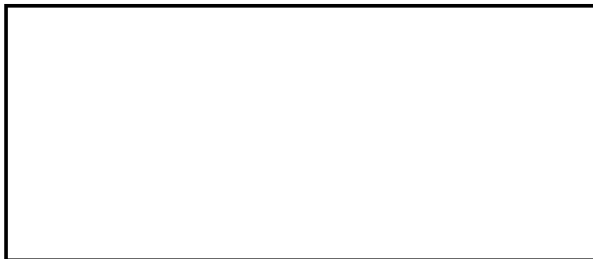
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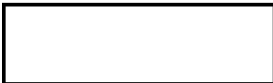


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## Inside Bomber Row

HOW AMERICA'S MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS MIX WITH A WHO'S WHO OF THE GLOBAL JIHAD IN A COLORADO PRISON

By MARYANNE VOLLERS

Highway 50 runs straight as a pool cue from Pueblo, Colo., through 23 miles of rangeland and piñon flats before offering an exit to the scruffy little city of Florence (pop. 3,795). Like Flint, Mich., or Orlando, Fla., Florence is a company town. The industry here is prisoners, and the company is the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Twenty years ago, the people of surrounding Fremont County ponied up \$160,000 to buy some open land outside Florence, hoping to entice the bureau to build a prison complex as a way to boost the town's economy. Corrections had long been a mainstay in Fremont County; the high desert valley was already home to more than half a dozen prisons. But in the end, Florence got a little more than it bargained for.

The 600-acre Federal Correctional Complex, which was completed in 1994 on the outskirts of town, is a virtual theme park of penal experiences, ranging from a minimum-security camp for inside-traders and small-time pot dealers to the concrete fortress that was built to be the most secure prison in the country: the Administrative Maximum U.S. Penitentiary, or ADX for short. The inmates in ADX Florence include drug kingpins, gang leaders, hit men, snipers and, lately, more and more, international terrorists, including al-Qaeda shoe bomber Richard Reid; mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing Ramzi Yousef and at least seven of his accomplices; and four men convicted of involvement in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa. There are American terrorists too. Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, spent time there before being transferred to Indiana, where he was executed in 2001. His accomplice, Terry Nichols, is still at ADX, as is Theodore Kaczynski, the Unabomber. The common thread running through the crimes committed by these men accounts for the nickname given to the highest-security section of the prison: Bombers Row.

Until now, almost nothing has been written about the inner workings of the ADX. Since 9/11, journalists have been routinely denied access to the facility, its staff and inmates. But Eric Robert Rudolph, who is serving life without parole at the prison for the fatal bombings at the Atlanta Olympics

and an abortion clinic in Alabama, has written letters to me, the author of a book about his case, and to his mother Patricia Rudolph, who has shared them with me. These missives offer a unique first-hand account of life on Bombers Row.

"It is Ramadan now and the Muslims are fasting," Rudolph wrote in the fall of 2005, three months after he arrived at ADX. "The call to prayer echoes through the halls five times a day giving this place a decidedly otherworldly feel." Although the inmates are isolated in gloomy one-man cells the size of a small bathroom at least 23 hours a day, their chambers aren't soundproof. In fact, the prison is noisy. Rudolph's housing unit resonates with the constant mechanical whir and clank of electronic gates, punctuated by the sound of inmates praying, wailing and shouting conversations in English and Arabic through the walls and vents between their cells.

There are eight cells in Rudolph's "range," and another eight on the level above him. For security reasons, he is not allowed to name his fellow prisoners, but he says there is one American who never comes out of his cell; according to sources outside the ADX, the silent American is Kaczynski. Rudolph says the rest of his neighbors are such nationalities as Egyptian, Sudanese and Palestinian. He writes that his area of the prison is "where they house the political offenders, what they call 'terrorists.'" There are many such men at ADX. The list of Arab inmates reads like a Who's Who of the international jihad. Apart from the bombers already mentioned, there are, among others, Zacarias Moussaoui, the sole individual convicted of involvement in the 9/11 attacks; Ahmed Ressam, arrested at the Canadian border with explosives he had planned to use to bomb the Los Angeles International Airport; and Abdul Hakim Murad, convicted in Operation Bojinka, a 1995 al-Qaeda scheme to blow 12 planes, 11 of them U.S.-bound, out of the sky during a 48-hour period.

A correctional officer at ADX told me that inmates are placed on the same range based on their compatibility. Another clue as to why jihadists are housed together comes from Bureau of Prisons director Harley Lappin's 2003 testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee. He said that his department's strategy was to ensure that "inmates with terrorist ties do not have the opportunity to radicalize or recruit other inmates." They are kept at ADX because, he noted, it's "our most secure facility."

