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To: Phoenix

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From: [redacted]
Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: WILLIAM COOPER;
AOT/DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To open new case.

Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 06/29/1998, set to expire 09/29/1998.

Details: William Cooper, a resident of Eagar, Arizona, is a right wing "patriot", who is nationally known in the militia movement for his controversial broadcasts by means of short wave radio. Cooper was interviewed a couple of times during the fall of 1997 by the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]) because he had made allegations pertaining to Tim McVeigh and the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995.

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On 6/19/98 a US Deputy Marshal, [redacted] attempted to serve a criminal summons on Cooper, but Cooper refused to accept the summons, and he ordered [redacted] off his land. The summons was issued as a result of an IRS tax evasion case against Cooper, for which he has been indicted. It is extremely unlikely that Cooper will show up in federal district court in Phoenix as required on July 1. Indeed, Cooper seems to be relishing the role he has created for himself in defying the IRS and federal government. He has written a long explanation entitled "Cooper family targeted by Feds", which has been released on the Internet.

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Since the unsuccessful attempt to serve Cooper, SA [redacted] has been communicating with several agencies concerning the situation, mostly to "educate" them about Cooper's political beliefs and the risks involved if he is to be arrested. Most importantly, the US Marshals Service is now aware of Cooper's profile, something they did not know when the summons was issued.

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Re: [redacted], 06/29/1998

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While the US Marshals will probably end up with the unpleasant task of apprehending Cooper, SA [redacted] and the Phoenix Division will most likely be involved in one way or another. Therefore, it is recommended a preliminary inquiry be opened.

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Cooper family targeted by Feds

(Under Construction)

Please be patient and check back often.

We (William and Annie Cooper) have been targeted for imprisonment or extermination by the federal government and the Anti Defamation League (ADL) for documenting and sourcing the truth about the tyranny and despotism of the Illuminati's coming socialist totalitarian new world order. We have worked feverishly since 1988 documenting and sourcing the facts of the treason being brought about by the Illuminati's socialist change agents in government, and through the activities of Secret Societies and organizations such as the subversive Anti Defamation League. They picked on the wrong People. We are not afraid. We will not run and hide. We will continue to oppose evil whenever and wherever we find it. We will stand and fight whomever or whatever assault they may mount against us.

I first learned of the treason taking place in this country (and around the world) when I discovered the plan named "MAJESTYTWELVE" while a member of the Intelligence Briefing Team and Petty officer of the watch in the command center of Admiral Bernard Clarey who at that time was the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet. The plan outlined the implementation of all of the planks of the Communist Manifesto which began with the graduated so-called Income Tax administered by the fiction known as the Internal Revenue Service, the disarmament of the American People through laws instigated by a series of "terrorist" acts, the formation of a world police force made up of the United Nations force known as NATO combined with the military forces of the United States and the members of the United Nations force known as the "Warsaw Pact" which plan is outlined in State Department Publication 7277. It documented the intent to demonize and target Patriots and so-called "tax protestors" through "Project Trojan Horse"... and much much more.

We have been documenting and sourcing the facts of this plan since 1988 through my book "Behold A Pale Horse", my radio broadcast "Hour Of The Time," in our full size national newspaper "VERITAS", "Oklahoma City: Day One," and in lectures and speaking engagements throughout the nation and the world. I have made over 150 predictions of coming major world events since 1988 based upon the above information supplemented by many years of research and have only been wrong once.

The Illuminati socialist President of the United States of America, William Jefferson Clinton, wrote in a White House memo that, "William Cooper is the most dangerous radio host in America." The Illuminati's Rush Limbaugh read the memo on his so-called Excellence In Broadcasting Network in 1995 following the bombing of the

Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in an cowardly effort to redirect the socialist attack on so-called "right wing" radio hosts away from himself and onto me while touting himself as "the most dangerous radio host in America."

My FBI record, which was initiated by the investigation required by my Secret security clearance while in the U.S. Air Force, and my Top Secret Q (SI) security clearance while in the U.S. Navy, was one of those found in possession of the White House during the scandal known as "Filegate". President Clinton ordered that all agencies of government begin an investigation naming us enemies of the administration and "domestic terrorists". Since when is telling the truth terrorism in this country?

After 14 issues of VERITAS which exposed, documented, and sourced the facts of the treason and the fraud of the so-called income tax administered by the so-called IRS, a series of 8 broadcasts exposing the Anti Defamation League as a criminal and subversive organization, and our publication of the scathing expose "Oklahoma City: Day One" by Michele Marie Moore, the government and the ADL ordered their puppets to go after us with the intent of shutting us up for good. U.S. Attorney Janet Reno, the butcher of Waco, ordered the Nazi Gestapo to go after us which immediately launched investigations by the FBI, IRS, Financial Crimes Network, and many others. Reno also ordered her Phoenix based puppet U.S. Attorney Janet Napolitano to shut us up. Our investigation demonstrates that Janet Reno, Phoenix based United States Attorney Janet Napolitano, Assistant United States Attorney Winerip and Special Agent Frank Shupnik, and possibly Judge Irwin are members of the ADL. Shupnik and Winrip have been the most persistent and subversive of the Law in their relentless persecution of this family.

