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TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
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Date 6/15/90

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FM FBI DETROIT (185A-HQ-2241) (P) (SQD. CI-1)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3220//

PASS: ATTENTION: CID, CTS, DTU, SSA [redacted]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 04-02-2014 BY NSICG F54M93K42

SUBJECT: VISIT OF NELSON MANDELA OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT; JUNE 20 THROUGH 30, 1990; PFO; OO:  
FBIHQ.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ON JUNE 13, 1990, THE  
AUBURN HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT (AHPD) RECEIVED A TELEPHONE  
CALL VIA ITS 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FROM AN ANONYMOUS MALE  
CALLER AT 16:45 HOURS. THE CALLER STATED, "WHEN NELSON  
MANDELA COMES, I'M GOING TO KILL HIM", THEN HUNG UP. NO  
FURTHER CALLS WERE PLACED AND THE AHPD HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY

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*UNSUB: Telephonic Threat to Nelson Mandela, Auburn Hills, Michigan, 6/13/90*  
*185A - new MI*  
*PFO: Telephonic Threat - 6/19/90*  
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*criminal*

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*cc Unit*  
*DPD - 596 - 1988*  
*6/15/90*  
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*obtain AUSA opinion*  
[redacted]

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CALLS PRIOR TO THIS ONE WHICH THREATENED MR. MANDELA. AHPD SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED THE DETROIT OFFICE OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND THE FBI.

AHPD WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE, THROUGH ITS 911 SYSTEM, THAT THE CALL WAS PLACED FROM A PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HAVING THE NUMBER (313) 852-9707. THIS TELEPHONE IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS. DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME IN QUESTION, THE BUILDING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND AT LEAST ONE CLASS WAS IN SESSION. THIS BUILDING ALSO HOUSES A GYMNASIUM, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND STUDENTS.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS FAILED TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE CALLER.

ON JUNE 14, 1990, DETROIT NOTIFIED SA  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, OF THE ABOVE FACTS. THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO NOTIFIED OF THE ABOVE FACTS.

DETROIT WILL NOTIFY FBIHQ AND APPROPRIATE

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AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

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U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 185A-DE-60179

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan 48231  
July 27, 1990

Honorable Stephen J. Markman  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Michigan  
817 Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Attention:   
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: Anonymous Caller,  
Threat to Nelson Mandela

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm a conversation between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA)  of your office and Special Agent  of this office on June 20, 1990, at which time the following facts were discussed:

On June 13, 1990, at 16:45 hours the Auburn Hills Police Department (AHPD), Auburn Hills, Michigan, received a call from an anonymous male caller via the AHPD 911 emergency calling system. The caller stated, "When Nelson Mandela comes, I'm going to kill him". The caller then terminated the call.

No further threatening calls regarding Nelson Mandela were placed to AHPD on June 13, 1990, and as of the date of this letter, no other such calls have been received.

Subsequent to receiving the call, AHPD notified the Detroit offices of the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and the Detroit Police Department (DPD). Investigation by AHPD, DPD, and the FBI determined that the call originated from a pay telephone in the lobby of the Criminal Justice, or "J" Building, at the campus of the Oakland County Community College. The telephone, numbered

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(313) 852-9707, is located in the lobby of "J" Building, which is open to the public. Interviews at the scene by AHPD immediately after the incident determined that during the time period the call was placed numerous persons were in the building and the building itself was open to the public. No likely suspects were determined as a result of these interviews.

Based upon the above presentation, [redacted] stated that there is a lack of sufficient investigative leads to continue investigation. The Detroit FBI is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

Hal N. Helterhoff  
Special Agent in Charge  
Michigan Division  
Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

By: 

[redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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Date 8/1/90

Birth  Credit  Criminal  Death  INS  Marriage  Motor Vehicle  Other  Driver's License

To IA [Redacted] Buded [Redacted]

Return to SIA [Redacted] [Redacted]

Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse  
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Date and place of marriage (if applicable)

Race Sex  Male  Female Age Height Weight Hair Eyes

Birth [Redacted] Birthplace Lebanon

Arrest Number Fingerprint classification Criminal specialty

Specific information desired  
① INS, Dearborn P.D.'s ② Criminal - WCSO [Redacted] Social Security Number [Redacted]

Results of check

① - [Redacted] file  
[Redacted]  
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CINS, Dearborn P.D.'s  
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1 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

2 FROM : SAC, DETROIT (185A-DE-60179) (C) (SQD. CI-1)

3 SUBJECT : UNSUB;

4 TELEPHONE THREAT TO NELSON MANDELA

5 AUBURN HILLS, MICHIGAN

6 6/13/90

7 PFO - TELEPHONIC THREAT - CRIMINAL;

8 (OO: DETROIT)

Reference Detroit teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/15/90.

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in the lobby of "J" BUILDING, which is open to the public. Interviews at the scene by AHPD immediately after the incident determined that during the time period the call was placed numerous persons were in the building and the building itself was open to the public. No likely suspects were determined as a result of these interviews, and no further calls were received by AHPD regarding MANDELA.

A presentation of the above facts was made to AUSA [redacted] on 6/20/90 at which time [redacted] stated there was a lack of investigative leads sufficient to continue investigation. This presentation was confirmed in writing by the Detroit FBI in a separate communication to the office of the USA.

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As no further investigation is pending at Detroit, this matter is being closed.