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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/14/1998

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV- (Pending) <sup>31368</sup> [redacted]

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL III-VICTIM;  
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: Open and assign case to SA [redacted] based on information received concerning threats against the life of Arthur William Bell III, also known as Art Bell, a radio talk show host.

Details: SSA [redacted] received a telephone call from Art Bell and [redacted] Premier Radio Network, concerning threats made by [redacted] to [redacted] Last Name Unknown, of [redacted] via interstate E-Mail and telephone conversations.

SA [redacted] also spoke by telephone to Art Bell on 12/10/98 and interviewed Bell at his residence on 12/11/98. Bell provided details and a tape recording of the conversation with [redacted] also known as [redacted] Last Name Unknown. Results of the interview are documented in an FD-302.

On 12/14/98, SA [redacted] spoke to Detective [redacted] [redacted] Police Department who will obtain subscriber information on [redacted] at the telephone number given. SA [redacted] will maintain liaison with Detective [redacted] regarding a follow-up interview of [redacted].

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TO SA [redacted]  
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Collected Items for a Case  
Case ID: 178-LV-31368  
Collected Item Type: All  
Category Type: 1A

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1A1	LV FILE	G	01/08/1999		ORIGINAL NOTES OF [REDACTED] (TELEPONIC)	b6
1A2	LV FILE	G	02/01/1999		ORIGINAL NOTES OF [REDACTED]	b7C
1A3	LV FILE	G	12/11/1998		ORIG. AUDIO TAPE OF TELCON BETW. ART BELL & [REDACTED]	b7D

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(File No.) 178-LV-31368-1A's

Item	Date Filed	To be returned		Disposition
		Yes	No	
1A1	1/10/99	X		orig. notes of [redacted] (telephonic)
1A2	2/4/99	X		" " " [redacted]
33	3-18-99		Y	orig audio TAPE of telcon with Art Bell + [redacted]

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(City and State)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned  Yes  No

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

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

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By   
(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given  Yes  No

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to Rule 6 (e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure  
 Yes  No

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Universal Case File Number 178-LV-31368

Field Office Acquiring Evidence LAS VEGAS

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Date Received 12/11/98

From ART BELL  
(Name of Contributor)

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(Address of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

By SA   
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt Given  Yes  No

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

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Date of transcription 12/24/98

[redacted]  
[redacted] Premiere Radio Networks, 734 E. Pine Street, Central Point, Oregon 97502, telephone [redacted] cellular [redacted] [redacted] was telephonically advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview and thereafter voluntarily provided the following information.

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[redacted] was able to provide the following information about [redacted] by the name of [redacted], telephone [redacted] (North San Diego County area code) and has a web site at [redacted]. He has no further information on [redacted] but would attempt to locate descriptive information.

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[redacted] also reported that Art Bell continues to get a [redacted] faxed a sampling of the e-mail which is attached and made a part of this document.

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by SA [redacted]

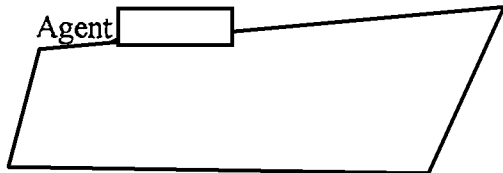
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To:

Agent 

From:



Re: Threatening Letters To Art Bell

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I'm sorry to have to subject you to the following rubbish. These are a few examples of the hundreds of faxes of this type that Art Bell is receiving. Naturally, we are worried about his safety.

If I can help in any way, feel free to contact me.

Thanks for all your help.

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Date of transcription 12/11/98

Arthur William Bell III, also known as Arthur Bell, and Art Bell, date of birth June 17, 1945, Social Security Account Number 264-72-9933, was interviewed at his request concerning threats against his life.

Bell explained that he is the host of a syndicated radio talk show that airs to approximately 420 stations. He has an audience of between ten and twelve million listeners a week. The show is owned by Premier Radio Networks of Medford, Oregon. The contact at Premier is [redacted] [redacted] cellular phone [redacted] Bell's show is on between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. week nights, and deals with fact and speculation concerning the paranormal, extra-terrestrials, unidentified flying objects and advanced technology aircraft of the United States.

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On December 11, 1998 at approximately 2:16 a.m., Bell received a facsimile of a typed letter from [redacted] which stated that he had information of "grave importance which may involve you" (meaning Bell.) A copy of the facsimile is attached and made a part of this document. The communication went on to state that the [redacted] had contacted [redacted] and was in fear of her life due to information she had on [redacted] and Bell. Bell called [redacted] during a break in the show at approximately 2:30 a.m. and spoke to him for approximately one and a half minutes. During the conversation [redacted] said that the woman referred to in the letter, [redacted] wanted to talk to Bell and he asked for Bell's number for her to call him. Bell said that he would call the woman and requested her number. [redacted] who was on the Internet with [redacted] asked for her number to give to Bell. She provided the number to [redacted] who then verbally gave it to Bell.

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At the conclusion of the show, and shortly after 3:00 a.m., Bell called [redacted] at the number given. That number is [redacted] and located in [redacted] Bell recorded the conversation and provided a tape to the interviewing agent. The taped conversation was also played for the interviewing agent during the interview with Bell. In the tape, [redacted] advised Bell that her true name is [redacted] and that she has [redacted] a name that is [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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familiar to Bell. She advised that she has known [redacted] for

[redacted] From the context of the conversation it appears that they may have met in [redacted]. She stated that she has

[redacted] and is angry at Art Bell for sabotaging [redacted] and that he wants to kill Bell. [redacted] had claimed in previous conversations

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By way of background, [redacted] is known to Bell. Bell had received a call on his radio show from [redacted] approximately [redacted] in which [redacted] claimed to be an authority

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Several of these were played for Bell, he thought they were interesting and would appeal to his audience and [redacted]

[redacted] The guests would not be in Bell's studio but would be on the show via the telephone.

