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CITE: //3460//

PASS: ATTENTION VIOLENT CRIME MAJOR OFFENDER SECTION.

SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS, AKA IG, SOUTH DADE, FLORIDA; ITAR - STREET GANG ENTERPRISE; OO: MIAMI. 166E-MM-66986-2

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, CAPTIONED GANG HAS BEEN PROMINENCE THE SOUTH DADE, FLORIDA AREA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE SIZE OF THIS GANG RANGES IN ESTIMATES OF 100 TO 200 HOWEVER, AT LEAST 100 MEMBERS OF THIS GANG HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS, ARMED ROBBERIES,

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BURGLARIES, HOME INVASIONS, AT LEAST ONE BOMBING, AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. FURTHER ON 12/5/93, THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS WERE INVOLVED IN A SHOOT OUT WITH A RIVAL GANG (THE REVLON RATS), ALSO SOUTH DADE, AT A CROWDED FLEA MARKET IN THE SOUTH DADE COUNTY AREA. THE SHOOTING CULMINATED IN THREE GANG MEMBERS BEING SHOT AND ONE FATALLY WOUNDED. METRO-DADE HOMICIDE DETECTIVES HAVE CHARGED TWO IMPERIAL GANGSTERS WITH THE HOMICIDE THAT OCCURRED ON THAT DATE.

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AS STATED ABOVE, METRO-DADE HAS IDENTIFIED 100

GANG MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS. OF THIS 100, 60 ARE WELL OVER THE AGE OF 18. METRO-DADE DETECTIVES HAVE AGREED IF EVIDENCE IS OBTAINED ON JUVENILE MEMBERS TO PROSECUTE THEM IN THE STATE SYSTEM.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO), SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, WAS CONTACTED AND BRIEFED ON THE ABOVE. THE USAO IS VERY INTERESTED IN TARGETING VIOLENT CRIMINAL GANGS SUCH AS THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS AND WILL ENSURE THAT THEIR OFFICE SUPPORTS AND ASSISTS THE FBI AND METRO-DADE POLICE IN DISMANTLING THIS ORGANIZATION.

CAPTIONED CASE IS OPENED BY MIAMI DIVISION 12/20/93.

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS, AKA IG; SOUTH DADE, FLORIDA; STREET GANG ENTERPRISE; OO: MIAMI.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED 1/26/94 CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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AS STATED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE MIAMI DIVISION HAS CONTINUED TO TARGET CAPTION GANG MEMBERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS VIOLENT CRIMES IN THE SOUTH DADE COUNTY FLORIDA AREA. THIS GANG HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS, ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES, AT LEAST ONE BOMBING, AND NARCOTICS

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[redacted] AUSA, SDFLA, CONCURS WITH THESE TECHNIQUES.

MIAMI IS CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY AND TARGET FURTHER INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED WITH THE CAPTION GANG.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPTION INVESTIGATION.

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PASS: VIOLENT CRIMES MAJOR OFFENDERS UNIT AND UNDERCOVER AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT.

SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS; ITAR - STREET GANGS; OO: MIAMI.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR 9/13/94.

REQUEST OF FBIHQ:

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO FUND INSTANT GROUP II UCO [redacted]

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REFERENCED TELETYPE SETS FORTH PERSONAL APPROVAL OF SAC, MIAMI TO OPERATE CAPTIONED MATTER AS A GROUP II UCO. [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: WILLIAM J. ESPOSITO
INSPECTOR - DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTER

This is in response to your memorandum to Paul E. Coffey, Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, dated [redacted] concerning the undercover operation (UCO) entitled, "Imperial Gangster." I have reviewed your certification that the particular exempted actions described in the memorandum are necessary for the conduct of the covert activities to which they relate and that the activity is necessary for the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States.

Based on information furnished with your request, I am satisfied that it is designed to accomplish the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States. [redacted]

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NOTE: The "Imperial Gangster" is a Violent Crimes Major Offenders Program Group II UCO being conducted by the Miami Division working with Metro Dade Police Department. This UCO will focus on the criminal activities of the Imperial Gangsters who have participated in numerous drive by shootings, armed robberies, car thefts, home invasions, a bombing, and narcotics trafficking. In order to effectively carry out the objective of this UCO

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This communication requests the necessary exemptions from DOJ.

