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The evening of April 19, 1995, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) THOMAS E. NICOLETTI was contacted by NY 29000-SI-DT. (S)

NY 29000-SI-DT, who had provided highly accurate and reliable information in the past, advised that a source within the Saudi Arabian Intelligence Service advised that the Oklahoma City bombing was sponsored by the Iraqi Special Services who contracted seven (7) former Afghani Freedom Fighters out of Pakistan. His source further advised that the sponsor was concealed and that the contractors may not be aware of the real sponsor. This source advised that, in addition to, the Oklahoma City incident there were two other bombing incidents planned. The second incident planned was to occur at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Houston Field Office and the third was to occur at the Los Angeles Field Office of the FBI. His source further advised that the time frame would be "soon". (S)

Very early on April 20, 1995, SSA NICOLETTI recontacted NY 29000-SI-DT to solicit any additional information. SSA NICOLETTI then attended a Supervisory Conference of the New York Counter-Terrorism Branch Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) and Supervisors, personally coordinated by the SAC THOMAS J. PICKARD. (S)

SAC PICKARD was advised of the information and the source's identity. SAC PICKARD immediately made appropriate notification telephone calls to the other potential "targets" and inquired if the source would be amenable to being interviewed again in the presence of Counter-Terrorism ASAC GEORGE H. ANDREW. (S)

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Late morning, on April 20, NY 29000-SI-DT met with ASAC ANDREW, SSA THOMAS LANG, and SSA NICOLETTI. The same information was related to the ASAC. Upon return to the field office, ASAC ANDREW instructed Case Agent JOHN FLOOD to prepare a teletype to FBIHQ containing the information supplied by NY 29000-SI-DT. (S)

NY 29000-SI-DT is a senior official employed by ABC News for over fifteen years. When questioned on April 20, 1995, NY 29000-SI-DT would not reveal the identity of his source; but, advised that this information was also being provided to FBIHQ or WMFO by someone connected to ABC News. NY 29000-SI-DT was concerned that this information not appear to be coming from two independent sources. (S)

On April 16, 1996, NY 29000-SI-DT was re-interviewed by SSA THOMAS NICOLETTI regarding the source of questioned information. NY 29000-SI-DT advised that the source was VINCENT CANNISTRARO, former Counter-Terrorism Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He further advised that CANNISTRARO was a paid consultant to ABC News, at that time, due to his previous position as a Senior U.S. Government Official. (S)

NY 29000-SI-DT further advised that, when questioned regarding his source of this information, CANNISTRARO confirmed that it was a "General within the Saudi Arabian Intelligence Service". (S)

The source advised that he believed the information to have validity citing CANNISTRARO's former senior position within the CIA and his legitimate concern for public safety; NY 29000-SI-DT passed this information on to representatives of the FBI. (S)

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