But is it secure enough? For the first decade after the ADX was built, the citizens of Florence weren't worried much about the secretive compound, which is only conspicuous when the sun goes down and its banks of light towers glow against the dark horizon. But when Moussaoui, the crazed 9/11 wannabe hijacker, arrived to considerable media fanfare in May 2006, some locals started to feel as if they were living beside a tempting terrorist target. People weren't so much concerned that someone would break out of the fortified ADX, but rather they wondered what would prevent an al-Qaeda squad, perhaps a suicide attacker, from breaking in. At the same time, they were hearing rumors about internal security problems at the Supermax, as the prison is sometimes called. "There's a lot we should be scared about in

this little town, with those individuals up there," said Cindy Cox, the mayor of Florence. "Some think that since they're in prison, they're not terrorizing anyone anymore. But what about their friends?"

The federal complex is located only a couple of chip shots away from a combined golf course and housing development. While the two higher-security prisons there have walled yards, the entire campus is separated from the community by only a single barbed-wire cow fence. State representative Buffie McFadyen, a two-term Democrat whose district includes the prisons in Fremont County, has pressed members of Congress, to no avail, to appropriate funds to build a solid wall around the complex, along with a central guard tower to better protect the center from outside attack. The Bureau of Prisons has already failed four times to squeeze money into its budget to upgrade security. McFadyen has also campaigned to remedy what a federal arbitrator has called dangerous understaffing at the ADX. "The threat comes from both inside and outside the prison," McFadyen says.

Like an anthropologist dropped into an exotic village, Rudolph seems fascinated by the Arab inmates. "They're an extremely fatalistic people," he wrote. "This time must be very rough on them for they have little interest in anything other than the Middle East, President Bush and Islam. But at least they have each other and rattle on endlessly in Arabic."

Rudolph is getting his neighbors to teach him their language. He picks it up one phrase at a time. He wrote his mother, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., that "Kyfa ta Kool," which he spelled out phonetically, means "How do you say ...?" Sometimes the other inmates are eager to communicate with Rudolph, other times they are "sulking or buried in some Arabic hell of depression."

In ADX, the spartan cells are designed to keep inmates from hurting themselves--and their guards. Each 7- or 8-ft. by 12-ft. space contains a molded concrete bunk, stool and desk; a steel shower, sink and toilet, and a small black-and-white TV encased in Plexiglas to prevent tampering. At one end of the cell is a solid steel door, and a small vestibule--for the use of guards when they enter--separated from the living quarters by steel bars. There is one 4-in. by 4-ft. window. Rudolph's is over his bed, looking out on the prison yard. "Through the slit window one can see the sky, but other than this and the few small birds that roost on the prison roof, there are no signs of the natural world."

The inmates have almost no physical contact with other people. Food, mail and laundry are delivered through a slot in the steel bars. Prisoners have a choice of two kinds of meals: the regular plan consists of typical American food: casseroles, hamburgers, blue-plate specials. The alternative is a diet conforming to almost all religious restrictions. It contains no pork and incorporates lots of beans and vegetables. Muslims get special mealtimes during the month of Ramadan, when the observant do not eat during daylight hours.

Prison staff sit in control booths from which they operate the doors and surveil the corridors using sound monitors and cameras. To keep the inmates occupied, they offer crossword puzzles, bingo and Jeopardy competitions through flyers or through a closed-circuit TV channel. "The Muslims are obsessed with the games, they chatter endlessly about the possible answers," Rudolph wrote. The winners are rewarded with a candy bar or a picture of themselves. Being a Westerner puts Rudolph at an advantage in the trivia games, and his foreign neighbors depend on his help. "Moments after they post the questions on Monday morning, the yelling begins. 'Areek, what the answers? Who is President in the War of 1812?'"

Television is another distraction. ADX sources say inmates get basic cable service, although nothing as fancy as HBO, and can choose what to watch, though these privileges can be taken away as punishment for rules violations. Rudolph says he gets 60 channels, including music-radio stations and local news. A special prison channel offers educational shows, courses in anger management and a smorgasbord of religious programs dealing with faiths ranging from Catholicism to the Nation of Islam and even Asatru, the ancient Norse religion favored by Aryan supremacists.

According to Bureau of Prisons policy, the high-risk inmates in Rudolph's unit are allowed visits and phone calls only from their lawyers and from a list of approved contacts often restricted to immediate family members. All communications by such prisoners are supposed to be monitored by correctional staff. But a report by the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General released last month faulted the bureau for not properly screening inmate mail and phone conversations at ADX Florence and other facilities. It confirmed reports that after 9/11, Mohammed Salameh, one of the 1993 World Trade Center bombers, wrote a letter praising Osama bin Laden that was published in Arabic newspapers. Salameh and two of his accomplices, also at ADX, mailed out at least 90 unmonitored letters between 2002 and 2004. The recipients included Islamic extremists with links to suspects in the Madrid train bombings; one letter was sent to Mohamed Achraf, alleged leader of a plot to blow up the National Justice Building in Madrid.

Investigators discovered that at the time the letters went out, there was only one part-time Arabic translator on staff at ADX to handle mail checks, which were done at random. The bureau has since hired three full-time Arabic translators for ADX but claims that more funds are needed to fully monitor the communications of all high-risk inmates, particularly non-English speakers.