Bell learned from [redacted] that he was from [redacted] and had some type of [redacted] analysis. Bell had no actual proof other than [redacted] word. Bell had [redacted] until one night [redacted]

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[redacted] Several times during breaks in the show, Bell told [redacted] that he did not want to hear any more

[redacted] and to restrict the content to actual [redacted] After promises by [redacted] to comply and then non-compliance, Bell [redacted]

[redacted] though his appearances on Bell's show, gained a

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[redacted] A competing network of Bell's offered

[redacted] later appeared as a guest on other shows and [redacted]

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and otherwise spoke negatively about him. Bell never responded to any criticism nor allegations believing that it would only empower [redacted]

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Approximately a month ago, Bell began receiving messages over the Internet from Filipino individuals and groups alleging that Bell had issued derogatory messages against Filipinos over the Internet. Bell provided a copy of several of the messages which are attached and made a part of this document, and showed the investigating agent that his true America On Line Internet address is "artbell@aol.com. The bogus messages were from address "KatLover@artbell.com (Art Bell). Through an associate, Bell was able to learn that the messages originated from a server at the [redacted] Bell knows that [redacted] lives in [redacted] and consequently believes that [redacted] may be responsible for the anti-Filipino sentiment. [redacted] knows that Bell's wife is Filipino. [redacted] knows that Bell lives in Pahrump.

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Bell stated that the location of his residence in Pahrump is easily discovered and that the media has located, photographed and publicly aired the images. Bell maintains a genuine concern for his personal safety and has taken measures to secure his property. He has received threats in the past and usually does not take them seriously but with the level of personal information known by [redacted] and the conversation with [redacted] he is more concerned about both his safety and hers.

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Bell described [redacted] as a white male, early [redacted] born in [redacted] and residing in [redacted] He had no further information concerning him.

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Art Bell  
Pahrump, Nevada  
10 December, 1998

Dear Art,

I have been contacted with a matter of grave importance which may involve you.

[Redacted]

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Please contact me regarding this matter and how to proceed.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/8/99

[redacted] (protect identity), date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at a friend's in [redacted] at telephone [redacted] at the request of Art Bell. Bell had just spoken to [redacted] and Bell believed that [redacted] would have relevant information concerning [redacted] the possible subject responsible for threats against Bell. [redacted] was telephonically advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and thereafter voluntarily provided the following information.

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[redacted] was the [redacted] and was able to provide information concerning him and others who he may have threatened. Bell had played the tape recording for [redacted] of his conversation with [redacted] believes that [redacted] could also be known as [redacted] [redacted] about Art Bell. [redacted] may also be known as (aka) [redacted] of [redacted] would know [redacted] aka [redacted] aka [redacted] requested that the [redacted] not be told how the FBI located them as they are in contact with [redacted] is in fear of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] She had met [redacted] and they became [redacted] when she moved away from [redacted]

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[redacted] in reference to allegations on the tape recording that [redacted]

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[redacted] Incorporated, business phone [redacted] Web site [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] full time business. He also does [redacted] The business and his residence are located in [redacted] [redacted] resides at [redacted] telephone [redacted] cellular [redacted]

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[redacted] According to [redacted] is angry at Bell and a lot of other people. [redacted] never heard [redacted] make any direct threats or take any actions to carry out acts of anger or vengeance. However, she does know that [redacted] She does not know whom [redacted] She believes him capable of carrying out threats as [redacted] [redacted] explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] has a web site defaming [redacted] did not have a telephone number for [redacted] but explained that [redacted] phone number as well as additional information about [redacted] could be obtained from [redacted] at telephone [redacted]

[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] was in a dispute with [redacted] and [redacted] may have made death threats to him as well.

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[redacted] would recontact this agent with additional information concerning [redacted] upon her return to [redacted]

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Date of transcription 1/8/99

Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell (victim) telephonically contacted this agent to advise that he had received two E-mail messages from [redacted] of [redacted]. Bell believes that [redacted] is the true name for [redacted] with whom he taped a telephone conversation with regarding threats by [redacted] against Bell. Bell will fax the E-mail messages to this agent.

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Additionally, Bell provided the name of another of [redacted] telephone numbers in [redacted] now at [redacted] and home in [redacted]. Bell played the tape recording of his conversation with [redacted] for [redacted] and she had some things she wished to discuss with the FBI concerning the tape. [redacted] had advised Bell that she knew that [redacted].

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Investigation on 1/8/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

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Las Vegas Division  
at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on 1/19/99. Detective [redacted]  
[redacted] Police Department advised by telephone that the  
subscriber to telephone number [redacted] is [redacted]

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According to Detective [redacted] was extremely  
frightened of [redacted] and was apprehensive about being interviewed  
by the police in [redacted] without having a lawyer present.  
[redacted] believed, based on the sound of her voice, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was advised by Det. [redacted] to contact  
the reporting agent to further discuss the matter of threats  
against Art Bell by [redacted]

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Las Vegas Division  
at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 1/19/99.

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The attached facsimile was received on 1/19/99 from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and is in regards to [REDACTED]

(01/26/1998)

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/27/1999

To: San Diego

Attn: Escondido RA  
VCMO SSA

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted] (702) 383-3564

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: Set lead to conduct interviews. Victim is noted radio talk show host Art Bell who resides in the Las Vegas area.

Enclosures: Interview of Bell and attachments, interview of [redacted] interview of [redacted] with copies of E-mail messages.

Details: Art Bell, who hosts a nightly radio talk show dealing with supernatural phenomena, government conspiracies, UFO's and such, contacted this office regarding allegations of threats to harm or kill him (Bell) which were made by [redacted] to third persons.

In December, [redacted] Bell received a fax from an individual unknown to him advising him that a woman, met through the Internet, [redacted] that may involve Bell. Bell telephoned this individual and subsequently called a woman known as [redacted] and whose true name is [redacted] (protect identity). [redacted] and is a listener to Bell's radio talk show. [redacted] advised Bell that [redacted]

[redacted] believed that Bell's life might also be in danger based on threats of violence directed by [redacted] against Bell. Bell knows [redacted] and was genuinely concerned about the alleged threats. A copy of the FD-302 interview of Bell is enclosed for the information of San Diego.

