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PASS: SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT (SSA) ___________________ SQUAD C-4,
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN FIELD OFFICE (WMFO); SSA _________________
SQUAD C-4, MIAMI DIVISION; AND SENIOR SUPERVISORY RESIDENT AGENT
(SSRA) _________________ WEST PALM BEACH RESIDENT AGENCY, MIAMI
DIVISION.

SUBJECT: "FINDEKS" GROUP; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY; OO; WMFO.
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RE FBIHQ FAX SIMILE TO MIAMI SSA DATED 10/27/93
AND TO MIAMI SSRA DATED 10/28/93; AND FBIHQ SSA
TEL CALL WITH WMFO SSA ON 10/29/93.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS REQUESTED THE FBI
CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY
CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS
THE "FINDERS," AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED
STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, WMFO WILL BE PROVIDED AVAILABLE
DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED TO DATE FROM DOJ, CONCERNING
ALLEGATIONS, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE (USCS) SA
USCS HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ALSO POSSESS DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING "FINDERS" WHICH IS TO BE
OBTAINED BY WMFO,

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND IN
THIS MATTER FOR WMFO AND MIAMI;

IN 1987, WERE

CONVICTED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING CHILDREN, ONE OF THE CHILDREN WHO
ATTENDED THE SCHOOL DURING THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE
WAS DOING BUSINESS AS
AFTER THE IMPOSITION OF PRISON SENTENCES ON BOTH [REDACTED] BECAME CONVINCED THAT NUMEROUS OTHER CHILDREN HAD BEEN ABUSED AND THAT THE ABUSE WAS PART OF A LARGE, WELL-ORGANIZED SCHEME. SUBSEQUENTLY, [REDACTED] HAS ATTEMPTED TO INTEREST CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND THE USCS IN HIS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND INVESTIGATING CLAIMS OF ORGANIZED SEXUAL ABUSE.

DURING OCTOBER 1993, [REDACTED] MET WITH UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN ROSE (FLORIDA) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS." BOTH CONGRESSMAN ROSE AND [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS TO DOJ.

AN FBIHQ INDICES SEARCH REVEALED A REFERENCE TO “FINDERS” IN FBIHQ FILE 7-HQ-20191. A REVIEW OF THIS FILE INDICATED THAT FBI JACKSONVILLE (JACKSONVILLE FILE 7-1248) AND FBI WMFO (WMFO FILE 7-1685) HAD CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION RESULTING FROM AN ARREST OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, IN 1987.

ON 2/4/87, [REDACTED] WEREF ARRESTED BY THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD) ON
MISDEMEANOR CHILD ABUSE CHARGES RESULTING FROM A COMPLAINT THAT SIX CHILDREN PLAYING IN A PARK WERE UNKPT AND NEGLECTED, \underline{THE TWO SUBJECTS WITH THE CHILDREN, COULD NOT INITIALLY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AS TO THEIR LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN AND WERE UNCOOPERATIVE REGARDING THEIR IDENTITY AND THE CHILDREN'S IDENTITY. AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING THESE ARRESTS, THE TPD CONTACTED THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD), WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING \underline{AND THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS," BASED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 2/5/87, THE MPD EXECUTED SEARCH WARRANTS, PREPARED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON TWO PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE "FINDERS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SPECIAL AGENT (SA) \underline{USCS, PARTICIPATED IN THESE SEARCHES.}}

A JOINT INVESTIGATION, CONDUCTED BY THE MPD AND WMP, LEAD TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW OF THE MOTHERS OF THE SIX CHILDREN, TWO OF THE FATHERS, AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF THE "FINDERS" GROUP, ON 2/18/87, WMP PRESENTED THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION TO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY \underline{UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF}
COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO DECLINED PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1201 (KIDNAPING) AND 2251 (SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN). WMFO SA __________________ WAS THE WMFO CASE AGENT IN THIS MATTER.

DOJ REVIEW OF USCS DOCUMENTS INDICATES THAT DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE SEARCH WARRANTS BY THE MPD AT THE TWO "FINDERS" PROPERTIES, USCS SA __________________ CLAIMS TO HAVE OBSERVED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS PURPORTEDLY CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING CHILDREN FOR UNSPECIFIED PURPOSES. THE INSTRUCTIONS ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED THE IMPREGNATION OF FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, PURCHASING CHILDREN, TRADING CHILDREN AND KIDNAPING THEM. __________________ CLAIMS
HAS ALLEGED THAT THE FINDERS ARE INVOLVED IN A WELL-ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE SCHEME, AND THAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE FBI'S FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SECTION, CONSPIRED TO COVER UP THOSE ABUSES, USCS SA SHOULD BE CONTACTED BY WMFO TO OBTAIN COMPLETE USCS DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING "FINDERS". INVESTIGATION BY WMFO IN THIS MATTER WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE INTERVIEW OF AND AND THE REVIEW OF ANY DOCUMENTATION IN THE POSSESSION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT OFFICE, AND THE FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ.

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DIVISION,

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY; CO; WMFO,
IT IS NOTED THAT A MEMBER OF CONGRESS HAS INDICATED TO THE DOJ THAT DUE TO THE "FINDERS" INVESTIGATION,
INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED PROMPTLY IN THIS MATTER AND WMFO WILL SUBMIT RESULTS BY TELETEYPE TO THE VIOLENT CRIMES/FUGITIVES UNIT, VIOLENT CRIMES AND MAJOR OFFENDERS SECTION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.
LEADS;

MIAMI DIVISION
AT STUART, FLORIDA

WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW , DOING BUSINESS AS AND OBTAIN ANY RELEVANT MATERIAL IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING "FINDERS,"

WMFO
AT WASHINGTON, D.C.
1. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW USGS SA
2. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW USGS SA WASHINGTON, D.C., TO OBTAIN USGS DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO "FINDERS,"
3. WILL INTERVIEW WMFO SA TO OBTAIN DETAILS
OF THE WMFO INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO "FINDERS,"

4. WILL REVIEW AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING "FINDERS"
FROM [ ] STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBHQ.

BY

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

BY MEMORANDUM DATED 10/26/93, FROM ACTING ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN C. KEENEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LARRY A. POTTs, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUESTED THAT THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS," AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. THIS COMMUNICATION DESIGNATES WMFO AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND SETS SPECIFICS LEADS CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

ON 11/2/93, THIS MATTER WAS COORDINATED WITH UNIT CHIEF OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), FBIHQ, WHO OPINED THAT ABSENT ADDITIONAL FACTS BEING DEVELOPED, THERE IS NO OPR ISSUE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

Drafted By: DWIRDT Room/TL #: 5042 Phone No: 4294

COPY DESIGNATIONS:

1 - MR. KAHOE
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Memorandum

To: SAC, WMFO (31-WF-189911)  Date: 07/01/96

From: SAC, MIAMI

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP  (Title)

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☒ File Destruction Program

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Description:  □ Original notes re interview of
- In Feb 1987 was Acting Chief Special Activities Division Office of Security

- Served in handling prosecution of CIA employees, media leaks and CI work related investigations - allegations of CIA employee involvement etc.

- Had regular interaction w/ FBI WSDS DIA Request for information (like MPD's) was referred to his facet not used for MPD to call others

Us (her from 82 to 88, this one call is one of one from MPD)

Recall 2 contacts to CIA & Fenoses worked for Agency in CO's

1. Was some contact thru at Fenoses Enterprises
   his attempt at that thru thru failure every time but stay on MPD Intel & Fenoses. Did not need thru the
   ultimate was made in directorial contact. Assumed
   low level, undesignated in the contact thru

2.
Not sure how correct was made.
Could not be the address—could have been about
Future Ed. Link to FINANCE THE NEWSPAPERS
not clear how now can up.

- Wally put in record checks on 'FINANCES'
  on 5/7, 300 records.

Thinks may have been to MPD to deliver the
- us at least one phone box.
- This be provided into an

Future Ed. was key word by CIA for report 7/6.

No idea how MPD got to idea analysis of story on TV
Do not recall discussion of.

- Further can be kept her in media municipal car.

Thanks perhaps he saw outfit of pero men store
try to see if any was in bad involved.

- No record attention of

Were look at this, MPD telephoned Sue S&B Drury
we agreed to have to represent by Sue S&B Drury.

One teleph conv. followed by visit to MPD
up first about involved. Left MPD with posing
help. MPD offer financial

...mren able to influence at step mostly

Further day not a CIA friend
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Title: "Funders Group"

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure □ Yes □ No

Title: "Finders" Group

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(Full name)

Facsimile Number: (202) 324-3089

Attn: SSA, UC4, CID
(related party)

From: SAC, WMFO
(Full name)

Subject: "FINDERS GROUP

WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - P.I.

DD: WMFO

Special Handling Instructions: P/S HAND CARRY TO SSA

ATTACHED IS A MEMO LOCATED IN THE WMFO FILE ON FINDERS DEALING
WITH THE STATEMENT/MEMO OF CUSTOMS AGENT FOR YOUR
INFORMATION.

Originator's Name: SAC

Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 863-1786

Telephone: X 7792

Approved: [Signature]

Received by telex 11/3/93 at 10:15 a.m. [Signature]
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
   (7-1685) (P) (C-4)

FROM: SA

DATE: 3/9/87

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING

On 2/18/87, NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN (NCMEC), 1835 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), Suite 700, provided the writer with the attached memorandum. Related she had received the memorandum from CUSTOMS, WDC.

A review of the memorandum reflects obvious observed and what was in fact recovered by the METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) during the execution of search warrants at

On 2/28/87, this memorandum was brought to the attention of MPD, the handling captioned matter for MPD. Advised the writer that a thorough review of all evidence obtained at the two aforementioned

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locations did not produce any of the items described in the examples cited above by [redacted]. Advised no evidence of child sexual exploitation, kidnapping or any related crimes was obtained, and that there were no computerized lists ordering children. A copy of the memorandum was provided to [redacted].
Memorandum

To: SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date: 11/4/93

From: SA (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo is material provided to WMFO by FBIHQ, CID, VCU at a 11/02/93 meeting concerning captioned matter held at FBIHQ. The following individuals were present at this meeting:

SSA _______ FBIHQ
SSA _______ FBIHQ
SSA _______ WMFO
SA _______ WMFO

SSA _______ indicated that this investigation was to be a preliminary inquiry focusing primarily on the "FINDERS" Group. SSA _______ stated that he, or another FBIHQ representative would arrange for review of files/documents in the possession of the State Department, and Intelligence Division FBIHQ, and advise WMFO accordingly.

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WMC
11/2/93

To: Unit Chief

From: SSA ____________________________

Subject: "Finders" - Preliminary Inquiry

On 11/2/93, met with SSA ______ Division 5 Special Staff (ext 3951, Room 4127) and SSA ______ Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA, ext 4634), FBIHQ who is the FBIHQ liaison with the State Department. I had previously provided _______ with a packet of documents concerning the "Finders" preliminary Inquiry. The three of them will determine the best manner to request the records checks by _______ DOS for "Finders."

_______ will conduct a search of Division 5 records to determine if there is any documentation concerning "Finders."
11/1/93

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS
OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

♦ On 11/1/93, a representative from the Violent Crimes Unit (VCU), Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), prepared a packet of documents received to date in this matter for review by WMFO.

♦ On 11/1/93, a representative from the VCU contacted WMFO SSA and scheduled a meeting between representatives of the Violent Crimes Unit, SSA and the WMFO case Agent on 11/2/93.

♦ On 11/1/93, a representative from the VCU met with FBIHQ Office of Liaison and International Affairs SSA (State Department liaison) and SSA to discuss DOJ's request that the FBI review documents from the State Department Passport Office (DOS) and the pertaining to "Finders." It is noted that the DOJ requested that an FBI Agent "review relevant documents firsthand, from the relevant intelligence agencies, as opposed to having to rely on the agency's summaries or review..."

During a meeting at DOJ with Section Chief Bergasser and DOJ Attorney on 10/28/93, it was pointed out that a written request from the FBI or DOJ would be required before any records could be obtained from DOS for review by the FBI. During that meeting, Mr. Bergasser requested that the FBI prepare a communication to DOS and let him review it before it was sent to those agencies.
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On 10/28/93, a representative of the Violent Crimes Unit met with George Bergasser, Section Chief, and Attorney Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Department of Justice. Bergasser noted that DOJ had received a three-ring binder from Special Agent U.S. Customs Service (USCS). This binder contains USCS briefing material on "Finders." They requested that the FBI contact USCS to obtain a copy of the material contained in the three ring binder.

Bergasser noted that in 1987, in Stuart, Florida, a

Bergasser noted that during October 1993, met with United States Congressman Rose (Florida) to discuss allegations concerning a group known as "Finders". Both Congressman Rose and concerning these allegations to DOJ. He is concerned that several Congressional subcommittees may be looking at the "Finders" matter and that the TV documentary "48 Hours" plans to air a segment on it.
On 10/28/93, an FBIHQ indices search revealed a reference to "Finders" in FBIHQ file 7-HQ-20191. On 10/29/93, a review of this file indicated that FBI, Jacksonville (Jacksonville file 7-1248) and FBI, WMFO (WMFO file 7-1685) had conducted investigation resulting from an arrest of two individuals in Tallahassee, Florida in 1987.

File review of 7-HQ-20191 indicated that a joint investigation, conducted by the MPD and WMFO, lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. On 2/18/87, WMFO presented the results of their investigation to Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., who declined prosecution for violation of title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (kidnapping) and 2251 (sexual exploitation of children). WMFO SA was the WMFO case agent in this matter.

On 10/29/93, the information obtained at DOJ was discussed with WMFO SSA and Miami SSRA West Palm Beach RA, and a teletype was prepared designating WMFO as Office of Origin in this matter.
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♦ On 10/27/93, an indices check by the Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC) identified four FBIHQ files (7-20191, 9-67521, 62-119517, and 66-19075) as having references to "Finders", and three FBIHQ files (87-0 serials 15124, page 1, and serial 15140; 157-370 and 157-1552) containing references to These files have been obtained and will be reviewed by the Violent Crimes Unit.

♦ On 10/27/93, SIOC identified 16 articles in the Lexis-Nexis data base concerning "Finders". These articles indicate that on 2/4/87, the Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee, Florida conducted a traffic stop on a van containing two men and six small children. The two men were arrested and were each charged with one count of child abuse.

♦ On 10/27/93, a lead was sent to the Miami Division to locate and interview The case Agent has known for approximately 15 years and will contact him 10/28/93 to schedule the interview with him.

♦ On 10/28/93, the Correspondence Unit, FBIHQ advised that they had no reference in their files concerning "Finders"

♦ On 10/28/93, FBIHQ OLIA was contacted concerning the review of State Department Office files pertaining to Finders. A written request in LHM format will be prepared to obtain this information.

♦ On 10/28/93, Jacksonville (JK) SSA advised that JK was involved in an investigation with the group known as the "Finders" in 1987. This case involved the recovery of six children in Tallahassee, Florida who were traveling in a van with two grown males not related to them. The FBI had participated in the arrest of these two individuals who were each charged locally with one count of child abuse. SA advised that many allegations had been made regarding sexual abuse in this case, but none were proven. It appears that there was parental consent for the children to travel with these individuals. The children were subsequently returned to their parents and the subjects spent about ten days in the local jail and released. This investigation was conducted primarily by local authorities.

♦ On 10/28/93, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children was interviewed concerning "Finders" and the two searches conducted in 1987 at the two Finders properties in Washington, D.C.
subsequent to the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) making the traffic stop of the van, the TPD determined that these two men belonged to a group known as the Finders based in Washington, D.C.. As a result of information developed by the TPD during the traffic stop, the TPD contacted the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (WMPD). The WMPD developed information that was subsequently utilized to obtain a search warrant for a warehouse and a residence located in Washington, D.C. owned by the Finders. U.S. Customs and the WMPD participated in this search and noted that approximately seven computers and numerous computer floppy discs were seized during the search. He did not participate in any subsequent review of this material.

advised that the NCMEC has not developed any positive information that the Finders organization is involved in child sexual abuse.

also advised that he had been told that documentation had been located in the WMPD files to indicate that SGT. John Stycher (deceased), who had been his Sergeant during the Finders search, had been contacted by a who had told him to step away from the Finders case. Allegedly,

† WMFO conducted investigation in this matter and this information will be subsequently reviewed.

† On 10/28/93, George Bergasso, Section Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Department of Justice advised that the DOJ has a book of material on the "Finders" and additional material that will be made available for review by the FBI. Representatives of the Violent Crimes Unit will meet with him on 10/28/93.
FBIHQ FILE SUMMARY OF 7-20191
REFERENCE "FINDERS" GROUP

by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D.C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D.C. in an effort to further identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnapped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was

A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type lifestyle made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosecution in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.

References of FBIHQ File 7-20191:
Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children
" #9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re "Finders", allegedly a
Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.

" #16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by [Redacted] Virginia by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.

Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.

" #24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of [Redacted] provides info pertaining to "finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

" #26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising that AUSA [Redacted] declined prosecution in this matter stating that their is no evidence of a Federal violation. No additional investigation in this case.
On 10/28/93, I spoke to SSA_________ and SA______
Jacksonville Division (JK) regarding information they
may have on a group known as the "Finders".

SSA_________ advised that JK was involved in an
investigation with a group known as the "Finders" in 1987. This
case involved the recovery of six children in Tallahassee,
Florida. The children were traveling in a beat up 1979 ford van
with two grown males not related to them. The children were
recovered in fairly good condition except that they were very
dirty. On 2/20/92, a FOIPA request regarding this investigation
was made by Washington D. C._________.

SSA_________ recommended that I speak with the
Tallahassee RA case Agent_________.

SA_________ advised that the FBI and local law
enforcement participated in the arrest of two individuals who
were traveling around the country with six young children not
related to them. SA_________ said that he was providing this
information from memory, but advised that the media blew the case
out of proportion. He advised that many allegations were made
regarding sexual abuse in this case, but none were proven. It
appears that there was parental consent for the children to
travel with these individuals. The children were returned to
their parents and the subjects spent about ten days in the local
jail and released. This investigation was conducted primarily by
local authorities. SA_________ could not provide additional
information in this matter.

notes:

JK case file 7-1248 consolidated to 62D-2214
WMFO case file 7-1685
FBIHQ case file 7-20191
JK indices negative for_________
HELP END CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND EXPLOITATION

COSPONSOR THE LEWIS BILL TO REESTABLISH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY UNIT

Dear Colleague:

In February, 1991, U.S. Customs "integrated" their Child Pornography and Protection Unit into the Smuggling Investigations Division, Office of Investigative Programs. At the time, Customs stated that "these changes have in no way affected the manner in which child pornography investigations are being conducted by our field offices or the support that our headquarters staff provides."

I asked Customs to provide me with arrests, convictions and employee-hours spent on child pornography and protection. Customs own numbers show a dramatic and inexcusable decline.

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As you can see, since the unit's heyday in 1990, arrests and convictions have been nearly halved, and employee-hours have been reduced to barely one-fourth of previous levels!!

Therefore, I am introducing a Concurrent Resolution calling on Customs to reestablish its Child Pornography and Protection Unit, and to equal or exceed its 1990 efforts.

It is clear Customs has given up most of their efforts to put an end to this reprehensible trade. It's time to make a permanent commitment to stopping those who prey on the most vulnerable members of our society. If you would like to cosponsor this Resolution, contact me, or [contact information].

Sincerely,

Tom Lewis
Member of Congress
A formal report will be released when forensic tests are concluded.

- 45 foot tunnel
  - 9 foot wide subterranean entrance found under west wall of the "Dog" room (Classroom 4 classroom).
  - Avocado tree roots cut on both sides of the entrance.
  - Disney bag, "Copyright 1982," found 4 1/2 feet below the classroom floor and 3" to 6" in from entrance and under foundation, Classroom 4.
  - Tunnel proceeded south, then east 45 feet through Classrooms 4 and 3, and north, then east 10 feet within Classroom 4.
  - Tunnels were 30" wide, 44" to 46" deep, with top of the tunnel 30" under the classroom floor.
  - The footing between Classrooms 3 and 4 was arched where the tunnel passed underneath and 12" shorter in depth at this location than same footing 12 feet to then north.
  - Four large, upright containers were found in the tunnel under the arch, obviously hand placed.
  - A 9 foot wide chamber was found along the tunnel under Classroom 4. Top of chamber and top of sections of the tunnel had layers of plywood covered with tar paper which had apparently been supported by cinder blocks and 2" x 2" and 2" x 4" wooden posts found underneath.
  - Tunnel features made it evident that tunnel was hand dug.

- 7 foot tunnel extending into the triplex next door
  - Tunnel extended from the bathrooms off the office and Classroom 1 to the front yard of the triplex next door. Front yard concealed from street by three-car garage.
  - Children described entrance and exiting tunnel in triplex yard exactly where tunnel and exit were found.
  - 139" x 41" area under a hole cut in this neighbor's bathroom floor had been excavated and subsequently filled.

- Other significant facts
  - A small, white plastic plate with three pentagrams hand drawn on top of light green paint was found by the archaeologists in the stratified dirt in the play yard.
  - Personnel historical archaeologist, pentagrams were hand drawn by an adult and not part of the manufacturer's design.
  - Many other artifacts found, whose analyses will be released upon completion of tests.
  - No doorknobs were on Classroom 3 door, only a dead bolt lock.
  - Each classroom had on and off light switch labeled "Fire Alarm." System did not connect to fire station but was used as an alert within the school.
  - More than 2000 artifacts were found under the school floor, including over 100 animal bones.

Due to severe time constraints our archaeology team was unable to further explore the extent of the tunnel networks. Above documented through photographs, notes, graphs, diagrams and charts. For more details call (213) 854-5172.
Mr. and Mrs.  

Dear Mr. and Mrs.:  

Thank you for your letter dated September 13, 1991, expressing your concerns regarding the U.S. Customs Service Child Pornography Program.

The Child Protection Act of 1984 clearly defined the agency jurisdiction in this typically multidisciplined area of enforcement. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service has jurisdiction pertaining to the use of the U.S. mail to transport child pornography, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has jurisdiction over the interstate transportation of child pornography, and the U.S. Customs Service has jurisdiction over the importation and the international distribution of child pornography. The statute has created a close working relationship between the agencies at the field office and Headquarters level. The point of this is that the statute has permitted a clear definition of responsibility for the respective agencies.

Recently, the U.S. Customs Service Headquarters Office of Enforcement experienced a massive reorganization. This reorganization caused the Child Pornography and Protection Unit to be integrated into the Smuggling Investigations Division. The Child Pornography and Protection Unit was a part of the General Smuggling Branch which was a part of the Smuggling Investigations Division. All Units, Branches, and Sections were eliminated during the recent reorganization. The child pornography program is now headed by the National Child Pornography Program Manager, a Senior Special Agent assigned to the Smuggling Investigations Division, Office of Investigative Programs, at Headquarters.

These changes have in no way affected the manner in which child pornography investigations are being conducted by its field offices or the support that the Headquarters staff provides to these field offices. The primary function of the Unit remains the same, that is to coordinate investigations within the U.S. Customs Service and between the U.S. Customs Service and other agencies, as well as collect, analyze, and disseminate child pornography data.
Headquarters has established and still maintains working relationships with the Department of Justice through the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Service, and various Military Investigation Commands. The Office of Enforcement also continues to work in conjunction with the Customs Office of Inspection and Control in seeking out and discovering new and unique methods of smuggling child pornography into the United States from other countries.

The aggressive approach that the U.S. Customs Service has demonstrated in conducting child pornography investigations within its jurisdictional area, has had an impact on both the violators and the distributors, and the methods of smuggling used by these individuals. The U.S. Customs Service will continue to target and investigate the importation of child pornography as aggressively as we have in the past. The ultimate effect is the enhancement on our part to prevent the sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Finders/Chronology
(See previous material for dates)

- Contact of U.S. Customs by Tallahassee PD regarding discovery of unidentified children and adult male "guardians" in city park.

- Requested contact with Washington MPD for assistance in locating possible address and relatives of children.

- Address located with assistance of MPD Intelligence Division.

- Second address identified. One residence, one warehouse.

- Search warrants obtained by MPD Intel. Warehouse site of previous MPD Intel inquiry involving classified maps of underground tunnel/sewer system, Washington, DC.

- During search warrant staging, disclosure of pending search warrant execution made by Tallahassee PD to local media (Tallahassee, FL). Tallahassee Media representative contacted D.C. media for more details. D.C. media reps peruse public information at courthouse, are waiting at search warrant sites for MPD search teams.

- Search warrants executed with MPD and two U.S. Customs agents (one at each site). FBI not involved until walk through on following day.

- Seizure of numerous documents made to include passports, telexes, computer/electronic media, correspondence, et al. (See previous material for expanded description).

- After search warrant shut down on first day, news reports carried FBI press release announcing FBI as "lead investigating agency." Day after, once search resumed, FBI agent from Washington Field Office (WFO) makes walk through of warehouse, but does not examine any seized evidence.

- Additional search warrant executed on farm in rural Virginia with support by Virginia State Police. No federal involvement. Evidence of satanic/cult ritual discovered.

- Based on observed documents, Customs agent unsuccessfully attempts to gain access to evidence for detailed analysis for use in investigating possible export, neutrality act, mann act, and child pornography violations.
Contacts MPD Intelligence and advised that all reports regarding Finders are to be classified at the Secret level.

Also advised that no information was to be turned over to the FBI WFO for investigation, and that the WFO would not be advised of the involvement/contact.

Children discovered in Tallahassee were eventually turned over to individuals claiming to be parents or guardians. No further MPD, FBI or Customs involvement.

As far as is known, no details of involvement ever became public.
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SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.

REF: WMFO FACSIMILE TO FBHQ ON 11/3/93.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBHQ, REVIEW OF WMFO FIELD OFFICE
FILES CONCERNING CAPTIONED GROUP REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

WMFO OPENED A KIDNAPPING CASE (7-1685) ON 2/6/87, AS A
RESULT OF A 2/4/87 ARREST OF TWO MEN IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
FOR CHILD ABUSE. THESE INDIVIDUALS, ___

WMFO

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FOX DATE & TIME OF ACCEPTANCE: _________________________
WERE TRAVELLING IN A VAN WITH SIX
MINOR CHILDREN. THE VAN UTILIZED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS BORE

THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD) CONTACTED THE
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD), WASHINGTON, D.C., TO GET
INFORMATION ON THE CHILDREN, AS THEY HAD MADE STATEMENTS
INDICATING A PRIOR RESIDENCE IN WDC.

ON 2/5/87, TPD CONTACTED THE LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICE, WHICH
SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED THE WDC AREA CUSTOMS OFFICE, WHICH IN
TURN CONTACTED MPD. SPECIAL AGENT (SA) CUSTOMS, PROVIDED THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARREST OF TO MPD INTELLIGENCE AND THE INFORMATION ON THEIR
WASHINGTON, D.C. ADDRESSES.

