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Title: USA Patriot Act Sunset Provisions

Synopsis: Use of Sunset Provisions of USA Patriot Act by

Reference:

Details: Between 03/25/04 and 03/30/04, writer contacted the four counter terrorism supervisors, two counter intelligence supervisors, and four SSRAs in the [redacted] as to the uses of the Sunset Provisions of the USA Patriot Act. Many of the supervisors stated that their numbers were approximate and other instances of the use of these provisions were possible prior the supervisor assuming leadership of the squad. All of the supervisors agreed that the Sunset Provisions are very useful and necessary in the war on terrorism.

The following are the number of instances that the Houston Division has reported utilizing each of the Sunset Provisions:

- Section 209
- Section 220
- Section 212
- Section 203

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* Virtually all of the supervisors spoke to the necessity of the Section 203 (b) and (c), the Information Sharing provision. It universally was lauded as a major step forward in the war on terrorism. Utilized contacts with the development of the case. One counter intelligence supervisor cited 4-5 cases where the FBI could not have made a case on terrorism, but for contacts with the United States Intelligence community. Information sharing was utilized heavily in putting together terrorism watch plans for the 2004 Super Bowl and 2004 Baseball-All Star Game. Three other supervisors cited sensitive cases made, or greatly assisted by, our newly obtained ability to share information with the intelligence community.

** One squad was in the process of attempting to utilize section 201 and 202 (Expanded Title III predicates), but, because of an emergency, utilized a FISA instead of a Title III.

*** One supervisor stated that even though his squad did not utilize the traditional roving FISA Surveillance as explained in Section 206, he had FISA search warrants authority granted for all vehicles being utilized by his squad’s targets.

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