To cut costs, the Bureau of Prisons in 2005 instituted a policy of shifting staff around within prisons and filling only the most critical positions. The union that represents correctional workers at the ADX charged that this resulted in the facility's being staffed far below the bureau's minimum safety standards. In spring a federal arbitrator heard testimony from ADX staff that some housing units had been left unattended for entire eight-hour shifts. Union officials also charged that posts in what they call the "terrorist

unit" were routinely left vacant. According to the union, staff shortages meant that inmates weren't getting meals on time, scheduled phone calls were delayed or canceled, and exercise hours were cut because there was nobody to supervise them.

The inmates, correctional officers say, often turn hostile and dangerous when their basic needs are unmet or their routines are disrupted. "When you start tinkering with staffing levels, you start setting that system off balance, so you start seeing a lot of things popping up in terms of increased inmate assaults and increased threats," says Mike Schnobrich, a union representative who works at ADX. The union documented that since the new staffing policy began in 2005, two ADX inmates have been murdered by fellow prisoners, after 10 years without a killing at the facility; threats to staff increased, from 55 in 2005 to 110 in 2006; and assaults on correctional officers increased nearly a third over the same period, from 30 to 38 incidents.

The federal arbitrator sided with the union and in October ordered the Bureau of Prisons to reduce the hazards to correctional officers. Traci Billingsley, a spokeswoman for the bureau, disputes the arbitrator's findings and denies there has been any problem with staffing at the ADX, saying in a written response to questions from TIME that the facility "continues to operate safely and efficiently." She said that 60 new correctional workers have recently been added to the staff of the Federal Correctional Complex. Union representative Schnobrich maintains that despite those hires, staffing at ADX is still dangerously low.

Rudolph's letters over the past year have reflected increasing frustration with prison conditions caused by staff shortages. He has complained about cold food, delayed mail and calls missed because there was no one available to bring a phone to his cell. When he first arrived at ADX in 2005, the inmates in his range were let out of their cells four or five times a week for indoor exercise and once a week for a break in the yard. More recently they have been lucky to get outside once a month. Rudolph has joined other inmates in filing a complaint with the Bureau of Prisons over deteriorating conditions, but he doesn't hold out much hope that they will be corrected.

It's not easy to unnerve the citizens of Fremont County. Prisons have been part of the landscape since before Colorado was a state--the Colorado Territorial prison dates back to the 19th century, and people are accustomed to the occasional disturbance or inmate escape. In Florence, most folks still don't lock their doors at night. Many have grown up listening for three short blasts from the fire whistle--a signal that a prisoner is loose in the valley. When that happens, some residents simply fill up their car with gas and leave the keys in the vehicle. "It's better than having a fugitive break into your house and take you hostage," says Bob Wood, publisher of the Florence Citizen, with a shrug. "All they want to do is get out of town." Even though he doesn't live in fear, Wood says he's increasingly concerned about problems at the federal prison complex. And he's not alone.

On the weekend before Halloween, 50 people crowded into a community forum in Florence with Colorado's Democratic Senator Ken Salazar, who had just toured ADX to investigate the security situation. A few days later, Republican Senator Wayne Allard made the same trip. Fremont County sheriff Jim Beicker, who is still waiting for a Homeland Security grant to upgrade his department's radio system, expressed his concerns about the flimsy fence surrounding the prison complex and staffing shortages at ADX. "I want to see these issues fixed," he said. "I don't want to have to lay awake at night and worry about problems at the prison spilling over into my jurisdiction."

State representative McFadyen was encouraged that both Allard and Salazar promised to bring up the issue of security in the area in the next Congress. "The correctional officers at ADX work on the front line in the nation's war on terror, and they deserve our support, just like the troops overseas," she said. "Fremont County helps keep the country safe. Now the country should keep Fremont County safe."

From Eric Rudolph's point of view, the ADX is locked down very tight. The procedure to leave one's cell for a rare opportunity to exercise outside, for instance, is an ordeal. Two guards enter the vestibule and order the inmate to strip. After a cavity search, he dresses again and his hands are cuffed through an opening in the bars that separate the vestibule from the rest of the cell. The guards then march him down the corridor, a steel-tipped baton at the ready. When all the prisoners are lined up, they are led to an outdoor recreation area enclosed by 25-ft. walls. If they look straight up through the chain mesh that encloses the top of the yard, they can see a patch of the blue Colorado sky.

The prisoners are placed in chain-link enclosures called "dog runs," one per cage. Their cuffs are removed through a door slot. This is the only time the inmates actually see and interact with one another. "It is awkward adjusting my voice from the necessary yell of the cell block to the face-to-face conversation in the yard," Rudolph writes. "Unlike me the Arabs don't adjust the volume." Rudolph describes how his neighbors pair up in their separate runs and then "walk the length of the cage in unison, back and forth, yelling as they go. If you've ever seen big cats at a zoo, this is what they do as well. They pace back and forth, rhythmically, like a pendulum. Across the yard, this is what one sees: seven pairs of inmates pacing together, all the while yelling in loud Arabic." The words Aiwa, aiwa echo across the yard. Yes, yes.