PRIOR TO 2/5/87, MPD HAD
RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, THAT A GROUP
OF PEOPLE CALLING THEMSELVES, THE "FINDERS", WERE CONDUCTING
BRAINWASHING TECHNIQUES AT THE SOURCE REPORTED
CHILDREN WERE USED IN RITUALS BY THE GROUPS, BUT REPORTED SOURCE NEVER OBSERVED ANY ACTUAL CHILD ABUSE.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TPD AND THIS SOURCE, MPD OBTAINED SEARCH WARRANTS AND EXECUTED THEM ON 2/5, 2/6/87 AT THE TWO WDC ADDRESSES. MPD SEIZED COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FINDERS GROUP FROM THESE LOCATIONS. NO EVIDENCE OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, KIDNAPPING, OR ANY RELATED CRIMES WAS OBSERVED, OR OBTAINED FROM THIS SEARCH.

PRESENT AT THIS SEARCH WERE MPD DETECTIVES, FBI SA WMFO CASE AGENT AND CUSTOMS SA

A MEMO FROM SA DATED 3/9/87 WAS LOCATED IN THE
MEMO WAS SENT TO FBIHQ VIA FACSIMILE ON 11/3/93.

WMFO INVESTIGATION OF "FINDERS" GROUP REVEALED THROUGH A
2/7/87 INTERVIEW OF GROUP MEMBER

THE FOLLOWING:

ADvised FINDERS WAS A GROUP

IN 1972 WITH THE IDEA OF
RESPONDING TO PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES. ADVISED THAT THE
GROUP GATHERED INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE OR COMPANIES. ADVISED THAT "FINDERS" WAS BASED OUT OF 1307 4TH STREET, N.W., WDC. DESCRIBED THE AS MYSTERIOUS, AND RELATED THAT NO ONE USUALLY KNEW WHERE HE WAS.

JOINT INVESTIGATION BY MPD AND WMFO LEAD TO THE
IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW OF THE MOTHERS OF THE SIX
CHILDREN IN QUESTION, TWO OF THE FATHERS AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY
MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "FINDERS" GROUP. ALL PERSONS
INTERVIEWED CLAIMED THEIR GROUP CONSISTED OF AN ALTERNATIVE
LIFESTYLE, COMMUNAL-TYPE ASSOCIATION MADE UP OF INTELLECTUALS
WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE THE WAY THEY DO. THE MOTHERS WERE ALL
AWARE THAT THE CHILDREN HAD BEEN TAKEN TO FLORIDA ON A TRIP, THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH AND THOROUGHLY TRUSTED THE MEN IN WHOSE CARE THE CHILDREN HAD BEEN PLACED, AND ALL INSISTED THE CHILDREN WERE WELL CARED FOR, ALTHOUGH IN AN ALTERNATIVE MATTER. EVERYONE INTERVIEWED STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT NO ONE IN THEIR GROUP ENGAGED IN SEX WITH CHILDREN, THAT NO RITUALIZED ABUSE OCCURRED, THAT THE "FINDERS" ARE NOT A SATANIC CULT, AND THAT THE CHILDREN ARE IN FACT THE OFFSPRING OF THE MOTHERS INTERVIEWED. ALL OF THE MOTHERS AND THE THREE FATHERS INTERVIEWED AGREED TO BE POLYGRAPHED CONCERNING THEIR TESTIMONY.

ON 2/18/87, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WDC, DECLINED PROSECUTION IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR VIOLATION OF UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18, SECTIONS 1201 AND 2251.

WMFO FILES ALSO CONTAINED A 10/7/92 EXTORTION CASE (9A-WF-183055) WITH AND THIS CASE WAS OPENED AS A RESULT
THAT HE AND SEVERAL OTHERS OF THE "FINDERS" GROUP,

ADvised THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES REALIZED THAT

AND THE OTHERS, AT THE

TIME, WERE IN A CUSTODY BATTLE OVER THE GROUP'S PROPERTY

ASSETS.
PURPORTEDLY RESIDED AT

VIRGINIA.
ON 6/14/93, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DECLINED PROSECUTION OF THIS MATTER AND THIS CASE WAS CLOSED.

WMFO CONTACT WITH U.S. CUSTOM SERVICE, WDC, INDICATES THAT CUSTOMS SA WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL MONDAY, 11/8/93.

WMFO IS SCHEDULED TO REVIEW THE MPD FILE CONCERNING "FINDERS" ON 11/4/93.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT WMFO.
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Subject: FINDERS GANE, USTA

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Memorandum

To: SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P)  Date: 11/4/93

From: SA (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo are copies of METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) investigative file reports of pertinent information obtained during writer's 11/4/93 review of the MPD case jacket on the FINDERS GROUP.

The MPD case jacket was made available for review by Lieutenant MPD Intelligence Division, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, WDC.

The MPD case jacket did not contain a listing of specific items seized from the 2/5 - 2/6/87 searches of the FINDERS GROUP properties, 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W Street, NW, WDC. In addition, there was no indication of the present status of any items seized at these searches, or a listing of personnel present at the searches.

Lieutenant indicated that the MPD investigating Detective for this case was Detective presently

Lieutenant opined that Det. could answer questions concerning the specifics of this search.

WMFO
MDC: mdc

[Signature]
SYNOPSIS:
This report deals with the entire investigation concerning a group of subjects who call themselves The Finders. This document will explain the involvement of the Metropolitan Police Department and various agencies involved and the action taken during the course of this instant investigation. All the following information is still of a sensitive nature and should not be disseminated outside this unit.

Source Information:
In December of 1986, called the intelligence division and reported that she had information concerning a cult operating in the District of Columbia. was advised that Detective of this office handled cult investigations and was currently out of town but would contact her after his return. was contacted in late December by Detective by telephone and advised she wished to be interviewed concerning this cult. Detective and Detective of the Maryland Park Police (Because stated a section of this cult was operating in Maryland) interviewed at her residence in. stated that a group of individuals were trying to introduce her into a cult and explained the nature and circumstances of this cult. (SEE R.O.I. dated 12/18/86) was advised that although this group was unusual, they were committing no criminal offenses and the police department would only be interested if this group was involved in criminal activities.

In January 1987 again contacted Detective and stated that some of the members were interested in exploring satanism. Detective again advised that although satanist are not criminals, Detective was interested in ascertaining what activity this group was involved in and asked to call Detective if additional information became available.

Law Enforcement Information:
On February 5, 1987 Detective received a phone call from the U.S. Customs Service in Tallahassee, Florida. Customs was trying to find out if the Intelligence Division had any information concerning a group of subjects known as The Finders.
The Finders Investigation

The Customs representative stated that (6) children had been located in Florida along with two men and that the children were dirty, unkempt, insect bitten, underfed and possibly sexually abused. U.S. Customs stated that they had tried to contact representatives of the Finders at [redacted] without success and they feared that other children were being abused at that address and were unsure if the children had been kidnapped from their parents. Detective [redacted] was put in contact with Investigator [redacted] and [redacted] of the Tallahassee Police who were the lead investigators in the case. [redacted] told [redacted] that the children were recovered in Tallahassee Florida after a call to police stating that six children were being kept in the back of a van near a Florida park. The police responded to that location and determined that the children were in fact in poor condition and tried to question the two men, identified as [redacted] refused to answer questions by the police and were arrested for child neglect. The children when interviewed by the Tallahassee Police stated that they were enroute to a "smart school" in Mexico and could not give any positive information concerning their parents. [redacted] stated that the children were all extremely hungry and urinated and defecated on the floor during the interviews. [redacted] stated that the children also talked about other children in Washington D.C. and stated that they were under the control of the "game caller".

Search Warrants:

Based on the information received from the source and from the authorities in the State of Florida, AUSA [redacted] authorized a search warrant for the premises [redacted] Washington D.C. Search Warrants were executed for the premises of [redacted] by members of the M.P.D Intelligence Division on February 5-6, 1987. Although no children were found large amounts of documents dealing with child rearing and shaping were recovered along with manuals for master plans and "dirty tricks" for enemies of the Finders group. All this information was turned over to the Florida authorities for evaluation.

Medical Reports:

Psychological Report:

Interviews:
Detective [redacted] of the M.P.D. an expert profiler with extensive training with abused children interviewed both [redacted] in Tallahassee Florida during...
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
MORALS DIVISION FILE REPORT

P.D. 8544 Rev.4/74

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
(Continuation)

FILE TITLE

The Finders Investigation

DATE

April 13, 1987

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the week of February 11, 1987. Detective report is attached and made part of this summary.

Interviews:
Twenty one former Finders have been interviewed concerning their involvement in the organization. They stated that the organization began as an alternative life style in the 1960's and many of them became disenchanted with the quasi-military order under the direct supervision of Many of the former members stated that they feared retribution from the Finders organization. In the case of she needed police intervention to stop the harassment of the Finders, In the case, was burned down and remains an open arson. In the case, members of the Finders attempted to infiltrate in the United States. In general all members of the Finders who had left the group felt that harm would come to them if they spoke out against or his organization.

Family Members:
Detective interviewed all the family members who were willing to talk. Specifically, they all stated that had brainwashed their children and prevented any contact with either their children or grandchildren. Members of the Finders, according to family members would stop any contact by sending letters describing explicit sexual acts involving current members, including photographs and drawings. In the case members of the Finders attempted to take over the family residence and force out of her home.

Virginia State Investigation:
Special Agent of the Virginia State Police stated that his organization executed search warrants at the Finders Farm in Madison County Virginia. stated that this group appeared to be a survivalist organization with attempts to take over the city government in Culpepper Virginia. During Virginia States investigation information was revealed that bodies were buried on the farm at the Nethers, but excavation revealed nothing. However, cages were discovered on the premises that witnesses revealed were used to keep children during their visits to the farm.

F.B.I. Investigation:
The F.B.I. had contact with the Finders since 1971 including a recent report dealing with C.I.A. involvement with at least one of the members of the Finders passing information overseas concerning activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. When it became apparent that no Federal Laws were violated the F.B.I. vacated the investigation.

Central Intelligence Agency Investigation:
Although the C.I.A. claims their only involvement was that was a former employee of the agency, They stated that they were monitoring this investigation from the beginning.
Summary:
It is the writer's belief that the Finders organization is and has been utilized by the Central Intelligence Agency as a disinformation service spreading non-essential, non-critical information to various organizations throughout the United States and overseas. This group to the most part is made up of over-educated non-achievers who lacked the inborn initiative to succeed on their own. Therefore they fell in with a charismatic leader who gave them direction and self-importance. To the most part this organization individually is harmless, however when directed and monitored by a controlling factor they are capable of destructive and illegal activities. As in any cult structure the main drive is for the group and individual values and ideology is lost. Therefore when a member is asked to perform a task that heretofore may have been objectionable, he or she performs this mission for the good of the group.
As to the abuse of the children; I do not think that child abuse was a planned tactic of this group, but as in any cross section of society, sick and demented subjects belong to a cult as well. I do believe that the shaping of the children is a planned experiment of this group as in the case of the Nazi's they strove for a perfect society, thereby in their own way tried to form a group of children and ultimately adults that did not suffer from the ill's of normal society, but took only the benefits that afforded them perfection.
Lastly I do not feel that the Finders have disbanded as reported by their leaders be instead, as reported in their master plan, have appeared to disband to prevent further detection by law enforcement or social service officials. I firmly believe that this group should be monitored in a general sense and if further developments occur they should be noted.
At Approximately 1530 hrs, 2/19/87, Det. spoke with S/A reference any contact the members of the Finders may have had with the Agency. S/A had guarded but frank in his responses. He confirmed that Isabelle, now deceased, was an employee of the Agency from 1950 until 1971 when asked if our investigation was "treading on anyone's toes out there," replied "Sort of". He acknowledged that they have had someone working on the case since it first broke on the news media. He also stated that the Agency is aware that the period 1966 - 1971 traveled to Moscow, North Korea, and North Vietnam. 

S/A stated that he would contact Det. on 2/19/87 to arrange to come to this office for further discussion. As of 1430 hrs, 2/19/87, he has not contacted this office.

As a practical matter, what is not being said is as important as what S/A has said. acknowledged that we are treading on their toes and that they have had someone working on the case since Feb 5 when it broke. They apparently have a vested interest in and/or the group. They have not contacted any of the investigating agencies while they have been working on the case. They are also aware that traveled to prohibited countries during a period of hostilities that could only have been arranged by them. Finally, he stated that this could explain a lot about the groups funding, which we have been unable to document to this point.

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Did not know that the person he turned the information over to in Europe was a source of this office and is not aware that the Source brought the Disc back to this office. Actually transferred the disc in London. Det then turned the Disc over to UPO/FBI, Counter Intelligence office for analysis. We have not been apprised of the results of that analysis, nor do we expect to be.

Regardless of what type operation they may be engaged in, there will be no justification for the way the children have been treated, and the matter will be addressed in Family Division, Superior Court.
INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

FBI, Savannah Information Technology Center
220 East Bryan Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Forfeiture/Seizure Related: X FAX: ☐ Telec. ☐ Mail
Requestor: ☐ Fax: (912) 231-1076 and (912) 231-0974
Secure FAX & STU III: (912) 231-1075

TO: FBI, SAVANNAH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Date: 11/14/93
Type of Request: X FAX: ☐ Telec. ☐ Mail
Requester: ☐ Reason (Name is Required)

Fugitive: ☐ Yes ☐ No
CCH Conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Driver’s Lic. Conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Driver’s License #: ___________________ State: ___________
NCIC Activity/Date: __________________ City/State: ________ Zip: ______ Phone: ______
Off-Line Searches Conducted: ____________________
Subject: ☐ Yes ☐ No Vehicle: ☐ Yes ☐ No Driver’s License: ☐ Yes ☐ No

SEARCH CRITERIA (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name - Last: ___________________________ First: ___________________ Middle: _____________
Alias: ________________________________ Sex: M DOB1: ________ DOB2: ________
SSA: _______________ 2: ___________ Spouse: __________________________

RESIDENCE
Street Address: __________________________ City/State: ________ Zip: ______ Phone: ______

BUSINESS
Business Name: "FINDERS" GROUP Street Address: __________________________
City/State: ________ Zip: ______ Phone: ______ Business ID#: ______________

CHECK DESIRED SEARCH PARAMETERS (Please check only those that are needed)
☐ 1. Specific Information Desired
☐ 2. Determine All Individuals Associated with Social Security Number(s)
☐ 3. Report Validity of Social Security Number
☐ 4. Employment Report (subject to availability)
☐ 5. Determine Who is Associated with Telephone Number(s)
☐ 6. Determine Address of Business/Person (U.S. ______, ______ State(s))
☐ 7. Determine Property Owned by Individual (U.S. ______, ______ State(s))
☐ 8. Determine Who Owns Property Listed Above
☐ 9. Determine Who Resides at Address Listed Above
☐ 10. Determine Financial Background Info, Financial Associates/Institutions (NOT FULL CREDIT REPORTING)
☐ 11. Determine Corporate Business Info/Institutions Associated with: ________________________________

(Person/Business)

Reply From: FBI, Savannah Information Technology Center (SITC)
Return Reply To: SAC. WACO
Attention: SA Sound C4

Based on search criteria, marked records are attached:
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ATTN:

From: SAVANNAH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER
INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES

Subject: ____________

Attached are copies of Investigative Information Services' printouts setting forth results of inquiries conducted by Investigative Information Services. Also attached are two copies of an accomplishment/reply form. It is requested that you record the Investigative Information Services accomplishments on this form, return one copy to the Investigative Information Services, and maintain one copy together with the computer printouts as a serial in your case file.

Set forth below is a brief synopsis of results of inquiries.

[Blank space] is utilized by the subject. Property data and tax assessor info is attached. All other searches were negative.

Should additional contact be necessary, this request was handled by Analyst [Blank space]. Telephone [Blank space].

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Attn: Special Agent Supervisor
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Via Mail [Blank space]/Facsimile [Blank space] X Date 11/3/93

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ADDRESS

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FBI - SAVANNAH PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION GROUP


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ADDRESS: GLOBAL PRESS REVIEW
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WASHINGTON DC 20002 7001
(202) 546 - 9828
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**Depth Footage : 0**  
**Bldg Footage : 37,200**  
**Pool : 0**  
**# Units : 4**  
**# Baths : 0.0**  
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FILE: ALLOWN

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220 EAST BRYAN STREET
SAVANNAH GEORGIA 31402FRANC

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PROPERTY RECORDS FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ESTIMATED TAX ROLL CERTIFICATION DATE July 31, 1991

Owner:

Mailing Address:

MUNICIPALITY:

****************************** LOCATION ******************************

Property Address:

Property Use (REDI): Apartment

Assessor's Parcel Number: 1315-0039

****************************** ASSESSMENT VALUES ******************************

Land Value: $ 173,725

Improvements: 170,515

Total Value: $ 344,240

Use Code: MULTI-FAMILY FLATS

Lot Size: 4,655 sq ft

Year Constructed: 1938

****************************** PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS ******************************

Units: 4

Stories: Heating: HOT WATER

Rooms: Cooling:

Bedrooms: Floor:

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Property Address: 

Municipality: WASH DC

Property Use (REDI): Warehouse

Assessor's Parcel Number: PAR -0129-0027

************************ ASSESSMENT VALUES ************************

Land Value: $ 54,960

Improvements: 205,390

Total Value: $ 260,350

Use Code: WAREHOUSE-MULT-STORY

Lot Size: 5,496 sq ft

Improved Square Feet: 10,414 (building)

Year Constructed: 1931

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INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES

In order to help us better serve your investigative needs, please complete the following and return to:

FBI, Savannah Information Technology Center
220 East Bryan Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

SAVANNAH ITC RECORD #: [Blank] UCFN: 31C-WF-189911
ANALYST: [Blank]

Was the information provided helpful to your investigation?

☑ YES ☐ NO

If NO, please let us know how we could be more helpful to your investigation:

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ, TRAINING DIVISION, NCAVC/ISU FOR SSA

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO

FOR INFORMATION OF NCAVC, CAPTIONED MATTER WAS OPENED ON 11/2/93 AS A RESULT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S REQUEST THAT THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS", AND WHAT ROLE IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

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FOX DATE & TIME OF ACCEPTANCE: 1252D
WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN ROSE (FLORIDA) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A GROUP CALLED "FINDERS". BOTH ROSE AND [REDACTED] PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS TO DOJ.


WMFO CLOSED THE CASE WHEN NO VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW, NO CHILD ABUSE, NO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE OCCURRED.
The WMFO case agent for the 1987 investigation, advised that this matter was brought up again sometime in 1989, when TV talk show host [redacted] was purportedly planning to air a special exposing finders as a satanic cult. SA [redacted] provided SSA [redacted] of NCAVC, Quantico with information concerning this investigation. SA [redacted] advised that when the televised special aired there was no response to finders.

Leads:

Training Division, NCAVC, at Quantico, VA.

Review records concerning the finders at Quantico and advise FBIHQ, and WMFO of any references to finders, specifically addressing their current status and location if known. Additionally, review all references to finders and the U.S. intelligence community in an attempt to determine if any correlation exists.

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SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; CO; WMFO,

PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN ROSE (FLORIDA) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A GROUP CALLED "FINDERS". BOTH ROSE AND [PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS TO DOJ.]


WMFO CLOSED THE CASE WHEN NO VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW, NO CHILD ABUSE, NO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

SA [THE WMFO CASE AGENT FOR THE 1987]
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**TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/ FBI MIAMI/PRIORITY/ BT**

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**CITE:** //3920//

**PASS:** CID, VCU, SSA

**SUBJECT:** "FINDERS' GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.**

**RE:** BUREAU TELETYPETO WMFO AND MIAMI, DATED 11/2/93, AND WMFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MIAMI DATED 11/6/93, BOTH CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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**MC: SGE CR1**

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LEAD:

MIAMI DIVISION AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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Memorandum

To: SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) (C-4) Date 11/12/93

From: SSA

Subject: FINDERS GROUP;
WSTA-SEOC;
OOJ-PI;
OO:WMFO

On 11/9/93, SSA OLIA-FBIHQ was telephonically contacted re the status of his efforts to have both U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT queried re the FINDERS. SSA had previously been requested by SSA VCU-CID, to handle the inquiries on a headquarters level. SSA advised that he was drafting a letter for approval by the VCU which would be sent to the respective agencies. He further advised that SSA was assisting him in this effort.

SSA was requested to advise WMFO of the results of his efforts as soon as possible.

On 11/9/93, SSA advised that he was handling the review of any FCI files at FBIHQ and would advise WMFO of the results.
To: FBI HQ - VC4
   (Name of Office)
Facsimile Number: 324-3089
   (Name)
From: FBI - UNMOD (C-4)
   (Name of Office)
Subject: FINDINGS -
   (Name)

Special Handling Instructions: HD 302 5 OR MPD CASE OFFICER
+ USCS SR AGENT

Originator's Name: (Name)
Telephone: (Name)
Originator's Facsimile Number: (Name)
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SUBJECT: FINDERS GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT – SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE – PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY; 00; WMFO,

RE WMFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI, DATED 11/10/93,
FOR INFORMATION OF WMFO THE TALLAHASSEE RESIDENT AGENCY
IS IN THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, REFERENCE TELETYPE WILL BE
FAXED TO THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION,

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"FINDERS" AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

TO DATE, WMFO HAS CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER.

THE WMFO CASE FILE ON THE "FINDERS" WAS REVIEWED AND SUMMARIZED FOR FBIHQ IN REFERENCED WMFO 11/6/93 TELETYPE.

THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) CASE FILE WAS REVIEWED BY WMFO ON 11/4/93. COPIES WERE MADE OF SIGNIFICANT DOCUMENTS AND SENT TO FBIHQ, VIA FACSIMILE ON 11/5/93. ON 11/9/93, A PHOTOCOPY OF THE ENTIRE MPD FILE WAS OBTAINED AND HAND CARRIED TO FBIHQ.


WMFO HAS NOT YET INTERVIEWED CUSTOMS SA _______ PER INSTRUCTIONS OF FBIHQ, BUT IS PREPARED TO DO SO UPON FBIHQ AUTHORIZATION.
WMFO HAS SET FORTH LEADS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT TO REVIEW ITS RECORDS FOR REFERENCES TO THE "FINDERS" AND FOR MIAMI TO REVIEW LOCAL POLICE RECORDS FOR SAME.

WMFO IS AWAITING THE RESULTS OF OLIA SSA EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ANY PERTINENT FILES AT EITHER THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. IF POSITIVE, THE WMFO REVIEW OF ANY IDENTIFIED FILES WILL BE CONDUCTED AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE.

WMFO CONTINUES TO RUN INDICES CHECKS AND REVIEW FILES FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS TO CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION.

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FEBRUARY 3, 1987

ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO FINDERS ORGANIZATION

INFORMATION REQUESTED

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE ALLEGED ABUSE OF SIX (6) CHILDREN FROM UNIDEN TIFFANY AVENUE IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1987. BASED ON

INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE TALLAHASSEE AUTHORITIES, THE

MPD WAS CONTACTED AND

WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND

United States District Court

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

INFORMATION REQUESTED

MAURICE PETTIE

WHO are these game players? And why did they become a national news story last year? Jon Cohen [8]
In Search of the FINDERS

Until February 1987, the Finders were invisible to all but a few friends, relatives, neighbors, police, and intelligence buffs.

The Finders liked it that way.

Even those familiar with the group of 20 adults and six children had different notions of what the group was up to. The Finders liked that, too. The more disparate the images, the more invisible the group became. It's camouflage theory. If your foe can't discern your edges, you make a poor target.

Friends of the Finders described them as '60s throwbacks who lived communally, aces to Eastern philosophy, played elaborate games using the globe as their board, and raised their children creatively. Relatives branded them a cult and charged they were powers of their leader, Marion Pette Jr., a La Cane's Game Caller, the Student, the Shaker, the Prophet, and the Children of the Sun.

Neighborhoods of the Finders were in D.C. and rural Virginia. Their houses had no name, but were known as the Finders' compound. The children were led to believe they were living in a paradise.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1987, the police began to infiltrate.

Shortly before 5 o'clock that afternoon a woman who lived next to Myers Park in Tallahassee, Florida, called police to report an odd sight: a man dressed in a coat and tie playing in the park with six unkempt children. When two patrol cars arrived at Myers Park, the officers found three well-dressed men and six kids alongside a food-smelling, blue Dodge van with Virginia plates. The kids, between the ages of 2 and 7, were barefoot, had scratches on their legs, and were wearing dirty clothes.

One officer interviewed the men, Michael Holbrook, 33, and Douglas Ammerman, 27.

The other questioned the children.

Hobell and Ammerman told the police they were from a D.C.-based community group, had explained they were on a camping trip, had reached the grove compartment and forded over the former home of the children's mothers, had not acted so evasive and weird, they would have been thanked for their time and left alone.

There are too many what-if's in the Finders saga, too many chapters that could have been the last one.

Instead, what happened is this: Hobell and Ammerman were arrested on misdemeanor child-abuse charges. Within days the child was removed.

The Washington Post ran Page One stories three days in a row. Washington TV stations dispatched reporters to Tallahassee to broadcast live reports. The Miami Herald quoted parents of Finders wondering if the group was going to pull a mass suicide, a la Jonestown.

The New York Times reported that "some have described the Finders as a bizarre cult of devil worshipers." Everyone got in on the act. There were stories broadcast by Rita Braver, Connie Chung, Larry King, CNN, even the BBC.

The law pulled out all the stops. Too. The Tallahassee and D.C. Police hooked up with the FBI, the U.S. Customs Service, Interpol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (an FBI-like unit), the FBI, the Secret Service, San Francisco, and New York.

Hobell and Ammerman sat in at Tallahassee's Leon County Jail because they held the children in protective custody. Meanwhile, police raided Finders' homes in D.C. and rural Virginia, investigating everything from the men's sexual habits to their finances.

The only trouble was, they hadn't broken any laws.

A year-and-a-half later, the Finders have quietly gone back to their own business. But some questions have yet to fade. How can the group get so whipped out of proportion? Why did it continue, week after week?

And who are they, anyway?

The Tallahassee Police Department responded to my Freedom of Information Act request by turning over most of their Finders files. Their cooperation was remarkable. The Washington Metropolitan Police Department, on the other hand, which was asked two D.C. Finders' files, refused to answer any questions for this story.

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Officer Judy Sarchuk, one of the arresting officers, guided her patrol car between stands of oak to a patch of dirt at Tallahassee's Myers Park. As she parked the car in the back-up to the first officer on the scene, Tony Mashburn, Mashburn questioned Hobell and Ammerman. Sarchuk interviewed the four boys and two girls in the Dodge van.

"They were scared of us, which is not unusual for kids," said Sarchuk.

"My first impression was that they were dirty, but I would not say that they were unusually dirty for kids," said Sarchuk.

"The van smelled like urine and there were blankets all over the back. They definitely were sleeping in the van. I asked the kids where they were from, why they were there, where they were going. Mary was the one who was talking. She was real talkative.

