Precedence: ROUTINE

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Case ID #: (U) 66F-HQ-C1364260 (Pending)
(U) 66F-HQ-C1384970 (Pending)

Title: (U) USA PATRIOT ACT SUNSET PROVISIONS

Synopsis: (U) Narrative of the benefits the JTTF has received from certain provisions of the Patriot Act. Derived From: C-3

Reference: (U) 66F-HQ-C1364260 Serial 58

Details: (U) Per the referenced communication, the JTTF would cite two significant investigations to support the renewal of the provisions of the Patriot Act that are scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2005.
prior to the submission of the request. The new standard under Section 214 of the Patriot Act of "relevant to an ongoing investigation to protect against terrorism" could be established with the available evidence and the FISA request was approved within a few months.

(U) Based in part on the data obtained from the pen registers, the case agent was able to establish that the subjects were in contact with the subjects of other FBI terrorism investigations.

(U) This new information, combined with other information, provided a basis for a FISA request to authorize the interception of communications on the subject's cellular telephone. This request is pending approval. This investigation has been transferred to the Miami Division because the subject moved to Florida.

(U) Further, it is anticipated that these records will support additional allegations into individuals who have previously been in control of money deposited into that account and may support a FISA request to overhear communications by the individual currently in control of those funds.

(U) The information sharing provisions of the Patriot Act are now so routine for task force members that it
is almost unthinkable that these crucial tools would no longer be available.

As one JTTF member stated, "because of the Patriot Act, one investigator can now pick up the phone and have information from ICE, the Postal Service, or the State Department at his fingertips." "It has created one-stop shopping" that has enhanced the speed at which we can recognize patterns of activity and can focus more quickly on a subject. Another investigator explained that he no longer wastes time trying to convince companies to provide information. They now comply immediately with requests because the Patriot Act obligates them to respond. "Investigations are no longer thwarted because of the timeliness of the response to the request for information."

If requested, this Division will provide additional examples of how the passage of the Patriot Act has increased the ability of investigators to obtain useful information into individuals and groups associated with terrorism.
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