When the government began its investigation (persecution) of this family we began a series of Freedom Of Information Requests (FOIA) which, along with our and other's legal research, revealed that they had no authority whatsoever to conduct such an investigation. In fact it once again confirmed that the federal government has no authority or federal jurisdiction within the territorial boundaries of any state of the union whatsoever except on property purchased by the government where jurisdiction has been ceded to the federal government by the state's legislature and over only those specific crimes enumerated in the Constitution for the united States of America. There is only one exception and that is extraterritorial jurisdiction brought about by treaties with foreign nations such as the Crown of England. We are not citizens of any foreign government. We are not subjects of the Crown of England or Great Britain. We are not subjects of the Queen of England or Great Britain. If you think this is far fetched be forewarned that these people are noted in the Internal Revenue Manual as being subject to the Tax.

My research was confirmed when I found the following quote by Supreme Court Justice Fields:

"The power of the United States to tax is limited to persons, property, and business within their jurisdiction, as much as that of a state is limited to the same subjects within its jurisdiction."

Years ago I discovered that the Internal Revenue Service is NOT an agency of the Department of the Treasury or the federal government. It is not listed as required by law in the United States Code under the organization of the Department of the Treasury nor is the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, or the Secret Service, nor are any of these bogus agencies listed in the United States Code as agencies of any other branch of government. These agencies are in fact fictions.

And then I discovered the reason why. The United States Supreme Court in Brushaber v. Union Pacific Railroad Company had already ruled the federal income tax VOID because Congress had unconstitutionally delegated legislative power to the Secretary of the Treasury to write the Law concerning the administrative and enforcement procedures. It was a blatant and unconstitutional breach of the separation of powers and in any case the Constitution does not grant Congress the ability to delegate its powers to anyone or anything or any entity. That is why there are so many lies and so much subterfuge involved in the administration and enforcement of the tax by the so-called Internal Revenue Service.

We published several stories revealing the results of our research into the history of, and the Law concerning, the IRS. We also published a lawful "Public Notice" in issues #14, 15, and 16 of VERITAS national newspaper which enumerated certain facts discovered in Dan Meador's and my research. The law allows us to presume the content of the Public Notice to be "presumed facts" since neither IRS or the United States government has ever denied any of the facts thus presented.

In light of the above we filed FOIA requests asking the IRS for specific documents which specifically require us to file and pay the so-called income tax... they could not and did not produce any such documentation but sent me a copy of an old 1040 which I had filed before I mustered the guts to stop filing based upon the information I had seen in MAJESTYTWELVE and from my research which verified that the tax is a criminal fraud. The implication was that the 1040s which I had filed in the past was their only authority. In other words I had signed the form stating that I was a "taxpayer". The interpretation of the IRS was that since I had filed previously it was an admission that I was required to file. Hitler would have loved their reasoning.

We also filed FOIA requests asking the IRS for specific documents which gave the IRS the authority to conduct an investigation of a Citizen of Arizona. The IRS could not, and did not, produce any such documentation. We noticed Special Agent Shupnik and Assistant U.S. Attorney Winerip to produce their credentials and documentation of their authority to conduct such an investigation... they refused because they could not as no such documents exists.

We learned of an secret agreement between the individual states of the union and the IRS. We obtained an unredacted copy and found that it is an agreement granting jurisdiction to the IRS to require federal employees who are state Citizens and residents of the states to file and pay the so-called federal income tax. No cession of jurisdiction over these people was granted by the state legislature as required by Law. If the so-called Internal Revenue Service has the jurisdiction and authority to

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require Citizens and residents of the states to file and pay the so-called income tax why do they have to have an special secret agreement between the IRS and the states to tax their federal employees who live and work outside the jurisdiction and authority of the United States government?

We filed suit against the United States government, the IRS, Attorney General Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona Janet Napolitano, and others, demanding the court simply order the defendants to either produce the documentation that allows the IRS to tax and/or investigate a Citizen of any state of the union or admit that no such documentation exists, and several other points of Law. The suit has been active for almost three years and the federal judge has refused to order the defendants to obey the law and produce their authority or admit that it does not exist. The attorney for defendants, Katz (another ADL member) has slipped up and admitted in documents that he/she filed in this case that no such documentation (thus no such authority) exists in the Phoenix District. This suit is still awaiting adjudication in United States District Court in Phoenix, Arizona. The government and the ADL wants us in prison or dead before the judge is forced to rule in our favor as he must if he obeys the Law. Recent experience tells us that the courts have been corrupted and the law is frequently ignored. Pro Se litigants are all but ignored by federal judges who pass the cases to clerks to handle.

We have not committed any crime; but on June 18, 1998 a United States Marshall came to the Trust Headquarters in Eagar, Arizona to serve a summons for criminal trial in U.S. District Court in Phoenix Arizona on "legal fictions". We told him that we are not the legal fictions named in the summons and ordered him off the Trust property. I told him he was trespassing and that he had no federal jurisdiction or authority within the territorial boundaries of the state of Arizona. He knew I was right and obeyed me without serving the papers. If he had authority and/or jurisdiction why did he not serve the papers and why did he obey my order that he get off Trust property immediately?