Mary, 7, said they were from Washington and she knew their Glover Park address and phone number. She gave all the kids' names and their ages: Max Livingston, 6; Benjamin Franklin, 4; Honey Ben; 3; John Paul Pope, her brother, 2; and B.B., 2.

They didn't go to school, though they had been taught how to read and how to play games. One of the two men was her daddy, Mary said, but they hadn't seen their mother before Christmas, whatever the Finders don't celebrate. She explained that they have lots of memories and that the adults do what the Game Caller says. Right now, they were being "washed" from their memories and just "going different places," sleeping in campgrounds.

"I was worried about the kids being kidnapped," said Sarchuk. "For her to tell me they were being washed was odd." After questioning the kids for 20 minutes, Sarchuk compared notes with Mashburn. Ammerman and Hobell had told Mashburn they were D.C. teachers en route to Mexico where they were going to start a school for brilliant children. The kids' parents, they said, were back in Washington. Then Ammerman became evasive, refusing to claim any of the kids as his own, and Hobell slammed the door. "I'm not sure what's going on," Mashburn told Sarchuk. They raided their high-ups.

By Jon Cohen
Waiting for their interview to begin, Scott and his wife, JoAnn, were surprised and months later, to find that the children were safe and well. The couple had been overwhelmed by the news that their children were alive and well. The children had been reunited with their parents, and the family was overjoyed. They thanked the people who had helped them find their children. The family expressed their gratitude to everyone who had played a role in the search for their children. They were grateful for the support and assistance they received throughout the process. The family was relieved and grateful to have their children back together. They were looking forward to the future and the prospect of rebuilding their lives together.
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took their mug shots after agents from Flori-
das Department of Rehabilitation Services (HRS) arrived to place the kids in protective custody.

Investigator Weigand phoned the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and explained the situation, giving them the Glover Park phone number. He then reported back to Weigand, saying they had reached an answering machine with a "wax on, wax off" kind of bibliographic passage. D.C. said it was going to send a cruiser by the house. Talahassee didn’t hear from D.C. until the next day.

Finders travel the country and the world, they communicate with fellow members via electronic mailboxes, such as MCI Mail. No matter where they are they can receive or transmit a message with a "Touch Tone phone, a computer, a modem," and the mailboxes password.

The day after Tallahassee Police arrested Ammaner and Holwell, they named SS (Stuart Silverstone)—they typically use initials when corresponding—sent a "priority" report by SAPOL (Speedy-Area Police Organized Lineage).

The sequence of events started here when I returned to W 23rd and Glover Park house last night, I encountered Metropolitan Police Officer Smith of the 2nd District HU, SS’s report reads. Officer Smith told me that the Tallahassee Police Department was liv-

The erasing of area code 904, I give it, 4 what was a school, No, and that was about it—wrote SS. "I offered to make some calls but we had some trouble."—wrote SS, SS goes on to explain the scenarios that included his attempts to contact the D.C. officer.

The Tallahassee Police Department was contacting the D.C. federal agents in the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the DEA and the DEA.

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"I am the father of two children," said Mr. Holwell. "I know where my children are. I want them home."

On Thursday morning, as the day of the arrest, the juvenile court granted temporary custody of the children. The criminal court set bond of $100,000 each for the misdemeanor child-abuse charges levied against Ammaner and Holwell. SS called Investigator Weigand, who was with the county sheriff’s office, and said he was trying to help put the mothers in touch with her. Weigand expedited the parame-

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Ammaner also attended the hearing, but the court denied the request. He left the hearing without comment.

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"It was a very somber scene of investigation," says Officer Scott Hinds, who was the Tallahas-

The news of the Finders was reported in the local paper, the "Tallahassie Democrat."

"Child abuse cases were not that unusual," says Hinds.

"This changed before the close of Thursday when D.C. Police realized Ammaner and Holwell were members of the Finders."

Their [D.C. Police] response was "Holy shit! We’ve been looking at these freaks," says Hinds.

Tallahassee Investigator Cheryl Weigand spoke to Det. James Bradley of the Washing-
In Search of the FINDERS

The Sunday Washington Post ran two Page One stories on the FINDERS, one headlined "Cult Member Defends 2 Men in Child Abuse Case." The other was a reply in a state right now where we are afraid. We've been made almost dysfunctional by the report," the Post said in the next day's issue.

Reporters and police never pulled a hole in the tents. They were torn and out of living but not burnt. big, burnt. Mite, that's all. The memos included his phone number and an offer to help in the investigation. They were calling for information.

The FBI had a few more names to look into the "transportation of children across state lines for immoral purposes or kidnapping." The FBI's Legal Attaché then proceeded to ask the Post to be careful in their reporting.

The Post's coverage of the Tallasah case was swift. The Post featured a front page story on the Tallasah case with a byline of "Al Big Mistake." The Post's coverage of the Tallasah case was swift. The Post featured a front page story on the Tallasah case with a byline of "Al Big Mistake." Breyer's name was the second headline on the next day's issue. The Post's coverage of the Tallasah case was swift. The Post featured a front page story on the Tallasah case with a byline of "Al Big Mistake."
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In the day they learned of the arrest, it seemed to me that people who have never done anything wrong have nothing to fear," says Wiegand. "What were they doing? If it were me, I'd gladly get my child."  

The FINDERs, according to the Miami Herald, are the victims of a sexual abuse scandal. Known for their sex-obsessed work in the Manhattan Beach, California, preschool, Greenberg held a series of interviews with the kids. His conclusion: the evidence was inconclusive.  

The tangled web of law enforcement involved working the case continued to confine everyone. "A couple of officers in D.C. used as a pretext to go to the warehouse," says a Tallahassee officer who asked for anonymity. "They were interested in this group and wanted access," Larry Kahaner, a D.C. journalist and author of the current book, Capturing the Kill, spoke with police about the FINDERs while researching his book. (The FINDERs are not mentioned in his book, nor does he classify them as a cult that kills.)  

"FINDERs were operating here for 25 years," says Kahaner, "but not as far as I know, law enforcement had nothing on them. I think that was a very embarrassing thing. Not that they got anything, but they were there, but legal authorities had no one there. I think that was a very embarrassing thing. Not that they got anything, but they were there, but legal authorities had no one there."

Although the FINDERs were operating in the area for years, authorities did not get involved until recently. Kahaner states that "they had a reputation for being reclusive and had a reputation for being resistant to law enforcement."  

The FINDERs were described as a "cult-like" group by authorities, and their activities were described as "sick and twisted." However, the group denied any wrongdoing and said they were simply involved in "spiritual" practices.  

The case is ongoing, and authorities are still investigating the allegations.  

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investigation without the press.'"

Nearly everyone who tangled with the Finders offered staged media—including the
media—and blamed them for portraying
the cases. Some attacked the media, of course, "kill
the messenger." Others whipped reporters
for all the right reasons. Some more in
compromised complaints. Others outlined
the constraints of late-20th-century journalism,
where its the McMillion, not the message.

"This became a big story because the press
made it a big deal," Scott Hunt says. Hunt,
who took files for announcing sexual abuse
and victimization in the case, is red in the face
now. "How do you think I got this information
by myself? Somebody told me!"

One report that especially irked Hunt was
originated by WUSA and rebroadcast by the
Telegrapher CBS affiliate. "They proofed the
story, 'Fact: Telegrapher Police Department
has investigated this matter!,'" says Hunt.
The local station invited Hunt to the studio to
rebut..."

"I went live on the air and called the D.C.
affluent a bunch of lies," he says with satis-
faction. "I didn't have any horses. I let the
CBS affiliate have it right between the eyes."

Dick Hoffman doesn't let Hunt or others in
his department off so easily. Part of the prob-
lem, he says, is that the Telegrapher Police
Department wasn't used to national attention.
"We had Conchie Chang call us up," he
remembers. "We dug up the old PNO (public
information officer) and he's hopping his ass
down the street."

According to Hoffman, Hunt said, "This it
it's fake! This is my day! Conchie Chang is go-
ing to interview me!"

Hoffman, who didn't give my interviews
second look over the case, said publicly
with more money-potential to some on
the staff. Others, he says, like Hunt, had pur-
pose motives. "They were like, 'you, we may be
the only ones to bring down pedophiles all over
the world. We're the snowball at the top of
the mountain. Maybe we can do some good.'"

But Hoffman didn't believe this was a credible
story. "They had no experience dealing with a case
of this sensitivity," Hoffman says. They
were passing along our circumstantial evidence
to their media. Hoffman was particularly rattled by the al-
legations of sexual abuse.

"I told them, 'You people are dealing with
fire. For you to mention possible sexual bat-
ty to the media, they don't hear 'possible.'
You are preparing the idea. This is where the
inexperience hurt them. They should have
personally gone to the doctor and had a good
interview to find out how far we were going
to go with this. If the doctor said we had se-
rene stains on the girl, they should have
heard, 'Well, did you find a little DNA? Where
would you find it? If it was inside the va-
gina it would be different than on the floor.
'"

"I just walked up to conclusions."

The seemingly toothless Pat orchardson,
Joseph Lakin, was the only police officer
in the story. He entered into Hoffman's
files. He told the press 'Facts were in short supply, but space in the
Press was limited.'

In the Washington Journalist Review's Find-
ers critique, the news director of WRC-TV
said his report wasn't very good and
trust the authorities. "Well, they're giving
your version," he said, "and as long as you re-
tein air such pretty reporting a news story,...I mean, we're not an investigating
agency. We're journalists...Maybe police did
not want, but had to do. Yeah. Pat orchardson
seemed to look very different, however."

Getting back to straight, as I showed
in a piece of Finders press criticism I wrote
for City Paper, I incorrectly reported that the
men faced sexual abuse charges. I incorrectly
stated their head, and I incorrectly said they
were arrested February 5. And I only faced a
weekly deadline.

Telegrapher Zephyr reporter Jan Podlowski,
who did some of the best reporting on the
group and stuck with it long after the
ad had gone home, says the Finders have to
shoulder some of the blame for the media's
story.

"If you're looking at the media's responsi-
bility to capture the truth about these people,
I've got to admit I've got a little bit of listen-
ness lingering because these people did not
make it easy for reporters to tell the truth
about them," says Podlowski. "You know what
they call wit and humor? I was part of their
wit and humor. The wit is being ourful and
downright lying and what they call humor
isn't real funny.

"We've been in the business about 30 years
and I realize that when you interview some-
body, everybody uses a little manipulation,
We all know that. But I have never been so
badly manipulated as by this group."

Podlowski, the first reporter to interview the
mothers when they came to Telegrapher, says,
"If the Finders told me today that they were
uncovering the second coming of Christ and
there was Jesus at their right hand I still
wouldn't want to get a quote from them."

First called the Clover Park home in late
Jane, dating one of the many Finders'
former members (listed in the Telegrapher Pool
police documents, "Goonie tag," the an-
swering machine. "Hi! How are you?"
I didn't know."

I then called the Northeast shut-out and
told Meyer I had the police records. I dropped a detail
by Meyer that one of many people have
told me. Although they arrived in Telegrapher to claim their kids,
the Finders mothers that police did
was the name of a business the group no longer
ran. That's right, Meyer said, laughing. A
few days later, July 26, they left a message at my home answering
machine. I had not given Meyer my home
number, though it is listed.

"Hi," the message began. "This is the so-
called Finders calling for Joe Cohen on Satur-
da at 8:15 in the morning. Sorry we didn't get to
through you. Maybe we'll get together later.

I called them back at the warehouse to see
about an interview. I got a chummy message that went something like this:

Could we hold another year
Our water supply is coming to
Would make us more
In quick

As our Lord requests
A truthful fool of wit and zest
We bid thee speak.

I left a message.
"The clover Home Paper's receptionist buzzed me and said Steve Udlin was here to
see me. Since I didn't recognize the name, I asked her to get on him on the phone. "This is
Steve Udlin from the so-called Finders," he

Udlin, decent-shaven and dressed in a con-
servative coat and tie, was maybe in his mid-
20's. I told him I was interested and asked if we
could meet the next day.

"I don't know," he said.
Plastic

"I'll get in touch and wait in the off-
call all day," I said eagerly.

"Don't do that," he said. "I don't want
to tell the Finders anything."

For City Paper, I incorrectly reported that the
men faced sexual abuse charges. I incorrectly
stated their head, and I incorrectly said they
were arrested February 5. And I only faced a
weekly deadline.

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"I feel I'll be there," I said.

"On my account I hope," Udin said.

There was more than a touch of sternness in his voice.

He took out a reporter's notebook and asked me for my phone numbers.

"You already have them," I said.

"Oh yes," he answered. "Well, I look forward to making this work." That was the last I saw of Udin for a month.

Over the weekend of July 16, the Finders hand-delivered an envelope to City Paper's office. Inside was a photocopy of a note:

TO: JON COHEN
FR: M.D. [last name inked out]
RE: FINDERS
DT: 17 JULY 1983

If you want to do an in-depth study of the Finders, it would be best to do an in-depth study of the Troubadours, trouveres, and similar movements, or you won't understand what we're talking about.

The Finders often use the Encyclopedia Britannica as a source book. The 1987 edition of the Britannica describes troubadours and trouveres as closely related lyric poet-musicians who traveled through France, Spain, and Italy in the 12th and 13th centuries. Adored by the courts, their verse typically explored love.

Their poetry also set lyrical conversations about "matters of a religious, metaphysical, or philosophical character.

The word troubadour, means Briton, or a French word derived from the Occitanian verb, to find, to invent.

On July 19, I left another message on the warehouse answering machine. Later that day, Kristin Knauth, whose son Ben Franklin was held in Talalnacca, called me back.

"Two people are in Atlanta covering the convention; two are in Japan, and one had to go to San Francisco on an emergency," Knauth said. "Can we meet later?"

On July 26, I called the warehouse yet again and asked for Steve Udin.

"Bob Mayer answered and said Udin wasn't there. Since Mayer was the first person I spoke with a month before, I asked him what it was going to take to arrange an interview.

"Is there a time that's best for you?" he asked.

I told him my schedule and he assured me he'd do what he could.

Two days later, Kristin Knauth called me.

"We have an information gift for you," Knauth said. She invited me to pick it up at the Glover Park house.

"Can we meet for an interview?" I asked.

"After you read this, you'll probably have more questions," she said.

When I arrived at the Glover Park house, Knauth led me to a lounge that has a world map covering one wall and made me a cup of tea. She was kind enough, unlike me so more nervous than front and back. She reminded me of an actress doing an impersonation who was trying a little too hard to maintain a character.

I was nervous, too. In all fairness, I was also in character and trying hard to maintain it. From my readings and dealings with group members, I knew that if she intended to interview me I had to prepare."I was ready to regulate what I said, but to blather on to that same order of things.

I looked at a stack of papers from a package she handed me, my information gift. The first page cracked me up.

To: Jon Cohen
Fr: M.D. ["Student" is scratched out]
Dt: 29 July 1983
Re: Mutual Benefit

Unbowed are some information gifts. I am planning to do an in-depth study of Jon Cohen, his associates and his relatives. How do you suggest I go about it?

I told Knauth I didn't think they needed me to do an in-depth study of me, I-in-depth studies being their specialty. I quickly flipped through the other papers as we drafted. Along with what are essentially book reports, there was a scattering of electronic mail dispatches from members working in Japan, at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, and San Francisco. A blurb in one of the group memos caught my eye.

"I believe the journalism I have heard in conjunction with 'New Journalism' of the Tom Wolfe/John Updike essay which the journalist becomes an actor in the drama be or she is reporting on. But what the student means is it's hard to say--probably one cannot say Mark's "No Investigation, no right to speak" so I'll quiet grieving."

Knauth proceeded to win the upper hand in the interview game, offering no information yet still getting me to write.

Before I left, I told her I was running out of time and if they wanted to speak with me they should be sooner rather than later. She said Udin would be the best one to speak with me and that he'd be back from San Francisco in a few days.

"It's premature to call me at home," I said at the door.

"He specifically gave him the number," she asked coyly.

"Yes," I said, "but he has it."

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On August 2, Steve Udin came to my office for the second time.

"I'm here because our elected leader for the day asked me to come down here," Udin said. I asked him if I could tape record the conversation and he said I was welcome to, but he hadn't come here to give an interview.

"Tell me why you came," I asked.

"Two reasons. One, to tell you that we'll answer all your questions. Two, we like you. We think you're a kindred soul. We thought there might be something bigger we could do together.

"What's that?" I asked.

"I don't know," said Udin. "Maybe start a paper together.

Udin told me that he was a reporter, too, and that he covered the Democratic Convention for a Japanese TV station. I later checked this out and it was true. We joked about the Tallahassee case a little.

"You know that Putnam story about Fiddler's Odd, Not Criminal," he asked. "I say, "Police-Criminal, Not Odd.'"

Then Udin said that he never understood why they were so eager after him, saying he thought they thought he was a kindred spirit. Udin said he was in Moscow when the story broke and first heard about it on a newswatch. He said the Finn had a phone number of a name multiplied by five Ambassadors.

At the end of the tape, Udin said: If I could speak with Mr. Fin, maybe they'd answer my questions.

"I don't see why not," said Udin. "He speaks to me and I'm a reporter.

"I'd also like to hear what you dug up in your investigation of me," I said.

Udin smiled. "Maybe we'll write a story about you," he said.

"Could you explain what Fiddler's Odd is and what they're doing here?"

"Who are these funny people who play the game of games?"

"Sometimes they act like nice guys or dragons raising hell. But before it's all over, the game's that it works so well,"

"Opening and closing stanza from the Finders' song, "The Ballad of Ballad," sung to the tune of "Oh, Susanna."

FINDERS. Ready to go in any direction. Judge's daughter or a closing found on most every Fidder's report, and it's the essence of the group.

If you aren't a FINDER, you can't play the game in the game. With the Finders, everything is a game. Games, diet, work, play, travel, marriage, divorce, prague, pranks, pranks, even gaming. Everything is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game! pranks, pranks, even gaming. Everything is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real game, the point of all this fun and games, every game is a game. Some people have suggested that if the game were a real游戏.

"If it is a game, it's pretty bizarre," said Udin, "but they're not trying to make the group in a few years. It seems like there would be some sort of impetus behind it." Udin before the Tallahassee case, Rep. Robert Kasenmeyer (D-Wis.) looked into the group at the behest of a constituent. Kasenmeyer says he had a hunch that they were intelligence linked, but when he took it to the House Intelligence Committee he couldn't get verification. Kasenmeyer's office did learn
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that Pete's had a background in military intelligence.

According to FBI documents, the FBI in Air Force intelligence and questioned about his intelligence connections in the early 1970s.

FBI files say that a police source claimed Pete's was contacted by the CIA. Pete's was worked with the CIA.

But the FBI never confirmed that Pete's was a member of the CIA.

The FBI has not confirmed that Pete's was ever a member of the CIA.

None of the former FBI agents who worked with Pete's or the FBI in the 1970s have ever mentioned Pete's involvement with the FBI.

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The mother-and-child reunion took place at a park where a dozen HRS officials showed up to watch. "We would not have," says Arico. "We told them that they would have to physically take the children away from us. We were not going to set up and walk away from our children.

"John Paul is in my arms and he's saying, 'But I want to go home with you.' And I'm saying, 'Well, I want you to go home with me, too.' I just set there with him crying my eyes out, and he's crying his eyes out, and they came and took him away from me."

During the next few weeks, the finders settled into the media spotlight and displayed what may be their finest wit and humor of the affair. But it ultimately drove Arico and two other men from the group.

A memo addressed to "M.D. Peele" delivered to the Tallahassee Democrat said he was resigning as leader of the Finders—a position he said he didn't know how to hold. "I thought I was just an assistant on Wit and Humor," the memo said. "I love what is being done, but I hereby resign to devote myself full-time to Zen Walking."

The Finders also started publishing a newsletter, The Daily Finder, in which they announced that they were all moving to Tallahassee. "The Finders are always looking for signs and symbols," they wrote. "Since February, Florida has been sending signals that they want to keep some Finders members, so now the rest are coming."

Another issue of The Daily Finder, "Come to Tallahassee," invited friends to come join the drama and featured the song, "Old Tallahassee."

Well I came to Tallahassee
In a van so full of shine
They put me in the jailhouse
With a chain upon my bone

You get the idea.

Before the trial, Ammerman and Holwell spoke frequently with Walborsky, who was satisfied by several Finders members. "They all had handlebar mustaches and dressed alike," Walborsky says.

"I sent them to the FSU library to get me books for the case to explain their philosophy. They came back with books on psychology, India, American Indians, Seminole tribes, Chinese philosophy."

Juvenile court was packed with on-lookers and media on the first day of the custody battle. Witnesses Holwell and Ammerman showed up in prison garb and shackles. "Talk about a circus," says Walborsky. "We could have sold tickets."

Right before the hearing, Walborsky learned that the Finders men she had been working with had left town and were replaced by Steve Udon. She also got the news that Petrie had put a gag order on Ammerman and Holwell and that she was going to be fired.

"I said ooooh—The First Amendment issues haven't even been argued and they stand up and fire me," she says.

In court Steve Udon delivered a proclamation from Petrie. Our interests and the state's interests are the same, he said, so we don't need counsel.

"Some people practice law 20 or 30 years and never get fired on television," Walborsky jokes.

Petrie's strategy of nonresistance split the moderates. Knauth and Livingston gave Walborsky the boot, as instructed, while Arico, Evans, and Said remained her.

Arico describes the behind-the-scenes drama of that morning.

Livingston had called Petrie. "She begged him to tell her what to do," says Arico. "He said, 'Fire your attorney.' If you called him and begged him and he told you to do it, you can't say no. She was in agony. She really loves her son and she knew what would happen in the way I knew what would happen if I fired my attorney—it wouldn't be in the best interest of the children."

Arico understood Petrie's logic. If you're in a confrontational situation, in some ways, you're creating it. Do what Gandhi and Ammerman and Holwell and others have done when attacked: Don't fight.

On another level there were the teachings of Lao Tzu: Planning, Strategy, Tactics, Loyalty, "Those ideas are really the core of the group," says Arico, "and they are what keep the group functioning at the high level that it does." Petrie wanted them to go before the judge and tell him in unison that he could end all this right now, he could be the same caller.

"Think if you were a judge, and there were five women in your courtroom, and in all of your experiences with them you knew that they really loved their kids and were trying to do the right things," says Arico. "That's the position Petrie wanted the judge put in." Arico couldn't accept Petrie's advice. "The group told me to choose between Petrie and
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my kids. I chose my kids."

The hearing lasted until Wednesday. Walborsky hammered on the constitutional issues and appealed to the judge's experience. "This is a judge who has seen thousands of juvenile cases," Walborsky says. "I told him if the walls could talk they would cry. This wasn't

the real thing. Essentially that's what he told me the end. He praised the efforts to raise the kids correctly. He was only concerned about their education."

John Paul, R.B., and Honeymoon, the three youngest children, were returned to their mother—Aricka, Shad, and Evans. The judge didn't free the older three because he wanted their mothers to demonstrate that they would adequately educate them.

Aricka agreed to sign every t and dot every i, and after two months of state supervision, the state was given full custody of Mary. Livington and Kauah's children were put in foster homes, but the state finally relinquished custody to the mothers that August.

Hours after the March 19 juvenile case ecc-
ed, the FINDERS announced to the press that they had disbanded. It wasn't true, of course. But it did signal the end of Aricka, Shad, and Evans' membership in the group.

Aricka cites many personal reasons for leaving the group that have little to do with the Florida incident. A few years before, she says, "I saw the writing on the wall, but I didn't read it."

She spoke with attorneys about suing the authorities and decided there were too many chores, "I would have had to put my children into therapy immediately to prove that they had been traumatized. As far as I'm concerned, whatever trauma there was, they've basically gotten over it now." Another hurdle would be proving wrongful intent. "Everything they did was within the limits of the law," she says.

Aricka's final analysis of what went wrong: "You just can't have a highly disciplined lifestyle and have kids. You just can't. It just doesn't work." Make no mistake, though. She loved being a Finder. "It's a very magnetic situation," she says. "But the mystery's gone now, the whole mystique that nobody knew what we really did."

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Washington, D.C.

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Attn: Nat. Desk

SIGNED: Mobil Corp.

Sent 9-26-03
September 16, 1993

Chief Mel Tucker
Tallahassee Police Department
SENT BY FAX
904-891-4204

Dear Chief Tucker:

As an associate producer of CBS News/48 Hours, I would like to request that, under Florida Chapter 119, you make available all files and materials associated with your investigation into the Finders organization that took place in 1987.

I will be in your city sometime in the middle of next week and would like to examine the records in person; if there is a copying fee, CBS News would reimburse you your costs.

Thank you for your help in this matter.
**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

FOR: **Chief Tucker**  
DATE: **Sept 15**  
TIME: **1035 A.M.**

OF: **CBS NEWS 48 HRS.**  
PHONE: __________  
FAX: __________

**MESSAGE:**

Please call

**SIGNED**
Tallahassee Police Department  
Attention: Chief of Police  
234 East 7th Avenue  
Tallahassee Pl., 32303

Dear Chief Tucker,

In furtherance of its legislative and oversight responsibilities under the rules of the House, the Committee on House Administration is conducting an investigation into an organization known as the "Finders". In order to examine the credibility of certain allegations against the Finders organization the Committee must obtain all relevant documentation.

It has come to my attention that your office may have certain information which will further this investigation. Accordingly, I am requesting under Chapter 119 of the Florida Public Records Law that you provide the Committee with all reports in your possession concerning the organization known as the "Finders".

Please address your response to [ ] of my staff. Should you have any further questions [ ] can be reached at [ ]

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charlie Rose  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration
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This writer was dispatched to Myers Park in reference to a report of a well-dressed man with several small children who were unkempt. Upon arrival, I observed two women dressed in coats and ties on the playground at Myers Park accompanied by several small children. I also observed a parked car on the playground at Myers Park. This writer noticed that the children, (4-10 yrs. and 2-15 yrs.) were very dirty and unkempt. The children had bug bites on their entire bodies and scratches on their legs.

This writer spoke to suspect #1 who stated that he and suspect #2 were teachers from Washington D.C. and they were en route to Mexico with the children. Suspect #1 stated that they were going to Mexico to set up a school for brilliant children. When asked about the parents of the children, suspect #1 became very evasive and stated that the children's parents were in Washington D.C. Suspect #2 refused to give this writer any information and he pretended to faint when told he was under arrest for child abuse. Suspect #2 felled faced down...
on the ground and refused to stand up. He was carried by this writer and two other law enforcement officers and placed into a patrol vehicle. The suspects were transported to the Tallahassee Police Dept. by this writer and Ofc. to be interviewed by Insp. The children were also transported to the Tallahassee Police Dept. by Ofc. The children gave their names as follows: (Victims)

The were extremely hungry when they got to the police dept. And the older children stated they hadn't eaten since this morning. The children appeared as if they hadn't bathed in several days And most of them didn't have any underwear. The older children stated that
they have to do good things to get food. As a reward and they are given (oranges, bananas, carrots, and raw potatoes) to eat. One of the older kids stated that and

Suspect #2 refused to talk to Inv. and to Intake Counselors.

And with kids.

The suspects were advised of the Miranda Warnings by Inv.