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL E. COFFEY, CHIEF
ORGANIZED CRIME AND RACKETEERING SECTION

RE: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION REQUIRED FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE UNDERCOVER TECHNIQUE

IMPERIAL GANGSTER

In accordance with the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1993, Public Law 102-395, dated October 6, 1992, the following certification for exemptions are hereby requested to:

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in connection with the undercover operation (UCO) entitled, "Imperial Gangster."

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The "Imperial Gangster" is a Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Program Group II UCO being conducted in the southern region of the United States. This UCO will focus on the criminal activities of gang members committing burglaries and robberies. This task force will utilize undercover techniques in addition to other traditional investigative techniques to accomplish related objectives.

In order to properly conduct this UCO [redacted]

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Memorandum for the Chief,
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section
Re: Imperial Gangster

FBI Headquarters has determined that:

1. this UCO is necessary for the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States;

2. [redacted] b2 b7E

3. no extraordinary risk of injury, loss of property, or civil liability is anticipated during the conduct of the UCO.

I hereby certify that these exemptions are necessary for the conduct of the covert activity to which they relate, and that the covert activity is necessary for the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States.

Respectfully,

William J. Esposito
Inspector - Deputy Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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Director, FBI

SAC, Miami (166E-MM-66986) (C-4/HRA)

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Enclosed is one copy of a memorandum signed on 10/5/94 by the Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Paul E. Coffey, signifying certification of actions requested as necessary for the conduct of the captioned operation.

The enclosed memorandum was executed in accordance with the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993, Public Law 102-395, dated October 6, 1992 and authorizes you, in this undercover operation (UCO), to:

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1 - Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section
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CITE: //3460:1235//

PASS: VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT AND UNDERCOVER AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT.

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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS; ITAR - STREET GANGS; OO: MIAMI.

ON [redacted] SAC GEORGE B. CLOW III AUTHORIZED THE INITIATION OF A GROUP II UNDERCOVER OPERATION CAPTIONED ABOVE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO THE BUREAU REGARDING THIS MATTER:

1. SUBJECTS: [redacted] b7C

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New Group II
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IDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS (IG'S) AND OTHER STREET GANGS PREVALENT IN THE AREA OF SOUTH DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. SPECIFICALLY TARGETED WILL BE THE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITHIN THESE GANGS.

2. CHARACTER: ITAR - STREET GANGS

3. PROGRAM: VIOLENT CRIMES MAJOR OFFENDERS PROGRAM

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5. SYNOPSIS OF PLANNED UNDERCOVER ACTIVITY: INITIALLY THIS OPERATION WILL TARGET THOSE GANG MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES WHO ARE COMMITTING BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN THE AREA. [redacted] IT IS ANTICIPATED THE UCA WILL GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE GANG MEMBERS WHO WILL DISCUSS PAST AND PLANNED FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE GANG. ADDITIONALLY, THEY MAY REVEAL HOW THE GANG HIERARCHY EXISTS, AS WELL AS THE

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INDIVIDUAL GANG MEMBER'S ACTIVITY.

PRIOR INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN LIMITED TO [redacted] IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT BY [redacted] (THROUGH THE UCO), CONVERSATIONS CAN BE DRAWN OUT AND INSIGHT GAINED INTO THE OPERATION OF THE GANG SO THAT PROSECUTIONS ARE VIABLE.

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THIS INVESTIGATION IS A JOINT OPERATION WITH MDPD AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE OCDETF COMMITTEE IN MIAMI. MIAMI WILL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MDPD [redacted] MDPD WILL ALSO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING CRIMES WHERE THE PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE UCA WAS TAKEN AND WILL ALSO ASSUME PROSECUTIVE AUTHORITY WHERE NO FEDERAL VIOLATION EXISTS.