Since no service was made the Court can take no action if the Court obeys the Law. As we discovered with Waco, Ruby Ridge, and other federal atrocities the federal Courts seldom obey the Law. The Marshall told me that if we did not appear in federal Court in Phoenix, Arizona on July 1, 1998 a warrant will be issued for our arrest. We will not appear as the court has no jurisdiction or authority over us as Citizens of Arizona and we will not allow an arrest to occur. We will stand and fight their Gestapo with all the means at our disposal any assault which may be mounted upon our property or persons.

Our children will remain with us. They are not shields, as our enemies will claim, any more than children have been shields for families which have been attacked by despotism throughout history. Allowing our children to disappear into the immoral and destructive government child care and foster home industry run by the mind controlling bogus Psychology profession only to be abused and sexually assaulted for many years is a fate worse than death, and we simply will not allow such a thing to happen to our precious little girls.

These people are morally bankrupt and in fact are Nazi jack booted thugs of the

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worst SS Hitler storm trooper type. They have no ethics, morals, or respect for life, property, religion, or the Law. The Nazis were socialists and socialists are Nazis. Socialists are in complete control of the government of the united States of America today.

Please remember that we are not anti-government, radical, fundamentalist, crazy, suicidal, or anything else we may be called. We are intelligent law abiding reasonable People who have drawn our line in the sand. Our enemy will attempt to demonize us in order to obtain the public's permission to murder our whole family just as they did the Weaver family and the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas. I never thought I would hear so-called Christians whose ancestors fled the old world to escape religious persecution say, "The Branch Davidians deserved what they got... they were just a bunch of religious fanatics," but I heard so-called Christians say it over and over and over again.

We are not criminals or child molesters, or bank robbers, or child abusers, or wife beaters, or husband beaters, or any other label that may be applied. If we are found dead it will never be because we committed suicide... it will be cold blooded murder... just as they have done in the past.. just as they did at Ruby Ridge, The World Trade Center, Waco, and Oklahoma City.

We are pro-government, lawful government, lawful Constitutional Republican government as guaranteed to us in the Constitution for the United States of America. We know what the government is and what it is not. We know that the Constitution for the united States of America constitutes the lawful government and anything or anyone outside its strictures, limits, and powers is operating unlawfully and are in fact outlaws.

We know that the Constitution was not penned by a bunch of dottering old men who did not understand the complexities of the modern age over two hundred years ago. The Constitution was produced by the greatest collection of geniuses who have ever lived. It is the LIVING Supreme Law of our country. It provides within the document itself the provisions for us to make any changes that we may deem necessary. Only a very few changes (Amendments) have ever been made. Those changes or deletions wished for by the socialist/communist Illuminati have been rejected by the American People. That last fact necessitates the demonization of the Constitution and all who support it.

I have served my government all my life. I have been a member of the United States Air Force and the United States Navy. I am a combat veteran of the Vietnam war. I fought as a River Patrol Boat Captain in Vietnam earning medals with the "V" for Valor. I took an Oath to, "support and defend the Constitution for the united States of America against all enemies foreign and DOMESTIC." I intent to fulfill that Oath until the day I die... and after, if that is possible.

What we have included here is by no means the entirety of our legal position. It is barely the beginning, only a few facts and questions that should get you thinking. We will attempt to include much more through links from our WebPages.

We hope to win this battle although the odds and history tell us that we won't. If we win then all America wins... if we lose the subversive Illuminati socialists in government and the ADL will LOSE big time. We are not afraid. I have engaged and fought better troops than any of the techno-spoiled brats they can or will ever field against us. In any case whatever happens we as a family will be Free... and due to the sheer volume of our work that is in public hands we will never be forgotten. It makes me very sad to know that all of you will still be enslaved by tyrants and despotism in a totalitarian socialist new world odor (really stinks)... unless you also draw your line and take your stand to fight the last battle for Liberty and Freedom.

Oh... I almost forgot. If they need a negotiator to resolve the situation send Lieutenant Colonel James "Bo" Gritz... I would love to see him coming up the hill to talk us down. Please... oh please... send Gritz.

Please pray for us and keep coming back to our WebPages <http://harvest-trust.org/targeted.htm>. We will keep it updated adding information, documenting, and sourcing our position within the Law, and the corrupted Illuminati puppets despotic and tyrannical disregard and contempt for the Law. Who knows... you may even become awakened and join the fight for Liberty and Freedom for all People regardless of race, religion, or place of ancestral origin.

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Public Notice

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 Date: Thu, 2 Jul 98 15:35:04 GMT

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Cooper Family Targeted by Feds

Update Page

Today July 1, 1998, U. S. District Court Judge Irwin (ADL) issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Bill and Annie Cooper for not appearing in "his" court on a summons which was NEVER served. The United States has no jurisdiction or venue within the territorial boundaries of the State of Arizona except over land that was ceded to the United States by the Legislature of the State of Arizona.

WARNING !! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants issued by Judge Irwin will be met with armed resistance. Any person who attempts to kidnap our children will be shot on sight.

We are, and have always been, formed as the Constitutional and lawful unorganized Militia of the State of Arizona. We will be Free under the Constitutional Republican government guaranteed to us by the Constitution for the united States of America or we will be dead. We have drawn our line in the sand. Cross it at your own risk.

Sources within local "policing agencies" have informed us that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been put on notice by several ranking local law enforcement personnel that, "We will absolutely not allow another 'Rut-Rut' Waco' to occur in Apache County, Arizona " Glenn Jacobs, owner.