After which suspect #1 continued to be very evasive and suspect #2 continued to be uncooperative. The children were released to HRS and the suspects were transported to the Leon Co. Jail for processing. The suspects' vehicle was confiscated and impounded by Delachy (city contract wrecker).

Sgt. Also responded to the scene.

Note: The children's clothing were extremely filthy and they had on mismatched socks.
This officer was dispatched to assist officer ___ in reference to a w/m well dressed with some children unkept at Myers Park. Upon my arrival officer ___ was talking to two w/m's dressed in coats and ties. The 2 men had 6 children with them in a []

The children were dirty and unkept, the van smelled bad.

I spoke with the children while officer ___ continued to talk to the two men. The oldest child was name ____. She said she did not know if her last name was or ____. She said that she also stated that one of the other kids, she identified the other children as or ____. She said that they all live together at Washington D.C. phone number ____. I asked where their mothers were and they said in Washington D.C. I asked them where were they going. They said they didn't know they were just "going different places," I asked where they were staying. They said at campgrounds. They have been sleeping in the van and in a tent. I asked when
WILD ABUSE

Date of Incident: 2/4/87

WAS THE LAST TIME THEY SAW THEIR MOTHERS. THEY SAID

BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THEY SAID THEY HAVE NO CHRISTMAS.

THEY ALSO STATED THEY DO NOT SEE THEIR MOTHERS MUCH

THAT THEY ARE BEING "WEANED" FROM THEIR MOTHERS, THEY

SAID THEY DON'T GO TO SCHOOL. THEY SAID THAT THE TWO

MEN TEACH THEM. I ASKED THEM WHAT THEY TEACH THEM,

THEY SAID GAMES AND HOW TO READ. THEY SAID THEY DID

THINGS FOR REWARDS. I ASKED WHAT TYPE OF THINGS THEY

GOT REWARDS FOR AND THEY SAID WORKING, THEY SAID THEY

GOT FOOD AS REWARDS. THEY SAID THE ADULTS HAD TO

DO WHAT THE "GAME CALLER" SAID AND THE ADULTS

TOLD THE CHILDREN WHAT TO DO. THEY SAID THEY WERE

NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE HOUSE. THEY SAID THEY WERE

HUNGRY AND HAD NOT EATEN SINCE THIS MORNING. I ASKED

WHAT THEY ATE THEY SAID RAW VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

THEY WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPT. AND TURNED

OVER TO HRS. THE TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED FOR CHILD ABUSE.

SEE OFFICER AND INV. REPORT.
In reference to the above case # the 6 children were wearing the following clothing:

1. **W1M** had on a black & red horizontal striped shirt with hood, blue corduroy pants and blue tennis shoes. (Extremely dirty).

2. **W1M** had on red corduroy pants, blue & red long sleeve shirt and tennis shoes. (Extremely Dirty).

3. **W1M** had on red shorts with a blue shirt and tennis shoes with mismatched socks (extremely dirty) and no diaper.

4. **W1F** had on green shorts, pink T-shirt with a red sleeveless jacket, white tennis shoes and socks, (extremely dirty).

5. **W1M** had on a blue long sleeve white striped shirt, blue sweat pants and tennis shoes. (Extremely dirty).
Child Abuse

Myers Park Drive

Location of Florida

Date of Original Report: 2-4-87
Date of This Report: 2-5-87

Property Recovered: N/A

[Redacted]

WIF had a long, a

[Redacted]
deny pink blouse with lavender, white shorts,
mismatched socks, and tennis shoes, they were

[Redacted]

Extremely Filthy.

It is to be noted that Suspect #2 who had sev eral AKA's,

but no valid Identification was Arrested as

[Redacted]

It was later revealed that the Reporting person who did not wish to be contacted was,

[Redacted] WIF with the ad dress and telephone #
On February 4, 1987, this investigator was advised by patrol of the above incident. The children were brought to TPD by Officer [redacted] in the van described in the initial report. This investigator observed the following in regards to the children. They were dirty (both clothes and body), disheveled, hungry, and had obvious bug bites in different areas of their bodies.

The children were identified as [redacted]. Identification was made by [redacted], the oldest girl of the group.

This investigator spoke to [redacted] first. She was asked who her parents were. She stated that [redacted] When asked what her last name was, she said, [redacted] which one? She stated that [redacted] also stated that [redacted].

The following address was given as her home address [redacted] in Washington, D.C. [redacted] also gave this investigator a home phone number of [redacted].

This investigator questioned [redacted] on the purpose of their trip. She began to tell this investigator that the younger children needed to be "weaned" from their mothers. She stated that they left DC around Christmas time, and had been living in the van, and camping. According to [redacted] told the adults to put the children in the van, and leave (to wean the younger children). She was unclear as to when she had last had a shower or bath. They had last eaten an orange in the van sometime before the Police stopped them.

When questioned about school, [redacted] replied that they did not go to school. She stated that they were taught at home.
This investigator then asked about the house on Street. She stated that the kids were not allowed to go inside the house. When asked why, she stated that the "Game Caller" said that they could not. She stated that the Game Caller is a W/M named (a TRS-80). He would tell them what to do. This investigator told that I did not understand. She stated that they were "different". She stated that they had a man of the roof, the game caller, who tells us what to do. She stated that they read bulletin boards and take notes on note pads. She said they would go to peoples houses and babysit. She stated that this was fun because they got to eat what was there, and do what those people wanted them to. She would not elaborate.

This investigator asked who the other man was in the van. She stated that was . She said that he also calls himself At another point in the interview, also called him .

When this investigator attempted to talk to about sexual abuse, she became very evasive. She denied any "bad touches", or any inappropriate behavior by the adults. She became very fidgety, and wanted to end the interview.

This investigator asked if the Police had ever been to the house in D.C. She relayed a confusing story of having a fight. She said that had kicked and the Police came. She said that she was in a big house for children, then they came and got her out. She was not any clearer about the incident.

Later in the evening, this investigator spoke with and together. He was unclear on many things. He said when asked questions pertaining to time, he appeared to have a poor understanding or concept of time.
He was also very curious of various office implements, such as a stapler, and typewriter.

This investigator then asked about some of the games that they play. One game described was taking off the man's clothes, and putting them on, then going through the pockets for money. When this investigator asked about the men, and if all their clothes were off, both and said No. They then stated that they only removed the men's jackets.

Another game was described as taking a shirt that had holes in it, and running away with it, then tearing it up.

Both and advised that the women had come downstairs at Christmastime with no clothes on. Both children felt that this was very funny, and went along with the concept of it being a game.

also reiterated what had conveyed to this investigator about not being allowed to live in the house. He stated that the men were told to put the kids outside, and that they would like to make the men stay outside.

The other children were too small (inarticulate) to interview. This investigator did observe certain behavior that was consistent with indications that these children were not used to being in a house, or using indoor plumbing. Both and wet (urinated) in their pants. wanted to go outside to go the bathroom.

When the van was checked for clothing for the children, several boxes of fruit and vegetables were found. The children were extremely hungry, and were given bananas, and ate approximately 8 bananas and a carrot. The other children were similarly hungry.
protective custody. The children were fingerprinted (with the exception of _____ and _____) and photographed.

During this process, _____ saw the van registration on this investigator's pad. She stated that the address which the van was registered to was "the warehouse." She stated that they would go there sometimes.

This investigator contacted the National Center: Exploited Children in Washington, D.C. and gave them the information concerning the children. They stated that they would give the information to one of their investigators in the morning. They also checked for any children currently missing that matched the descriptions given.

This investigator also contacted Sgt. _____ of Metro PD in Washington, D.C. He was given the telephone number and address of the house. He stated that he would call the number and see who was there. Sgt. _____ called this investigator back and stated that the phone number had an answering machine hook-up, which had a very "weird" message on it. He did not say what the message was. He stated that he was going to send a cruiser to the house. He then transferred this investigator to desk b7c.

Sgt. _____ She took information from this investigator in regards to the child abuse charges. She also stated that the message on the answering machine was strange.

She stated the message had some kind of biblical passage on it. Sgt. _____ also stated that she would send another cruiser by the house. Metro DC did not re-contact this investigator that night.

This investigator attempted to interview both suspects. They were read their rights per Miranda, and asked to sign an acknowledgment. Both refused. Suspect, _____ asked
what the charges were. He was advised of the charges of child abuse. Suspect [REDACTED] laid on the floor of the holding cell and jerked his body. He refused to open his eyes, or acknowledge this investigator.

The van was inventoried by patrol, and towed to Delcoch's.

The children were scheduled to have doctor appointments on the following day (2/5/87). HRS advised they would handle the hearing at 8:15 a.m. (2/5/87).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 5, 1987, this investigator spoke to Detective [REDACTED] of Metro Intelligence Unit in Washington D.C. He asked this investigator if I thought there was a possibility there may be more children at either of the locations. [REDACTED] This investigator stated that may be true, but I did not have any specific child that I knew of there. He stated that he was going to get search warrants on both the locations, and try to serve them later this date.

This investigator was also advised that both suspects were given a $100,000.00 cash bond at first appearance. This investigator spoke to Captain [REDACTED] at LCJ and arranged for the suspects to be placed in isolation. Due to overcrowding at the jail, the suspect's had to be placed together.

This investigator was also advised by [REDACTED] of HRS that two children were confirmed cases of sexual abuse. She stated that the exams on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were consistant with sexual abuse, and that [REDACTED] had old bruises which were indictive of bite marks. [REDACTED] was not sure if the marks were adult or child bite marks.

Following another group of interviews in an unrelated case, this investigator went
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500 Myers Park Drive
State of Florida

A piece of paper titled "The Ballad of Ballads" was found. See copy in case files. The ballad made reference to the warehouse, a house in the mountains, Miami, Hawaii, San Diego, and China. Computer discs were also found in the van. Investigator advised that when he ran them, they proved to be program discs, not data bases.

Late that night Detective contacted this investigator. He advised that he had been on the search warrant at the warehouse. He stated that they found a large amount of computer goods, a hot tub, sauna, large t.v. room, a library of books (some concerning mind control), a satellite disc on the roof, and various stage-like settings of rooms that were roped off.

Detective advised that there were computers at the house and various materials. He stated that he had not had the time to go through all the information yet.

02/06/87

On February 6, 1987, this investigator met with of the FBI. He stated that the U.S. Attorneys Office and the FBI would be involved in the case.

This investigator, Investigator and Agent went to LCJ to interview suspect upon arrival, we were informed that suspect was there. We spoke to him first.

He described suspect as being a loner. He stated that he has not seen in 3-4 yrs. stated that had shown up at in Gainesville approximately 2 weeks ago with He stated the Suspect remained at for approximately
600 Myers Park Drive
916-855-0000
State of Florida

one hour. He told them that he was enroute to Mexico gave this investigator a letter he had received as a reply to a letter he wrote. The letter contained two pieces of paper. One was a handwritten letter signed by stating that suspect was enroute to China via Hawaii. This letter was written on a piece of paper with a letter head of GUNG-HO TRADERS.

The other slip of paper contained in the letter was to It was a letter which pornographically described suspect genitals, and thanked for having such a stud for a son. It appeared to be computer generated. The letter was signed by the "wives of Gung-Ho". The letter was post dated May 13, 1986.

Suspect refused to talk to of these investigators.

Suspect did speak to these investigators, but only to give basic information, and to ask questions about the children. He did ask if the children had been seen by a doctor, and if anything was found. He also asked where the children were. He was advised that the children were in protective custody, and were not in need of any immediate medical attention.

Several leads from other areas outside Tallahassee were given to the FBI to follow up on. Agent also spoke with suspect on the telephone. He is located in the New York area. Agents in the Gainesville area were also sent to interview people who had seen the suspects and children in their area recently.

This investigator and Agent also went to the Tree House where and were being held in protective custody. Agent took 35mm pictures (black and white and color) of the three children for use by his agency. The children appeared to be in good spirits.
On February 7, 1987, this investigator was advised that there was a bomb threat telephoned into the Tree House. The children were taken by sheriff's deputies to LCSF. They remained there until security could be arranged by this agency for the Tree House. Lt. [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] arranged to have several plainclothed investigators rotate a security detail. The children were then moved back to the Tree House.

This investigator was also advised by FBI supervision that they were going to secure a search warrant for the van, and would be serving it this date. This investigator advised them of the materials that were in TPD Property from the van. They advised that they would like to have an agent go through them. [REDACTED] came to TPD and went through the materials.

More leads from the Gainesville area were given to the FBI to follow up on.

Also on this date, [REDACTED] from the National Child Safety Council came to TPD to assist this agency in any way possible. In looking through one of his publications, this investigator felt that missing child, [REDACTED] may be [REDACTED]. This investigator spoke with Investigator [REDACTED] from Montgomery PD, who advised that had seen the picture, and stated that [REDACTED] was not [REDACTED] was also listed as having blue eyes, and [REDACTED] has brown eyes. This investigator asked that Investigator get a copy of the 35mm picture that Agent [REDACTED] will be sending to the Washington office of the FBI, and have [REDACTED] look at it. He stated that he would.

This investigator also spoke with [REDACTED], of Marshall, California. He advised that he [REDACTED] of the child listed as [REDACTED]. He stated that real name is [REDACTED] advised that he has never seen the child, but
have. He stated that he last saw

whose name is [redacted] approximately 5 years ago in Gainesville. He stated that
he went to Gainesville to visit [redacted] who was then living in a woman’s
support cooperative. He stated that they lived in a rented house, and had a van. He ran
two other women; [redacted] stated that he was
there for 48 hours, and when he left he realized that he had been very well manipulated.
and really knew little of what was going on in [redacted] life was
pregnant at the time.

[redacted] stated that approximately one year ago he and his ex-wife went to visit
in D.C. His ex-wife was living there at the time. He stated that they went to the
address, knocked and got no answer. [redacted] stated that as they were walking
away, he turned around and saw someone looking out a window at him. The next day, they
returned to the house. This time someone came to the door, and let them in, but refused
to tell them anything about [redacted] stated that he became extremely agitated,
and left. He stated that shortly thereafter he received a letter from [redacted] saying that
she had been in Miami acting like a rich person, and that he [redacted] had been talking
to her husband,

[redacted] also advised this investigator that [redacted] and another woman named [redacted]
had “crashed” at [redacted] house sometime in 1985. She lived in Washington, D.C. at [redacted]
He stated that she finally had to have the Police come and evict
them from the house. This may help to explain [redacted] story of [redacted] kicking

and the Police coming.

[redacted] advised that he would be interested in getting custody of [redacted]. This

 including non-criminal incidents:
  1 Inv. [redacted]
   2/9/87 wt
   2/9/87 wt

[redacted]
informed the investigator that he should contact a lawyer. The investigator was advised that the children were fine, and in good health.

Late that night, the investigator was advised that a memo from the case was given to ABC News in Washington, and that it would be forwarded to this agency. As of this writing, the memo has not been read.

This investigation was also contacted by Detective who advised he would be in Tallahassee on February 8, 1987, to interview the c. item.

RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION:

Cleared by Arrest
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 8, 1987, this investigator met with the following people at TPD:

- of Washington Metro PD;
- of HRS;
- CFT;
- of the FSI. We discussed the current case, and what further information was needed by all agencies.

It was decided by consensus that the children would remain at their respective foster card homes. Any reunion between the children would take place at a later date.

HRS was given the information the possible parents of the children. It was also made clear that HRS would be present for the interviews until a Guardian Ad Litem was appointed.

At the meeting, Detective advised that no evidence of a satanic cult was found at either residence in Washington, D.C. He was concerned about information he received from three separate sources concerning the basement of the house on . He indicated that there may have been a hole dug in the walls or the floor of the basement, for unknown reasons. He stated that their reason for being in Tallahassee is to interview the children, and see if they have any information.

This investigator and Detective made arrangements to interview at the Tree House that evening. Agent would be present with Detective during the interview of . This interview will take place on February 9, 1987.

A list of known members of the Finders was discussed. See case file.

At approximately 6:00 p.m., this investigator and Detective went to the Tree House to interview . She was introduced to Detective and told that she was from .
Washington, D.C. When asked about the children, she stated that she only knew the six here in Tallahassee and a baby named [redacted]. She stated he was still being fed by [redacted] and could not make the trip. When asked if she knew [redacted], she stated no.

Of the adult members, [redacted] was asked who she liked the most. She said [redacted]. She stated that she didn't like any of the men. When asked which member she didn't like, she said [redacted] went on to explain that [redacted] told a secret. [redacted] stated that [redacted] took [redacted] and her to a restaurant one day to get away from [redacted] another finders member, who was "acting crazy." [redacted] apparently "wrote a letter" to [redacted] telling him that [redacted] took the children to the restaurant, without the explanation of why. [redacted] according to [redacted] got in trouble. She did not elaborate on what that trouble might be.

Detective [redacted] asked about some of the games the children played. [redacted] said she could not remember any. He asked her where she played at [redacted]. She stated that sometimes they play on the porch (rear) in a closet. [redacted] stated that they put on black clothes, and make monster noises. She stated that this was scary sometimes. [redacted] also stated that she went down in the basement when the lights are off, and that was scary too.

He tried to question [redacted] about the basement at this time, but she did not want to talk about it.
Detective [redacted] then started naming some adult names. He was making up fictitious names to see if [redacted] was creditable. She stated that she did not know any of the people he had mentioned, until he mentioned [redacted]. We had learned earlier that [redacted] had mentioned [redacted] in connection with the basement. [redacted]'s eyes lit up, and she stated that she knew [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] used to be a "boy scout". He lived in High Fields. There were no houses there. She stated that there was "sort of a roat" covered by tall, high grass. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had lots of medicine, and had cured an earache she had once. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] liked to be by himself, and listened to the birds.

NOTE: Information from the FBI identifies [redacted] as [redacted].

See case file.

From this conversation, we started talking about the basement again. [redacted] described the basement as four separate rooms; one being a laundry room, one a food room, and one a tool room. She stated that the floors were concrete. She stated the only hole down there was one in the wall in the food room.

We then started talking about the farm. She stated that they had goats and cats at the farm. She stated that they ate the goats. [redacted] also said that the cats "went away".

[redacted] said that they had gone to the farm on the way down to Florida. The itinerary was, according to [redacted], Washington, D.C. to Virginia, to Kentucky, to Gainesville, to Tallahassee. They were in Berea, Kentucky while in that state. [redacted] stated that on other occasions, she has gone to Tampa, Florida.

[redacted] was then asked about the warehouse. She said she didn't go there that often.

She said they would stay in tents, and sleep with electric blankets. [redacted] also mentioned...
that there would be a guard over the children, but she said she couldn't remember who
that was.

The only game she would mention was the game she described earlier to this
investigator. This investigator asked her to tell Detective [redacted] about the game with the
holey shirts. She was consistent with her description of the game.

Additional interviews will proceed with need.
NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Thursday, February 5, 1987, 8:00 a.m.

I contacted [name redacted] of HRS-Youth Services and asked if he needs any
information. [name redacted] advises that he would like to know what is in the photographs taken
cut of the impounded van. I obtain this evidence from the Property Section and open it.

Friday, February 6, 1987 8:00 a.m.

Meeting with [name redacted] to discuss the
case and activity needed today. Meeting last until approximately 9:00 a.m.

9:07 a.m. – I contacted [name redacted] at the local Chrysler-Plymouth dealership and found out
that the van impounded, VIN [number redacted], was probably made in Canada, near a town called
Pillette. No other information obtained on the van from these people, they refer me to
the Orlando Regional Office (305) 352-7422.

9:22 a.m. – I contacted [name redacted] in Orlando and questioned him about the van.

[Redacted] attempted to locate some information but can only tell me that the van was
probably made in Canada. [Redacted] suggested I contact Detroit.

9:34 a.m. – I contacted [name redacted] in Detroit, Michigan, Chrysler Head Office
(313) 956-5316. [Redacted] advises that he will have to do some checking and call back.

10:55 a.m. – [name redacted] returns the call and advises that as best he can tell the van
was made in Canada and shipped to Kirby Dodge in Arlington, Virginia. [Redacted] advised
that the van was then purchased by a company or organization called ISCC, 1701 N.W.

Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. [Redacted] stated that he has no further information.
11:21 a.m. - I begin returning phone calls that have been received by the department.

The first person I call is _______________________

is not in the office, message left.

11:25 a.m. - _______________________

Center for Exploited Children, Washington, D.C.,

is not in her office. Message left.

11:43 a.m. - Tampa, Florida, _______________________

No answer.

11:45 a.m. - _______________________

is out to lunch, message left.

11:48 a.m. - Contacted FIC and asked their help in tracing the van.

11:52 a.m. - _______________________

of FDLE is contacted. She is putting together missing persons flyers.

12:00 Noon - _______________________

out of the office, left message.

12:02 p.m. - _______________________

stated that she knows _______________________

that he is or was a farm hand on her neighbors farm.

stated that the farm belongs to the _______________________

and is used for watermelon growing.

stated that at the beginning of last week (Jan. 26-30) she saw _______________________

walk up and down her street with ten children.

stated that the children were living in the watermelon field belonging to _______________________

stated that all of the children were white and young. She thought it strange that the children were not in school since she was seeing them during the middle of the day.

stated that the children and _______________________

were in a van but she does not remember any details about the van.

12:14 p.m. - _______________________

Research Institute, Washington, D.C.,
No answer. He told that the children we had belonged to a cult that has a name of Finders.

12:17 p.m. called me back (see 12 noon). works for the Center for Independent Living on Ocala Road. stated that on Wednesday one of her clients ran an ad in a local newspaper to have someone work for him. stated that on Wednesday, 2/4/87, a person answered the ad and acted strange. stated that she was told by that the stranger said he was a transit from Washington, D.C. and that he was on his way to Mexico. That he wanted no money, but that he would like it if he could bring children to apartment so they could take a bath.

stated that the stranger left on Wednesday and returned on Friday, 2/6, and again worked for stated that then issued the individual a check and that the check was made payable to a stated that stated that he had borrowed a buddies van but that on both days he walked to and front the location was described as a stated that carried a dark blue backpack.
stated that she had been talking with Detective __________ of the Metro Police and that she thinks she is __________ one of the children our department has in custody. __________ stated that she is __________ I advised I would have to verify her identity and call back. I then called the Metro Police in Washington, D.C., who verified that __________ had been talking with them about a child named __________. Sgt. __________ advised that __________ is probably __________ one of the children. While talking with Sgt. __________ he advised me that after the news broadcast in Washington on 2/5/87 he had gotten many phone calls from citizens identifying one of the suspects we have in custody. __________ stated that the caller i.d. __________ that __________ was employed by __________ and that he had recently been working with the __________.

Sgt. __________ stated that when his agency served the search warrant on 2/5/87 they found no one, but that they did find a computer bulletin board message that said that the group in Tallahassee has been caught, we are scared and hiding. __________ also stated that a piece of paper was found in the house that said mail for __________ and __________ to Miami, Florida in care of general delivery.

Sgt. __________ gave information on a missing child from Maryland, it is as follows:

I then called __________ back. __________ stated that __________ had entered a small cult in Washington about two years ago. She stated that through __________ she met other members of the cult and there children. __________ stated that she met children by the names of __________. 
3:34 p.m. - Received a call from a guy named [redacted] with Interpol, stated that the individual investigator asked him to check has a history in Canada from 1960 to 1971. [redacted] stated that immigration service has a fingerprint card on this person, [redacted] to contact Buffalo, New York if it is needed. Investigator later advises that this is the wrong person to ignore information.

3:40 p.m. - Received a phone call from [redacted] reporting person, who says that Channel 27 was at her door wanting to interview her. [redacted] stated that she is going to give the interview.


3:54 p.m. - [redacted] of HRS calls. She states that the kids have been in a foster home and that they have made the following statement, it was written by foster parents.

[redacted] was watching t.v. and news came on showing a house in which [redacted] said that is the house where I lived. The children are made to sleep outside of the house and moms are allowed to sleep inside the house. [redacted] makes them sleep outside. Men come and visit moms and they sleep inside also. There are seven (7) moms in the house. [redacted] owns a man named [redacted].

The children
**Left home after Christmas because the moms had to wear their babies. They slept in a tent that had holes in it and the snow came through the holes. They had to cook over a candle.**

The moms went to town to do money work and picked up bags of jewelry and lipstick.

said he went to school then later said he had never been to school.

He stated would have condemning him. No one has a car but

Everything belonged to

stated that the children that could talk gave the following information on who their mothers and fathers were:

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also gave a name of a person who had called from Gainesville with information on two men.

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stated that she had placed an ad in the University of Florida paper and two men answered the ad. stated that one of the men identified himself as a graduate of University of Florida and that identified the other male as (This person will be contacted for an interview).

4:40 p.m. - CPT called and is also working the case.

No other information at this time.
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6:45 a.m. - I was asked by Investigator to contact the National Child Safety Council in reference to this case. was contacted in Orlando, Florida. He stated that he was there helping with the National Association of Missing Children, an organization based in Orlando, Florida. stated that he had met with Investigator on Saturday, 02/07/87, in reference to this investigation and that she may have identified one of his missing child's photo's as that of one of the children currently being held by this agency and DRS. stated that he needed the dates of birth of the children to help with identifications of the children. Dates of birth provided, authorized by Investigator If needed he can be reached at ____________ after hours.

9:35 a.m. - I contacted with the Watertown, New York Police Department. Call stated that his agency is working a missing child case and will send us information on the missing child so that we might check it with the children we have in custody. Call stated that the missing child has ______ Information packet being sent to this agency.

9:45 a.m. - Attempted contact with of the Niagara Falls County Sheriff's Department. He was not in the office, message left of call.

9:50 a.m. - Contacted ______ who related the following incident. On Saturday, 02/07/87, a stranger was in her mobile home park handing candy and apples to children that live in the park. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department was notified of the stranger and came to the park and spoke to the person. Does not know any further
With this information I contacted the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and spoke to a Deputy who stated that on 11/07/87 a Deputy went to the trailer park and arrested a male for auto theft out of Kentucky and that the Deputy impounded a red/white Volkswagen Van with a VIN of ___ and that we can refer to their case number of 87-069225 if further information is needed.

10:11 a.m. - Sgt. " with the Illinois State Police who advised that he was currently investigating a missing child from his state and asked us to check the children we have to see if any of them are his missing child. Stated that the child's name is ___________ stated that he would send a photo of the missing child to this agency so we could check. He said he had no fingerprints on the child. No other information.

10:50 a.m. - Detective ___________ Connecticut State Police Stated that he had no information to add but that if this agency needed help to contact him.

10:54 a.m. - ___________ called and stated that Computer Service is willing to place the names and descriptions of the children in their computer for international reference in attempts to identify them. (See above narrative for contact information).

11:00 a.m. - Sgt. ___________ Punta Gorda Police Department He said that he currently had a suspect in his custody for minor traffic violation and wished to give us the suspect's description. He described the male as reddish hair, and beard. He was operating a ___ Tag not registered to the vehicle. Suspect's name is ___________
11:12 a.m. - She received a phone call from an anonymous caller about a suspicious person in her neighborhood. She stated that a white male moved in three days ago, that he had two young children with him and that he would not let the children play with the other children in the neighborhood or let them out of the house. She stated that the caller said that a (only description) has been seen at the house on a couple of occasions. No other information.

