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To: Counterterrorism From: Atlanta

~~(S)~~ 199E-AT-95116,

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(S) Re: [redacted]  
12/20/2002

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted]  
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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted]  
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(U) ~~(S)~~ YASSIN MUHIDDIN AREF, aka  
Yasin Al-Barazengy,  
Mohammed. Yasin,  
Yasen Aref;  
IT-UBL/AL QAEDA

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To notify FBIHQ of [redacted]  
regarding numerous Atlanta based Iraqi's with possible Al Qaeda  
connections.

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(S) Reference: [redacted]

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ On 12/10/2002, SA [redacted] Albany Division,  
telephonically contacted writer. [redacted] advised that he has a [redacted]  
investigation on an Iraqi Imam (YASSIN MUHIDDIN AREF, aka YASIN  
AL-BARAZENGY, MOHAMMED YASIN, YASIN AREF; 199E-AL-45507) with  
alleged connections to Al Qaeda.

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(U) ~~(S/ORCON/NF)~~ The investigation of AREF was initiated  
based upon information from an [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S/ORCON/NF)~~ Analysis of this information revealed that

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Writer advised [redacted] that [redacted]

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Writer advised [redacted] that his subject is  
most likely [redacted]

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Writer advised that [redacted] case subject probably

[redacted] from [redacted]

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(S) Investigation by New York has determined that [redacted]  
[redacted] has paid [redacted] salary while [redacted] has  
been living in [redacted]

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[redacted] A 2001 Haines  
check was negative for this number. Investigation by Atlanta has  
determined that 09/11/2001 hijackers MOHAMED ATTA and MARWAN AL-  
SHEHHI were registered at the Suburban Lodge, Norcross, Georgia,  
under the aliases MOHAMED EL SAYED and MARWAN LEKRAB from  
01/25/2001 until 02/01/2001.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/16/2003

To: General Counsel  
Counterterrorism

Attn: [redacted]

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SSA [redacted]  
IOS [redacted]  
Squad 13,  
SA [redacted]

From: Albany  
Squad 03  
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jlr

- Case ID #: (S) 199N-AL-45507-PENA (Pending) - 60
- (S) 66F-AL-C45399 (Pending) - 149
- (S) 199E-AT-95118 (Pending) - 17
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- (S) 199E-AT-95120 (Pending) - 13
- (S) 199E-AT-95121 (Pending)
- (S) 199E-AT-95123 (Pending)
- (S) 199E-AT-95124 (Pending)
- (S) 66F-HQ-C1303375 (Pending)

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(U) ~~Title:~~ (S) YASSIN MUHIDDIN AREF, aka  
Yasin Al-Barazengy,  
Mohammed Yasin,  
Yasen Aref;  
IT - UBL/AL-QAEDA;  
OO: ALBANY  
(199N-AL-45507-PENA)

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Details: (S) For information of FBIHQ/Counterterrorism Division, [redacted] and Mobile Division, Atlanta Division has already opened investigations on [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] These matters are being worked in concert with Albany Division's case titled "YASSIN MUHIDDIN AREF, aka Yasin Al-Barzengy, Mohammed Yasin, Yasin Aref; IT-UBL/AL-QAEDA;", 199E-AL-45507.

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(S) Any further asset information reference these

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[redacted] can be forwarded to SA [redacted] (re: [redacted])  
[redacted] SA [redacted] (re: [redacted]) or [redacted]  
[redacted] (re: [redacted]) of the Atlanta Division.

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ In December, 2002, the Atlanta Division was contacted by the Albany Division, regarding YASSIN MUHIDDIN AREF, subject of [redacted] 199E-AL-44507. Albany advised that AREF, an Iraqi IMAM, has alleged connections to Al Qaeda. Albany provided Atlanta with the following information regarding AREF:

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~~(S)~~ Atlanta advised Albany that [redacted]  
[redacted] Atlanta advised Albany that AREF was most likely [redacted]  
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To: Counterterrorism From: Atlanta  
Re: ~~(S)~~ 199N-AT-95118, 02/28/2003

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~~(S)~~ Atlanta advised Albany that [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Atlanta advised  
Albany that AREF was most likely [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Atlanta advised that AREF  
possibly [Redacted] from  
AREF to [Redacted]  
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~~(S)~~ Atlanta informed Albany that [Redacted]  
[Redacted] A lead had been set by Atlanta to Los Angeles  
to initiate a [Redacted] on [Redacted] several months ago.  
Atlanta was contacted by SA [Redacted] Los Angeles Division,  
regarding [Redacted] inquired if [Redacted] was [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Atlanta advised that [Redacted]  
[Redacted] but requested [Redacted] contact FBIHQ [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]  
[Redacted] before taking any action. Atlanta informed [Redacted] that

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