SA [redacted] *Ray*

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To: San Diego From: Las Vegas  
Re: 178-LV-31368, 01/27/1999

Investigation has determined that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] on Bell's talk show. [redacted] he  
was connected through the telephone. [redacted] hypothesizes that

[redacted]  
[redacted] Bell thought  
it made for good radio. Over a period of time and appearances,  
[redacted] did not stay on the subject to which Bell had wanted him to  
discuss. Bell discontinued [redacted]

[redacted] on Bell's show and  
[redacted]

In a telephonic interview with [redacted] (protect  
identity) another [redacted] it was learned that [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Copies of the  
FD-302 and other information provided are enclosed for San Diego.

In a telephonic interview with [redacted] Bell's  
[redacted] it was learned that ethnic hate E-mail is being sent in  
Art Bell's name. Copies of several examples are enclosed. Bell  
speculated, without any proof, that [redacted] may have authored the  
E-mail. Investigation continues to attempt to identify the  
source of the E-mails.

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To: San Diego From: Las Vegas  
Re: 178-LV-31368, 01/27/1999

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

SAN DIEGO

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA

Interview [REDACTED] and attempt to determine his feelings towards Art Bell and the credibility of the threats made against Bell to "third persons." DO NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE THIRD PERSONS. Advise him that third persons have alleged death threats against Bell and others.

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[REDACTED] Admonish [REDACTED] regarding the provisions of Title 18, Section 875<sup>c</sup> Interstate threatening communications.

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Also advise [REDACTED] of the hate E-mail being sent in Art Bell's name and admonish [REDACTED] against sending this sort of communications if he is doing so.

[REDACTED] is identified further as follows:

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Name: [REDACTED]

Race: White

Sex: Male

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

SSAN: [REDACTED]

Residence: [REDACTED]

Business: [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/4/99

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] place of birth [redacted] and who resides in [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted] was telephonically advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent. [redacted] was contacted regarding her knowledge of [redacted] and an alleged threat against Art Bell. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that contrary to the conversation that she had with Art Bell, [redacted]

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[redacted] is a big fan of Art Bell's and [redacted] about Art Bell. She has heard [redacted] make negative comments about Bell including [redacted] She did not characterize this as a threat, but merely another statement of frustration. [redacted] characterized [redacted]

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[redacted] does not know the veracity of these stories. [redacted]

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[redacted] claims that [redacted] against Bell. [redacted] claims that Bell does the same to [redacted] believes

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[redacted] believes the bad feelings from [redacted]

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Investigation on 2/1/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

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by SA [redacted]:

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Bell towards [redacted] are personal as well as academic.

[redacted] does not believe that [redacted] is serious in any threats he may have made against Bell.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/25/1999

On February 22, 1999 at approximately 2:55 PM, [redacted]  
[redacted] date of birth: [redacted], Social Security Number [redacted]  
[redacted] residence address: [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and provided the following information:

[redacted] stated he knows Art Bell and [redacted]  
[redacted] Art Bell's radio talk show, which deals with the alternative UFO movement.  
[redacted] Art Bell [redacted]

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stated that Art Bell has [redacted]

[redacted] by Art Bell, who told him that Bell had [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that this information that Bell had was regarding a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that to his knowledge, Bell did not release this information, however, because of the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed Art Bell was angry with [redacted]

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Investigation on 2/22/99 at San Diego, Ca

File # 178-LV-31368 Date dictated 2/23/99

by [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Art Bell contacted him  
and was angry because [redacted] Art  
Bell threatened to [redacted] explained that  
[redacted]

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[redacted] he  
was contacted by Art Bell who told [redacted] that he had heard that  
[redacted] said that he told Bell, "No"  
and Bell responded, [redacted] By  
way of background, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] by Art Bell.

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[redacted] stated that the only threats he has made against  
Art Bell are to [redacted] which is a reference to  
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[redacted] stated that he has [redacted] on  
[redacted] to Art Bell and Bell has not responded. [redacted]  
stated that he has sent [redacted] to Art Bell and wants to  
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[redacted] stated that he [redacted]  
the web regarding Art Bell. [redacted] stated that he has never posted  
[redacted] stated  
that he [redacted]  
[redacted] stated he does not know where [redacted]  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that he was aware that this negative e-mail  
was being directed at Art Bell when he spoke to Bell's [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated that this negative information which has been sent to Art Bell [redacted] and Bell has [redacted]

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[redacted] Bell resigned from his radio talk show [redacted] stated that he was not aware of [redacted] Bell returned to the radio program [redacted] believed Bell had [redacted]

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David Oates stated that he does own the following

[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that Art Bell's [redacted] had contacted him and stated that the FBI was going to interview him [redacted]

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[redacted] concluded the interview by stating that he believes that Art Bell is [redacted] [redacted] stated that Art Bell has told him on numerous occasions that he (Bell) will [redacted] stated he feels this is another move by Bell to accomplish this task.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/25/1999

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [redacted]  
VCMO/Squad 5

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From: San Diego

Squad 4 - NCRA

Contact: SA [redacted] (760) 929-0811

Approved By: [redacted] 3/4/99

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]  
ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
INTERSTATE THREAT

Synopsis: Lead set to conduct interview with [redacted] covered on 2/22/99.

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Enclosure(s): Interview of [redacted] and attachments.

Details: Las Vegas EC to San Diego dated 1/27/99 requested [redacted] be interviewed, attempts be made to determine [redacted] feelings toward Arthur Bell and determine the credibility of the threats made by [redacted] to "third persons". Las Vegas also requested [redacted] to advise [redacted] regarding hate e-mail being sent in Art Bells name and to admonish [redacted] against sending this type of communication, if he is doing so.