11:30 a.m. - Sheriff of Suffolk County New York was called by me. He said that he had been in contact with one of our arrested suspect's parents and that the parents wanted the arrestee to contact them. No information provided.

12:05 p.m. - Contact with Lt. of Culpeper, Virginia Police Department Stated that he worked a case in the past and through this investigation learned that at one time lived in Ocala, Florida. Stated that he did not know where was at this time. He stated that he was familiar with and had a contact with the cult, Finders. said that the contact told him that put the word out to the members to flee and hide. Stated that himself would probably go to Andrews Air Force Base and get a military plane flight to China. Stated that he has a photo of and would send a copy of said photo to me.

12:10 p.m. - Contact with Officer of the Tampa Police Department Stated that he received a phone call from a stated that told him that she knows the names of the parents of two of the children we have in custody. provided the following: 

- Mother is
- Mother is
- Stated that
said that she met the two in a Tampa park. Unknown location of the two at this time.

The two at one time lived at ____________________________

11:10 p.m. - Contact with [__] who works with People Magazine

Wanted names of suspects to check it against a list she has compiled over the years working child abuse cases. No information given to her. She provided me with no information.

12:24 p.m. - Sgt. [__] (see above narrative for contact information) called again and stated that a female who thinks one of the children we have in custody may be hers and is willing to come to Tallahassee and try and identify her child. I stated that this is not possible at this time.

12:30 p.m. - Inspector [__] of San Francisco Police Department stated that a local pager has printed an article that indicates San Francisco is involved in this case. I advised that I know of no information indicating San Francisco. Advised him to have new media contact with.

2:15 p.m. - Investigator [__] of Niagara County, New York Sheriff's Office had missing person case. Advised of the following: missing child is [X] FBI has fingerprint classification, the number is [__]

3:15 p.m. - Attempted to contact [__] of Centel recording advises that the number can not be reached. Unable to locate.

3:17 p.m. - [__] says she is and wants information on what is going to happen to the children and how they will be identified. I explained the identification procedure. No other information.

3:20 p.m. - [__] stated that he observe [a white male maybe a black male in the parking lot of K-Mart, Apalachee Parkway on]
Wednesday, 2/11/87 running with a person in his hands. stated that the male ran toward a blue van sitting in the parking lot. stated that he didn't think the van had anything to do with the running male but that the child did run toward the van.

stated that after this he saw a dirty white van travel into the Myers Park area.
stated that he did not get a tag number and that this was prior to our agency picking the arrestees up.

3:27 p.m. - Attempted contact with no answer.

3:29 p.m. - Contacted Children's Clearing House, South Carolina, stated that one of the children we have in custody looks like a missing child in their registry. gave the following information he has given to FDLP,

3:52 p.m. - was contacted and stated that she thinks one of the children looks similar to a friend's child. stated that the friend, had moved to Columbus, Georgia before Christmas and did not know if the child was still with her. stated that she did not know if had a phone number or not. gave the address of as the home of was the child's name.

I then contacted the Columbus Police Department who went to and checked on CPD advised that both were there and that the child was in good condition.

3:56 p.m. - called and stated that the following children, (children listed in Abducted Children Directory) look similar to
1:13 p.m. - Attempted contact with [name] he was out of the office, left message.

2:56 p.m. - Anonymous caller from Beaumont, Texas called. She stated that there is a strange occurrence going on in a town called Buna, Texas. Stated that there is a piece of property on [address] that is surrounded by a barbed wire fence and had an electronic hurricane fence at the driveway. She stated that men with semi-automatic weapons walk around inside of the fence.

She stated that information has it that the people who occupy the space are running a church and said that the church leader is [name] that owns a business in Buna, Texas using the name of [name].

The caller said she could offer no information on our case.

RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION:

Case Open
OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

Case number 87-3990

MATERIALS INVOLVED

CRIME REPORTED

600 MEYERS PARK DR.

STATE OF FLORIDA

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

A CITIZEN CALLED TPD AND INDICATED THAT SEVERAL CHILDREN AND SOME MEN WERE IN MEYERS PARK. THEY APPEARED SUSPICIOUS TO TPD PATROL OFFICERS ARRIVED AT THE PARK AND OBSERVED SIX CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN APPEARED TO BE DIRTY AND BUG BITTEN. THE TWO MEN WERE QUESTION AS TO THEIR IDENTITY AND THAT OF THE CHILDREN. THE TWO MEN WERE UNABLE TO SATISFY THE OFFICER'S INQUIRIES AND THEY WERE ARRESTED AND EACH CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THIS INVESTIGATOR FIRST OBSERVED THE CHILDREN AT MY OFFICE IN SEX CRIMES AND JUVENILE UNIT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM, FEB 4, 1987. (I OBSERVED THE VAN IN THE TPD SALLYPORT AREA OUTSIDE MY OFFICE.) THE SIX CHILDREN APPEARED TO BE DIRTY, HAIR A MESS, RUNNING NOSES, ETC. INVESTIGATOR WAS WORKING WITH SEVERAL PATROL OFFICERS IN THE OFFICE. EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO ACCOMODATE THE CHILDREN WHO APPEARED TO BE TIRED AND CRANKY. IN THAT I WAS PRESENT REFERENCE TO ANOTHER INVESTIGATION I DID NOT ATTEMPT TO TALK WITH THE CHILDREN OR GET INVOLVED WITH THE CASE.

STATUS MUST BE INDICATED FOR ALL CASES, INCLUDING NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

- 2 CLOSED

- 3 SUSPENDED

EXPLANATION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE

- 1 CLEARANCE

- 2 CLEARED BY ARREST

- 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

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CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THE NEXT MORNING I LEARNED THAT I WOULD BE A BACK UP INVESTIGATOR TO THIS CASE. WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS NATIONAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS WERE HIGHLY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. FROM THURSDAY, FEB. 5 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEB. 20, I WORKED SOLELY ON THIS CASE HAVING TAKEN ONLY ONE DAY OFF DURING THAT TIME. ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, I WAS ASSIGNED AS LEAD INVESTIGATOR DUE TO INV. BEGINNING HER PRE-SCHEDULED VACATION.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INVESTIGATION IT BECAME APPARENT THAT INFORMATION WAS GOING TO POUR IN FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM CIVILIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, NEWS REPORTERS, ETC. THEY WISHED TO GIVE OR GET INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHILDREN, THE SUSPECTS, THE "FINDERS" GROUP, CULT INFORMATION, ETC. ALL MESSAGES WERE PLACED INTO A COMPUTER FOR ANALYSIS.

THIS INVESTIGATOR WENT TO THE VAN AT DELOACH'S IMPOUND LOT OFF SPRINGHILL ROAD AND RECOVERED VARIOUS ITEMS WITHIN THE VAN. THESE ITEMS WERE PAPERS AND NOTEBOOKS OF INFORMATION. THIS INFORMATION WAS
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

REVIEWED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OCCUPANTS CONCERNING THEIR IDENTITY, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN, ETC.

A SMALL MICRO-COMPUTER, TRS-80, WAS TAKEN FROM THE VAN BY FBI AUTHORITIES IN A SUBSEQUENT CHECK OF THE VAN ON SUNDAY, FEB 8. THE COMPUTER WAS EXAMINED BY AGENTS [ ] AND [ ] AND FOUND TO CONTAIN ONE MESSAGE THAT WAS COPIED DOWN. A COPY OF THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO TPD.

ALSO ON SUNDAY, FEB. 8, A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE OF TPD, [ ] ALSO AN F.S.U. STUDENT, BROUGHT ANOTHER TRS-80 COMPUTER TO TPD AND TURNED IT OVER TO THIS INVESTIGATOR. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN FRONT OF THE F.S.U. LIBRARY AND FOUND IT AT AN OUTSIDE PHONE ON THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 5. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED HOW TO WORK IT AND FOUND MESSAGES IN IT THAT HAD NAMES OF TPD INVESTIGATORS AND OTHERS. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS CASE AND THEREFORE BROUGHT IT TO TPD.

THIS INVESTIGATOR EXAMINED THE COMPUTER AND TRANSCRIBED SEVERAL PAGES OF MESSAGES FROM IT. THE MESSAGES INDICATED THAT THEY WERE
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

BEING SENT VIA PHONE LINES TO A CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM WHERE MEMBERS OF THE SAME GROUP CAN EXCHANGE MESSAGES. A MESSAGE TAKEN FROM THIS COMPUTER INDICATES THAT THEY WERE CONFUSED WHY THE MEN WITH THE KIDS HADN'T LEFT ANY MESSAGES. ANOTHER MESSAGE INDICATED THAT TWO MEN HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN TALLAHASSEE AND THE CHILDREN WERE BEING HELD. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT THIS COMPUTER WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT AT THE F.S.U. PHONE BY MEMBERS OF THIS SAME GROUP BUT TRAVELING SEPARATELY.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE VAN ALSO WAS CONFUSING. SUSPECT HAD TWO MIRANDA RIGHTS FORMS THAT APPEARED TO BE SIMILAR. ONE INDICATED HIS NAME WAS [ ] AND THE OTHER [ ], BOTH FORMS WERE INDICATING HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, ETC. ONE OF THE FORMS BEGAN, "I HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE...." THE OTHER FORM BEGAN, "I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE..."

FEB. 6, INV. [ ] AND SPECIAL AGENT [ ] FBI, AND THIS INVESTIGATOR WENT TO LEON COUNTY JAIL IN AN ATTEMPT TO SPEAK WITH BOTH SUSPECTS. WHILE AT THE JAIL WE MET [ ] HE GRANTED AN INTERVIEW WHERE HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HADN'T SEEN [ ] FOR SEVERAL YEARS. [ ] HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

GAINESVILLE WHERE HAD STOPPED BY TO SEE FOR AN HOUR AND HAD WITH HIM AT THE TIME. ISN'T KNOWN TO HAVE ANY CHILDREN.

ALSO GAVE TPD COPIES OF SOME STRANGE LETTERS THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM AND IN THE PAST SAID THAT HAD GOTTEN INTO A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE BUT HE DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND IT.

AT THE JAIL WAS INTERVIEWED BRIEFLY. HE INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO HAVE HIS ATTORNEY PRESENT. HE GAVE THE NAME OF AND A WASH. D.C. PHONE NUMBER OF INDICATED THAT HIS HOME ADDRESS IS WITH A PX: HE INDICATED THAT AND THAT DIDN'T WISH TO TALK BUT DID WISH TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS ATTORNEY.

LATER, A CALL TO REVEALED THAT IS NOT AN ATTORNEY BUT A PAST EMPLOYEE OF THE ATTORNEY I SPOKE WITH. A INDICATED THAT HE IS AN ATTORNEY AND THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP (HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME "FINDERS") HAD WORKED FOR.
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

HIM IN THE PAST DOING RESEARCH. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT ________ AND HAVE HIM CONTACT ________ OR THIS INVESTIGATOR. THIS INVESTIGATOR NEVER REC'D A MESSAGE FROM ________.

CONTACT WITH MOTHERS

ON MONDAY, FEB. 9, TPD REC'D A CALL FROM A MOTHER OF ONE OF THE CHILDREN. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CALL BACK ON TUESDAY. ABOUT 11:15AM THIS INVESTIGATOR SPOKE WITH ________, SAID WHO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH THE INVESTIGATORS WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN TALL. SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND THE SUSPECTS. SHE ALSO WAS HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEWS BLITZ THAT WAS PORTRAYING THAT THEY WERE A SATANIC CULT, ETC. I INDICATED THAT I WAS NOT PERSONALLY MAKING ANY NEWS RELEASES NOR WOULD I BE TILL AFTER THE CASE IS CLOSED. SHE MADE SPECIFIC, REFERENCE TO SPOKESMAN ________, SAYING THINGS THAT WEREN'T TRUE. SHE WANTED TO BE ASSURED THAT IF THEY CAME THAT THEY WOULD BE TREATED FAIRLY. I ASSURED HER THAT IF SHE CAME THAT (AS OF THAT TIME) THERE WERE NO WARRANTS FOR ANY OF THEM. I INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERVIEWED WITH A MINIMUM OF PERSONS INVOLVED. SHE INDICATED SHE NEEDED TIME TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

SHE RECALLED THIS INVESTIGATOR ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11 AND INDICATED THAT SHE AND THE OTHER MOTHERS WOULD BE COMING TO TALLAHASSEE AND EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON THURSDAY ABOUT NOON OR THEREAFTER.

INTERVIEWS WITH MOTHERS

THIS INVESTIGATOR LEARNED ON FRIDAY THROUGH A LOCAL NEWS ARTICLE THAT THE WOMEN HAD ARRIVED AND SEEKING MEETINGS WITH HRS OFFICIALS CONCERNING THEIR CHILDREN. THIS INVESTIGATOR WAS NOT CONTACTED BY THE GROUP UNTIL MONDAY, FEB. 16. A CONVERSATION WITH THEIR ATTORNEY INDICATED THAT THE WOMEN WANTED TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS. A SCHEDULE WAS SET UP TO INTERVIEW THE MOTHERS DURING THE NEXT THREE DAYS. - BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 18, THIS INVESTIGATOR HAD INTERVIEWED ALL FIVE MOTHERS SEPARATELY (NO OTHER PERSONS PRESENT), EACH MOTHER WAS SWORN IN AND THE INTERVIEWS RECORDED.

EACH MOTHER FILLED OUT QUESTIONNAIRES REGARDING THEIR IDENTITY AND THAT OF THEIR CHILDREN. THIS INFORMATION IS BEING VERIFIED AT THIS TIME. EACH MOTHER INDICATED THAT SHE DIDN'T VIEW THE GROUP AS
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:


THIS INVESTIGATOR CARRIED INFORMATION INTO THE INTERVIEWS THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTED AND ANALYZED. EACH WOMAN GAVE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

APPROXIMATELY LATE DECEMBER THE GROUP OF 20 ADULTS AND 7 CHILDREN WERE LIVING ON WASH. D.C. AFTER CHRISTMAS THE CHILDREN AND SEVERAL OF THE MEN TOOK THE SIX OLDEST CHILDREN (THOSE IN CUSTODY) TO A WORK SITE IN BEARA, KENTUCKY. THE MEN WERE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETIREMENT SETTLEMENT CALLED NEW HOPE WHICH IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE REV. THE WOMEN WENT TO CALIFORNIA TO WORK FOR 5-6 WEEKS DOING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT DUTIES RANGING FROM CLERICAL TO WRITING AND EDITING FOR DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS.
Continued additional information:

When the men arrived in Kentucky, they were informed that the project was behind schedule. (This investigator located information in the van materials which was identified as the "New Hope Prospectus" which was a schedule of events regarding the construction of that retirement settlement. The dates involved in the project as listed on the prospectus were similar to those being given by the mothers. None of the mothers had seen the New Hope Prospectus I held. Other information given by the women was consistant with the information on the material.) Since the project was at a standstill the men used their computers to communicate the new circumstance to the working women in California. It was decided that the men would take the children upon an "adventure" to Florida.

For several weeks the group stayed near Gainesville, FL. During this time they went to see the men in the group did various types of work for "travel" money. Supposedly the men had started out their trip with about $1500 cash. Along the way they answer ads from people requesting odd job help.
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

FOR REASONS THIS INVESTIGATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE MEN AND CHILDREN (USING TWO VANS) MOVED NORTH TO THE TALLAHASSEE AREA. THEY WERE KNOWN (STRONG POSSIBILITY) TO HAVE BEEN IN GAINESVILLE ON MONDAY, FEB. 1 AS A GAINESVILLE NEWSPAPER WITH THAT DATE WAS IN THE VAN. THEY TRAVELED TO TALLAHASSEE SOON AFTER AND WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 4.

DECEPTION

REGARDING THE DECEPTION APPARENT IN THIS CASE THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHY [ ] HAD TWO FORMS OF MIRANDA RIGHTS WITH HIM, EACH IDENTIFYING HIM DIFFERENTLY, AND ONE SAYING HE "HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE..." NONE OF THE MOTHERS UNDERSTOOD WHY AN INTERCEPTED MESSAGE THAT CONTAINED THE INFORMATION THAT [ ] THAT [ ] (ANOTHER GROUP MEMBER) HAD CALLED TPD EARLY IN THE CASE USING THE NAME [ ] IT WAS GUESSTIMATED THAT [ ] USED THE WRONG NAME SO AS NOT TO GIVE AWAY HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND PRECLUDE HIS GETTING ANY INFORMATION FROM CASE INVESTIGATORS. IT WAS[ ] COMPUTER AND MESSAGE THAT WAS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY A:

F.S.U. CAMPUS.

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NAME: [ ]

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CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

WHEN THIS INVESTIGATOR ASKED THE MOTHERS WHY THE TWO SUSPECTS HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WERE TAKING THE CHILDREN TO MEXICO TO A SCHOOL FOR BRILLIANT CHILDREN THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT TAKING THE CHILDREN THERE POSSIBLY ONE DAY. NONE OF THE MOTHERS SEEM TO KNOW THAT A MESSAGE TOLD THE MEN TO USE THAT STORY IF STOPPED BY THE AUTHORITIES. THE MOTHERS SEEM TO AGREE THAT IT WAS POOR FOR THE MEN TO HAVE MADE THAT STATEMENT. IT WASN'T APPROPRIATE. THEY FURTHER CONCEDED THAT THE TWO MEN, WEREN'T ARTICULATE AND HANDLED THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE PATROL OFFICERS POORLY; EACH MOTHER INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THE OFFICERS WERE ASKING QUESTIONS AND HOW THE TWO MEN'S ACTIONS AND ANSWERS WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS. EACH MOTHER MAINTAINED THAT THERE IS NOTHING PARTICULAR THAT THEY ARE HIDING.

REGARDING THE DECEPTION IN GENERAL THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T WISH TO GIVE OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP IN THAT ALOT OF PEOPLE DON'T TAKE TIME TO UNDERSTAND THEM. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T PARTICULARLY HAVE ANYTHING TO HIDE BUT THEY DON'T FEEL OBLIGATED TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THEMSELVES. SOME OF THE MOTHERS POINTED OUT THE GROUP HAS SUFFERED FROM THE LATEST NEWS BLITZ WHICH IDENTIFIES

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**Continued Additional Information:**

The group as satanic and sacrificing. They vehemently deny those accusations and said they were better off to say little or nothing than give information that can be misconstrued.

**Sexual Abuse**

This investigator asked questions regarding the possible sexual abuse of the two children. Several of the mothers were skeptical that there was, in fact, any sexual abuse. Each indicated that it would be reprehensible for any member of the group to commit a sexual act upon a child. Each indicated that their way of life doesn't abuse children but rather holds them in high esteem. No mother could believe that any of the men traveling with the children could have committed a sexual act upon the children.

**Lifestyle of the Group**

The lifestyle of this group, as conveyed to this investigator, seems to be a modified idea of the 1960s commune concept. This group's system involves the co-ownership of property and elimination...

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OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. WHILE MAJOR ITEMS ARE OWNED IN COMMON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ARE (CAN BE) OWNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. IT WAS POISED THAT EACH MEMBER HAS THE INDEPENDENCE TO COME AND GO FROM THE GROUP (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) AT WILL. THE GROUP (TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS) CENTERS UPON AN ON-GOING LOYALTY, DEPENDENCE, DEVOTION, ETC. TO EACH OTHER MUCH LIKE A CONVENTIONAL HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM. THIS LARGER "TEAM" ALSO SHARES MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES. A GROUP LEADER IS CHOSSEN, SOMETIMES SEVERAL A DAY, DEPENDING UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE GROUP CHOOSES THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBER IN WHATEVER AREA IS BEING CONSIDERED.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF A VEHICLE WAS HAVING A MECHANICAL PROBLEM, A LEADER WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH VEHICLES WOULD MODERATE CONCERNING HOW BEST TO ACHIEVE REPAIRS.

THE GROUP BELIEVES IN EXPERIENTIAL OR (WHAT THIS INVESTIGATOR TERMS) "HANDS ON" TRAINING. THEY PREFER TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN BY SHOWING THEM BY THE "BEST" MEANS AVAILABLE. GOING TO ZOOS, LIVING IN THE WOODS, ETC. IS A PREFERRED LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO CONVENTIONAL METHODS. AND WHILE CLASSROOM TECHNIQUES ARE APPARENTLY ACCEPTABLE TO
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THE GROUP THEY PREFER AS MUCH DIVERSITY AS POSSIBLE. SEVERAL OF THE MOTHERS QUOTED PHILOSOPHICAL FOLLOWINGS OF REPUTED EDUCATORS AND EXPLAINED HOW THEY (MOTHERS) FEEL THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE BEING GIVEN A BETTER LIFE.

THE PICTURES OF THE CHILDREN WITH SLAUGHTERED GOATS WAS NOT A RITUAL SACRIFICE BUT RATHER AN ATTEMPT AT A "HANDS ON" EXPERIENCE.

ONE MOTHER, WHO WASN'T SURE THAT THE ORDEAL WAS NECESSARY OR THAT SHE APPROVED (SHE INDICATED THAT ONLY THE THREE MEN WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME) THOUGHT THAT THE EXPERIENCE WAS WELL INTENTIONED AS A EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN TO LEARN. SHE LIKENED THE SLAUGHTER TO THAT OF WHAT IS DONE IN CONVENTIONAL BIOLOGY CLASSES. SEVERAL MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THE "ROBES" BEING WORN BY THE MEN WERE ACTUALLY SHEETS THE MEN WORE DURING THE SLAUGHTER TO PROTECT THEIR CLOTHING. THE SLAUGHTER OF THE TWO GOATS ON THE VIRGINIA FARM WAS AT THE END OF THE SUMMER AND THE GOATS COULDN'T BE LEFT THERE ALIVE. THE MEAT FROM THE GOATS WAS TAKEN BACK TO WASH. D.C. TO THE GROUP WHERE THEY ATE THE MEAT. THE CHILDREN HAD THE EXPERIENCE TO SEE WHERE MEAT COMES FROM...AN EXPERIENCE THAT MOST CHILDREN DON'T GET WHILE THEY ARE GROWING UP.
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

REGARDING EATING, THE MOTHERS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEIR CHILDREN EAT PROPERLY. THE MOTHERS INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF DIET AND NUTRITION. THEY INDICATED THAT THE CHILDREN EAT BALANCED DIETS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THEY GET FOOD WHENEVER THEY ARE HUNGRY RATHER THAN DURING PRESCRIBED "MEAL" TIMES. THE GROUP DOES HAVE CONVENTIONAL MEALS UPON OCCASION. THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY.

EVIDENCE

CONTENTS OF VAN TAKEN INTO TPD CUSTODY, TO-WIT: BOX OF ASSORTED PAPERS, TABLETS, NOTEBOOKS OF INFORMATION.

1 TRS-80 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FROM

1 TRS-80 OBTAIN BY FBI DURING SEARCH OF VAN

PHOTOS OF VAN TAKEN BY TPD.

PHOTOS OF THE CHILDREN
This case began on Feb. 4, 1987 when a citizen observed a group of unkempt children and two men in Myers Park. She called Tall. Police who arrived and observed six dirty children. In an attempt to question the men regarding the identity of the children and their condition the men behaved strangely regarding their statements and actions. Based upon the condition of the children and the inability of the men to identify the children and themselves the police officers arrested the two men and took the six children into custody pending further investigation.

My involvement has been as an assisting investigator from the beginning. I observed the children the night they were taken into custody at police headquarters. I saw the generally dirty state of their clothes and bodies. They appeared tired and cranky.

As an assisting investigator I worked full time on this case to ascertain the identity of the children and the men. On Wednesday, Feb. 11 I was made lead investigator of the case.
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:


THE CHILDREN, MOTHERS AND THE TWO SUSPECTS ARE PART OF A GROUP THAT LIVE AN ALTERNATE LIFE STYLE. NO INFORMATION CAME TO ME INDICATING THAT THEIR LIFESTYLE ABUSES OR NEGLECTS THEIR CHILDREN. AT THE TIME OF THE ARREST THE ARRESTING OFFICERS CERTAINLY HAD PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST. IT WAS REASONABLE TO EXPECT A FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO FOLLOW UP ON THE STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE IDENTITIES OF THE CHILDREN STRONGLY APPEARS TO BE ACCURATE THAT THE TRUE MOTHERS HAVE COME FORWARD. THEY HAVE GIVEN PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT SUGGESTS THE CHILDREN ARE THEIRS. THE MOTHERS HAVE CO-OPERATED FULLY WITH THIS INVESTIGATOR. AT THIS TIME THE INFORMATION THEY GAVE ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN AND THEMSELVES IS BEING VERIFIED THROUGH THE F.B.I. WHICH HAS ASSISTED THROUGHOUT THE CASE.
CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

AS TO WHETHER THE CHILDREN HAD ACTUALLY BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED AT THE TIME OF ARREST SEEMS TO HINGE ON WHETHER THE CHILDREN BEING DIRTY, POSSIBLY HUNGRY, AND LIVING UNDER CAMPING LIKE CONDITIONS (PER THEIR SITUATION) CONSTITUTES ABUSE OR NEG-L.UT. PROBABLY THE TWO MEN-CARETAKERS COULD HAVE PROVIDED A BETTER ATMOSPHERE FOR THE CHILDREN AND BEEN MORE OPEN DURING INTERVIEWING BY POLICE AT THE SCENE.

REGARDING THE OVERALL LIFESTYLE OF THE GROUP IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMPILE COMPLETE INFORMATION. THE GROUP APPEARS TO BE "ONE FAMILY" WITH ALL MEMBERS HAVING ROLES WHICH INCLUDE WORKING, MAKING DECISIONS, AND HAVING OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. AS TO WHETHER THIS LIFESTYLE IS APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE IS A SUBJECTIVE MATTER. THIS INVESTIGATOR HAS LEARNED OF NO GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS THAT APPEAR ABUSIVE OR NEGLECTFUL.

END OF REPORT
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

I made a neighborhood check of the area around Myers Park on 13 FEB 87 and talked with several people. I talked with [redacted] of the Easter Seal center and she told me that none of her people had seen anything during the time prior to the incident at the park. She said that they did see the police when the arrests were made.

I talked with [redacted] at Parks and Recreation Dept. and she told me that she would ask her workers and playground supervisor if they had seen anything and would get back to me. I left her a business card to call me if anything came up. I talked to the people in some of the houses along Myers Park Dr. that faced the playground area where the incident occurred. The only person that said she saw anything was [redacted] She is the babysitter there and the phone there is [redacted]. Her home address is [redacted] and said that she saw the blue van in the park two or three times a week since December. I asked her if it was the same van and the same children that were involved in the incident and she said that it was. She said that she did not notice any unusual treatment of the kids by the two adult males that were with them.

No one else in the immediate area saw anything.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 10, 1987 this investigator, Detective [redacted] and Agent [redacted] went to Chattahoochee, Florida to interview [redacted] and [redacted].

