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Date: 09/20/2001

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From: Newark

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: (S/OC/NF) [redacted]

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Title: (S/OC/NF) [redacted]

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Synopsis: (S)(U) Results of the interview of [redacted] conducted at the Metropolitan Detention Center, Brooklyn, NY, 09/18/2001.

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Details: (U)(S/OC/NF) On 09/18/2001, [redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted] at [redacted] Israel was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at the Metropolitan Detention Center, Brooklyn, New York (NY). [redacted] stated he understood English well and after being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview he was read his rights as they appear on the "Advise of Rights" form (FD-395). [redacted] then signed form FD-395 certifying that he understood his rights, agreed to voluntarily answer all questions truthfully without the presence of an attorney. [redacted] provided the following information:

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(U)(S/OC/NF) [redacted] attended high school at [redacted] Israel where he majored in Psychology. He speaks Hebrew and English and knows a few phrases in Arabic and Yiddish. His [redacted] DOB [redacted] is a [redacted] and his [redacted] DOB [redacted] is a [redacted] Also living in his home are his [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted] a [redacted] age [redacted] DOB [redacted]

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(u)(S/OC/NF) [redacted] served in the Israeli army from [redacted] through [redacted]. [redacted] does not possess a security clearance and his duties included being a supply clerk in charge of ordering computer related supplies. Toward the end of his first year he [redacted]

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[redacted] is allergic to various allergens, including pollen, dust, and certain clothing materials. Nonetheless, he requested a cigarette during his interview and stated he [redacted]. [redacted] was told that smoking was not permitted and was provided juice instead.

(u)(S/OC/NF) [redacted] first visited the United States (US) when he was [redacted] years old, on a ten year visa, with his [redacted]. Since they did not have friends or relatives in the US, they stayed at a hotel, name unknown, located on 8th Avenue and 47th Street, Manhattan, New York (NY). He and his [redacted] toured NY and New Jersey (NJ) and also shopped in the metropolitan area. [redacted] only other visit to the US was on 07/10/2001, when he arrived at JFK International Airport aboard Olympics Airlines. From the first night in NY, he stayed with a friend from Israel named [redacted] age [redacted]. [redacted] is a former Army acquaintance who now builds stages for concerts in the NY area. Their apartment is located at [redacted] Manhattan, NY. The rent for the apartment is \$900 a month which he splits with [redacted]. Since he was eighteen, [redacted] has traveled alone to England (twice), Amsterdam (twice), France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Austria, Switzerland, India, Nepal, and Sinai. During his youth, he traveled with his family to Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

(u)(S/OC/NF) Since his arrival in NY, [redacted] searched for employment but because he did not have a valid work visa he had a difficult time finding a job. After responding to an Israeli newspaper ad and making several calls, he was hired as a household goods mover about [redacted] ago by [redacted] (last name unknown (lnu)), at Urban Moving Systems (UMS), Weehawkin, NJ. [redacted] was not referred to UMS by anyone and did not know anyone employed by UMS prior to his first day of employment. However, about two weeks ago, an UMS employee recognized him as a former Israeli army member. Up to the time of his arrest, 09/11/2001, [redacted] had worked [redacted] days a week for a [redacted] week period. Since he was afraid that he would be prosecuted for illegally working in the US on a visitor's visa, [redacted] lied to FBI agents

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(a) on 09/11/2001 when he told them that he had worked for UMS for only one day.

(u) ~~(S/OC/NF)~~ [redacted] identified his immediate supervisor as [redacted] and the "big boss" as [redacted] (lnu). [redacted] never asked him for a worker's visa and has only paid in for a few hours of work although he worked at UMS for a [redacted] week period. [redacted] is certain that [redacted] is aware that most of UMS' Israeli workers are working there illegally. [redacted] identified other UMS workers as being Russian, Hungarian, and Georgian nationals. [redacted] has never used the computers at UMS as he uses the one at his apartment.

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(u) ~~(S/OC/NF)~~ [redacted] advised he barely knew the other Israeli workers at Urban Movers other than the four he was with at the time of the arrest. He noted that on September 10, 2001 he was with the other four [redacted] at [redacted] apartment in Brooklyn. [redacted] knew that [redacted] and [redacted] were [redacted] but was unsure of their last names.

(u) ~~(S/OC/NF)~~ [redacted] advised that he has never had contact with anyone associated with US intelligence or other foreign intelligence agencies. He advised that to his knowledge he has never been in contact with anyone associated with Israeli Intelligence. [redacted] noted that recently a lady friend of his, [redacted] age [redacted] came to the US from Israel and stayed with [redacted] for four days until her apartment, location unknown, was vacated. [redacted] is the only individual he knows who works for the Israeli government but he does not know what she does at work or what agency employs her. [redacted] is also a student at Israel University and although [redacted] did not know her date of birth, he provided her Israeli telephone number as [redacted]

~~(S/OC/NF)~~ (u) On 09/11/2001, [redacted] alarm clock was set to ring at 7:30 a.m., however, he did not hear the clock's alarm sound and when he awoke, he noticed the time was just before 8:00 a.m. He dressed in a hurry and rushed to the subway station in an attempt to arrive at Urban Moving Systems (UMS) by 9:00 a.m., the time his work shift normally begins. [redacted] left his [redacted] Manhattan, New York (NY) residence at approximately 8:05 a.m. and boarded the southbound "A" train at the 207th Street and Broadway station at about 8:20 a.m. Approximately 40 (forty) minutes later, [redacted] detrained at the West 42nd Street station and proceeded to the Port Authority bus terminal where he usually boards bus number 126 at platform 204. While walking