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An interview of [redacted] conducted on 2/22/99 indicated that [redacted] and Bell are in a [redacted] [redacted] claims Bell has threatened him on numerous occasions and is [redacted] A review of [redacted] website on the Internet, [redacted] details the history of the Bell [redacted] which apparently was discussed widely within the [redacted]

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For information of the Las Vegas Division, [redacted] was notified by Art Bell's [redacted] that Bell had contacted FBI LV and that he [redacted] was going to be interviewed by the FBI [redacted] This prior notification to [redacted] by the Bell camp made it [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

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SEARCHED	[redacted]	INDEXED	[redacted]
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FBI - LAS VEGAS			
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To: Las Vegas From: San Diego  
Re: 178-LV-31368, 02/25/1999

of any threats made against Bell to "third persons". It was determined during the interview that [redacted] feelings toward Bell are very clear, [redacted]

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Query of the CLETS Systems indicates that [redacted] the following weapons:

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[redacted] stated during the interview that he has [redacted] [redacted] Art Bell but was, however, advised of the provisions of Title 18, Section 875, Interstate Threatening Communications.

[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that he is not even aware of the [redacted] where the hate e-mail is originating from.

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During the interview, [redacted] made counter accusations regarding Art Bell. [redacted] also feels that Art Bell is

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Based on the above, San Diego considers this lead covered.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/17/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Closed)

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III-VICTIM;  
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: It is recommended that this investigation be closed.

Details: Lead to interview [redacted] was covered by San Diego  
Division. [redacted]

[redacted] The original information  
of a threat came by way of Bell and a conversation he had with  
[redacted] of [redacted] in which  
allegations were made that [redacted] had threatened Bell. In a  
follow-up interview with [redacted] that [redacted] had made  
threats against Bell and that [redacted]

In light of investigation which was not able to  
substantiate threats against Bell, it is recommended that this  
matter be closed.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/03/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Pending) - 13

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III-VICTIM;  
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: It is recommended that this investigation be reopened based on new threats allegedly received by Bell. Additional documentation to follow.

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Re O&A  
SA #5  
5/3/99  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/3/99

Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell, spoke telephonically to the interviewing agent, with whom he was acquainted from previous interviews, to advise of a new threat against him. Bell advised that an Internet web site contained information regarding [redacted] by Art Bell and the FBI. This [redacted]

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[redacted] and alleged threats made by [redacted] against Bell. Bell believed that the words, [redacted]

[redacted] The reference to fire is that pertaining to a [redacted]

A copy of the information faxed from Bell on May 2, 1999, which was downloaded from the web site is attached and made a part of this document.

Additionally, a fax was received on May 3, 1999 which is attached and made a part of the permanent file. This fax is a downloaded [redacted] to Art Bell concerning [redacted]

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Investigation on 5/2/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

File # 178-LV-31368 - 14 Date dictated 5/3/99

by SA [redacted]

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AGENT

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FROM: ART BELL

(775) 727-1832

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/4/99

Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell, spoke telephonically to the interviewing agent, with whom he was acquainted from previous interviews, to advise of a [redacted]

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The communication was faxed to SA [redacted] and read and then telephonically discussed with Mr. Bell. SA [redacted] is not able to substantiate at this point that the conversations contained therein were in fact authored by the individuals alluded to [redacted]

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[redacted] to Bell. Some of the [redacted] and [redacted] and some of the [redacted] and [redacted] Bell was advised that [redacted] Which time was she telling the truth and when was she lying?

Bell was advised that the investigation is continuing.

A copy of the information faxed from Bell on May 3, 1999, at 10:22 p.m., which was downloaded from a web site is attached and made a part of this document. Bell was made aware of this information by [redacted] also known as [redacted]

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Investigation on 5/4/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

File # 178-LV-31368 -15 Date dictated 5/5/99

by SA [redacted]

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Please Give THE  
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ART BELL

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Las Vegas Division  
at Las Vegas Nevada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on May 5, 1999:

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A discussion was held between reporting agent and [redacted]  
[redacted] FBI, Las Vegas Division,  
concerning the Internet, web sites and chat rooms. According to  
Mr. [redacted] web sites could contain totally fictitious chat room  
conversation logs. The logs can be easily manipulated and the  
content of the web sites is totally unregulated.

Identifying the sender and receiver of chat room  
conversations may be verified by identifying the Internet service  
provider (ISP) and the Internet Provider address. This could  
verify if a certain subscriber was on the computer at a given  
time if the service maintains logs. Individual chat room logs  
can be saved to an individual's computer but also can be easily  
manipulated or totally fabricated.

Mr. [redacted] will further research how it might be verified if  
an individual did in fact send certain messages.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/5/99

A telephone call was received from [redacted], also known as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] in which she advised reporting agent that additional chat room logs had been posted by [redacted] at web site: [redacted] These logs contain alleged conversations between [redacted] and [redacted] and allegedly [redacted] against [redacted]

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SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he is not able to substantiate at this point that the conversations contained therein were in fact authored by the individuals alluded to ([redacted]) The chat logs contain many statements by [redacted] Some of the logs are [redacted] and [redacted] and some of the logs are to/from PM [redacted] and PM [redacted] was advised that [redacted] claimed to have [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] was advised that the investigation is continuing.

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Copies of the log were faxed to this office by Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell and are attached and made a part of this document.

Investigation on 5/5/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

File # 178-LV-31368-17 Date dictated 5/5/99

by SA [redacted]

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ART REP

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/5/99

A telephone call was received from [redacted] also known as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] telephone [redacted] in which she advised reporting agent that a [redacted] had been posted by [redacted] on a web site. These logs contain alleged [redacted] and [redacted] and allegedly contain threats against Art Bell.

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[redacted] advised that she had been a [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] and had been enrolled in a course which she had won. [redacted]

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[redacted] An argument ensued as he would not provide her with the certification from the conclusion of the course and claimed that she had not completed the correspondence homework. [redacted]

[redacted] claimed that [redacted] has a [redacted] and has [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] claims that he recalls [redacted] This information is contained in the [redacted] posted on the Internet in a web site which had been put up by [redacted] also known as [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted] [redacted] She could not provide specific evidence to support this.