"When the hour is up, the slow process of moving us back to the cells begins in reverse," Rudolph writes. "And then we sit in our darkened cells for the rest of the week, staring out at the empty sun-drenched yard."

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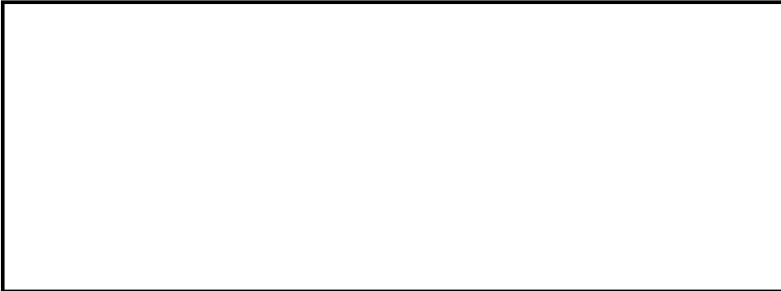


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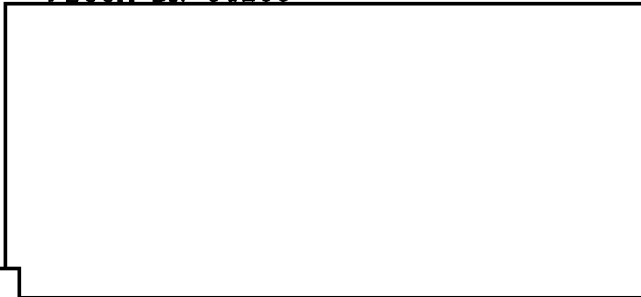
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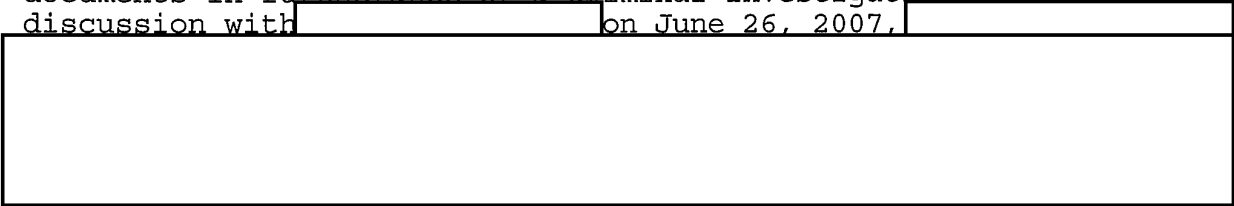
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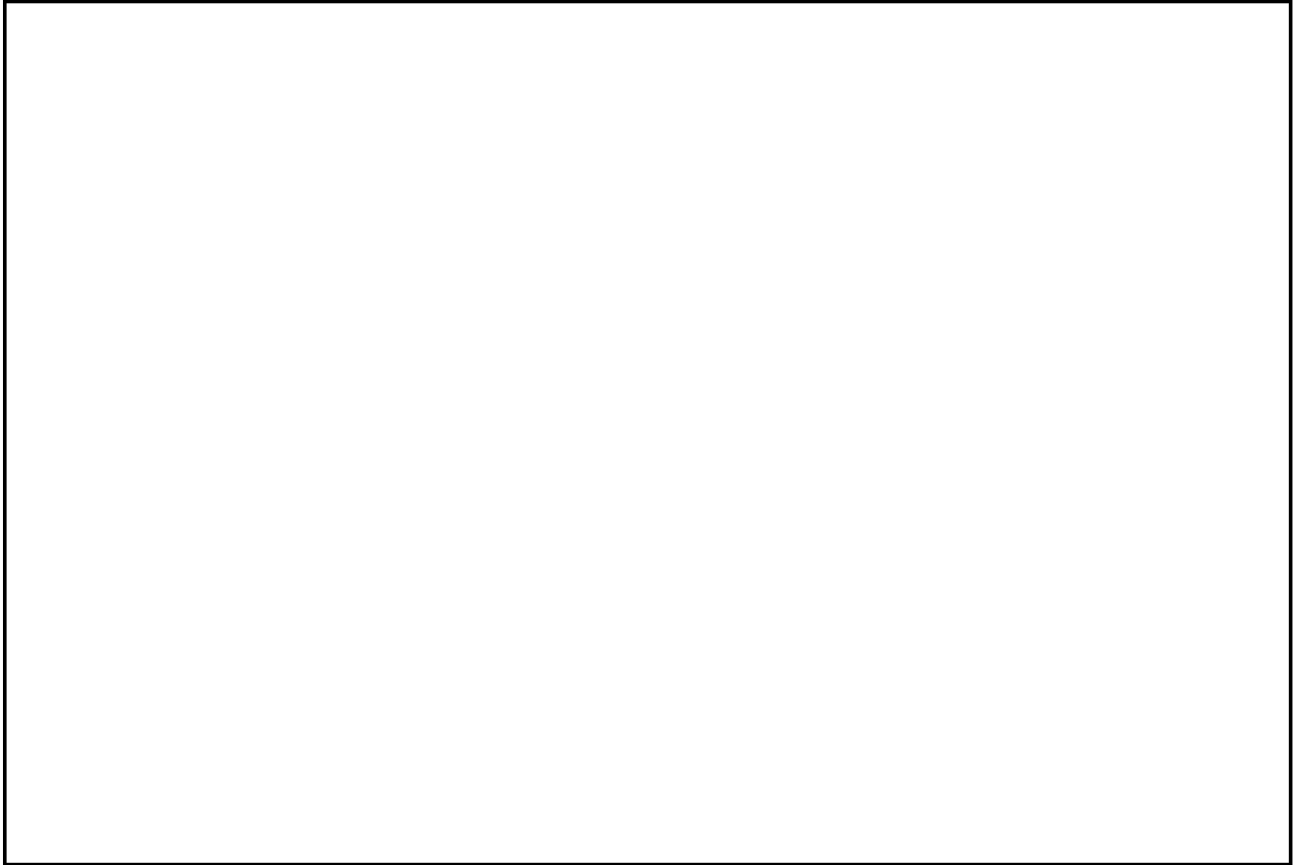
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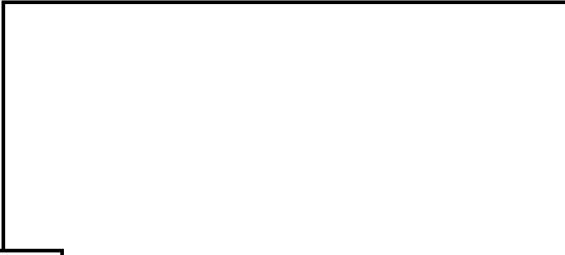
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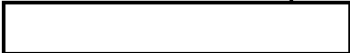
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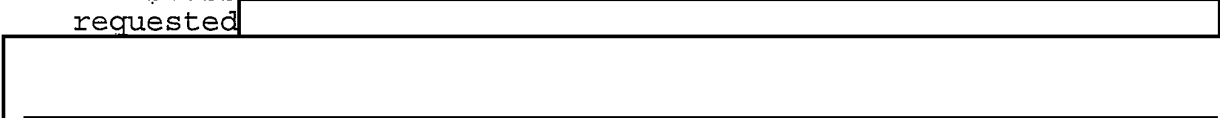


