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(U) SYMBOLS

(U) Boogaloo: Alludes to the film Breakin 2: Electric Boogaloo; used by some MVEs to refer to violent uprising or impending second Civil War. Common imagery incorporates igloo and/or Hawaiian shirts/flowers.

(U) Anarcho-Capitalism ("ancap"): An ideology held by some MVEs advocating the State be eliminated or minimized and that public services be provided by private companies competing in a free market. Represented by a black and yellow flag.

(U) Punisher Skull: Several variations of skulls, used by III%ers and Molon Labe etc.

(U) Warrior Culture: Military themes both historical and contemporary (Spartans, Valhalla).

(U) 2A: MVEs justify their existence with the Second Amendment, due to the mention of a "well regulated Militia," as well as the right to bear arms.

(U) "MolonLabe", "ΜΟΛΩΝΛΑΒΕ" and "ΜΟΛΩΝ ΛΑΒΕ"; Greek phrase, translates as "come and take it" and "come and take them."

(U) Electrical resistance symbol: A way to identify as a resistor.

(U) Black Flag: The black and white or all black American flag is used by some to indicate "no quarter shall be given."

(U) COMMONLY REFERENCED HISTORICAL IMAGERY OR QUOTES

(U) Gadsden Flag: Historical American symbol, used by some self-identified militia violent extremists to represent support for gun rights and limited government.

(U) Liberty Tree: The Liberty Tree was a famous elm tree in Boston near Boston Common. In 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree.

(U) Revolutionary War imagery: An example of a militiaman during the Revolutionary war.

(U) Betsy Ross Flag: Revolutionary war imagery harkening back to the 13 colonies and calls for revolution.

(U) For additional information, please contact the Counterterrorism Analysis Section of the FBI Counterterrorism Division via email at

(U) Sources: Previous FBI products, FBI information and open source information. This document derives from multiple sources of information collected by the FBI.

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(U) COMMON PHRASES AND REFERENCES

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(U) "I became unreasonable"
(U) "His name was Duncan Lemp"
(U) "Well Regulated American Militia"

(U) MVEs consider the following individuals to be Martyrs:
- (U) Vicki Weaver (Ruby Ridge 1992)
- (U) Marvin Heemeyer (Kildozer 2004)
- (U) LaVoy Finicum (MNWR 2016)
- (U) Duncan Lemp (2020)
- (U) Ashli Babbitt (Capitol Siege 2021)

(U) SYMBOLS OF MILITIA NETWORKS SOME MVEs MAY SELF-IDENTIFY WITH

(U) Three Percenters, III%ers, 3%ers, Threepers: A US ideology based on the myth that only 3% of Americans fought back against the British during the Revolutionary war. Often represented by the Roman numeral "3" surrounded by 13 stars to represent the original 13 states.

(U) Oath Keepers: A US-based, loosely organized militia group consisting of current and former military, police, and first responders who pledge to fulfill the oath that all military and police take to "defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

(U) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS MVEs MAY REFERENCE

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