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and publisher of the Round Valley Paper, spoke personally last night to the Apache County Sheriff. The Sheriff told Glenn, "I have put the FBI on notice that they are not welcome to come into this County and harass the Cooper family."



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Militiaman refuses to recognize warrant

By Jerry Kammer
The Arizona Republic

An eastern Arizona militiaman is vowing to defy an arrest warrant issued in Phoenix on Wednesday after he failed to appear in federal court on charges that he evaded income taxes and defrauded a bank.

William Cooper, 54, a media-savvy foe of the federal government who claims to belong to the "Second Continental Army of the Republic," posted a defiant message in big red letters Thursday on his Internet site:

"WARNING!! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants will be met with armed resistance."

Federal authorities in Phoenix are responding with calculated calm to Cooper, who warned a 1994 conven-

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Militiaman taking on authorities

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tion in Mesa of a coming battle against one-world government.

"Blood will be spilled in the streets of America — it's inevitable," Cooper declared then, even as he stressed that he didn't endorse violence. He has broadcast the same message around the world in his daily short-wave radio program. He also publishes a newspaper.

The U.S. attorney for Arizona, José de Jesus Rivera, said federal agents would move carefully to arrest Cooper, who faces a four-count indictment on charges that he failed to pay taxes from 1992 to 1994 and submitted false information to a bank to obtain a loan.

"We are going to proceed with prudence and caution and handle the matter in due course," Rivera said, declining to comment further.

Apache County Sheriff Art Lee said he has advised federal authorities to move cautiously against Cooper, who lives in a hilltop house in Eagar.

After talking with Cooper, Lee said, he cautioned federal authorities that "it could deteriorate into an incident" if they moved in to arrest Cooper and his wife, Annie Mordhorst, who was indicted on the same charges.

"I felt like he meant what he said when he told me he would defend his property with everything at his disposal," Lee said.

The sheriff said Cooper owns weapons, but he did not know how many or what kind.

Lee said Cooper moved to Eagar two or three years ago from St. Johns, where he had once spoken of opening a library where residents could research the U.S. Constitution. Militia members believe that the federal government has flagrantly usurped the Constitution by asserting a range of powers, including the power to tax.

"He sent me a lot of literature when he lived in St. Johns," Lee said. "It was the regular right-wing stuff — militia-type literature on the black, unmarked helicopters and the takeover of the United States by United Nations forces."

Asked whether Cooper had a broad following in the county, Lee said, "Not that I'm aware."

One sympathizer is Glenn Jacobs, publisher of a small weekly newspaper, who said he spoke to Cooper early this week.

"He told me he is not going to submit to arrest by the feds," Jacobs said. "He said if they're going to murder him, they're going to have to do it in the house, that this is where he has drawn his line in the sand, and he's not going to retreat from it. I think he is expecting to be murdered by the FBI."

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Lee disputed Cooper's Web site report that "several ranking local law-enforcement personnel" had informed the FBI that they would "absolutely not allow another Ruby Ridge or Waco to occur in Apache County, Arizona."

Lee said, however, that both Cooper and Jacobs had spoken of Ruby Ridge and Waco, scenes of bloody confrontations that in the militia movement have become symbolic of federal government brutality and arbitrary power.

In Phoenix, Tom Nixon of the U.S. Marshal's Office said authorities intend to act cautiously as they enforce the arrest warrant "because no federal agency wants any copies of Ruby Ridge or Waco."

But Nixon added, "Obviously, at some point, we'll effect the arrest."

Nixon said a federal marshal last month was unable to serve a summons on Cooper. He said the marshal visited Cooper's home but was unable to establish that the man who met him there was Cooper.

Reached by phone Thursday, Cooper refused to answer questions, responding to a reporter's inquiry with a stream of obscenities before hanging up.

In his Web site, however, he calls the summons that the marshal attempted to serve "unconstitutional" and "unlawful." He said the federal government has no jurisdiction in Arizona "except over land that was ceded to the United States by the State Legislature."

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Case ID #: [redacted] - 11 (Pending)

Title: ~~CHANGED~~
MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka Bill Cooper-
FUGITIVE;
[redacted] FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To describe activities underway in Arizona to bring captioned fugitives to justice.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect the fact that Bill Cooper and [redacted] have both been charged with tax evasion by the federal district court in Arizona. Title previously carried as: "WILLIAM COOPER; AOT-DT."

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Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 06/29/1998, set to expire 09/29/1998.

Details: On 7/01/1998 federal bench warrants were issued for Bill Cooper and [redacted] because [redacted] refused to appear in district court in Phoenix in response to charges of income tax evasion. A Deputy U.S. Marshal had attempted to serve Cooper with a summons on 06/19/1998, but Cooper threw the Deputy Marshal off his property without receiving the summons.

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Re: [redacted] 07/02/1998

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Cooper is a prolific writer on the Internet, and much information about him and his beliefs can be accessed at his website: www.harvest-trust.org. Cooper has written defiantly on the Internet of the bench warrant issued in Phoenix and of his intention to go to war with the federal government. An example of his statements includes: "Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants issued by Judge Irwin will be met with armed resistance. Any person who attempts to kidnap our children will be shot on sight."

