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4.24.91

FM FBI PITTSBURGH ^{PSA} (9B-PG-NEW)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3650:4228//

SUBJECT: UNSUB(S); U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MERTHA, 12TH
DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO:
PITTSBURGH.

RETEL CAL BETWEEN SSRA [REDACTED], MON VALLEY RA,
PITTSBURGH DIVISION, AND UNIT CHIEF [REDACTED] FBIHQ, ON
APRIL 24, 1991.

AS UNIT CHIEF [REDACTED] WILL RECALL, ON APRIL 22, 1991,
ABOVE VICTIM RECEIVED, AT HIS OFFICE IN JOHNSTOWN, PA, A
THREATENING LETTER. THE TEXT OF SAID LETTER IS VERBATIM AS

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FOLLOWS:

"MY DEAR MR. MERTHA, YOU HYPOCRITE SON-OF-A-BITCH. HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE SENDING OF OUT COMRADES TO THE PERSIAN GULF AND THEN PIN ON THE PURPLE HEART TO THE SURVIVORS AND THE REST COME HOME IN BODY BAGS. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS LISTENING TO YOUR PROPAGANDA BULL SHIT. I HOPE YOU ARE COGNIZANT TO KNOW NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES YOU. WE ARE EXPERTS IN AMBUSH AREAS AS WE WERE WELL TRAINED IN COUNTRY. WE KNOW HOW YOU TRAVEL, WHAT YOU EAT, AND WHERE YOU LIVE. IF ONE MORE OF OUR COMRADES COME HOME IN A BODY BAG WE WILL HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE. YOU MUST ALSO PAY FOR YOUR ASS-KISSING FRIENDS, KISSING HUSSEIN ASS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE WAR. THIS IS TREASON. THE PENALTY FOR TREASON IS DEATH. SO, KEEP LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER THE AMBUSH MAY BE JUST AROUND THE NEXT CORNER. REMEMBER FOR SURE ONE MORE BODY BAG AND YOU ARE FINISHED. SINCERELY THE VIPERS."

BELOW THE NAME VIPERS IS A HEART WITH AN ARROW THROUGH IT DRAWN.

ON APRIL 24, 1991, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:35 P.M., SA

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[REDACTED] FBI, JOHNSTOWN RA, PITTSBURGH DIVISION,
ADVISED SA [REDACTED] U.S. SECRET SERVICE, PITTSBURGH, PA,
OF ABOVE LETTER.

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PITTSBURGH DIVISION AT JOHNSTOWN, PA. WILL SEND NOTED
LETTER TO THE LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENTIFICATION
DIVISION, TO DETERMINE IF LATENT FINGERPRINTS CAN BE
DEVELOPED.

WMFO DIVISION AT WASHINGTON, D.C. PROMPTLY ADVISE THE
U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OF THE ABOVE NOTED THREATENING LETTER.
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FILE: PG-0053899-EX (000)

1A NO | DESCRIPTION

0003 | 2 PAGE LETTER WITH ENVELOPE RECEIVED BY MURTHA'S OFFICE 4/22/91

0002 | FD 192 FOR 1B1 WITH CHAIN OF CUSTODY

0001 | FD 441A FOR 1B1 SENT TO HQ LAB 5/9/91 VIA R# 445051177

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Reference: _____
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FD 441a for FBI sent to HQ lab

5/9/91 R# 445051177

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FILL IN THIS CARD - RETURN TO

Attention: Evidence Control Custodian

Wash D.C. - Lab

Date

5/9/91

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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

FD 192 for FBI w/ chain of custody

Date 4-22-91

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INSUB(S)
U.S. Congressman John P. Murtha,
12th District of PA - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Date Property Acquired

4-22-91

Source From Which Property Acquired

office mgr, Murtha's office

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

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To Be Returned

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit

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☐ Yes ☐ No Grand Jury Property - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

☐ Yes ☐ No Property to be Forfeited to the Government

Description of Property or Exhibit

(1.) a 2 page letter with envelope received by
Murtha's office 4-22-91.

Nothing Else

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For Valuable and/or Narcotics Evidence Only

Evidence Bag Seal # _____

Signature of Two
Special Agents
Verifying and Sealing
Bag Contents

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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By (Special Agent)
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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

2 page letter w/ envelope received by
Murthos office 4/22/91

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 5-31-84)

Date 8/29/91

To: ☐ Director

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RE: FD-192 (GREEN SHEETS)
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| ☐ Assign ☐ Reassign | ☐ Handle | ☐ Return file ☐ serial |
| ☐ Bring file | ☐ Initial & return | |
| ☐ Call me | ☐ Leads need attention | ☐ Return with action taken |
| ☐ Correct | ☐ Open case | ☐ Return with explanation |
| ☐ Deadline _____ | ☐ Prepare lead cards | ☐ Search and return |
| ☐ Delinquent | ☐ Prepare tickler | ☐ See me |
| ☐ Discontinue | ☐ Recharge file ☐ serial | ☐ Type |
| ☐ Expedite | | |
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This file, which is now closed, contains FD-192 (S) (green sheets) indicating evidence was acquired during the course of this investigation.

The evidence should be reviewed at this time to determine whether it should be returned to the contributor, destroyed, or retained for a specific purpose and the Evidence Custodian should be so notified.

Please retain orig. evidence - Transfer to 1A - [redacted]

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XXXX RECORDS SUPERVISOR

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*I can't tell what is on the Green sheets. Let me know before we retain this evidence. Thanks
JD*

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