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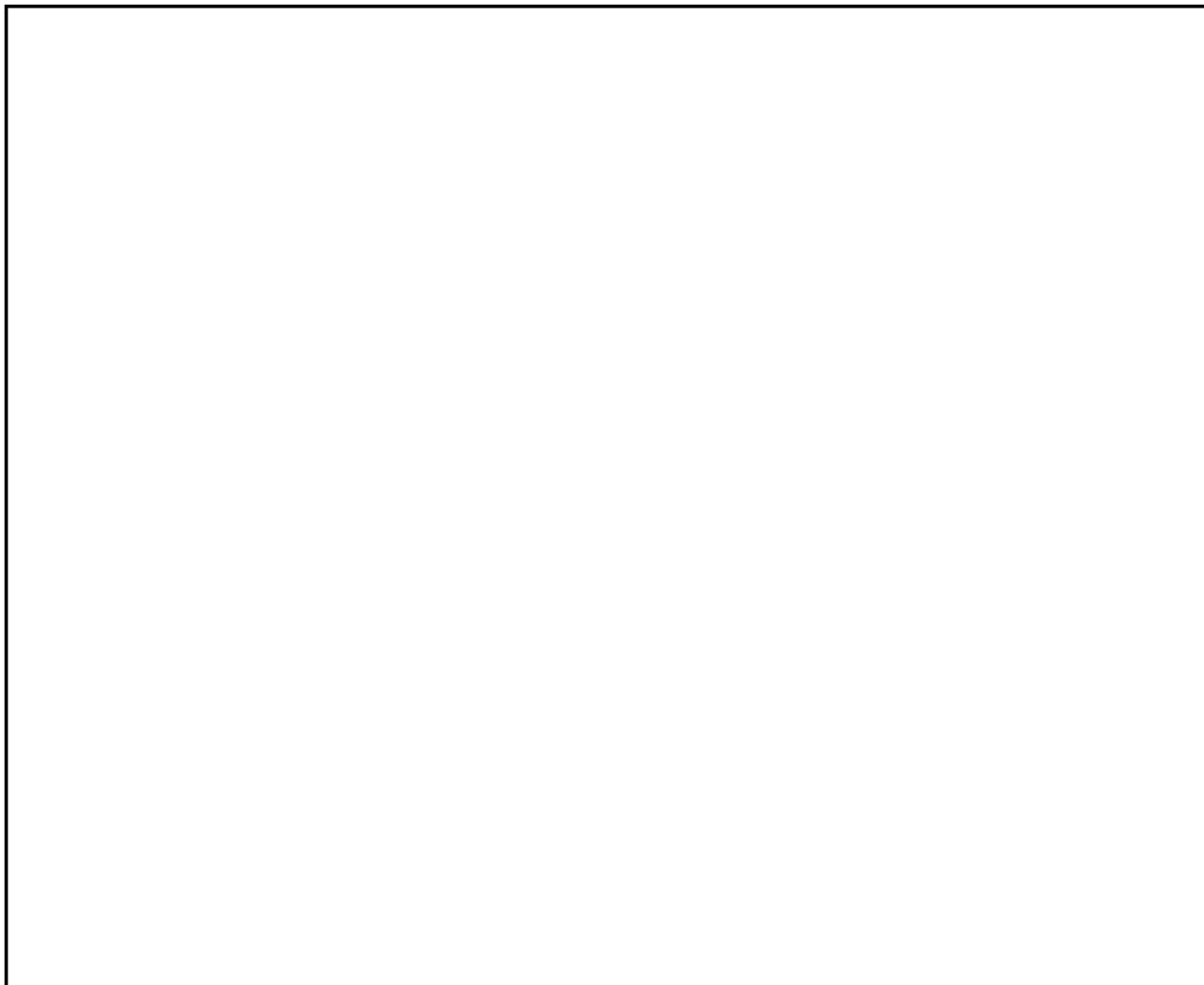
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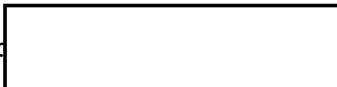
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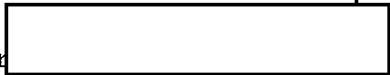