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She was unable to download and fax the material but will contact Art Bell and ask him to do same. Copies of the log were faxed to this office by Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell.

Investigation on 5/4/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

File # 178-LV-31368 -18 Date dictated 5/5/99

by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/21/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Denyer  
Squad 5

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: 178-0-1180

Title: WILLIAM ARTHUR BELL, aka  
ART BELL; 178-LV-31368-P [Redacted]  
THREATS

Synopsis: FBI Denver contacted by [Redacted] attorney  
representing [Redacted] concerning threats by Art Bell.

Enclosures:

Details: [Redacted], attorney, [Redacted] Denver,  
Colorado, [Redacted] advised she represented [Redacted] who  
was the subject of a prior investigation conducted by SA [Redacted]  
FBI. [Redacted] stated allegations had been made that [Redacted] had  
[Redacted] was later  
determined to be false.

[Redacted] advised that for about one year Bell [Redacted]  
[Redacted] against [Redacted] on his  
radio show and via the Internet. She described [Redacted]  
as Bell stating on his radio show in reference to [Redacted] that  
sometimes [Redacted]  
[Redacted] According to [Redacted]  
[Redacted] noted that Bell and [Redacted] are [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

[Redacted] advised that she is reviewing [Redacted] E-mails from  
Bell and will provide any that contain overt threats to the FBI.

Indices reference both Bell and [Redacted] in 178-LV-31368.  
Bell is identified as Willam Arthur Bell, date of birth  
07/17/1945. [Redacted] is identified as having a date of birth of  
[Redacted]

This is being provided to Las Vegas for information  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/1/99

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] telephonically contacted this agent. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent. [redacted] can be reached at his office at [redacted] or at his cellular number at [redacted].

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[redacted] had been advised to contact the FBI by his attorney [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted this agent [redacted] with Art Bell. [redacted] claimed that he [redacted] against Bell. According to [redacted]

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[redacted] at worst they might be construed as wishful thinking or merely annoying. [redacted] further stated that Bell's [redacted] (phonetic), has sent him [redacted]

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The web site which listed the name of this agent published by [redacted] was a [redacted] [redacted] stated that it is very easy to edit information and republish it as original.

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[redacted] against Art Bell until he was interviewed by the FBI. [redacted] claimed that Bell has made [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised by the interviewing agent of the limitations of the FBI's investigative interest in terms of [redacted]

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Investigation on 6/1/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

File # 178-LV-31368 Date dictated 6/1/99

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on June 22, 1999.

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The [redacted] was scanned [redacted] Art Bell. Nothing was easily found.

The [redacted] [redacted] was accessed, however a password is needed and entry to the site could not be made.

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The artbell.com web site of Art Bell was accessed. No easily located material on [redacted] could be located. [redacted]  
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[redacted]  
either [redacted] or Bell in the [redacted]

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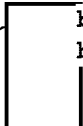
Las Vegas Division  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following is attached for the record of the file concerning an article in the Las Vegas Review Journal, 7/27/99, about threats against Art Bell.

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# Host of talk show claims threats from former guests

By Carri Geer  
Review-Journal

Radio talk show host Art Bell claims two former guests have threatened him and caused him to fear for his safety since he filed a defamation lawsuit against them in May.

Bell obtained temporary protective orders June 21 in Pahrump Justice Court against Colorado resident David John Oates and Montana resident Robert A.M. Stephens.

A justice of the peace is expected to decide Aug. 19 whether those one-month orders will be extended for a year, as Bell has requested.

"Five witnesses have now come forward and described Oates as an angry and potentially mentally ill individual who believes he is Jesus Christ, uses drugs, owns firearms, may have killed in the past, and has repeatedly threatened the physical safety of Bell and threatened to burn down his home," according to one court document Bell filed last week.

"Absolutely nothing has changed since this court issued its protective order that would relieve Mr. Bell's fears."

Oates, reached Monday afternoon on his cellular phone as he drove to a lecture in Salt Lake City, emphatically denied the allegations, although he admitted he owns firearms.

"I don't think there's a crime in that in America, is there?" asked Oates, a native of Australia.

Another court document, also filed last week by Bell, claims Stephens has pledged to gather 500 people for a "sit-in" at the talk show host's home in Pahrump.

"In addition, Stephens has continued to post threats and abusive language on the Internet that is directed at Bell," the



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document alleges.

It further claims Stephens physically abused his ex-wife, who obtained a protective order against him in Montana. Stephens could not be reached for comment Monday.

Oates, who bills himself as a specialist in the field of "reverse speech" — the analysis of taped speech played backward — said he was shocked when he learned Bell had obtained a protective order against him. He has asked the court to dissolve it.

"The protective order is absolutely ridiculous," he said. "It's stupid. I never go to Nevada."

Oates claimed Bell sought the orders to bolster his defamation case and garner publicity. He denied threatening Bell either directly or indirectly.

"I have no intentions of doing any harm to Bell," he said.

Bell filed a \$60 million lawsuit in May in Los Angeles County Superior Court that accuses Oates and Stephens of slandering him by falsely describing him as a pedophile and child pornographer. Since then, the case has been moved to federal court, and Oates has filed a countersuit against Bell.

4B/Las Vegas Review-Journal/Tuesday, July 27, 1999

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/29/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted], x564

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-0  
178-LV-32741  
178-LV-31368

Title: [redacted]  
Arthur William Bell - Victim;  
Threatening Communications;

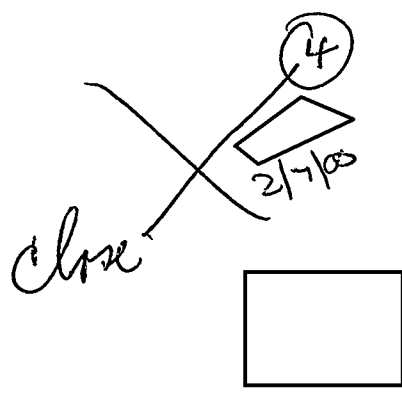
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Synopsis: Attached faxed information received from [redacted] Premiere Radio Networks concerning threatening communications.