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(u) through the terminal, he noticed many commuters running towards television monitors located throughout the terminal. He was curious to learned what the commotion was about but continued to the bus platform because he knew he was behind his normal schedule and did not want to delay his trip any further. On one occasion [redacted] was able to walk close enough to a television to notice that what had captured everyone's attention was what appeared to him to be buildings on fire. He was able to confirm this fact when he heard commuters on line to broad bus 126, and later during the bus ride to work, discussing a fire at the "Twin Towers."

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(u) (S/OC/NF) At about 9:00 a.m., [redacted] boarded bus 126 bound for his job at Weehawkin, New Jersey (NJ). He exited the bus at it's first stop in NJ which is located in the proximity to the Lincoln Tunnel's NJ entrance. From the bus stop he could clearly see the Twin Towers burning and he believes that they were still erect at the time. [redacted] was in shock and in a state of disbelief and for a moment he rationalized the event he was witnessing as special effect illusions similar to those appearing in the movie "Independence Day." Nonetheless, he knew it was not an illusion and hurried to work. [redacted] arrived at UMS sometime between 9:15 and 9:20 a.m. and found that [redacted] (lnu), [redacted] (lnu), [redacted] (lnu), [redacted] (lnu), the [redacted] (name unknown), and [redacted]

(u) (S/OC/NF) Upon entering the building, [redacted] reported to the box packaging area where [redacted] was to begin training him in UMS' secondary business which consists of selling boxes generally used to package household and personal belongings. Since [redacted] was taking [redacted] car to the car wash, [redacted] began assembling boxes on his own. At about 11:00 a.m., [redacted] told him that "they are taking down the second building" and that they were going to see from the roof. At the time, [redacted] believed that the authorities had purposely collapsed the building to prevent the additional damage that would be cause by the building tumbling to its side. It was not until later that night when he saw a TV news report in jail that he realized that the planes had caused the building's collapse.

(u) (S/OC/NF) [redacted] and he then climbed on top of a truck and made their way unto UMS' roof. They spent about 10 to 15 minutes on the roof wheremat he took one photograph of [redacted] and [redacted] together, and [redacted] and the others took various other photographs. [redacted] identified the only camera, SLR or otherwise, he saw that day as the one that [redacted]

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(u) had recently purchased for [redacted] to use on [redacted] upcoming trip to India. [redacted] does not recall ever seeing anyone in the group with a video camera or tripod and does not recall seeing the items during the only time he visited [redacted] apartment on 09/10/2001.

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(u) (S/OC/NF) [redacted] advised that while the group was on the roof, they just took pictures and moved from roof to roof looking for the best vantage point. There were no arguments among anyone in the group and they spent most of the time viewing the damage to the "Twin Towers." When they came down from the roof, [redacted] borrowed money for lunch from [redacted] and he walked to the deli down the block from UMS where he purchased a ham sandwich. [redacted] spent about 15 minutes in the deli and learned that the tunnels had been closed. When he got back to UMS he was told that UMS had closed and that they had been dismissed. Since he had no other way of getting home, [redacted] accepted [redacted] invitation to sleep overnight at his apartment. They went back inside UMS where [redacted] queried the Internet to find alternate ways of driving into Brooklyn. About 30 minutes, [redacted] and he left UMS in the white van. [redacted] stated he jumped into the back of the white van where he fell asleep on top of blankets.

(u) (S/OC/NF) [redacted] was later awoken, time unknown, when the van made a stop and someone placed skis and a red bag in the back of the van. He then went back to sleep as the van began to move again. The next time he awoke he heard a police officer ask [redacted] for his driver's license and within a minute they were arrested at gunpoint and were taken to jail.

(u) (S/OC/NF) [redacted] stated "Israel now has hope that the world will now understand us. Americans are naive and America is easy to get inside. There are not a lot of checks in America. And now America will be tougher about who gets into their country."

(u) (S/OC/NF) [redacted] was shown a photocopy of a note pad recovered during the arrest and search of 9/11/2001. He advised that the number [redacted] is the bank account number for a friend (girl) who lent him two hundred dollars. He was advised to deposit the money in the account after he earned the money. The number [redacted] is for a Moroccan named [redacted] [redacted] is a hashish dealer in the New York Metropolitan area. [redacted] advised that many of the telephone numbers are for friends and acquaintances in Israel and the US. The back half of

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(u) the note pad is a story he is writing about his travel around the world. It is written in Hebrew.

(u) ~~(S/OC/NF)~~ [redacted] During the course of the investigation [redacted] broke down emotionally numerous times and cried. He wondered if he would ever see his family again and questioned the interviewing agents when or if he would be released.

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Descriptive Data:

(u) (S/OC/NF)	<u>Reference</u>
Name -	
Last:	[redacted]
First:	
Middle:	
DDN:	
Race:	W
Sex:	M
DOB:	[redacted]
POB:	[redacted] Israel
Address -	
Street Name:	[redacted]
City:	Manhattan
State:	New York

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