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6. ANTICIPATED SUBJECTS: MIAMI HAS IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 200 MEMBERS OF THE STREET GANG KNOWN IN SOUTH DADE COUNTY AS THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS. [redacted]

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LEADERS OF THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS ARE [redacted]

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[redacted] OTHER MEMBERS CURRENTLY TARGETED ARE

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7. SIGNIFICANCE OF CRIMINAL PROBLEM TARGETED: STREET GANGS, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS, HAVE BECOME PROMINENT IN SOUTH DADE COUNTY IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. ESTIMATES OF THE SIZE OF THE IMPERIAL GANGSTERS RANGE FROM 100 - 200 MEMBERS WITH NUMEROUS ASSOCIATES. THE MDPD HAS IDENTIFIED OVER 80 MEMBERS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF 18 AND THUS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AS ADULTS. THE IG'S HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPANTS IN NUMEROUS DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS, ARMED ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES, CAR THEFTS, HOME INVASIONS, A

BOMBING, AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. ONE SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVED A SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN THE IG'S AND THE REDLAND RATS AT A CROWDED FLEA MARKET. THE INCIDENT RESULTED IN THE WOUNDING OF THREE GANG MEMBERS, ONE FATALLY. TWO IG'S HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH THIS HOMICIDE.

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THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE DADE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE BOTH PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO PROSECUTING CASES EVOLVING FROM THIS VENTURE. THEY HAVE BOTH ASSIGNED EXPERIENCED PROSECUTORS TO SUPPORT THIS OPERATION.

8. SAC GEORGE B. CLOW, MIAMI, HAS PERSONALLY APPROVED THIS OPERATION AND PLEDGES SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH THE STATED GOALS OF THE OPERATION.

9. EXEMPTIONS TO SECTION A OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S GUIDELINES ARE REQUESTED FOR [redacted] b2 b7E

[redacted] OTHER FISCAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND SENSITIVE CIRCUMSTANCES DEFINED IN SECTIONS A AND B OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S GUIDELINES ARE NOT PRESENT AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR. b2 b7E

10. SECTION A(A) (A-G) AND SECTION C OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED, AND THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE GUIDELINES.

11. A QUALIFIED SAA WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE GROUP II UCO AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES WILL BE UTILIZED.

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CITE: //3460:1235//

PASS: SSA TONY DUNBAR, VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT.

SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS; ITAR - STREET GANGS; OO: MIAMI.

IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER WHICH IS AN APPROVED GROUP II UCO, MIAMI IS REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO RENT A VEHICLE

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MIAMI REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO RENT SUCH A VEHICLE [redacted] REQUESTS FBIHQ FURNISH THE APPROPRIATE "T" NUMBER.

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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS; ITAR - STREET GANGS;

MIAMI DIVISION; OO: MIAMI.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE, TO FBIHQ, DATED 1/10/95.

BY REFERENCED TELETYPE, MIAMI REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO COVERTLY RENT ONE VEHICLE [redacted] b2 b7E

FBIHQ AUTHORIZES MIAMI [redacted]

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WHEN EXECUTING THE RENTAL CONTRACT, MIAMI IS ADVISED TO CONTACT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER [redacted] FOR "T NUMBER" AND PROPER PAYMENT PROCEDURES.

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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS; ITAR - STREET GANGS; OO: MIAMI. b2 b7E

RE MIAMI {MM} AIRTEL, DATED 6/27/95.

MM REQUESTED APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO [redacted] AN APPROVED GROUP II UCO. CURRENT AUTHORITY EXPIRES ON [redacted]

MM IS AUTHORIZED TO RENT ONE VEHICLE [redacted] MM IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE MM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR "T -NUMBER."

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THIS EXPENDITURE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH [redacted] UNIT CHIEF, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, BUDGET UNIT. REFERENCED AIRTEL REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR MIAMI (MM) [redacted] MM IS AUTHORIZED TO RENT A VEHICLE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL GANGSTERS, AKA IG, SOUTH DADE FLORIDA, ITAR - STREET GANG ENTERPRISE; OO: MIAMI.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, PER INSTRUCTIONS FROM SAC, MIAMI, THE GROUP II PHASE OF THIS CASE IS BEING DISCONTINUED. CONVENTIONAL INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY GANG MEMBERS FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTION. 166E-MM-66986-17

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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FROM : SAC, MIAMI (166E-MM-66986) (C-4/HRA) (P)

SUBJECT : IMPERIAL GANGSTERS, aka
IG;
SOUTH DADE, FLORIDA;
ITAR - STREET GANG ENTERPRISES
OO: MIAMI

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of Group II extension proposal, in reference to captioned gang, approved by SAC, Miami [redacted]

Investigation continues.