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Per telephone call of November 20, 2007 with SIS [redacted] the following information details investigative matters at FBI Detroit, Flint, Michigan reference Terry Nichols' [redacted]

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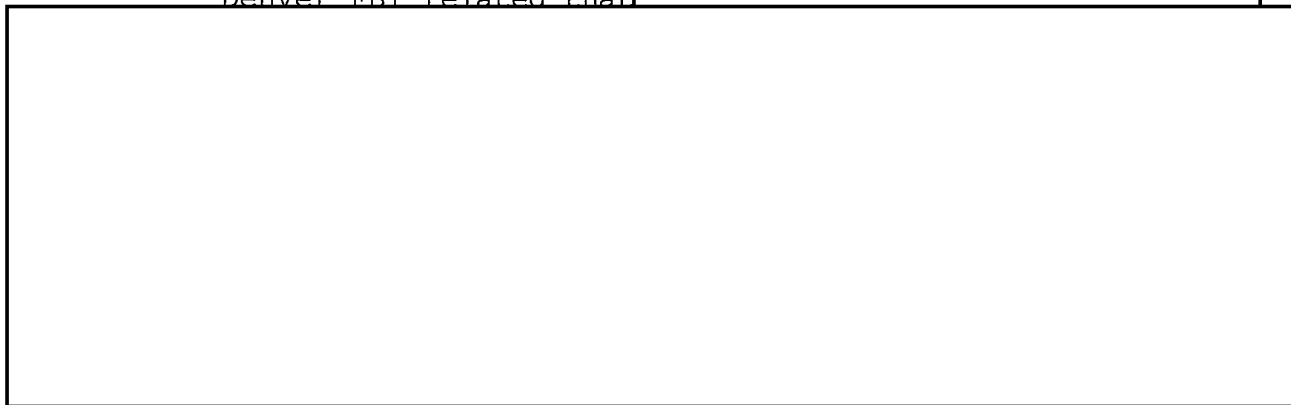
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Reference: 266-DE-C97745 Serial 18

Administrative: Only an electronic copy of this communication will be forwarded to Detroit.

Details: Captioned subject Nichols is currently serving a life sentence as a result of his conviction in the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing (OKBOM) in which 168 individuals died. The Oklahoma City bombing remains the single largest domestic terrorist act in the history of the United States. Terry Nichols was convicted of his part in the bombing in Federal Court in 1997 and, in June 1998, was sentenced to life in prison. Nichols' co-conspirator, Timothy McVeigh, was executed on 06/11/2001 for his part in the bombing.

Nichols was moved to the United States Prison Administrative Maximum (USP-ADX), the highest security Federal prison of its kind in the United States, in 1998. Captioned matter was opened in 2005 as part of the Correctional Intelligence Initiative. [Redacted]

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266M-DN-64168-327

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To: Detroit From: Denver  
Re: 266M-DN-64168, 11/20/2007

Per referenced EC, on 11/13/2007 [redacted] the [redacted] of captioned subject Terry Nichols, telephonically contacted the Flint Resident Agency regarding a package she had received through the United States mails on or about 11/13/2007. From the appearance of the package, [redacted] believed that the package was sent by [redacted] Terry Nichols. However, when she retrieved the package from the mailbox, she believed that she detected the distinctive odor of bad almonds, which, in her estimation and that of her 13-year-old son, could be the smell of cyanide gas.