Details: Numerous threats are received by this office concerning Art Bell the radio talk show host. This information is being placed in the file with no investigative actions intended. SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] and advised that Las Vegas FBI is not conducting any investigation concerning [redacted] as there is no known Las Vegas connection, no certainty of an actual threat against Art Bell, [redacted] and no information that [redacted] has knowledge of the whereabouts of Bell. The matter appears to be handled at the local level by the Atoka, Oklahoma Police Department.

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# PREMIERE

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To: Special Agent [redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Re: Another Treat Against Art Bell

Date: November 24, 1999

Pages: 5

I want to bring to your attention another threat against the life of Art and [redacted]. This one in particular is being viewed as very serious by the Atoka, Oklahoma Police Department, and all of us at the Premiere Radio Networks. Here are the basic facts as I know them.

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Another [redacted] recently had a guest on his program [redacted] who received a letter from a listener that was crazier and more disturbed than most of the "disturbed letters" public figures tend to receive. It contained [redacted]

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Here are the basic chain of events;

[redacted] turns over letter he received from [redacted] to the Atoka, Oklahoma Police Department. Telephone 580-889-3250.

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Atoka Police Detective [redacted] investigates and interviews [redacted]. During the interview, [redacted] Detective [redacted]

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[redacted] is sent to [redacted]

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[redacted] appears to have been [redacted]  
[redacted] He claims to have been [redacted]

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[redacted] went before the judge this morning in [redacted]  
[redacted]

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I will speak with the [redacted] He is  
[redacted]

Our main concern is that we are extremely worried that a [redacted]  
[redacted]

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I would be very grateful if you would look into this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your help.

cc [redacted]  
[redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/22/2000

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Closed) -24

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: Close Investigation.

Details: No further communications of a threatening or harassing nature made by [redacted] to Bell have been brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was interviewed and denied making the threats and stated he had no intention of harming Bell. As all logical investigation has been conducted and does not appear to merit prosecution, it is recommended that this investigation be closed.

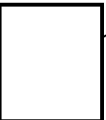
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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/26/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted] (702) 383-3564

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-

Title: [redacted]  
ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: Victim is well known radio personality. E-mails from [redacted] threatening death received by Art Bell who resides in the Las Vegas area. Open case and assign to SA [redacted]

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Details: Attached fax received from [redacted] of the Premiere Radio Network which syndicates Art Bell's radio program. [redacted] advised in a follow-up telephone call that Premiere had hired a private detective who identified the sender as the subject:

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[redacted]

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Referenced organization in E-Mail is noted as [redacted] and same phone number as [redacted]

Reporting agent also contacted by attorney for Premiere, [redacted] Attorney, with the firm of [redacted] telephone [redacted] wanted to know if the FBI was going to conduct an investigation. Reporting agent advised him that we were looking into the matter.

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# PREMIERE

To: Agent

From:

Re: Email Threats To Art Bell

Date: October 19, 1999

Pages: 4

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Here are the three email threats just received by Art Bell. We are very grateful to you for having a look at them. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. My telephone numbers are;

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Cellular:

Home:

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Art Bell can be reached at: 775-727-1832

Once again, many thanks for your help.

10/20/99 - TEL. MSG. FROM  THEY HURED P.I. WHO LOCATED E MAIL SENDER

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Date Received 11/16/99

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Contributor)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

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To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt Given  Yes  No

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

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure  
 Yes  No

Title:

Reference: 302 DATED 11/16/99  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description:  Original notes re interview of  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/2/1999

To: Sacramento  
Houston

Attn: Redding RA

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted] (702) 383-3564

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Pend [redacted])

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: Victim is well known radio personality, Art Bell. E-mails from [redacted] threatening death received by Art Bell who resides in the Las Vegas area. E-mail address traced by private detective to [redacted] Leads to Sacramento and Houston.

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Details: Art Bell is a syndicated radio talk show host. He is syndicated on over 600 stations nationwide. His shows frequently deal with government conspiracies and extraterrestrial aliens. He has a large audience of listeners; some are supporters, others fanatics and still others are hate-mongers.

Attached fax received from [redacted] of the Premiere Radio Network which syndicates Art Bell's radio program. [redacted] advised in a follow-up telephone call that Premiere had hired a private detective who identified the sender as the subject:

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[redacted]

Referenced organization in E-Mail is noted as [redacted] and same phone number as [redacted]

Reporting agent also was contacted by attorney for Premiere Radio, [redacted] Attorney, with the firm of [redacted] [redacted] telephone [redacted] wanted to know if the FBI was going to conduct an investigation.

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To: Sacramento From: Las Vegas  
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/2/1999

Reporting agent advised him that the FBI is "looking into the matter."

[redacted] is further identified as follows:

Name:  
Race:  
Sex:  
DOB:  
SSAN:  
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Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
CA Drivers Lic:  
Current Address:  
  
Past Address:  
  
Business:

[redacted]  
Male  
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tel. [redacted]  
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Reference located in indices for [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Investigation closed due to AUSA  
declination to prosecute.

Investigation on 10/27/99 to verify E-mail address yielded the following information. E-mail transmitted through a relay server at web site www.imalbox.com, telephone [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following information: [redacted] is not a customer of their e-mail service. His e-mail address [redacted] does not exist and could not receive mail. It is possible that he or someone else requested information and received a free 30 day subscription which includes information on how to get into the website and send e-mail. Anyone can do this and send out e-mail with any made up name; they cannot receive e-mail unless they are a subscriber.