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GROUP I UNDERCOVER OPERATION PROPOSAL

☐ ORIGINAL x EXTENSION ☐ EXPANSION IN SCOPE/CHANGE OF FOCUS
☐ BUDGET ENHANCEMENT ☐ CONVERSION ☐ UPDATE/OTHER

CASE NAME:	IMPERIAL GANGSTERS ITAR - STREET GANGS	GROUP I INITIATED ON:	b2
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SUCCINCT SUMMARY

This UCO, as a fencing operation, supplies the gang members a service that they will utilize to turn some of their criminal activity into cash. This alone will instill trust in the UCA's and create an atmosphere where other criminal activity is discussed. Obtaining this information is the primary goal of this operation. To accomplish this, the trust of the subjects must be gained, which is an extremely slow and difficult task. Most of the subjects and members of the targeted gangs have been raised together since early childhood and have formed peer bonds to the extent that it is virtually impossible for an outsider to break into the group. The trust of a person who has not been raised with these groups must be built over a long period. It is only after this trust is built, that the gang member will open up and tell someone who is not a member of this peer group of the gangs criminal activity.

Items stolen during home and car burglaries, business burglaries, car-jackings, robberies and other street crimes have been and will continue to be purchased [redacted] The UCO provides a permanent location where the subjects can call and bring these items and convert them into cash. It also provides the FBI a location where these dealings can be recorded. The negotiation process for the price of the item being offered for sale extends the length of time [redacted] and draws out the

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conversation. [redacted] also extends and expands on the conversation of the subjects with whom we are dealing, thus building the trust referred to above.

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The benefits of this operation are two-fold. First and obvious is that it will help solve a lot of local burglaries and other street crime which plagues the South Dade area. During the first four months of 1995, the Cutler Ridge District of Metro Dade Police Department had 1262 burglaries reported. This is in comparison to 728 in Kendall, 819 in Doral and 957 in the Hammock's Districts. Robberies are also high in this district with 326 being reported, compared to 119 in Kendall, 138 in the Hammock's and 131 in Doral for the same period. Narcotics crimes maintain a similar statistical pattern with 260 in Cutler Ridge, 126 in Kendall, 100 in the Hammock's and 101 in Doral. Finally, Aggravated Assaults in Cutler Ridge District number 193 for this period, compared to 82 in Kendall, 106 in the Hammock's and 65 in Doral. As is evident from the above statistics, street crime is extremely high in the district where this UCO is targeted, compared to the three neighboring Districts, all of which lie within the Homestead RA territory, and much of the street crime is attributable to the street gang problem in the area.

The second benefit, which happens to be the primary goal of the UCO is [redacted] will build the trust necessary to achieve the stated goal of having the subjects tell [redacted] of their past and planned criminal activity, and to obtain a working knowledge of how the various targeted gangs operate.

INVESTIGATIVE TEAM			
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CASE ACCOUNTANT			
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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

DATE OF LAST ON-SITE REVIEW: NONE

NO HAS THIS INVESTIGATION BEEN COORDINATED WITH

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GROUP II UCO PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OR EXPANSION IN SCOPE/CHANGE OF FOCUS

A. PROGRESS TO DATE

This case was approved for Group II status in [redacted] Initial work was done to locate and rent a suitable space for the UC Off-site. A delay was experienced in this process due to a "special" being conducted at FBIHQ by the Contract Review Section. [redacted]

While the above purchases are not significant in prosecuting Federal crimes, it must be remembered that the purchases and deals made by [redacted] are not the primary objective of this UCO. The deals are merely a step to gain the trust of the subjects so they will talk freely to [redacted] regarding the criminal activity of the gang. While this has not occurred, it is believed the additional time requested in this extension request will result in the accomplishment of the stated goal. b2 b7C b7D b7E

Metro Dade Police have advised they desire to develop Federal jurisdiction and prosecutions in this investigation due to the Federal sentencing guidelines, and the severity of sentences in the Federal system. However, they are realistic and realize that some violations would not meet Federal criteria. Accordingly they have contacted the States Attorneys Office and have an Assistant State Attorney assigned to prosecute local and State violations.