This investigator and Detective [redacted] conducted the interview with [redacted] and Detective [redacted] and Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] who was interviewed first.

[redacted] was first shown some pictures that the FBI confiscated from their search on the van. She stated that she did not recognize the pictures of the old man in the garden.

She stated that she remembers the house, because it had a swimming pool in the house.

She could not remember where the house was located.

The picture of the children bathing in the buckets was identified as Hill House.

[redacted] stated that Hill House is located in Virginia, where the "goats are". This would be the farm house located in Nethers, Virginia.

The picture of [redacted] and [redacted] playing by a wood structure, were identified as being at "High Fields", where [redacted] lives. [redacted] stated that the structure was being built by [redacted]. It was being built in the area labeled as "NP" on the hand drawn map. (See case file).

[redacted] also identified two pictures containing (known to this investigator as[redacted]). She stated that these photos were taken at "the white cabin".

When [redacted] was shown the hand drawn map, she described the area labeled "white cabin" as the white cabin in the pictures described above. [redacted] described the red cabin as the place where [redacted] stays with [redacted]. According to [redacted], "paradise" is the place they play, and camp. It is located on a trail which
Defendant Reporting Form

Date of Case Incident: 02/04/87
Date of Case Incident: 02/11/87

600 Myers Park Drive
State of Florida

Child Abuse

This investigator had to clarify several items mentioned in previous interviews.
First, the fourth basement is the "junk" basement. The punishment received for taking them to the restaurant, was a letter from which made her feel bad. The letter told bad things about herself. This was the second clarification. Described the "holes" as holes dug for defecation in the outdoors. The only hole in the basement is in the food basement, and she indicated that was used to put things that aren't used. Also advised this investigator that

No other information.

This investigator discussed going on trips. Stated that she had been on an airplane. She had been twice; once just with and once with

She stated she had been to Gainesville and Tampa. While in Gainesville, they visited

Would give no other information on the subjects.

Was allowed to listen to a tape of a phone call to the National Center for Exploited Children. On the tape, an anonymous male caller gave information in regards to the children, to the operator on duty. Extremely interested in the tape. She stated that it sounded like

Earlier to only play part of the tape, but was insistent about hearing the entire tape.

Date: 2/12/87

ON THIS DATE THIS INVESTIGATOR RECEIVED WORD THAT A PART-TIME TALL POLICE EMPLOYEE (COMMUNICATIONS SECTION), LOCATED A SMALL COMPUTER AT A PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH ON FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU) CAMPUS IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY. HE IS A STUDENT AT FSU. AN INTERVIEW WITH INDICATED THAT ON THURSDAY, FEB 5, 1987 ABOUT 6:15 PM HE WAS WALKING PAST THE PHONE BOOTH AND SAW THE COMPUTER. HE TOOK IT HOME WITH HIM. ON SATURDAY, FEB 7, HE TOOK IT OUT OF ITS CASE AND ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE WHO THE OWNER WAS. HE FIGURED OUT HOW TO RUN IT AND ATTEMPTED TO LEARN WHO THE OWNER WAS BY READING THE INFORMATION IN IT.

READ INFORMATION CONCERNING TPD POLICE INVESTIGATORS. ON SUNDAY, FEB 8, HE BROUGHT IT TO TPD AND TURNED IT OVER TO MYSELF. AFTER LEARNING HOW IT WORKS THIS INVESTIGATOR COPIED THE MESSAGES FROM THE COMPUTER.

THE INFORMATION DISCLOSED THAT THE OWNER WAS OBVIOUSLY PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH A GROUP CALLED THE "FINDERS," FRIENDS OF THE OWNERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN TALL. ON FEB 4 AND CHARGED WITH CHIL ABUSE.
CHILD ABUSE

500 Myers Park Dr.

STATE OF FLORIDA

CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A TRANSCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION EXISTS IN THE REPORT FILE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

DATE: 2-6-87
NARRATIVE SUMMARY:
Children were located in Myers Park in a dirty condition. Their two guardians were arrested for child abuse.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

About Saturday, Feb. 7, 1987, a woman talked with this investigator and explained that she had been in Lafayette Park about 10:30 AM on Feb. 4, 1987. She talked with one of the men arrested. She saw the six kids and thought they were dirty.

She said she thought the man was acting weird as if he was on drugs. She described the man as being the one with the mustache. Caller said that the pants on the boy appeared to be too big for the boy. She talked with the man for 5-7 minutes at the swing set. He asked questions about other parks in the area especially those with a swimming pond or area.

Caller stated that another person who talked with the man was a woman. This investigator has not been able to make contact with her to date.

Case-Open.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: CID-VCU, SSA)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (31C-WF-189911) (TRA) (RUC)

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY;
CC: WMFO

Re WMFO teletype to the Bureau, dated 11/10/93.

Enclosed for WMFO are following items received from
TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief MELVIN TUCKER:

1. Complete TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT case file
   concerning the FINDERS;

2. A letter from Congressman CHARLIE ROSE to
   Tallahassee Police Chief MELVIN TUCKER, dated 9/15/93;

3. Copy of a letter to Chief TUCKER from 48 HOURS,
   dated 9/16/93;

4. A TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT memorandum to
   Chief TUCKER concerning being
   interviewed by a U.S. CUSTOMS Agent concerning an FBI
   the captioned matter;

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5. Two memos purportedly authentic U.S. CUSTOMS' memos concerning the FINDERS case; and

6. A copy of an article from the "city paper" concerning the FINDERS case.

Also enclosed for WMFO is a copy of Jacksonville's complete investigative file regarding this matter, to include copies of the 1A and 1B sections.

On 11/16/93, contact with Tallahassee Police Chief MEL TUCKER revealed that there was never any outside agency either in or outside the United States intelligence community who contacted anyone in his department with an attempt to influence in any way their investigation of the FINDERS GROUP. All evidence in the case that was obtained was either returned to its owners or otherwise destroyed.

Chief TUCKER advised that he has been contacted by a number of individuals recently concerning the FINDERS case. One was Congressman CHARLIE ROSE, Chairman, Committee on House Administration, who both telephonically and in writing expressed an interest in the facts and circumstances surrounding the FINDERS case in Tallahassee, Florida. Additionally, Chief TUCKER was contacted by...
For the information of the Bureau, Tallahassee SSRA

Tallahassee portion of the investigation, and also resolve whether there was any improper influence by any agency brought to bear on the TPD in the performance and reporting of their investigation. The bottom line was that the Tallahassee investigation was not impeded/influenced in any way by any agency or improper considerations.

This matter is considered RUC by Jacksonville Division.
On 11/10/93, the following names were searched in WMFO indices at the request of SSA FBIHQ, CID, VCU.

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9-5009 extortion case opened on 7/14/83 by Alexandria Division against Victim as the victim. Subject was described as a W/M born approx [redacted].

[redacted] advised that he was a member of this cult, headed by [redacted], which was also known as FINDERS. He described the cult as an alternate lifestyle group, and related an incident detailing the death of a member, BARBARA MATEJA. WMFO contacted MPD, and was advised that MATEJA had died as a result of refusing medical attention for religious reasons, and that no homicide investigation had been conducted. File reflected that the case was closed as the AUSA for Alexandria would not consider any prosecution.

Indexed to [redacted]

9-5009 same as detailed above.

9B-665 file destroyed on 4/2/69.

190-136 FOIPA file that could not be located.

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The case was closed upon resolution by interview.

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Indexed to Future Enterprises:

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investigation of
Memorandum

To: SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P)

From: SSA (C-4)

Subject: FINDERS GROUP;
         WSTA-SEOC;
         OOJ-PI;
         OO:WMFO

On 11/23/93, SSA VCU-CID advised that based on recent discussions with VCU Unit Chief and Section Chief KAHOE, the interview of U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SA

It is noted that as of 11/23/93 the formal written request from FBIHQ to both and the USDOS had not been sent out of FBIHQ.
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To: SAC, MIAMI (145-0) (P)  
From: SA (FPRA)  
Subject: UNSUBS; ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE & CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, STUART, FLORIDA AREA

Attached to this memo are copies of letter from LARRY A. POTTS, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, dated 7/21/93, and letter from [ ] dated 9/20/93. Further attached is a copy of a dated 9/14/93.

The purpose of this memo is to address allegations or potential allegations concerning child abuse in the Stuart, Florida area.

During the period of August through September, 1992,

Subsequent to this request, SA at his offices. It should be noted that identified as one of those assaulted. proceeded to advise SA of much of the information as he related in the letter to on 7/21/93. While not going into as much detail as is set forth in the letter, did allude to U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE not following through on investigation. He did mention allegations of computer chips being planted in children's heads, an organization in Stuart, Florida involved in Satan worship and possibly child abuse, and the fact that individuals involved in such activities were at the highest levels of government. When pushed for any substantive evidence concerning these allegations, could not provide any and

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alluded to the fact that no one could be trusted in this matter including SA[________] was advised by SA[________] that if he obtained any evidence or witnesses concerning child abuse or any other evidence to substantiate his allegations, he should contact SA[________]. To date, he has not done so.

At the time of the contact with[________] no documentation of this meeting occurred by SA[________] due to the fact that SA[________] felt his allegations to be extremely broad, far-fetched and unsubstantiated in any way. It should be noted

During the Summer of 1993, rumors again surfaced in the Stuart, Florida area concerning Satanic worship and child abuse and thereafter, the attached letter was received.

On 10/16/93, State Attorney[________] Fort Pierce, Florida was contacted and advised his office had conducted the investigation and prosecution of[________] sexual abuse case. Since that time, he advised,[________] has maintained contact with him up to the recent past and continued to make allegations of further sexual abuse, none of which are substantiated. According to[________] admitted to him he had found no connection to date between[________] actions and any nationwide organizations or activities. [________] did provide the attached copy of a communication concerning the FINDERS, which[________] had provided to him on 9/14/93. He advised[________] is now claiming a group called the "FINDERS", which was part of the Washington, D.C. Intelligence community, had a splinter group which was involved in child sexual abuse. One of the members of this group supposedly resides in[________]

[________] was provided with a copy of page #2 of a letter to[________] dated 7/21/93, which he read and advised that this was misleading and certain statements[________] made were in fact

advised the STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE investigation did not uncover others having been involved than were charged.
On 10/18/93, Sergeant ________ stated, has maintained that there is a nationwide conspiracy among individuals involved in Satanic worship and sexual child abuse, with members being located in the Stuart, Florida area. To date, Sergeant ________ advised he has located no hard evidence of any organized sexual abuse in the area, but noted there is a similarity in sexual abuse cases that have occurred in different parts of the country. Sergeant ________ did not volunteer, but when asked admitted he was looking into a group called the "FINDERS"; however, he did not have any confirmed criminal activity at this time.

On 10/21/93, ________ operates a day school from which, during the past year, he advised numerous parents have withdrawn their children. According to ________ occurring at or being done by individuals at the JENSEN BEACH PRE-SCHOOL ________ concerning the JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, where parents also withdrew their children from attendance.

_______ stated that he himself did extensive checking of the ________ school and found absolutely no indication of any child abuse. He further advised that those espousing
On 10/22/93, [name redacted] of the Jensen Beach Elementary School, was contacted. [name redacted] advised that in the past year, three to five families had withdrawn their children from the Jensen Beach Elementary School based on rumors of cult activities and child abuse involving employees at her school. [name redacted] stated she did extensive work to attempt to substantiate these rumors, with negative results. She advised that

On 10/22/93, Lieutenant [name redacted] was contacted and advised that he and the school are aware of individuals within the Stuart and Port St. Lucie, Florida areas involved in Satan worship. To date, he advised, neither he nor anyone else to his knowledge has revealed any evidence that these practices are in any way related to sexual child abuse.

All individuals contacted above were advised that were they to obtain any information concerning sexual abuse of children, they should immediately report it to the authorities. In view of the lack of any evidence of, or substantiation of, allegations as set forth in the attached letter as they relate to the Stuart, Florida area, no further inquiries are being made concerning this matter at this time.
September 20, 1993

Assistant to the Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear [Name],

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1993, in which you forwarded two sets of correspondence dealing with child sex abuse allegations you had received from [Name].

A copy of the correspondence has been forwarded to our Atlanta Office for review. The Criminal Investigative Division (CID) has thoroughly reviewed and discussed correspondence with the FBI, Macon, Georgia, Resident Agency (RA). The Macon RA is well aware of [Name].

From the review of available material to date, there appears to have been medical evidence to indicate that one or more children were molested; however, the joint investigation in this matter by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the Macon Police Department (MPD) did not determine who was responsible. Although the information reviewed to date does not appear to indicate a Federal violation, our Atlanta Office has been instructed to further review reports concerning the joint GBI/MPD investigation to determine if an FBI investigation is warranted.

1 - Atlanta - Enclosures (4)
Attention SAC: This matter is referred for appropriate action.

2 - Miami - Enclosures (10)
Attention SAC: This matter is referred for appropriate action.

[Signatures]

[Date: SEP 27 1993]

[Handwritten notes]:
- Attached copies of [Name].
- [Signature: [Name]}

[Handwritten note]: Referred for appropriate action.
A copy of correspondence has been forwarded to our Miami Office for review.

Any future inquiries in this matter can be referred to E. Michael Kahoe, Section Chief, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division.

Sincerely yours,

Larry A. Potts
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division
TO : SAC, WMFO

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (31C-WF-189911) (FPRA) (RUC)

SUBJECT : "FINDERS GROUP";
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFICK ACT -
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY;
OO: WMFO

Re Bureau teletype to WMFO and Miami on 11/2/93 and
WMFO teletype to the Bureau and Miami dated 11/10/93 with lead
inadvertently sent to Miami for Jacksonville Division at
Tallahassee, Florida.

Enclosed for information of WMFO is one copy of
memo of SA [blank] dated 10/26/93, involving
captioned matter with attachments and copy of FD-302
concerning interview of [blank] on 11/15/93.
Attached for the information of Jacksonville is one copy of
FD-302 concerning interview of [blank] on 11/15/93.

For the information of WMFO, enclosed memo and
attached information was investigation conducted prior to
Bureau teletype November 2, 1993, which is self-explanatory.
This investigation was conducted in response to allegations
put forth within the Stuart community by [blank] and others
as to sexual abuse of children within the area.

2 - WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (Enc 2)
2 - Jacksonville (Enc 1) (Info)
1 - Miami
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In response to Bureau teletype 11/2/93 request for interview of ______ he was interviewed on 11/15/93 with results set forth. As this interview reflects, WMFO should note that during interview of ______ he advised he would provide on the following day November 16, 1993, the FINDERS' location in Washington, D.C. To date he has not provided this information. Further, he initially was reluctant to discuss the matter with SA_______ until it was pointed out to him that if he was withholding information concerning child abuse, he himself might have some criminal liability.

In view of the fact that no investigation remains outstanding, Miami is considering this matter in an RUC status.
The USCS informed the MPD that they were unsure if the six children had been kidnapped from their parents, and that they had attempted unsuccessfully to contact representatives of the Finders at 3918-3920 W. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. They feared that other children were being abused at that address.
Based on information received from an MPD source and from the authorities in Florida, the MPD contacted AUSA[REDACTED] who advised that search warrants for the known Washington, D.C., addresses were appropriate under Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (Kidnapping). Subsequently, a representative of the MPD prepared an affidavit and search warrants were obtained from Magistrate Dwyer in the U.S. District Court for the premises at 3918-3920 W. Street, N.W., and 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

SEARCH WARRANTS

On 2/5-6/87, search warrants were executed for the premises at 3918-20 W. Street, N.W., and 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. by members of the MPD Intelligence Division. During the execution of the search warrants, no children were found. Large amounts of biographical information concerning the Finders was obtained along with computers, software and photographs. All of this information was subsequently turned over to the Florida authorities for evaluation.

The MPD case file does not contain a copy of the search warrants nor a listing of specific items seized during the execution of search warrants on 2/5/87 and 2/6/87 at the Finders Group properties at 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Although a report dated 2/26/87 indicates that copies of documents seized during the execution of search warrants were provided to authorities in Florida, and that evidence held in the custody of the mobile crime lab would be released to representatives of the Finders, no documentation was found in the file which reflected the present status of any items seized during these searches.

MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS

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MPD INVESTIGATION

* The MPD interviewed family members of the six children recovered in Tallahassee, Florida, as well as twenty-one former members of the Finders group. Representatives of the MPD travelled to Tallahassee, Florida to conduct interviews and to obtain information from the Tallahassee Police Department.

An MPD "overview report" dated 4/13/87 reported that the former members of the Finders group indicated that the Finders organization began as an alternative life style in the 1960's and many of them became disenchanted with the quasi-military order under the direct supervision of the chief. Many of the former members stated that they feared retribution from the Finders organization..."

The overview report also noted that the family members of the six children had been interviewed and they had stated that "had brainwashed their children, and prevented any contact with their children or grandchildren. Members of the Finders, according to family members would stop any contact by sending letters describing explicit sexual acts involving current members, including photographs and drawings..."

The information obtained from the children and the authorities in Tallahassee, Florida reflected that the children had not verbalized any complaints of sexual abuse.

During the interviews conducted by the MPD in this matter, no documented evidence was developed concerning sexual abuse of children by members of the Finders group.

During an interview on 2/20/87, a former member of the Finders Group, stated that "...

On 2/8/87 had stated that people in the Finders group were a commune type group, with a hard working type of work ethic. He indicated that they had shown that they are willing to work at any project for the benefit of the group.

stated that the Finders led a somewhat bizarre lifestyle,
that they felt that the Finders were not in any way involved in child abuse, or devil worship.

On 2/17/87, [redacted] of the Finders, stated that the Finders have been known to send harassing letters and that [redacted] had stated that this is an example of [redacted]. He stated that although the Finders behavior was often bizarre, he did not recall ever seeing any children mistreated by the Finders.

FINAL DISPOSITION

During the course of this investigation, the District of Columbia Child Protection Office was advised of this matter by the MPD. Copies of all documents seized during the execution of search warrants relative to child neglect/abuse or suspected neglect/abuse were provided for review by the Child Protection Office. During meetings between the Child Protection Office and representatives of the MPD, it was determined that the children involved in this matter were not under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

The State of Florida dropped all charges in this matter in late March 1987 due to lack of evidence.

REFERENCES TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The MPD file contains three references to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) located in reports dated 9/15/86, 2/19/87 and 4/13/87. There was no documentation in the file of any direction or interference of the MPD's Finders investigation by the CIA.

An MPD report prepared by Detective [redacted] and dated 9/15/86, documents a meeting with an MPD source who [redacted]. This report indicates that [redacted] was introduced to the Finders organization in 1980 at a party in Washington, D.C. by [redacted].

An MPD report prepared by Sergeant J. H. Stitcher (deceased), dated 2/19/87, and captioned "Finders involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency," indicated that on 2/18/87, Detective [redacted] spoke with S/A (believed to be an abbreviation for Special Agent) [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency.
(CIA) concerning any contact that members of the Finders may have had with the CIA. [redacted] confirmed that [redacted] Isabelle (deceased at the time of the report), was a CIA employee from 1950 until 1971. [redacted] had asked S/A [redacted] "...if our investigation was treading on anyone's toes out there..." had replied "Sort of...He acknowledged that they have had someone working on the case since it first broke on the news media...

Future Enterprises operates out of the warehouse at 1307 4th St NE..." S/A [redacted] had indicated that the CIA had been aware that during the period 1969-1971, [redacted] had traveled to Moscow, North Korea and North Vietnam.

This report stated that the CIA "apparently has a vested interest in [redacted] and/or the group. They have not contacted any of the investigating agencies while they have been working on the case...In summary,

there will be no justification for the way the children have been treated, and the matter will be addressed in Family Division, Superior Court."

The report was marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and "DO NOT DISSEMINATE," and was signed by MPD Sergeant (Sgt.) J.H. Stitcher. It is noted that throughout this report, the name [redacted] had been lined out, and the name [redacted] had been penciled in above the lined out name.

An "overview report" prepared by Detective [redacted] and dated 4/13/87, indicated that [redacted] was a former employee of the agency; that the CIA had been monitoring the MPD investigation from the beginning; and

with the Finders group. This report stated that "It is the writers belief that the Finders organization is and has been utilized by the CIA as a disinformation service spreading nonessential, non-critical information to various organizations throughout the United States and overseas. This group to the most part is made up of overeducated non-achievers who lacked the inborn initiative to succeed on their own. Therefore they fell in with a charismatic leader who gave them direction and self importance. To the most part this organization individually is harmless...As to the abuse of the children, I do not think that child abuse was a planned tactic of this group..."
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE DOCUMENTS

The MPD file contained three documents which appear to be reports prepared by an unidentified U.S. Customs Service (USCS) Special Agent (SA). These documents include a memo dated 2/7/87, a memo dated 4/13/87, and an undated document captioned "Finders/Chronology." The names of the USCS SA and the MPD Detective are not contained in these documents as they were deleted prior to review by the FBI.

The memo dated 2/7/87 and captioned "Customs cooperation/interest in Tallahassee/Washington MPD child abuse investigation is addressed to the Resident Agent in Charge and is from an unidentified USCS SA. The memo indicates that the USCS duty Agent received a call on 2/5/87 from USCS, Tallahassee, Florida, who had been contacted by the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) concerning a child abuse investigation. The TPD had contacted USCS to obtain assistance in identifying six children and two adults taken into custody by the TPD. The USCS Agent conducted computer checks on the Customs Child Pornography data base with negative results. Subsequently, the USCS SA was contacted by an MPD Detective who advised that he was interested in the information concerning the TPD investigation and that he would be conducting "search warrants in the area later in the day..." The Detective advised the USCS SA that the USCS was invited to participate due to the continuing possibility of violations of law enforced by the Customs Service.

The USCS SA accompanied the MPD on the execution of search warrants at 3918/20 W. Street, Washington, D.C. at which time he was able to observe and access the entire building. No children were located during the search. The memo notes that during the execution of the search warrants by the MPD, the USCS SA reports having observed large quantities of children's clothing and toys, several computers, and numerous documents. "...Cursory examination of the documents revealed detailed instructions for obtaining children for unspecified purposes. The instructions included the impregnation of female members of the community known as Finders, purchasing children, trading, and kidnapping..."

The memo notes that on 2/6/87, the USCS SA had met an MPD Detective at the warehouse on 4th Street, NE. He was granted unlimited access to the premises and he was able to observe numerous documents which described explicit sexual conduct between the members of the community known as Finders. The memo reports that the USCS SA saw a large collection of photographs of unidentified persons, some of which were nude, and believed to be members of the Finders.

"...Further examination of the premises disclosed numerous files
relating to activities of the organization in different parts of the world..." The memo concluded by noting that it would take three to five days for all the information to be sorted, reviewed and logged by the MPD, and that the USCS SA would maintain contact with the MPD Detective.

The MPD file contained a memo dated 4/13/87, captioned "Finders." The memo, marked "Confidential," was addressed to the Resident Agent in Charge, Washington, D.C. and was from an unidentified USCS SA. This memo reports that on 3/31/87, the USCS SA had contacted an MPD Detective and arranged a meeting to review the documents seized pursuant to two search warrants executed in "January 1987." On 4/2/87, the USCS SA went to meet the MPD Detective who was not available, and the USCS SA spoke to "...a third party who was willing to discuss the case with me on a strictly 'off the record' basis..." The memo reports that the USCS SA "...was advised that all the passport data had been turned over to the State Department for their investigation. The State Department in turn advised MPD that all travel and use of the passports by the holders of the passports was within the law and no action would be taken. This included travel to Moscow, North Korea, and North Vietnam from the late 1950's to mid 1970's. The ind. f'dual further advised me of circumstances which indicated t...c the v'stigation into the activity of the FINDERS had become a CIA internal matter. The MPD report has been classified Secret and was not available for review. I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired. No further information will be available. No further action will be taken."

The MPD file contained an undated document captioned "Finders/Chronology (see previous material for dates)." This document listed an undated chronology of events, and the first entry is as follows: "Contact of U.S. Customs by Tallahassee PD regarding discovery of unidentified children and adult male "guardians in city park." Subsequent entries report the MPD obtaining search warrants, the execution of those search warrants by the MPD and two USCS SAs, and the seizure of numerous documents to include passports, telexes, computer/electronic media, and correspondence. The chronology included the following entries:

"Based on observed documents, Customs agent unsuccessfully attempts to gain access to evidence for detailed analysis for use in investigating possible export, neutrality act, mann act, and child pornography violations."

"U. S. Passport showing travel by subject to North Korea, North Vietnam, and Soviet Union from 1956(?) through
1975(?), 1976 was turned over to State Department Security for investigation, but investigators were advised that travel was 'legitimate' and to terminate further investigation."

"As investigation proceeded, CIA made one contact and defers all further contacts to FCIA (Foreign Counter Intelligence Agency). FCIA is distinct and autonomous organization within FBI."

"FCIA contacts MPD intelligence and advised that all reports regarding Finders are to be classified at the Secret level. FCIA also advised that no information was to be turned over to the FBI WFO for investigation, and that the WFO would not be advised of the CIA or FCIA involvement/contact."

"Children discovered in Tallahassee were eventually turned over to individuals claiming to be parents or guardians. No further MPD, FBI or Customs involvement."

"As far as is known, no details of CIA or FCIA involvement ever became public."

* The MPD file did not contain documentation corroborating the chronology of events listed in the document captioned "Finders/Chronology (see previous material for dates)."
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REFERENCED WMFO TELETYPE OUTLINED THE RESULTS OF WMFO'S PRELIMINARY INQUIRY CONCERNING CAPTIONED GROUP.
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**By:** [Name, org. symbol, Agency/Post]  
John C. Keeney  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
**Room No.—Bldg.**

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Prepared by RRA  
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Memorandum

To: ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P)  Date 12/13/93

From: SA (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo is material provided to WMFO by SSA VCU, CID, FBIHQ at a December 10, 1993 meeting concerning captioned matter. This meeting took place at The Department of Justice’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Unit, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The following individuals were present at this meeting:

SSA FBIHQ
SSA WMFO
SA WMFO
MR DOJ
MR. GEORGE BURGASSER, DOJ

SSA provided an update on the above captioned matter to the DOJ representatives.

WMFO
MDC:mdc
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS
OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

† U.S. Customs Service (USCS) Special Agent has not been interviewed by the FBI as of this date. He has been interviewed by USCS. During interviews with USCS.

† An FBIHQ indices search determined that FBI Jacksonville and FBI Washington Metropolitan Field Office (WMFO) had conducted investigation resulting from an arrest of two individuals associated with the "Finders" in Tallahassee, Florida, in 1987. On 2/4/87, were arrested by the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges resulting from a complaint that six children playing in a park were unkept and neglected. the two subjects with the children, could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity and the children's identity. As a result of information developed during these arrests, the TPD contacted the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C., and provided information concerning and their association with a group known as "Finders," based in Washington, D.C. On 2/5/87 and 2/6/87, the MPD executed search warrants, prepared by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., on two properties owned by the "Finders" in Washington, D.C. FBI Special Agent (SA) WMFO case Agent, and USCS SA participated in these searches.