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On 7/01/1998 a meeting was held in Phoenix to coordinate federal enforcement efforts to bring Cooper and [redacted] to justice. Among those attending were ASAC Ray Churay of the Phoenix Division; Criminal Chief Tom Hannis, Deputy Criminal Chief Mary Murguia, AUSAs [redacted] of the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), District of Arizona; Chief Deputy Tom Nixon, U.S. Marshals Service (USMS); Supervisory Deputy [redacted] and Acting Supervisory Deputy [redacted] of the USMS; and Chief of Criminal Investigations James B. Collie of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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A consensus was reached that there would be no immediate action taken to arrest Cooper and [redacted]. It should be noted that Cooper has brought one or more armed militia "soldiers or bodyguards" to his home in Eagar, and Cooper seems to be spoiling for a fight. A local reporter who attempted to contact Cooper shortly after this initial summons service attempt was made, advised USM Chief Deputy [redacted] that when he visited the Cooper residence, the house was surrounded by five pick-up trucks with several men holding rifles in the truck beds. In a recent conversation with the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]), Cooper said he was at war with the federal government, and "he has drawn a line in the sand."

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Given this mind set and the fact that Cooper's house sits on a high ridge overlooking a quiet residential area, the participants in the meeting concluded there is no hurry to effect an arrest. The USAO stated that federal agents "could wait for a year and half, if necessary." Another factor to consider is the presence of Cooper's [redacted]. The USMS, which ordinarily would be responsible for executing the warrants, has requested a joint FBI/IRS/USMS approach to the problem.

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The present strategy for dealing with Cooper is to not initiate any overt or provocative action, including surveillance, for some time, perhaps two or three months. Not only will this give Cooper time "to cool off," but it will probably discourage his bodyguards and supporters who may tire of sitting around with

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Re: [REDACTED] 07/02/1998

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nothing to do. In the meantime, the Phoenix Division will be gathering intelligence on Cooper and his residence. SA [REDACTED] (Lakeside RA), who is personally acquainted with Cooper, will coordinate with state and local law enforcement agencies and the relevant federal agencies (IRS and USMS) to try to bring about a peaceful resolution of this matter.

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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Inasmuch as the Lakeside RA has no Internet access, Squad 16 will monitor activity on Cooper's website and will forward relevant information from the Internet to the case agent. (Bill Cooper is a prolific writer, so analysis as well as monitoring are needed to keep the Internet intelligence to a manageable amount for the case agent.)

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Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

The source advised that Bill Cooper, a resident of Eagar, has [redacted] and the source believes that [redacted]

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Cooper is affiliated with the militia movement, and he hosts a radio broadcast in which he frequently condemns the federal government.

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by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/08/1998

To: CIRG

From: CIRG

National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime

Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *JK/AM*

Drafted By: [redacted] *MS*

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending) - 8

Title: CHANGED;
MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka BILL COOPER -
FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
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Synopsis: This case was referred to the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime by the Phoenix Division.

Details: SA [redacted] Lakeside Resident Agency, Phoenix FBI telephonically contacted SSA [redacted] regarding captioned matter. He subsequently fax'd a 7/2/1998 EC regarding captioned matter to the NCAVC. SA [redacted] has requested assistance in designing an arrest strategy for Cooper and [redacted]. SA [redacted] indicated that there were no immediate plans to arrest Cooper, and he would be forwarding additional information to the NCAVC for their review.

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At this time, it is requested that a case be opened at the NCAVC and a lead assigned to SSA [redacted] to assist the Phoenix Division.

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CC: 1-SSA [redacted]

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Date of transcription 7/15/98

[redacted] was contacted by telephone at his place of employment located at [redacted] Arizona [redacted]. His mailing address is [redacted] and his work telephone number is [redacted]. The fax number for the [redacted] is [redacted]. After being advised of the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] confirmed that recently he received a call from [redacted] in Phoenix, Arizona. [redacted] had learned that a local resident, Bill Cooper, had some sort of confrontation with a U.S. Marshal. After learning of this potential [redacted] contacted [redacted] of a [redacted] of the [redacted] and obtained Bill Cooper's telephone number. [redacted] then called Cooper, but Cooper was not at all eager to talk until he determined [redacted].

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Once [redacted] was able to break the ice with Cooper during this telephone conversation, Cooper acknowledged that a deputy marshal had shown up to serve him a summons, but Cooper said he had thrown the marshal off of his property, and the summons was never served. During the course of the telephone conversation, [redacted] tried to persuade Cooper that he should deal with the federal court, but Cooper responded, "I don't care about the system." He also told [redacted] that he was going to fight.

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During the conversation, [redacted] learned that Cooper publishes, and he has a newsletter called "Veritas." When [redacted] asked how he might get a copy of "Veritas", Cooper told him that he can come over to the house and pick one up personally. [redacted] then agreed to come over within the next five minutes, and he drove up to Cooper's residence, but when he arrived, he noticed that there were about three dogs barking loudly. [redacted] said the dogs were tied to cars parked by the house, and one of the dogs was a large Rottweiler.

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As _____ approached the residence, a _____ approximately _____ approached him and told him that Mr. Cooper is not doing any more interviews. The young man was about _____ and a military-type haircut. He wore a .45 pistol on his right hip. The young man gave _____ some copies of the publication "Veritas," and he said that Cooper would not be giving any more interviews until this is "all over."