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Per [redacted] /2007, Flint RA SA [redacted] telephone contact, SA [redacted] contacted SIS Technician [redacted] and detailed the time frame(s) and described the package and contents to her. [redacted]

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To: Detroit From: Denver  
Re: 266M-DN-64168, 11/20/2007

LEAD(s) :

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

111 S. Tejon Street, Room 600,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 633-3852

December 3, 2007

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

RE: Official Request for Information

Terry Lynn Nichols  
Ident Number 08157-031  
V266M-DN-64168

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

This correspondence serves as an official request  
for documentation in furtherance of a criminal investigation.

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266M-DN-64168-328

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the case agent, SA [redacted] at (719) 633-3852.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Garrity Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]  
Supervisory Senior Resident Agent

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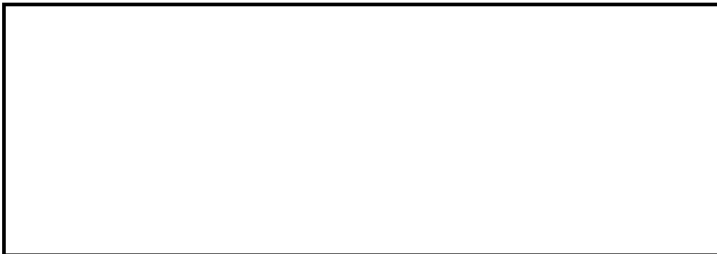
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January 2, 2008



RE: Official Request for Information

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Terry Lynn Nichols  
Inmate Number 08157-031  
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for documentation in furtherance of a criminal investigation.



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266M-DN-64168-329

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the case agent, SA [redacted] at (719) 633-3852.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Garrity Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisory Senior Resident Agent

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111 S. Tejon Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
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January 11, 2008



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RE: Official Preservation Request

Terry Lynn Nichols  
Inmate Number 08157-031  
266M-DN-64168 ✓



Dear



Reference Official Preservation Request in captioned matter dated June 25, 2007.

This correspondence serves as an official request for documents in furtherance of a criminal investigation. Per a discussion with [redacted] on June 26, 2007, it is



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The results of this request should be forwarded, on a timely basis, to:

SSRA [redacted] or  
Special Agent [redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
111 South Tejon, Room 600  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903  
Telephone Number (719) 633-3852

It may also be provided via electronic E-mail to



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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the case agent SA [redacted] and/or his supervisor, SSRA [redacted] at (719) 633-3852.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Garrity Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisory Senior Resident Agent

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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111 S. Tejon Street, Room 600,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 633-3852

February 5, 2008



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RE: Official Request for Information

Terry Lynn Nichols  
Inmate Number 08157-031  
266M-DN-64168 ✓

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the case agent, SA [redacted] at (719) 633-3852.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Garrity Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisory Senior Resident Agent



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/13/2008

To: Denver

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
DT Program Coordinator

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
Denver CDC

From: Denver  
Sq 12/CSRA [redacted]  
Contact: SA [redacted]

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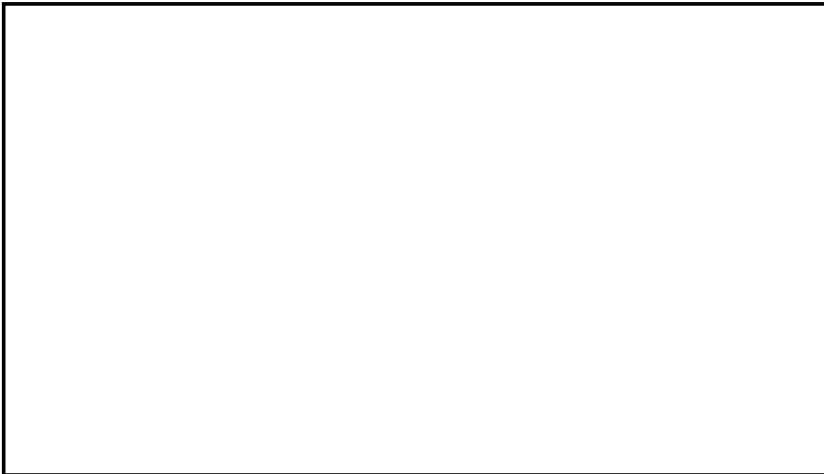
Approved By: [redacted] B

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 266M-DN-64168 - 333  
266O-DN-64535 - 34  
266J-DN-64575 - 32

Title: Terry Lynn Nichols,  
BOP Inmate 08157-031;  
USP - ADX;  
DT - AOT  
Correctional Intelligence Initiative;  
266M-DN-64168



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To: Denver From: Denver  
Re: 266M-DN-64168, 08/13/2008

**Synopsis:** To obtain Denver CDC concurrence to maintain captioned Domestic Terrorism matter(s) as pending investigations for Fiscal year 2008-09.

**Reference:** 266D-HQ-1448552 Serial 1028  
100A-LR-41491 Serial 797

**Details:** This EC seeks Denver CDC concurrence to maintain captioned Domestic Terrorism as pending investigation(s). Background information for this request is as follows:

**Investigative Predication:**

Captioned investigative matter(s) were initiated as part of the FBI's 2004 Correctional Intelligence Initiative (CII) to open investigations on International Terrorists housed at Federal Bureau of Prison (BOP) facilities located in field division territories. Denver Division has five Federal prisons, four of which are in Southern Colorado near the town of Florence.