† Investigation conducted by the MPD and WMFO, lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "Finders" group. On 2/18/87, WMFO presented the results of their investigation to Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., who declined prosecution for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (kidnapping) and 2251 (sexual exploitation of children).

† In March 1987, the TPD and the State of Florida

† On 11/9/93 the MPD provided a copy of the MPD investigative case file concerning the FINDERS. The case file did not contain a listing of items which had been seized during the MPD execution of search warrants on 2/5-6/87 on the two FINDERS properties, 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W Street,
In addition, there was no indication of the present status of any items seized at these searches, nor a listing of personnel who had been present during the execution of these search warrants. The MPD Detective that had been assigned to this case was Detective

WMFO SA__________ was interviewed on 11/8/93, and MPD Detective __________ was interviewed on 11/10/93, concerning their knowledge of the "FINDERS investigation, to include any information they might possess concerning child abuse/exploitation by the FINDERS as well as any knowledge concerning the alleged involvement by__________

the Department of State (DOS) and the FBI. They both denied any direct knowledge of any evidence indicating child abuse/exploitation or interference from any U.S. Intelligence agency. Both advised that they were aware of allegations suggesting child exploitation and associations by the FINDERS

FINDERS property in 1987.

SA__________ was present during the execution of the MPD search warrant at the warehouse owned by the FINDERS. She observed computer equipment, and records, but she observed no evidence of child sexual exploitation, child abuse, or child pornography. Subsequent to the execution of the search warrants, SA__________ had obtained a copy of a memorandum, prepared by USCS

the DOS or any other intelligence organization or entity. SA__________ stated that at no time did any individual or agency intervene or attempt to influence the outcome of her investigation.

A review of the WMFO case file revealed a memo from SA__________ dated 3/9/87 which addressed misstatements and discrepancies contained in an attached 2/7/87 memorandum from USCS SA__________ In this memo, SA__________ documented the fact that she had discussed SA__________ memo with MPD Detective
Sergeant John Stitcher (deceased) had contacted concerning the FINDERS and had obtained this information.

had nothing to do with the children or his investigation into the alleged child abuse. stated that he was never instructed by anyone from FBI< State Department, or any other organization to end the FINDERS investigation, and that his investigation ran its normal course without interference.

related that his investigation was not able to develop any evidence that the children associated with the FINDERS had been abused in any way.

On 11/12/93, WMFO interviewed USCS SA who provided information concerning the USCS 1993 response to on USCS's child exploitation investigations. He had interviewed USCS SA on 9/3/93 and 9/16/93 during which advised that he had reviewed USCS files and interviewed USCS Agents and Supervisors concerning the FINDERS investigation. related that the Customs file on the FINDERS case in 1987 consisted of only one report, that of SA indicated that his review of USCS files revealed no evidence of any FINDERS involvement with child abuse, child sexual exploitation, or child pornography. He indicated that he could find no evidence of any Customs violation of any kind located within the file.

related that his review of USCS files located no references to or any other intelligence organization have been involved for making inquiries concerning the FINDERS investigation. He advised that his review of the MPD files on the FINDERS did reveal two references to one in a report written by a Sergeant Stitcher, and the other in a report written by Detective
On 11/19/93, WMFO obtained a copy of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) investigative file concerning FINDERS.
Memorandum

To: ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P)  Date: 12/14/93

From: SA (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo are photocopies of two UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT search warrants and returns made by SA on 12/14/93 at the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

These documents are further described as follows:

Search warrant case number 87-0077M-01, executed on 2/5/87 at 3918-20 W Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Search warrant case number 87-0076M-01, executed on 2/5-2/6/87 at 1307 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C.

[Signature]

[Notes:]

(2) WMFO
MDG: mdc

[Stamp: 31C-WF-189911]
In the Matter of the Search of

1307 4th Street, N.E., described as a warehouse

SEARCH WARRANT
CASE NUMBER: 87-0076M-01

TO: Chief of Police and any Authorized Officer of the United States

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by who has reason to believe that ☐ on the person of or ☐ on the premises known as 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., described as a warehouse.

in the District of Columbia there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property) any and all minor children present who not under direct parental or legal guardianship supervision or who being kept under unsafe circumstances and all documents, papers, tapes, films, photographs, computers, computer data, clothing and any items related to or evidence of kidnapping or any related offenses as described in attached affidavit.

I am satisfied that the affidavit(s) and any recorded testimony establish probable cause to believe that the person or property so described is now concealed on the person or premises above-described and establish grounds for the issuance of this warrant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before 24 Date (not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the person or property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime — 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) (at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established) and if the person or property be found there to seize same, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the person or property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the person or property seized and promptly return this warrant to as required by law.

U.S. Judge or Magistrate

Date and Time Issued at Washington, D.C.

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer
| IBM Compt. Computer (Omni Cron X Turbo ROM) | MONITOR X TRON |
| MACINTOSH + Computer | VAULT |
| COMPAQ Computer 286 |  |
| Assorted Software & manuals | Assorted personal papers |
| Assorted papers & photos | DATA FAX DATA Transfer machine |
| Assorted papers, photos & documents | Kitchen closet |
| throughout the warehouse |  |

**CERTIFICATION**

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of the person or property taken by me on the warrant.

Subscribed, sworn

[Signature]

U.S. Judge or Magistrate

6 FEB 1997 Date
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
Room No. 1476
U.S. District Court Building
Washington, D.C.

Please issue (search)

warrant for 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

Violation: 18 U.S.C.; Title 18
Sections: 1201

Assistant United States Attorney 2/5/87

Bond: ____________________________

DATE
In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)
1307 4th St. N.E.
Washington, D.C.

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT
FOR SEARCH WARRANT
CASE NUMBER: 87-00761-01

I am a(n) Detective, Metropolitan Police Dept., Washington, D.C. and have reason to believe that ☐ on the person of or ☐ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)
1307 4th St. N.E.
Washington, D.C.

in the District of Columbia
there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

SEE ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT & AFFIDAVIT

which is (give alleged grounds for search and seizure under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 1201

The facts to support the issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

FEB 05 1987
JEAN F. DIXON
S. S. MAGISTRATE FOR D.C.

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Date
City and State

Signature of Judicial Officer
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATES SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE
ENTIRE PREMISES (2) KNOWN AS 3918-20 W STREET NORTHWEST WASHINGTON D.C.,
DESCRIBED AS TWO 2 STORY BRICK STRUCTURES WITH AN ENTRANCE BETWEEN THE ADDRESSES
CONNECTING THE TWO STRUCTURES. THESE PREMISES ARE OCCUPIED BY NUMEROUS SUBJECTS
WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE FINDERS. THE SECOND ADDRESS, ENTIRE PREMISES IS KNOWN AS
1307 4TH STREET N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C., DESCRIBED AS A WAREHOUSE UTILIZED BY
MEMBERS OF THE FINDERS.

Prior to February 5th, 1987 your affiant, Detective [Redacted], received information from a confidential source of information. This source [Redacted] and another subject who refused to give his name to the police in Florida. Both subjects were charged with child abuse and according to Tallahassee P.D. Juvenile/Sex Branch, recommendations will be made to the States Attorney to charge the subjects with aggravated child abuse due to the condition of the children. Investigator [Redacted] and [Redacted] were all dirty, unkempt, hungry, disturbed and agitated and had been living in the rear of the van for sometime. Investigator [Redacted] also stated that the children were all examined for sexual abuse at a hospital in Tallahassee, but the results of the examination were not available at this time. When the children were interviewed they were unable to tell investigators who their parents were, where they lived or where they had come from. One of the children stated that they were on their way to Mexico. On February 5, 1987 Investigator [Redacted] interviewed the children who stated that
Lastly, the source in this investigation told your affiant that information concerning this "cult" is kept in computers stored at the addresses listed in this affidavit. The Tallahassee police advised that they recovered a computer in the van that was seized in Florida alone with disk's. The Florida authorities are attempting to obtain a search warrant for the information on the disk's and in the computer. The two defendants are currently being held on $50,000.00 cash bond under the direction of Florida States attorney Fordham.

Based on the information contained in this affidavit your affiant requests the issuance of two search warrants for the entire premises known as 3918-20 W Street N.W. Washington, D.C. and 1307 4th Street N.E. Washington D.C. so that we may go forth and seize all evidence of kidnapping which is a violation of the United States Code Title 18 section 1201, including but not limited to records, files, computer software and hardware and any instrumentalities of a criminal offense.

On December 15, 1986, Detective responded to the area of Glover Park in the rear of the 3900 Block of W Street, N.W. Det. observed a clearing approximately seventy yards behind the house and several stumps surrounding the open area. Several round stones had been gathered near the circle, this practice is sometimes used in Satanic rituals, and evidence that several persons had gathered in the clearing recently. The rear of the residence is covered from the alley by heavy bamboo growth, save a small entrance to the rear yard. In the rear yard was a small very ornate gravestone propped up against the support pillar for the porch.

Sworn before me this 5th day of February 1987

United States Magistrate  

Metropolitan Police Department
United States District Court

In the Matter of the Search of

(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

3918-20 W Street, NW, known as 2 2-story brick structures with an entrance between the addresses connecting the two structures

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 87-0077M-01

TO: Chief of Police and any Authorized Officer of the United States

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by [Signature] who has reason to believe that [ ] on the person of or [ ] on the premises known as [Name, description and/or location] 3918-20 W Street, N.W., known as two two-story brick structures with an entrance between the addresses connecting the two structures.

in the District of Columbia there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely [Describe the person or property]

any and all minor children present who not under direct parental or legal guardianship supervision or who being kept under unsafe circumstances and all documents, papers, tapes, films, photographs, computers, computer data, clothing and any items related to or evidence of kidnapping or any related offenses as described in attached affidavit.

I am satisfied that the affidavit(s) and any recorded testimony establish probable cause to believe that the person or property so described is now concealed on the person or premises above-described and establish grounds for the issuance of this warrant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before [Date]

(not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the person or property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime — 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) (at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established) and if the person or property be found there to seize same, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the person or property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the person or property seized and promptly return this warrant to [U.S. Judge or Magistrate]

FEB 05 1987 4:05 P.M. at Washington, D.C.

Date and Time Issued

JEAN F. DWYER

g. s. MAGISTRATE FOR D. C.

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer
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**CERTIFICATION**

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of the person or property taken by me on the warrant.

Subscribed, sworn.

[Signature]

U.S. Judge or Magistrate: [Signature]  
Date: [Date]
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
Room No. 1476
U.S. District Court Building
Washington, D.C.

Please issue (search)
warrant for 3918-20 W Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Violation: XXXXXX; U.S.C.; Title 18
Sections: 1201

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Bond: ____________________________

DATE 2/5/87
In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

3918-20 W STREET NW
WASHINGTON D.C.

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT
FOR SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 87-00771-01

being duly sworn deposite and say:

I am a(n) DETECTIVE WITH THE METROPOLITAN POLICE WASHINGTON, DC

and have reason to believe

that ☐ on the person of or ☐ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)

3918-20 W ST NW, WASHINGTON DC

in the District of Columbia

there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

(see ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT & AFFIDAVIT)

which is (give alleged grounds for search and seizure under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

in violation of Title 18- United States Code, Section(s) 1201

The facts to support the issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

(see ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT & AFFIDAVIT)

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

FEB 05 1987

City and State

Signature of Judicial Officer
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Attn: SSA
(Name Room Telephone)

From: ADIC, WMFU (Name of Office)

Subject: "FINDEES" GROUP

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ATTACHED ARE THE INFAMOUS RESULTS OF THE FINDERS
SEARCH WARRANTS

(202) 252-7792
Telephone:

(202) 463-1786

Originator's Facsimile Number:

Approved:

FBI/DOJ
CIA tied to cult accused of abuse

Justice probes links to Finders

By Paul M. Rodriguez

The Washington Times

A Justice Department special task force is investigating whether the CIA used a cult called the Finders as a front organization to provide computer training to intelligence agents in the 1980s.

The task force is also trying to determine whether the CIA — in an effort to hide any links with the Finders — impeded local law enforcement probes of the Washington-area communal group for child abuse in 1987.

"The central question being asked is: Did the CIA have an association with this group and did it try to shut down their [state and local officials'] investigations of child abuse for purposes of protecting one or more of its operations?" said a senior federal law enforcement official familiar with the case.

A senior CIA official yesterday denied that the agency was involved with the Finders or tried to impede police probes of the cult.

"Most days we expect our share of unusual questions, but this one is clear off the wall," a CIA spokesman told The Washington Times.

"Any claim that we obstructed justice in this case is nuts," the spokesman said.

"In fact," he said, reading from a prepared statement, "we cooperated with law enforcement authorities when questions arose in 1987."

A Washington computer-training company that employed Finders members said it trained CIA personnel, but the firm's president denied it was owned by the Finders. He said he was unaware of any use of the training for covert activities.
CIA

From page A1

news in February 1987 when two of its members were arrested in Tallahassee, Fla., on charges of child abuse.

The case received close media scrutiny partly because of accusations that the group was involved in satanic rituals, but the charges were dismissed by a Florida judge.

The Justice Department formed the task force in mid-November after several members of Congress received copies of previously confidential U.S. Customs Service records suggesting a cover-up in the Finders case to protect the CIA.

The Times has obtained these customs records and documents from both federal and local law enforcement agencies and the intelligence community that chronicle the investigation of the Finders.

One of the key documents that have prompted the Justice Department and members of Congress to question what happened six years ago is a report dated April 13, 1987, that was written by a junior Customs Service agent who was on the original team that raided Finders property in Washington and Virginia.

“The investigation into the activities of the Finders had become a CIA internal matter. … [The Metropolitan Police Department’s] report has been classified Secret and not available for review,” the agent wrote in his memo to superiors.

“I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired,” the memo says.

“No further information will be available. No further action will be taken.”

Other Customs Service documents and records from the FBI and Metropolitan Police provide indications that the CIA had links to the Finders or at least to some of the group’s members

A Metropolitan Police document dated Feb. 19, 1987, quotes a CIA agent as confirming that his agency was sending its personnel to “a Finders Corp., Future Enterprises, for training in computer operations.”

And a later Customs Service report says that the CIA “admitted to owning the Finders organization as a front for a domestic computer training operation but that it had ‘gone bad.’”

A senior Customs Service official confirmed the content of the memos and said the agency “only had a small role in the case.”

A CIA official who asked not to be named confirmed that the agency had sent personnel for computer training to a company called Future Enterprises Inc.

But he cautioned, “I’m not sure if that was a Finders organization” as suggested by the Metropolitan Police and Customs Service reports.

Joseph Marinich, the president of Future Enterprises Inc., said he once had a contract to train CIA employees in computers.

But he denied that he or his firm had any involvement with the Finders or acted as a front company for the cult on behalf of the CIA. “I’m shocked and appalled that our company’s name exists in any law enforcement files.”

Mr. Marinich said that when the news reports on the Finders broke in February 1987, he discovered that his tax accountant, R. Gardner Terrell, was a member of the group.

“It was a total surprise to us,” and Mr. Terrell’s employment was ended, Mr. Marinich said.

Mr. Terrell, who left the Finders a few years ago and no longer lives in the Washington area, could not be reached. But a friend confirmed that he worked for Future Enterprises while a member of the Finders.

Current and former members of the group said Mr. Terrell’s work for Future Enterprises was separate from the group’s other activities.

Current members of the Finders said they did not have any interest in Future Enterprises and denied working for the CIA or any other intelligence organization.

“I guess you could say we’re odd,” said Steve Uslin, a free-lance writer associated with the Finders. “But we’re not criminal.”
Memorandum

To: ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P)   Date: 12/20/93

From: SA ______________________ (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

On 12/14/93, writer was advised by Senior Special Agent
of the U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE Headquarters that on
that date a meeting had transpired between ________ and the Public
Affairs office at Customs Headquarters.

______ advised that ________ was inquiring into captioned
matter, and stated that he knew the FBI was conducting an
investigation into the "FINDERS" Group. ________ stated that he
provided writer’s name to ________ as the FBI point of contact for
this investigation.

Writer briefed SA ________ WMFO media representative,
SSA ________ WMFO C-4, and SSA ________ FBIHQ, CID, VCU concerning
this.

On 12/15/93, writer was telephonically contacted by
______ who inquired as to the status of captioned investigation.
Writer referred ________ to the WMFO media representative, and
provided him with no information.

On 12/15/93, writer briefed SA ________ and SSA ________
concerning this media inquiry.
Through a glass, very darkly

Cops, spies and a very odd investigation

The case is almost seven years old now, but matters surrounding a mysterious group known as the Finders keep growing curiouser and curiouser.

In early February 1987, an anonymous tipster in Tallahassee, Fla., made a phone call to police. Two "well-dressed men" seemed to be "supervising" six disheveled and hungry children in a local park, the caller said. The cops went after the case like bloodhounds — at least at first. Two men were identified as members of the Finders. They were charged with child abuse in Florida. In Washington, D.C., police and U.S. Customs Service agents raided a duplex apartment building and a warehouse connected to the group. Among the evidence seized: detailed instructions on obtaining children for unknown purposes and several photographs of nude children. According to a Customs Service memorandum obtained by U.S. News, one photo appeared "to accent the child's genitals."

The more the police learned about the Finders, the more bizarre they seemed: There were suggestions of child abuse, Satanism, dealing in pornography and ritualistic animal slaughter.

None of the allegations was ever proved, however. The child abuse charges against the two men in Tallahassee were dropped; all six of the children were eventually returned to their mothers, though in the case of two, conditions were attached by a court. In Washington, D.C., police began backing away from the Finders investigation. The group's practices, the police said, were eccentric—not illegal.

Questions. Today, things appear to have changed yet again. The Justice Department has begun a new investigation into the Finders and into the group's activities. It is also reviewing the 1987 investigation into the group to determine whether that probe was closed improperly. Justice officials will not elaborate, except to say the investigation is "ongoing" and that it involves "unresolved matters" in relation to the Finders.

One of the unresolved questions involves allegations that the Finders are somehow linked to the Central Intelligence Agency. Customs Service documents reveal that in 1987, when Customs agents sought to examine the evidence gathered by Washington, D.C., police, they were told that the Finders investigation "had become a CIA internal matter." The police report on the case had been classified secret. Even now, Tallahassee police complain about the handling of the Finders investigation by D.C. police. "They dropped this case," one Tallahassee investigator says, "like a hot rock." D.C. police will not comment on the matter. As for the CIA, ranking officials describe allegations about links between the intelligence agency and the Finders as "hoo-hah"—perhaps the result of a simple mix-up with D.C. police. The only connection, according to the CIA: A firm that provided computer training to CIA officers also employed several members of the Finders.

The many unanswered questions about the Finders case now have Democratic Rep. Charlie Rose of North Carolina, chairman of the House Administration Committee, and Florida's Rep. Tom Lewis, a Republican, more than a little exercised. "Could our own government have something to do with this Finders organization and turned their backs on these children? That's what all the evidence points to," says Lewis. "And there's a lot of evidence. I can tell you this: We've got a lot of people scrambling, and that wouldn't be happening if there was nothing here."

Perhaps. But the Finders say there is nothing there — at least nothing illegal. The Finders have never been involved in child abuse, pornography, Satanism, animal slaughter or anything of the kind, says the group's leader, Marion David Pettie. Pettie, too, says the group has never been connected to the CIA. In an interview with U.S. News, Pettie described the Finders as a communal, holistic-living and learning arrangement. The group numbers some 20 members; Pettie says they do "freelance journalism, research and "competitor intelligence" for a variety of mostly foreign clients.

The Finders work for no foreign governments, Pettie says. Their duplex, in a residential Northwest Washington neighborhood, is decorated with global maps and bulletin boards. Residents of Culpeper, Va., 90 minutes from Washington, say the Finders have operated an office there, too, from time to time. That office contained computer terminals and clocks reflecting different time zones around the world.

CIA officials say they referred all matters concerning the Finders and the police investigation to the FBI's Foreign Counterintelligence Division. FBI officials will not comment. Law enforcement sources say some of the Finders are listed in the FBI's classified counterintelligence files.

None of this fazes Pettie. He says the CIA's interest in the Finders may stem from the fact that his late wife once worked for the agency and that his son worked for a CIA proprietary firm, Air America. Overall, says Pettie, "we've never done anything. When you don't do much of anything, and you don't explain, people start rumors about you." To judge from the latest case, some of the rumors can last an awfully long time.

By Gordon Witten and Peter Cary
With Angel Martinez
FM FBI WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) (C-4)
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PASS: VCU-CID FOR SSA

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY; O0:WMFO.

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WAS INTERVIEWED BY WMFO ON 12/20/93 AT USCS HEADQUARTERS.
ADvised that at the time he was assisting MPD on the "Finders" investigation he was assigned to the USCS Office of Enforcement in Reston, Virginia. He indicated that USCS never opened a case on "Finders" and that his investigative efforts were contained in an administrative file.

Forwarded to customs headquarters, with no response received.

Lead:

Legat Brussels at the American Embassy,

Contact American Embassy,
SUTEL RESULTS TO FBIHQ, CID, VCU, ATTN: SSA _______ AND WMFO. FORWARD FD-302'S TO WMFO VIA FACSIMILE AT (202) 863-1786.

BT
TRANSMIT VIA: □ Teletype
✓ Facsimile
□ AirTel

PRECEDENCE: □ Immediate
□ Priority
✓ Routine

CLASSIFICATION: □ TOP SECRET
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Date 12/25/93

FM FBI WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) (C-4)
TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/
FBI MIAMI/PRIORITY/
FBI SAN DIEGO/PRIORITY/
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CITE: //3920//
PASS: VCU-CID FOR SSA

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL
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Approved: [Signature]
Time Received: [Signature]
MRE/JULIAN DATE: 3/4/92 241100Z
ISN: 001,002
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\[\text{Signature}\]
AGENT WAS PRESENT AT ONE OF THE SEARCH LOCATIONS, AND COULD POSSIBLY CORROBORATE THE EXISTENCE OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTIONS.

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USCS FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA OFFICE

LEADS:

AT: MIAMI DIVISION, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

CONTACT __________ RAC USCS WEST PALM BEACH, 100 S. DIXIE HWY, RM 300, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER __________ REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FINDERS, SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS ANY ROLE __________ MIGHT HAVE HAD (IF ANY) IN THE USCS INVESTIGATION OF FINDERS, HIS CONTACTS WITH __________
CONTACT SUTEL RESULTS TO FBIHQ, CID, VCU ATTN: SSA AND WMFO. FORWARD FD-302S TO WMFO VIA FACSIMILE AT (202) 863-1786.

AT: SAN DIEGO DIVISION, EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

CONTACT USCS AGENT

USCS HEADQUARTERS COULD PROVIDE ONLY THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT ADVISED THE USCS INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE LOCATED AT 1681 W. MAIN ST., EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER COULD LOCATE SPECIFICALLY ASCERTAIN ROLE IN THE 1987 FINDERS INVESTIGATION, THE CONDUCT OF THE TWO MPD SEARCHES, WHAT SPECIFICALLY WAS SEEN BY AT THE SITES, WHAT EFFORTS MADE TO OPEN A USCS CASE ON FINDERS, AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FORWARD RESULTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

BT
TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL
CLASSIFICATION: ____________________________ DATE: 12/27/93

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: AD, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (C-4)

"FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

00:WMFO

Re WMFO teletype to Bureau dated 11/8/93.

Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) __________ has been assigned to the Behavioral Science Services Unit (BSSU), FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, __________ and specializes in training, research and case consultation in the area of sexual victimization of children.

The following are the best recollections of SSA __________ concerning his involvement in captioned matter:

From 2/9-13/87, the BSSU sponsored an Advanced Sexual Exploitation of Children Seminar held at the Xerox Training Center in Leesburg, Virginia, for approximately 50 state and federal investigators. SSA __________ U.S. Customs, Reston, Virginia, was one of several U.S. Customs Agents who attended.

SA __________ discussing the role of U.S. Customs in the investigation of sexual exploitation of children. Because one of the topics discussed during the seminar was allegations of ritual child abuse, SA __________ and other law enforcement attendees, his recent involvement with the execution of a search warrant on property in Washington, D.C., occupied by a group called the Finders. SA __________
Airtel to AD, WMFO
Re: "Finders" Group, White Slave Traffic Act - Sexual Exploitation of Children; Obstruction of Justice Preliminary Inquiry 00:WMFO

Shortly thereafter, SSA[ ] was telephonically contacted on several occasions by FBI agents and supervisors from FBIHQ, WMFO and the Tallahassee Resident Agency seeking advice and guidance concerning the FBI's involvement in the investigation of the Finders. The primary guidance sought concerned the interview of the children identified in Tallahassee, Florida, as potential victims of members of the Finders. Eventually it was decided that because the children in question did not appear to have been kidnapped in violation of federal statutes, the interviews of the children would be conducted by local police from Washington, D.C. and Florida.

Sometime in the months after the investigation began in February 1987, during an unrelated conversation, SA[ ] mentioned to SSA[ ] that the investigative reports on the Finders case[ ]

On another occasion in the same general time frame SA[ ] WMFO, briefed SSA[ ] at Quantico, Virginia, concerning the FBI investigation of the Finders. At no time during this discussion did SA[ ] indicate that her investigation was hindered or disrupted in anyway by any alleged connection between the Finders[ ] briefly discussed the fact that SA[ ] seemed to be the only investigator who observed certain items of alleged evidence discussed in his memo.

During the years following the to time February 1987, investigation, SSA[ ] has from time heard rumors from the media and others that there was some connection between the Finders and SSA[ ]. SSA[ ] has no first hand knowledge of such a connection. More importantly, SSA[ ] is aware of no evidence to indicate that allegations of sexual exploitation of children in the Finders case were not thoroughly and properly investigated in spite of alleged connections to[ ]

In summary because of his expertise concerning sexual victimization of children, SSA[ ] briefly consulted with investigators involved in the Finders case back in 1987. He himself, however, conducted no investigation in captioned case.
SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY; OO: WMFO,

RE WMFO TELETYPE 12/22/93,

IN CONTACT WITH U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ATTACHE, U.S. EMBASSY, THE HAGUE, 12/28 AND 12/30, IT WAS
DETERMINED THAT HE VAGUALLY REMEMBERED THE CASE INVOLVING
CAPTIONED GROUP BUT, GIVEN THE TIME LAPSE, WAS UNCLEAR ON ANY
SPECIFIC DETAILS:

□ ADVISED HOWEVER THAT HE DID NOT RECALL ANY
ALLEGATIONS OF □ OR FBI INVOLVEMENT IN ANY COVER UP OF THE
INVESTIGATION.

□ A MORE DETAILED INTERVIEW OF □ WILL OCCUR ON HIS
RETURN FROM LEAVE IN MID-JANUARY, 1994.