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_____ mentioned that about an hour before calling Cooper, he had gone to a local residence who explained to him where Cooper lived. Having learned this fact, _____ noticed that _____ staring at him with binoculars from Cooper's property. At the time _____ picked up the newspapers at Cooper's house, _____ noticed that there were about seven vehicles, including three pickup trucks and four cars.

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_____ said that he is not personally acquainted with Cooper, but he had heard about Bill Cooper through sources for _____ said that _____ has seen men with binoculars on Cooper's property before. _____ sources

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According to _____ of the _____ is a person whom Cooper might trust. Furthermore, he might trust Apache County Sheriff Art Lee and maybe one of his deputies. _____ who ran a _____ store in _____ Arizona, told _____ previously that there was a lieutenant in Apache County who is affiliated with Cooper and his militia movement.

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During the course of the interview, _____ expressed concern that a confrontation with Cooper could lead to violence. _____ specifically said that he does not intend _____ of Cooper's apparent intent to resist arrest by the federal government because he does not want to create a panic in the town. _____ clarified, however, that if shots are fired or a federal seige is underway, he will _____

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C. Arthur Lee, the Sheriff of Apache County, called Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on July 2, 1998, and provided the following information:

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Sheriff Lee advised that he had just been on the phone with Bill Cooper, and they had spoken for approximately 30 minutes. Cooper told the sheriff how he believes the federal income tax is the equivalent of a prohibited excise tax.

When asked if he thought that Bill Cooper represented a threat to the community in which he lives in Eagar, Arizona, the sheriff responded that he believes Cooper could live in that community for the next 50 years and never receive a traffic ticket.

In a previous conversation with SA [redacted] Sheriff Lee had indicated that he was concerned that federal agents may set up a seige around Cooper's house in order to bring him in to custody. Sheriff Lee does not want a "Ruby Ridge" situation to develop in his county.

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Date of transcription 7/8/98

Special Agent (SA) [redacted] attempted to speak with Bill Cooper at his residence on a hilltop on the east side of the town of Eagar, Arizona. At approximately 11:00 a.m., SA [redacted] drove his government vehicle up the road leading to Cooper's residence, and in doing so, SA [redacted] rolled down the windows to make himself more visible and honked the horn to give warning to the occupants of Cooper's residence. About halfway up the long driveway, SA [redacted] noticed an individual (male) who had emerged from the house, SA [redacted] got out of the vehicle and asked if he could talk to Bill Cooper. The man responded that he couldn't.

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At this point, SA [redacted] realized that he was probably speaking to Bill Cooper, who is a tall white male and wears glasses. The man believed to be Cooper was wearing a dark solid gray shirt and dark slacks. Cooper's hair is brown, medium length, and thinning somewhat on top. Cooper appears to be about 50 years of age and is heavysset.

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Emerging at Cooper's side and slightly towards his back was a young white male, perhaps [redacted] who had [redacted]

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Once SA [redacted] realized he was probably speaking to Bill Cooper, the Agent referred to the man on the hill as Bill, and the man did not correct him. Bill Cooper proceeded to warn the Agent that he was trespassing and "out of his jurisdiction." Cooper stated that federal authorities had no jurisdiction on his land, and he plainly said that if any federal agent approached his property again they would be shot. He also demanded that SA [redacted] convey this information to his superiors. The Agent told Cooper that he had no desire to engage Cooper in a fight, even if Cooper seeks one. Cooper told SA [redacted] to go back and talk to his "snot-nosed superiors" and tell them that he will not submit to federal authority. The Agent then encouraged Cooper to call him if he had any questions or if he thought the Agent could help along the situation in any way.

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Cooper responded that the only people he will talk to are Sheriff Art Lee (of Apache County) or [redacted]

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As SA [REDACTED] prepared to head back to his vehicle, Cooper yelled out, "You guys have really stepped on your dicks this time." Cooper also mentioned that a lot more people were coming, giving the impression that he had other supporters who would rally to his aid. SA [REDACTED] then got into his vehicle and backed down Cooper's long driveway, leaving the area without further incident.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 07/09/1998.

To: Criminal Investigative
Quantico

Attn: [redacted]

Attn: [redacted]
NCAVC

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] F:dkm *M*

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka:
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Synopsis: To set lead to Quantico (NCAVC).

Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 06/29/1998, set to expire 09/29/1998.

Enclosures: Enclosed for Quantico (NCAVC) are various documents providing background information on captioned subjects.

Details: On 07/01/1998, bench warrants were issued in Phoenix for Bill Cooper and [redacted] because [redacted] refused to appear in federal district court in response to charges of income tax evasion. A Deputy U.S. Marshal attempted to serve Cooper with a summons on 06/19/1998, but Cooper ordered the deputy marshal off his property without accepting the summons. (It should be noted that the deputy marshal had no idea concerning Cooper's background, and the deputy marshal most assuredly would have handled the situation differently if the IRS case agent, who knows quite a bit about Cooper, had passed on some of his knowledge.)