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[redacted] had also been contacted by Attorney [redacted] regarding this matter and provided him with the same information. She was able to examine the header information in the e-mail and determined that the message was transmitted using Network Navigator E-Gold, an older software version. She theorized based on this that the sender was a small home user and not particularly sophisticated as he could have down loaded for free a more up to date version of the software. The e-mail came from

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To: Sacramento From: Las Vegas  
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/2/1999

a server identified as www.compac.net. The IP address was 208.25.112.203 at the time the message was sent at 1:06:25 a.m. on 10/19/99.

The administrator of www.compac.net was identified as [redacted] at telephone number [redacted]. Looking at the web site, [redacted] thought it looked very unprofessional and thought it could be a very small operation. The possibility also existed that [redacted] was the originator of the threatening message and transmitted using a forgery e-mail name and address. This could not be determined. Telephone calls placed to the number by this investigating agent were not returned.

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[redacted] also was able to determine that [redacted] [redacted] and has a web site. They sell [redacted]. The business is located at [redacted].

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**Administrative:** For the information of Sacramento and Houston, Art Bell receives many threats and communications through E-mail over the Internet. Bell has contacted this office many times in the past when he receives a communication more direct and threateningly explicit in its message. Las Vegas has looked into a very few of these threats. This one is ascribed to an identifiable individual who was located by a private investigator hired by Premiere Radio Networks. Las Vegas is not absolutely certain that the [redacted] herein identified is in fact the sender of the communication and did attempt to investigate the e-mail origin. Any prosecution will depend on results of leads and credibility of threats yet to be presented to the United States Attorney. Las Vegas appreciates the assistance of Sacramento and Houston.

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To: Sacramento From: Las Vegas  
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/2/1999

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

SACRAMENTO, REDDING RA

[REDACTED]

Conduct normal background checks on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Locate and interview [REDACTED] concerning the nature of  
the threats and his stated and implied intentions to kill Bell.  
Advise [REDACTED] of provisions of Title 18 USC 875, regarding  
threatening interstate communications.

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Make assessment as to present or future potential  
dangers to Bell and to prosecutive merit of this subject.

Set Lead 2:

HOUSTON

[REDACTED]

Contact Year 2000 Support Line/www.compac.net  
administrator [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]  
Interview to attempt to determine if [REDACTED] is an e-mail  
client and if he had logged on to the server using the above  
noted IP address at the designated times. If not [REDACTED] attempt  
to identify e-mail subscriber who sent referenced messages  
(copies attached.)

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Cautionary Note: According to [REDACTED] it is even  
possible that the threatening e-mail originated from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and that he had forged the e-mail address of [REDACTED]

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\*\*\* Lead 1 unable to be set. \*\*\*  
Reason: Set to office invalid.  
OFFICE: SACRAMENTO, REDDING RA

Lead 2 Set to: HOUSTON

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Total leads set: 1  
Total leads not set: 1



To: Agent [redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Re: More On Email Threats To Art Bell

Date: October 20, 1999

Pursuant to the email threats Art Bell received yesterday, our company hired a private detective agency to try and locate the individual sending the threats. We believe this has successfully been accomplished. He is;

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The organization [redacted] claims to represent, [redacted] has an address of;

[redacted]

Telephone is the same as [redacted]

We would be very grateful if your office would act upon this information as soon as possible, and let us know of the result.

Once again, thank you very much for your attention to this potentially life threatening matter.

cc: [redacted]  
Art Bell  
[redacted]

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REC'D 11/3/99

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on 11/16/1999 at [redacted]

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Review of local street maps revealed no street bearing the name [redacted]. However, there exists a street, bearing the name [redacted] which is located in the unincorporated portion of [redacted]. A physical check of the area revealed that the [redacted] exists; however, [redacted] does not. An unidentified elderly white male, who apparently works for a tennis club at the end of the [redacted] did not recognize the name [redacted] and advised that [redacted] does not exist.

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Physical contact was attempted at [redacted]. The office consisted of one suite which was located among other seemingly unrelated suites. An unidentified white male, who was working in an adjacent suite (apparently unrelated to [redacted]), advised that the suite belonging to [redacted] is involved in a "bunch of businesses," and the employees at [redacted] do not occupy the [redacted] suite on a regular basis. The employees come and go on a seemingly irregular basis.

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Physical contact was attempted at [redacted]  
[redacted]

Telephonic contact was made with [redacted] of the [redacted] advised that [redacted] is the [redacted]. As provided by [redacted] telephone number is [redacted].

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[redacted] telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at [redacted] and an interview was scheduled and later conducted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/99

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] social security account number [redacted] home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] who works as a [redacted] [redacted] work telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. After being advised of the interviewing agent's identity and purpose for the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] identified as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] home address in the city and providence of [redacted] is currently living in the [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] communicate with each other via electronic mail (e-mail) over the Internet. [redacted] former e-mail address, that he used approximately one and a half years ago for six months prior to that time, was [redacted]. Though, for the past one and a half years, [redacted] e-mail has been [redacted]. This e-mail service does not cost [redacted] anything to use. [redacted] use of this e-mail service is generally for purposes of communicating with [redacted] in the [redacted] e-mail address is [redacted]

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Approximately two months ago, [redacted] received an e-mail message from [redacted]. With this e-mail message, [redacted] forwarded dialogue from ART BELL. [redacted] was unable to recall the exact wording of the dialogue; however, he recalled that it contained excerpts from BELL. The excerpts related to [redacted]

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[redacted] had expressed concern to [redacted] about coming to the United States, fearing how she would be treated by the American people: Because of [redacted] concerns and the fact that BELL's dialogue was [redacted] [redacted] became disgusted over it.

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Investigation on 11/16/99 at [redacted]  
 File # 178-LV-32741 Date dictated 11/16/99  
 by SA [redacted]

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When [redacted] read BELL's dialogue, it was late at night, and he had [redacted] and responded to BELL's dialogue.