The BOP maintains its highest security prison in Florence, Colorado, which it identifies as United States Penitentiary, Administrative Maximum, Florence, otherwise known as USP-ADX or Supermax. All International terrorists are located at ADX, as well as the majority of other high profile prisoners and well-known domestic terrorists.

In 2005, Denver Division expanded the Correctional Intelligence Initiative to include Domestic Terrorism inmates. The following Federal inmates are part of this initiative:

**Terry Lynn Nichols**, 52 years old, 266M-DN-64168, one of two main subjects of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, FBI major case OKBOMB in which 168 individuals died. The Oklahoma City bombing remains the single largest domestic terrorist act in the history of the United States. Terry Nichols was convicted of his act in Federal court in 1997 and in June 1998, was sentenced to life in prison. Nichols co-conspirator, Timothy McVeigh, was executed on 06/11/2001 for his part in the bombing. Captioned matter was opened in April 2005.



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To: Denver From: Denver  
Re: 266M-DN-64168, 08/13/2008

captured in 1995 after being identified by a relative who recognized [redacted] rhetoric and writing style [redacted] began serving a life sentence in 1998. Captioned matter was opened in August 2005.

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[redacted] 266J-DN-64575, responsible three bombings in Atlanta; the Olympic Park bombing in 1996 in which one died and 111 were injured, an abortion clinic and a gay and lesbian nightclub in 1997, in which five persons were injured. In 1998 [redacted] also was responsible for a bomb placed at an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama which killed one and injured one. [redacted] was identified as the subject of these four bombings in 1998, was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list and then spent five years as a fugitive in the Appalachian wilderness of Carolina. Captioned matter was opened in September 2005.

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Investigative Intelligence:

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[redacted] Terry Nichols is representative of Militia/Sovereign Citizen Extremism; [redacted]

[redacted]

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Special Investigative Services (SIS) monitors all external communications captioned subjects have with those outside the prison. However, none of the above-captioned subjects are covered by court-ordered Special Administrative Measures (SAMs) and, with a few exceptions, are able to communicate freely with anyone.

During the past two years three major publications have featured articles that were drawn from direct contacts with captioned subjects. Time Magazine, Sunday 11/05/2006, "Inside Bomber Row, How America's Most Dangerous Criminals Mix with a Who's Who of the Global Jihad in a Colorado Prison," was drawn from Time's contacts with [redacted] The New York

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Re: 266M-DN-64168, 08/13/2008

Times, Monday, 01/22/2007, "Unabomber Wages Legal Battle to Halt the Sale of Papers," drawn on contacts with [REDACTED]  
The Gazette, Sunday, 12/10/2006, "Supermax Town Shrugs Off Concerns," drawn on contacts with [REDACTED]  
of SAMs, BOP regulations exempt inmate correspondence directed to legal and media addresses from any scrutiny.

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During the calendar year ended December 2006, Terry Nichols had 38 annual correspondents with an average of 45 letters a month; Theodore Kaczynski, 72 annual correspondents with an average of more than 100 letters a month; and Robert Rudolph, 37 annual correspondents with an average of 35 letters a month.

Telephone calls from ADX inmates are recorded and sporadically contemporaneously monitored by BOP. ADX inmates are entitled to two, fifteen-minute telephone calls per month. Per BOP regulations, the CII investigations without SAMs are not privy to this source of prison intelligence.

**Conclusion/Summary:**

The purpose of monitoring correspondence between these high profile Federal inmates and the general public is to determine if there is any nexus to terrorism that can be attributed to those that are corresponding with these inmates.

Denver seeks CDC concurrence to maintain captioned Domestic Terrorism as pending investigations.

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To: Denver From: Denver  
Re: 266M-DN-64168, 08/13/2008

LEAD(s):

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The CDC will review captioned matter and provide concurrence as to whether to maintain captioned Domestic Terrorism matter as a pending investigation for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 12/29/2008

**To:** Denver

**ATTN:** PLA [redacted]

**From:** Denver

Squad NS-2 / Colorado Springs RA [redacted]

**Contact:** SA [redacted]

**Approved By:** [redacted] *B*

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

**Case ID #:** (U) 266J-DN-64168 - 335

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**Title:** (S) Terry Lynn Nichols  
United States Bureau of Prisons  
U.S. Penitentiary - ADX  
Florence, Colorado 81226-8500  
CII; AOT - DT

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**Synopsis:** (U) To close captioned matter(s) based on the 12/15/2008 opinion of PLA [redacted]

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Declassify On: 20331229~~

**Details:** (U) Captioned matter(s) should be closed given the 12/15/2008 opinion of Primary Legal Advisor (PLA) [redacted] that:

- 1) FBIHQ never mandated the initial opening of domestic terrorism Correctional Intelligence Initiative (CII) cases, and
- 2) there is no predication for maintaining full 266 investigations on incarcerated persons who have no apparent ability to engage in any criminal activity.

It is recommended that the above captioned matter(s) be placed in a closed and inactive status.

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