Bill Cooper, a resident of the small eastern Arizona town of Eagar, is nationally known among militia members and other right-wing zealots. Cooper hosts a talk show by means of short-wave radio, and he frequently condemns the federal government, the Justice Department, and the FBI for the

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The Phoenix Division, in concert with the U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Marshal's Service, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), has determined that no immediate action will be taken to arrest Cooper and [redacted]. It should be noted that Cooper has brought one or more armed militia "soldiers" or "bodyguards" to his home in Eagar, and Cooper seems to be spoiling for a fight. In a brief conversation with the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]) recently, Cooper said that he was at war with the federal government, and he "has drawn a line in the sand."

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Given this mindset and the fact that Cooper's house sits on a high ridge overlooking a quiet residential area in the town of Eagar, Phoenix has concluded there is no hurry to effect an arrest. The U.S. Attorney's Office stated that federal agents "could wait for a year and a half, if necessary." Another factor to consider is the presence of Cooper's [redacted]. [redacted] Cooper has written that he will not use [redacted] his family as a shield, but in fact he seems to be doing precisely that.

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The present strategy for dealing with Cooper is to not initiate any overt or provocative action in the town of Eagar, including surveillance, for some time, perhaps 2 or 3 months. Not only will this give Cooper time to cool off, but it will probably discourage his bodyguards and supporters, who may tire of sitting around with nothing to do. In the meantime, the Phoenix Division will be gathering intelligence on Cooper and his residence. SA [redacted] (Lakeside RA), who is personally acquainted with Cooper, will coordinate with state and local law enforcement agencies and the relevant federal agencies (IRS, U.S. Marshal) to try to bring about a peaceful resolution to this matter.

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Set Lead 1:

QUANTICO (FBI ACADEMY)

AT NCAVC

Will review enclosed materials and also Cooper's Website (www.harvest-trust.org) and will provide Phoenix with a psychological assessment of Cooper, and if feasible, of [redacted]. Of particular interest to Phoenix is guidance on how to deal with Cooper given his stated intentions to kill any federal agent attempting to execute the arrest warrants.

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Phoenix specifically desires an opinion as to whether or not [redacted] comes into town and is not accompanied [redacted] (Phoenix has great concerns about Cooper's emotional stability if [redacted] while he remains on guard in his hilltop residence. For the time being, Phoenix has decided not to apprehend [redacted] even if [redacted] and enters town.) Phoenix also seeks an opinion about whether arresting Cooper's bodyguards in town on harboring or related charges would help or hinder a successful resolution of this problem.

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 07/23/1998

To: Phoenix

Attn: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]

Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

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Case ID #: [Redacted]

(Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[Redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

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Synopsis: To coordinate aerial photography and site survey.

Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 06/29/1998, set to expire 09/29/1998.

Details: On 7/23/1998 SA [Redacted] called SA [Redacted] to confirm an appointment to have aerial photographs taken of the residence of captioned subject. The [Redacted] will also carry

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[Redacted] Tentatively, the [Redacted] is scheduled to meet SA [Redacted] at the Springerville airfield at 9:30 am on Monday, August 3.

CAUTION: Cooper claims to have associates in the Eagar/Springerville area who are monitoring aircraft activity. Furthermore, because of the Cooper's volatile and threatening statements (details found below), there is a possibility that someone at Cooper's residence could open fire on a plane.

By way of background, on 07/01/1998, bench warrants were issued in Phoenix for Bill Cooper [Redacted] because the couple refused to appear in federal district court in response to charges of income tax evasion. A Deputy U.S. Marshal attempted to serve Cooper [Redacted] with a summons on [Redacted]

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The Phoenix Division, in concert with the U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Marshal's Service, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), has determined that no immediate action will be taken to arrest Cooper and his wife. It should be noted that Cooper has brought one or more armed militia "soldiers" or "bodyguards" to his home in Eagar, and Cooper seems to be spoiling for a fight. In a brief conversation with SA [redacted] recently, Cooper said that he was at war with the federal government, and he "has drawn a line in the sand."

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Given this mind set and the fact that Cooper's house sits on a high ridge overlooking a quiet residential area in the town of Eagar, Phoenix has concluded there is no hurry to effect an arrest. The U.S. Attorney's Office stated that federal agents "could wait for a year and a half, if necessary." Another factor to consider is the presence of Cooper's [redacted] in the home. Cooper has written that he will not use [redacted] his family as a shield, but in fact he seems to be doing precisely that.

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Recently, SA [redacted] spoke with one of [redacted] who is very pessimistic about the prospects of Cooper leaving his home and stronghold of his own will. [redacted] thinks that Cooper is [redacted] furthermore Cooper seems [redacted]

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[redacted] Seemingly, Cooper has put himself into a corner from which there is no graceful or face-saving exit.

The present strategy for dealing with Cooper is to not initiate any overt or provocative action in the town of Eagar, including surveillance, for some time, perhaps 2 or 3 months. Perhaps this will give Cooper time to cool off, and it may discourage his bodyguards and supporters, who could tire of sitting around with nothing to do. In the meantime, the Phoenix Division will be gathering intelligence on Cooper and his residence. SA [redacted] (Lakeside RA), who is personally acquainted with Cooper, will coordinate with state and local law enforcement agencies and the relevant federal agencies (IRS, U.S. Marshal) to try to bring about a peaceful resolution to this matter.

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On 8-5-98, Investigator [REDACTED] telephoned Detective [REDACTED] of the Payson Department. Detective [REDACTED] related receiving a document from a citizen in Payson. The document is a letter from [REDACTED]. It should be noted, S/A [REDACTED] is investigating case [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is an associate of [REDACTED] in that case.