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Included in the forwarded dialogue from [redacted] was a shortcut link to BELL's web sight. [redacted] could not recall what the name of BELL's web sight was. [redacted] clicked on the shortcut link and entered BELL's web sight. Upon accessing BELL's web sight, [redacted] located an e-mail option. [redacted] clicked on the e-mail option, and an e-mail screen appeared. [redacted] typed two separate e-mail messages, which were approximately one sentence in length and sent minutes apart. The messages from [redacted] to BELL's e-mail were paraphrased as follows:

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1st message: [redacted]

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2nd message: [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] could not recall the exact wording he used in the messages he sent to BELL's e-mail. [redacted] hopes that he did not threaten BELL's life, but it is possible that he stated [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he does not listen to BELL's radio program. [redacted] also stated that sending e-mail messages to BELL was a one time event. Other than the above listed messages, [redacted] denied sending any other communications to BELL.

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[redacted] has never [redacted] [redacted] has never considered, and is not currently considering, inflicting any injury, or otherwise carrying out any threats on BELL. [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] computer, the one he used to send the e-

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 11/16/99, Page 3 b6 b7C

mails to BELL, is one of the first Pentium class computers made. [redacted] considers his computer to be old. [redacted] advised that he deleted the e-mail messages he sent to BELL's e-mail. [redacted] [redacted] did this the morning after he initially sent them to BELL.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/16/1999

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [redacted]  
Squad 5, VCMO

From: San Francisco

[redacted] Resident Agency

Contact: SA [redacted] (707) 443-4330

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
THREATENING E-MAILS

Synopsis: To report on investigation and enclose documents for Las Vegas.

Reference: 178-LV-32741 Serial 2

Enclosures: Enclosed for Las Vegas are two (2) inserts, accompanied by one copy of each, and one (1) FD-302, accompanied by one copy and original interview notes.

Details: The purpose of this EC is to report on the investigation at [redacted] and enclose the listed items for Las Vegas.

On 11/15/1999 and 11/16/1999, San Francisco conducted investigation re captioned matter. Subject [redacted] was located and interviewed. [redacted] admitted sending e-mail messages to BELL. Although [redacted] does not recall the exact content of the e-mail messages he sent, he indicated the messages may have threatened BELL's life.

[redacted] stated that he sent the messages to BELL because [redacted] received an e-mail message containing some dialogue of BELL's. In BELL's dialogue, BELL said bad things about [redacted]. BELL's comments evoked an emotional response by [redacted] which resulted in [redacted] sending possibly threatening messages to BELL.

[redacted] denied that he listens to BELL's radio show, that he has ever had any other communications with BELL, and he

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UPLOADED AS [redacted]

DATE 11/16/99

SA [redacted]

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To: Las Vegas From: San Francisco  
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/16/1999

indicated that he has no intention of carrying out any threats against BELL.

Unless otherwise requested, San Francisco considers this lead covered.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on 11/15/1999 at [redacted]

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Telephonic contact was made with [redacted] Police Department [redacted] Records Supervisor [redacted] ran a computerized records search of subject [redacted] date of birth [redacted]. The information obtained was as follows:

[redacted] has no current local arrest warrants.

[redacted] was arrested by [redacted] for an [redacted] from the [redacted] Court. No information regarding [redacted] address was noted.

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05/23/1989, the United States Army conducted a background investigation through [redacted]. No further details provided.

1991, [redacted] filed on him.

[redacted] was listed as a victim in an [redacted] investigation. The listed suspect was [redacted] [redacted] listed address and telephone number was [redacted]

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Telephonic contact with the Communications Unit of the San Francisco Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed the following:

[redacted] had no identifiable criminal history or NCIC arrest warrants.

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Las Vegas Division  
at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation is reported for the information of the file by SA [redacted] on February 3, 2000.

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Victim: William Arthur Bell, III, is also known as Art Bell, date of birth June 17, 1945, Social Security Account Number 264-72-9933, he resides at 9041 Desert Lane, Pahrump, Nevada 89048, home telephone (702) 727-1832

U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 178-LV-32741

John Lawrence Bailey FBI Building  
700 East Charleston Boulevard  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104  
February 7, 2000

Honorable Kathryn Landreth  
United States Attorney  
801 E. Bridger Street, Suite 800  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

ATTENTION: AUSA [redacted]

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Dear Ms. Landreth:

This letter confirms the telephone conversation of February 4, 2000, between Special Agent [redacted] and AUSA [redacted] regarding a declination of prosecution.

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During the telephone call, the essential facts of the preliminary investigation conducted concerning a threat by [redacted] against radio talk show host Art Bell were provided to AUSA [redacted]. Although [redacted] admitted during an interview with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to sending the threatening e-mails, he declared that they were sent in response to derogatory e-mail received concerning Filipinos. He stated that he had no intention of harming Art Bell and that the e-mails were not to be taken literally. [redacted] has no known criminal history.

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AUSA [redacted] advised that prosecution under Title 18 United States Code, Section 875, would be declined based on the results of the investigation.

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A copy of an Office of U.S. Attorney Case Initiation sheet is attached for your records.

Sincerely,

GRANT D. ASHLEY  
Special Agent In Charge

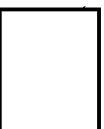
By: [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/22/2000

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Closed)

Title: [redacted]  
ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: Close investigation. Discontinue lead to Houston Division dated 11/2/99.

Details: [redacted] was interviewed and denied intending any harm to Bell. Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] contacted and concurred on denial of prosecution. Letter of concurrence sent to United States Attorney on February 7, 2000. As all logical investigation has been conducted and prosecution denied it is recommended that this investigation be closed.

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Las Vegas requests lead to Houston, dated 11/2/99, which was never completed, be discontinued administratively.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/01/2000

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [redacted]

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From: Houston  
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Contact: SA [redacted] 713 693-5291

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Pending) - 12

Title: [redacted]  
ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;  
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: To close lead.

Details: As per telcall on 2/25/2000 with Case Agent [redacted]  
this lead has been discontinued and is being closed.

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No further action is required by the Houston Division.

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