ASA DENNIS BEDART has been assigned by the State Attorney to prosecute local violations arising from this investigation. He has advised that aside from the foreseen violations of burglary and dealing in stolen property, he would also prosecute any juvenile that does not meet guidelines for Federal prosecution. He advised he also has at his disposal a State law entitled the Street Terrorism Statute, Florida Statute 870.03 which enhances penalties for street gang activity.

B. RESPONSE TO STIPULATIONS

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C. OBJECTIVES OF NEXT AUTHORIZATION PERIOD

Objectives of the next authorization period are identical to the objectives stated in the initial proposal, that is, to obtain evidence of criminal conspiracies in the various street gangs operating in the South Dade County area, through developing the trust of the targeted groups via a fencing operation; having the groups utilize the service of the UCO as opposed to the traditional investigative techniques of purchasing narcotics, guns and stolen property on the street [redacted]

D. ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS OF UCO

All subjects, at least in general, identified by their gang were referred to in the initial proposal. One gang, the "Low Lyfes" has recently split. A new group called the "Campos" is the result of the split. Leadership of this group is still to be determined.

E. NATURE OF EXPANSION IN SCOPE/CHANGE OF FOCUS

N/A

F. CERTIFICATIONS:

1. UNDERCOVER COORDINATOR

I have reviewed this Group II UCO proposal and will continue to ensure that the members of the undercover operation investigative team as identified above of undercover program policy. They have reviewed the Field Guide for FBI Undercover Operations and the Confidential Funding Guide, and will have continuing access to these materials. I will maintain contact with the undercover team throughout the operation and will continue to ensure that the undercover agent(s) is/are made aware of the FBI Safeguard Program.

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2. PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR

I have reviewed this Group II UCO proposal in its entirety and am familiar with the goals and objectives of this UCO. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida is committed to prosecute meritorious cases developed as a result of this UCO and other related investigations. I have reviewed this proposal and find it to be in compliance with the Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI Undercover Operations.

[redacted]

(signature)

3. FINANCIAL MANAGER/COMPTROLLER

I have received notification of the extension/expansion in scope/change in focus of this Group II UCO and will continue to ensure that appropriate funding and accounting records have been or will be established for this Group II UCO in accordance with current policies, procedures, and guidelines.

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4. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE/DESIGNATED ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

I have reviewed this proposal in its entirety. I find the use of the undercover technique to be justified by the nature and scope of the crime problem and by the inadequacy of conventional investigative techniques in addressing this problem. I find the plan described above to be well formulated and the operation's goals to be realistic and attainable. I believe the contemplated activity to be in compliance with Bureau policies authorizing approval for this Group II UCO and the Attorney General's Guidelines on FBI Undercover Operations. This Group II UCO does not include any sensitive circumstances as set forth in the Attorney General's Guidelines on FBI Undercover Operations and sensitive circumstances are not expected to arise in the contemplated Group II UCO. Approval for the use of any informant or cooperating witness has been obtained under the Attorney General's Guidelines on the Development and Operation of FBI Criminal Informants and Cooperative Witnesses in Extraterritorial Jurisdictions. I will ensure that this undercover operation is conducted with minimal intrusion, consistent with the need to collect evidence in a timely and effective manner.

I pledge support for this Undercover Operation and will provide all necessary manpower and resources throughout its operation. I certify that a qualified employee as defined by the Confidential Funding Guide has been assigned to this matter and confirm that only (a) certified undercover agent(s) will be used in this investigation. I will meet regularly with the undercover agent(s) participating in this investigation and will ensure that members of the investigative team attend all required undercover training.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

(signature & title) [redacted]

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