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FBI FACSIMILE COVERSHEET

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN FIELD OFFICE
SQUAD C-4 (202) 252-7844

To: FBI HQ - VCU
(Name of Office)

Facsimile Number: 324-3085

Attn: SSA
(Name Room Telephone)

From: FBI, WINFO
(Name of Office)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP

Special Handling Instructions: PLS HAND DELIVER TO SSA
ATTACHED IS SAN DIEGO DIVISION FD 302 REFLECTING INTERVIEW OF RETIRED U.S. CS AGENT

Originator's Name: SA
Telephone: X 7844

Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 863-1784

Approved: AED/1KD
To: ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911)
From: SSA (C-4)
Subject: FINDERS GROUP;
       WSTA-SEOC;
       00J-PI;
       00:WMFO

On 1/7/94, Deputy Chief Property Division, MPD-DC telephone was advised of the ongoing effort by WMFO to ascertain the disposition of evidence seized by MPD in February, 1987. Advised he would attempt to determine from a review of all property receipts for 1987 whether any information remains within MPD records. He expected this effort to take one week.
TO: SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911)

WE/PROC: SAC, SAN DIEGO (31C-WF-189911) (P)

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT;
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY;
OO: WMFO

Reference the January 3, 1994 teletype from WMFO to the Director, Miami, and San Diego; and the January 5, 1994 teletype from San Diego to the Director and WMFO.

Enclosed for WMFO are the original and one copy of one FD-302 detailing the results of the interview of and one 1A envelope containing the original interview notes.

As requested in the January 3, 1994 teletype from WMFO, United States Customs Service (USCS) Agent was interviewed on January 3, 1994. The results of the interview were provided to WMFO via teletype on January 5, 1994. The FD-302 recording the interview of was telefaxed to WMFO, as requested, on January 6, 1994. The original and one copy of the FD-302 recording the interview of and the original interview notes are enclosed.

San Diego will recontact on January 28, 1994 to determine if he has located any personal notes concerning captioned matter.

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2-WMFO (Enc.3)
2-San Diego
(1-31C-WF-189911)
(1-Agent’s Copy)

RMS/jmn
(4)
Memorandum

To: ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (F) Date 1/13/94

From: SA (C-4) 

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

On 1/13/94, writer met with SSA VCU, CID, FBIHQ, concerning the status of captioned investigation.

Attached to this memo are the following items provided to writer by SSA:

1. SSA memo dated 12/21/93 detailing the results of FBIHQ indices checks.

2. AD POTT'S 12/22/93 request and USDS to query their records for references to captioned matter.

3. SSA memo dated 1/7/94 detailing the results of the Division 5 (FCI) indices checks.

4. FBIHQ routing slip dated 1/13/94 detailing the results of FBIHQ informant file searches.

Writer briefed SSA concerning the status of WMFO’S investigation. SSA and writer concurred that the following represented the balance of outstanding leads concerning captioned matter:

1. Interview of lead sent to Legat Brussells.
2. Interview of - lead sent to Miami Division.
3. Interview of WMFO.
4. Interviews with MPD concerning evidence disposition.
5. Review of USDS files. - FBIHQ request made.

2-WMFO
MDC: mdc
A search of FBIHQ indices was conducted for

File reviews were conducted on indices references identified by the indices search as follows:

1. 7-20191—this is a main file concerning the investigation in 1987 wherein were arrested by the Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee, Florida and charged with misdemeanor child abuse. A review of this file is as follows:

On 2/4/87, were arrested by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D. C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D. C. in an effort to further identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnapped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was registered to a

A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type lifestyle made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosecution in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.
Subjects were released from the custody of the TPD on 3/17/87, and all charges against them were dropped.

References of FBIHQ File 7-20191:

Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children

#9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re results of search warrants of property owned by in Washington, D. C. Also, #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.

#16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by Virginia by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.

Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.

#24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of provides info pertaining to "finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

#26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising that AUSA declined prosecution in this matter stating that there is no evidence of a Federal violation. No additional investigation in this case.

2. 190-HQ-60055-serial # 3 is an airtel dated 2/20/92 from Director, FBI to SAC, Jacksonville. This airtel enclosed original Jacksonville files sent to FBIHQ for duplication and FOIPA processing. The subject was "The Finders" and the requestor was there is no other information concerning

3. 190-2-122278 (section 1253)-serial 122278 is an FBIHQ Records Management Division response dated 5/19/87 to in response to an FOIPA request from This response "revealed no information in addition to that furnished to you by letters dated September 11, 1985, and November 6, 1985."
4. **190-HQ-6932**

   This file deals with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Serial #1 is a letter from Isabelle M. Pettie to the Records Management Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation. This letter notes that Isabelle Pettie The letter notes that her request to for any information concerning him in their files.

   - Serial #2 is a letter from ________ to Mr. Clarence Kelly, Director, FBI concerning his FOIA request. This letter noted that ________

   - Serial #4x2 is an undated letter from ________. This letter notes that he was born Virginia, and that he was retired from the Washington, D.C. This document is undated, however, it is block stamped 2/15/85.

   - Serial #11 is a letter dated 9/19/85 from the USAF concerning an attached record concerning ________. This serial had attached a copy of an airtel dated 7/8/83, and marked SECRET, from SAC, Alexandria (file #9B-665) to Director, FBI. This airtel noted that subject ________ is a white male. ________. This location initially drew the interest of local police authorities and military intelligence agencies due to the subject's alleged narcotic activities and his self-proclaimed connection with ________. A number of surveillances were conducted jointly by Virginia State Police and the military intelligence agencies, however, no arrests were made.

   - Serial #16 is a communication dated 8/26/87 to ________ thru ________. The communication is five pages in length and contains various data on personal, political and economic information on individuals and organizations as described by ________. The letter opens with the remark ________. A copy of this communication is attached.

5. **9-HQ-67521**

   This file contains two serials and the subject of the file is ________ Finders; Finders Transnational; Ragged Mountain Research Center; ________ - Victim; Extortion;
00: Alexandria." and concerns a complaint by [redacted] that an airtel dated 5/12/83 from SAC, Alexandria to Director, FBI enclosed an LHM which provided information received from an attorney in Culper, Virginia that "a cultist group, known as the Finders and [redacted] is presently headquartered at 3918 W. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The group maintains a warehouse at 1307-4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. and a 600-acre farm near Nethers, Virginia..."

An airtel dated 7/8/83 from SAC, Alexandria to Director, FBI noted that the AUSA, Alexandria, Virginia would not consider prosecution and no further investigation was conducted.

6. 100-HQ-458429-serial # 17 is a memorandum dated 10/29/71 from SAC, Richmond to Director, FBI. The subject of this file was [redacted] Security Matter-Anarchist: 00: Baltimore." This communication reported that [redacted] which may in be part both in Madison County and Rappahannock County, Virginia, in that [redacted] VA..." There is no other reference to [redacted].

7. 62-0-83025 (section 372)-

8. 62-HQ-115530-serial 31X is a memorandum dated 3/31/75 from Director, FBI to the "Director of Special Operations, Headquarters Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C." concerning a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from the U.S. Air Force who were attempting to respond to a FOIA that they had received from [redacted].
Date: December 22, 1993

To: Secretary of State
   Attention: Office of the Legal Advisor

From: Larry A. Potts, Assistant Director
      Criminal Investigative Division
      FBI Headquarters

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP

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3. Finders Transnational Ragged Mountain Ranch Research Center
4. General Scientific Corporation, Rockville, Maryland
5. The Information Bank, 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.
6. Future Enterprises
7. Women's Networking Service
8. [Blank]
Secretary of State
Attention: Office of the Legal Advisor

9. **Isabelle Pettie, aka. Isabelle M. Pettie**
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16. Diane Sherwood
17. Barbara Sylvester

Should you identify records or files containing information, please notify the FBI and arrangements will be made to review this information. In the event that there is no record of the "Finders," please advise as soon as possible.

Your point of contact is Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) FBI Headquarters, telephone: (202) 324-4634.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Enclosures (2)
BY LIAISON

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(See Note on Pages 2-3)
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THE FINDERS

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On February 4, 1987, the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD), Tallahassee, Florida, responded to a complaint that a well-dressed white male was seen in a park with several unkempt children. The TPD spoke with the adult male who told them that he was a Washington, D.C., school teacher who together with another adult male was in the process of taking the children to Mexico. The purpose of the trip was to set up a school for brilliant children in Mexico. The male refused to provide additional information about the children, and the second male refused to provide any information about himself. The Police arrested the two men after they determined that the children seemed neglected and the two men could not provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children. The two men were subsequently identified as

The TPD contacted U.S. Customs (USC) and continued their investigation by attempting to ascertain whether a van in which the two men and children were travelling could provide any additional leads as to the identities of the men or children. On February 5, 1987, a U.S Customs Special Agent (USCSA) in Tallahassee, Florida, called USC Headquarters (USCHQ) asking if they could assist in contacting an appropriate local police agency to coordinate a child abuse investigation with the TPD. Additionally, several names, addresses, and a vehicle identification number were checked through the USC child pornography database, as there was some suspicion of the two males being involved in supplying children for the production of child pornography. The computer checks by USC were negative.
Subsequently, USCHQ, Washington, D.C., contacted Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and determined that they were interested in the information, and that search warrants were being considered for two addresses in the District of Columbia. MPD invited the USC to observe the execution of the search warrants in the event that evidence of USC violations was recovered.

Search warrants were prepared by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, for both the warehouse and residence. A USCSA participated in the execution of the search warrant at the 3918/3920 W Street address, where he claims to have seen the following:
On February 6, 1987, the USCSA met with representatives of the MPD at the 4th Street address and examined the warehouse. During

On March 31, 1987, the USCSA contacted representatives of the MPD to review the evidence seized during the February search warrants. A meeting was scheduled for the second or third of April. On April 2, 1987, when the USCSA arrived to meet with MPD, the MPD Detective was not available. A "third party" MPD Officer advised the USCSA that he was willing to talk to him "off the record." The USCSA claims that the MPD officer told him that all

During a USC review of the "Finders" investigation, USC representatives noted that an MPD report, dated February 19, 1987,
Future Enterprises operates out of the warehouse at 1307 4th Street N.E."

MPD investigation revealed that the "Finders" had at one time attempted to infiltrate General Scientific Corporation, Rockville, Maryland, the "Finders." During an interview,

Investigation determined that the "Finders" has, at one time been known as the "Women's Networking Service," "the Information Bank (located at 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.); "Finders Transnational; and Finders Transnational Ragged Mountain Research Center. Investigation also indicated that Diane Sherwood, and Barbara Sylvester had been the original founders of the "Finders;" and that
Memorandum

To: ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P)  Date 1/13/94

From: SA (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

On 1/13/94, writer met with SSA VCU, CID, FBIHQ, concerning the status of captioned investigation.

Attached to this memo are the following items provided to writer by SSA:

1. SSA memo dated 12/21/93 detailing the results of FBIHQ indices checks.

2. AD POTTS' 12/22/93 request USDS to query their records for references to captioned matter.

3. SSA memo dated 1/7/94 detailing the results of the Division 5 (FCI) indices checks.

4. FBIHQ routing slip dated 1/13/94 detailing the results of FBIHQ informant file searches.

Writer briefed SSA concerning the status of WMFO'S investigation. SSA and writer concurred that the following represented the balance of outstanding leads concerning captioned matter:

1. Interview of - lead sent to Legat Brussels.
2. Interview of - lead sent to Miami Division.
3. Interview of WMFO.

4. Interviews with MPD concerning evidence disposition.
5. Review USDS files. - FBIHQ request made.

2-WMFO
MDC: mdc
F1 - NAME SEARCH

* Summary Exact - This will perform an exact name search on the name the user enters. Will output the name, per-no, nam-no and the oo file number.
* Summary Phonetic - Performs a phonetic search on the name entered. Will output the name, per-no, nam-no and the oo file number.

F2 - DATE OF BIRTH SEARCH

Input a date in MM-DD-YYY order (i.e. 07-29-1966) Will output everyone in IIIA with that date of birth. Outputs the name, dob, nam-no, per-no..

F3 - PHONE NUMBER SEARCH

Input a domestic or a foreign phone number

area-code  phone-number  foreign-number

Will output all the names and phone numbers that match.
To: Unit Chief
From: SSA

Subject: Finders

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1. 
2. Diane Sherwood
3. Barbara Sylvester
4. 
5. The Information Bank, 1307 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C.
6. Sergeant John H. Stitcher, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Police Department
7. 
8. Future Enterprises, Inc.

File reviews were conducted on indices references identified by the indices search as follows:
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2. Diane Sherwood

190-HQ-60055-serial # 3 is an airtel dated 2/20/92 from Director, FBI to SAC, Jacksonville. This airtel enclosed original Jacksonville files sent to FBIHQ for duplication and FOIIPA processing. The subject was "The Finders" and the requestor was There is no other information concerning Diane Sherwood.

Diane Sherwood; Information Concerning."

190-39048- Serial #1 is a FOIA request form dated 12/21/82 from Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, DOB 12/2/36 at Chicago, Illinois. Sherwood listed a passport number of 23458000.

-Serial #3 is a form 4-824 dated 2/2/83 from FBIHQ Records Management Division to Ms. Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, 3918 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

190-2-87621 (section 905)—this serial is a letter dated 2/24/83 from FBIHQ Records Management Division to Ms. Diane Elizabeth
Sherwood, 3918 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 and is a response to Ms. Sherwood's FOIA request concerning Barbara F. Sylvester.

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- not identifiable as Barbara Sylvester DOB 12/9/36. This serial is a memo dated 3/8/60 to Director, FBI from SAC, New York and is captioned Security Matter; IS-PO; Miscellaneous Information Concerning."

4. 7-20191-
serial #29—this is a teletype dated 2/7/87 from FBI, Jacksonville to Director, FBI and summarizes investigation to date. The information concerning_________ is the same as information contained in serials #11 and #15.

serial #24—Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of_________. This communication provides information pertaining to "Finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

serial #15—Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date. This teletype repeats information concerning_________ as found in serial #11.

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serial #9—this is a teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re [_________________________ reported results of search warrants of property owned by in Washington, D.C. ________ was identified as having been __________________________.]

serial #1—this is an airtel dated 2/13/87 from SAC, Jacksonville to Director, FBI which enclosed a list of names which had been recovered from subjects [_________________________ when arrested in Tallahassee, Florida by the Tallahassee Police Department. [_________________________ name was listed along with the remarks "Redirect phone line Hold on for 5 seconds till you hear the message __________________________.

5. The Information Bank, 1307 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C. — there was no record in indices.
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1-HQ-30106—This file is captioned "John Henry Stitcher, Jr., Sergeant, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.; Applicant 51st Session, FBI National Academy" and concerns his nomination to attend the FBI National Academy.

7. ____________—there were no indices references to ____________

8. Future Enterprises, Inc.—there were two indices references.

7-HQ-20191—serial #1, page 3—this is an airtel dated 2/13/87 to Director, FBI from SAC Jacksonville, which enclosed a two page list of names and addresses which had been recovered from subjects time they were arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail, Tallahassee, Florida by the Tallahassee Police Department. The listing contained the notation "Future Enterprises, Inc. 662-7676 662-7616 night." There was no further description or information concerning Future Enterprises, Inc. in this serial.

63-0-81116—this is a memorandum dated 2/27/87 from _______ to the Director, FBI.
Date: December 22, 1993

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From: Larry A. Potts, Assistant Director
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Attention: Office of the General Counsel

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FBI COMPUTER ID: 52552

ORG-NAME

FUTURE ENTERPRISES AT WASHINGTON DC

THE DATES OF OPERATION ARE UNKNOWN FOR THIS ORG
OPERATING STATUS OF THIS ORG IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE

CASES LINKED TO ORG

SUBJ/REF  FILE NUMBER

CASE-NR

R  77913

PLACES LINKED TO ORG

ADDRESS

RGLE  FLA-NR

B17E  207751

PHONES LINKED TO ORG

PHONE

RGLE  FLA-NR

USER  937013

PEOPLE LINKED TO ORG

ACTIVE/HISTORY: A

SECURITY INFO

ORG CLASSIFICATION

C32 REVIEW DA: 23-32309

SECRET
ROUTE HAPTA/C
STAMP= 23698.000 DATE=12/21/93 TIME=14:55 USER= DB=POGCURV
ROUTE LIST: ESTABLISHED.

COMPLETED 23698.000 CTIME=14:55

ROUTE HAPTA/C
STAMP= 23708.000 DATE=12/21/93 TIME=14:55 USER= DB=POGCURV
ROUTE LIST: ESTABLISHED.

COMPLETED 23708.000 CTIME=14:55

STAMP= 23712.000 DATE=12/21/93 TIME=14:55 USER= DB=POGCURV

SELECT ECPYLEM14A@REY9726743001
UPDATE-DATE: 00099999
STATUS: ACTIVE
USC-LAST:
USC-FIRST:
USC-STREET: 1007 POSTAL: 8
USC-CITY: WASHINGTON
USC-ZIP: 20562
USC-AREA=RC13, SUB=1020 SERVICE
RECORD-DATE: 817178
USC-PO-BOX: 123456789
USC-CABLE-BASE: 123456789
USC-CABLE-POST: 123456789

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STAMP= 23707.000 DATE=12/21/93 TIME=14:55 USER= DB=POGCURV
123
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SECRET
DIS-NO: 13587

FACILITY: GENERAL SCIENTIFIC CORP
DIVISION:
COMPANY TYPE: UNK

STREET ADDRESS: 1684 EAST GUDE DRIVE
CITY: ROCKVILLE
STATE: MD
ZIP: 20850

PHONE NUMBER: 301 340-2773
ZIP EXT: COUNTRY: US

DCASR CODE: 9999
STATUS CODE: 1
CLEARANCE: 1

ESTABLISH DATE: 07/27/83
LAST ACTION DATE: 09/01/87
CLEARANCE DATE: 07/26/83
REINSTATE DATE:
TERMINATION DATE:
VALIDATION DATE: 09/01/87
CREATION DATE: 11/18/92
DELETION DATE: 03/22/93
ACT/HIST FLAG: H

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
CITY: 
ZIP: 
ZIP EXT: 

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NUM ↑

#06
CONTACT INFORMATION 3

DATE: 01/12/87    TYPE: INITIAL    NO BRIEFED: 1

NAME:

POSITION: SECURITY

AGENT NAME:

AGENT FO: BA

AGENT SQUAD: 13

CLASS:    CASE:

SERIAL NO:

SECRET

NEXT HELP BACK PRINT SUMMARY RERUN SERCH OPTNS RETRV CEASE

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#06.
GENERAL SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION, ROCKVILLE, MD—of the Finders, who described the firm as a
"computer security firm." According to the MPD investigation, "the
Finders had at one time attempted to infiltrate General
Scientific Corporation..." stated that on several instances,
members of the Finders
(#3)

190-HQ-61577-1p1: On 10/4/88, attorney requested
information contained in Bureau files on Advanced Cybernetic
Technology, Inc., and General Scientific Corporation. indicated that he was representing three people involved in a
civil proceeding who were investigated by the Silver Spring RA in
1987-88. He requested copies of statements made by the
following:

On 1/24/91, telephonically withdrew the request.

of the Finders. (#1, etc.)

Identical. contacted
WFO to advise that
"peculiar activity." At the time,
Upon receipt of WFO's airtel, FBIHO contacted ACSI and determined that

There is also a hand-written note on the incoming "Not employed at CIA." Copies of the LHM were disseminated to CIA and OSI on 6/3/59. There was no previous record of in Bureau files, and it does not appear that any further action was taken on allegations.

62-1155310-1378X32: Identical. In March 1975, requested permission to review FBI files on him. He was provided copies of Bureau files 173-239 and 173-2169. One was a civil rights investigation dating from 1964, in which

The FOIA response also noted that information from file # 100-458429 could not be released to him.

According to the USCS, a CIA Special Agent with whom the USCS consulted during its initial 1987 investigation, and who had confirmed that Isabelle Pettie had been a CIA employee between 1950 and 1971. (#3)

67-HQ-1031630: Not identical.

Not enough info to identify/not pertinent.

260-HQ-1-702-361: Not enough info to identify/not pertinent.

161-HQ-20330: Not identical.

Probably not identical.

Not identical.

Probably not identical.

--Per the MPD investigation, General Scientific Corporation and a former Finders member who claimed that other Finders members
Possibly identical. On 9/19/90, FBIHQ forwarded to Charlotte a request from U.S. Navy Intelligence (classified Secret/Secret/Secret/Secret) for controlled contact coordination for date and place of birth unknown. At the time (The incoming teletype from Navy was also addressed to CIA and DIA.)

Possibly identical /not pertinent.

Not identical .

Not enough info to identify/not pertinent.

Not identical .

Not enough info to identify.

100-769-35802. Not identical.

62-33413-6404X1: Same as

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Per 62-119517, in 1981, was the President of Investors Fiduciary Service Corp, Panama City, Panama. He contacted Legat, Panama to report what he considered a suspicious approach by Diane Sherwood, and who were interested in producing a newsletter about financial matters in Panama.

On 10/6/80, Miami asked Legat, Panama to determine the citizenship of and interview .

On 10/10/80, Legat, Panama, advised that

advised (confidentially) that renounced his U.S. citizenship and took up Panamanian citizenship. He owned the and was well connected with the Panamanian National Guard.

According to in late 1979, was involved in the purchase of Legat,
Panama subsequently determined that [redacted] had renounced his U.S. citizenship on 7/19/78 at the U.S. Consulate in Panama. Furthermore, he was the manager of Investors Fiduciary Service Corporation, a management company of the World Investment Corporation ("registered under Rollo 3388, Imagen 0230 and Ficha 50762"), whose secretary was Argelis Migdalia Ortega.

On 12/19/80, Miami produced a summary report of its efforts to find [redacted].

On 6/9/81, CIA requested a name check on [redacted] and furnished the portion of the report that discussed him personally. (Apparently, the entire report had previously been furnished to CIA at an unknown date.)

On 7/20/84, CIA requested permission to approach [redacted] to discuss his activities in circumventing the U.S. trade embargo.
Identical. On 10/22/84, Miami advised that in response to a request from the
Panama International Trust Corporation,
Panama.

Probably not identical.

--Per 62-119517, circa 1982, was listed to and Women's Traveler's
Court, (202) 333-9696.

Probably not identical.
Not identical. is identified as a Lebanese terrorist group, 1986.)

Not identical.

Per 7-201/1, one of the two men apprehended by police in Tallahassee in February 1987 on possible child abuse charges. At the time, he was using the name was a member of Finders.

Not identical.

Per 7-201/1, Finders members claimed that who resided in Chevy Chase, MD, had agreed to finance their "New Hope" retirement community.

Possibly identical.

Per 7-201/1, a Finders member,

100-456850-5: Probably not identical.

Per 7-201/1, a Finders member who accompanied group on February 1987 trip to Florida.

Probably not identical. (Employed by University of Wisconsin, Department of Geology and Geophysics. Hosted Russian scientific visitors in 1989.)

Probably not identical. (U.S. businessman--mining marble and granite--in Amsterdam, Soviet Union, 1990.)
Probably not identical.

Per 7-2071, Finders member, aka

Possibly identical. (Although WMFO interviewed [name] it did not provide his DOB or other identifying information in its airtel to FBIHQ.)

Per 7-2071, Finders member, helped in "child care" during the Finders members' travel to Florida.

Identical. In 1966, a "concerned citizen" sent Hoover a newspaper clipping that identified the members of the Tuscon Committee of Conscience on Vietnam. Included on the list (and index into Bureau files) were [names] (Hoover sent the citizen a letter of thanks for his support.)

Per 7-2071, Finders member, one of the children taken to Florida.

Probably not identical.

-A Finders member.

190-38953: Identical. [Name] has made numerous FOIA requests on several different names. On one request (dated 1983), he noted that he needed the information for a book he was researching. (Need Sections 1-4.)
Per the Finders' press release in February 1987, a Finders member, 100-351585-6000ep7: Not identical.

--Name listed in computerized address book found on during their detention in Florida in February 1987. Full entry as follows:

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100-426761-903p3: Probably identical. In 1964, was one of several individuals

100-43190-127 p26, 29: Probably identical. The investigation of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, circa 1964; by its own description, the SNCC was "an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements." The FBI was investigating the organization because of numerous (although tenuous) connections to the Communist Party. One of an organization which sponsored such groups as 'Fair Play for Cuba.'" The Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was later described as a pro-Castro organization that had sponsored pro-Castro street rallies and
mass picket lines and run a propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. However, it was only active a short time, because "ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin Lee H. Oswald" led to its demise.

The conference was organized by the Italian Council of Peace, a "crypto-communist organization." One of the primary decisions of the conference was to "condemn the aggression of the United States in North Vietnam."

62-109384-6: Probably identical. Same information as above on (this time, under the caption "Council of Federated Organizations"). Apparently, the group was detained several times during their travel through the south, always for minor traffic violations. In one report (Serial 5), it was noted that was in the United States on a three-month visa.
To: Unit Chief
From: SSA
Subject: Finders

The attached items were received from Special Staff, Division #5 on 1/7/94 in response to a request related to the Finders preliminary inquiry.

A review of these materials and discussion with to date found no documentation indicating that any agency interfered with or covered up the FINDERS investigation.
MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Future Enterprises, Inc., (G)

1. On 18 February 1987 Detective [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., Intelligence Division, contacted the Office of Security as a matter of routine follow-up in the much publicized "Finder's Organization" investigation. Detective [redacted] advised that [redacted] frequently traveled overseas and had several passports. As a courtesy Detective [redacted] wished to determine any association with the Agency by [redacted] or the Finder's Organization. Apparently numerous businesses have surfaced and materials relevant to these businesses are in the police department's possession. One company Detective [redacted] mentioned is Future Enterprises, Inc. Detective [redacted] invited a representative of the Agency to review these materials, but the Agency declined considering this more in your Bureau's purview. (G)

2. Detective [redacted] also advised that a former member of the Finder's, had been interviewed and believed that he was the target of retribution by the Finder's. [redacted] inferred that he had done work involving security protection for this Agency, NSA and other government agencies. Detective [redacted] was requested to refer this information to your Bureau. (G)

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INTELLIGENCE SOURCES OR METHODS INVOLVED

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3. Search of Agency indices revealed the following:

a. [ ] was never an employee of this Agency, nor was the organization Finder's associated with the Agency.

[ ] was an Agency employee from 1952-1961 and voluntarily resigned. According to Detective [ ] Isabelle Pettie is deceased.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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190-HQ-60055, Serial 3, page 1

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On 2/4/87, were arrested by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D.C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D.C. in an effort to further
identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnaped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was registered to a

A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type life style made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosecution in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.

Subjects were released from the custody of the TPD on 3/17/87, and all charges against them were dropped.

Included in this file are the following:

Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children

" #9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re

in Washington, D. C.

Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.

" #16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.

Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.

" #24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of provides info pertaining to
"finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

" #26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising that AUSA declined prosecution in this matter stating that there is no evidence of a Federal violation. No additional investigation in this case.

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Re BL tel dated 1/3/94.

Enclosed for WMFO is an FD - 302 which reflects
interview of U.S. Customs Attache office Customs Agent.

In view of the fact that no additional
investigation remains, Brussels considers this matter RUC.

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