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[REDACTED] sent a copy of the letter to Investigator [REDACTED] by fax. The letter is dated July 20, 1998 and addressed to Sheriff Arthur Lee, of Apache County, Arizona. In the letter, [REDACTED] recalls an earlier discussion with the Sheriff about IRS, warrants, and William Cooper of Eagar, Arizona. [REDACTED] refers to himself as being one of the [REDACTED] for America Publications of [REDACTED] Arizona. [REDACTED] states his opinion, that Cooper and [REDACTED] have been unlawfully targeted by the Federal Government and possibly others. [REDACTED] discusses jurisdictional authority, and his concern that jurisdictional lines are about to be stepped over and abused by the IRS and possibly other federal agencies. It should be noted that William Cooper is the subject in case [REDACTED] and William Cooper and his wife have outstanding federal arrest warrants.

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The bottom of the letter lists persons copies sent to:

Mr. and Mrs William Cooper
Mayor Sandra Burke, Eagar, Arizona
Eagar Police Chief Scott Garms
State Representative Debra Brimhall
State Senator Jack Brown
U.S. Congressman J.D. Hayworth
FBI Agent [REDACTED]
Arizona Republic Newspaper
Other Media

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A copy of the letter will be added to the file.

20 July 1998 A.D.

Sheriff Arthur Lee, (800) 352-1850
 county of Apache
 P.O. Box 518
 St. Johns, Arizona 85936



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Dear Sheriff Lee:

It was good talking with you over the past weekend. You will recall that we discussed the alleged Internal Revenue Service Warrants mentioned in a July 3, 1998, front page Arizona Republic Newspaper article. This article also mentioned Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper of Eagar, Arizona.

As I mentioned, I am one of the [redacted] for America Publications of [redacted] Arizona. The story I am writing pertains to the above allegations. At this time, this situation involving the Cooper family looks very similar to other IRS ATTACKS against people throughout America who dare to question IRS procedures and IRS lawfulness. Mr. Cooper is well known as a high profile critic of injustice, who would like all Americans, including the IRS, to responsibly abide by the law.

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It is my early opinion that Mr. Cooper and [redacted] have been UNLAWFULLY TARGETED by the federal government and possibly others.

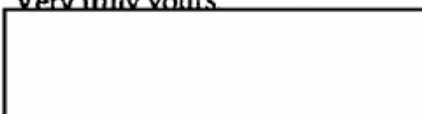
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You and I discussed the importance of jurisdictional authority. You, being the top lawman in your county, establishes that authority over ANY and ALL other law enforcement, from local police to federal agents. It is my concern that these jurisdictional lines are about to be stepped over and abused by the IRS and possibly other federal agencies.

Enclosed are several recent documents released by America Publications which will, no doubt, shed serious light on my concerns.

Please feel free to contact me at any future date. My intentions in this matter are toward a peaceful and Lawful resolve.

Very truly yours



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CC: Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper [redacted]
 Mayor Sandra Burke, Eagar, Arizona, (520) 333-4128, ex. 300
 Eagar Police Chief Scott Garms, (520) 333-4127
 State Representative Debra Brimhall, (602) 542-5861
 State Senator Jack Brown, (602) 542-4129
 U.S. Congressman J.D. Hayworth, (602) 926-4151
 FBI Agent [redacted] Lakeside Arizona, [redacted]
 Arizona Republic Newspaper, (602) 444-8000
 Other media



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/24/98

[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) was interviewed at his home located at [redacted] Arizona, [redacted] having retired with [redacted] the force of [redacted]. After leaving [redacted] but he left his position because of a [redacted].

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Presently [redacted]. After being advised of the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

Several years ago [redacted] became aware of an ultra-right wing radio broadcaster, who has ties to the militia movement in America. This individual, Bill Cooper, used to broadcast from a facility in St. Johns, Arizona, but he has since moved his recording and sound equipment to his own home in Eagar.

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[redacted] became aware of Cooper because [redacted] who refused to identify himself. Apparently, this man was obsessed with the militia movement, and carefully monitored militia activity, which he thought to be dangerous and sinister. [redacted] was never able to find out the identity of [redacted] but [redacted] in a Federal Express envelope which made references to Bill Cooper and various militia activities and organizations.

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When [redacted] became aware of Bill Cooper's activities on the radio, [redacted] began to pay attention to Cooper. [redacted] ran a [redacted] name of [redacted]. In checking the [redacted] found that virtually nothing [redacted] but rather [redacted] name was used for [redacted].

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[redacted] became aware of a publication put out by Cooper called "Veritas," and at one point, [redacted] intended to subscribe

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until he learned that Cooper was asking for \$55.00 for an annual subscription. At this point, [Redacted] concluded that Cooper's politics and philosophies had a lot to do with making money and taking advantage of people with ultra-right wing beliefs.

In the process of doing some research on Cooper and his activities, [Redacted] learned that there was an [Redacted]

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[Redacted] At one point, [Redacted] resided in [Redacted] and one of [Redacted] once contacted [Redacted] because it was believed that an [Redacted] had been stockpiling weapons in the community. The officer who stopped [Redacted] found no weapons, but [Redacted] engaged the officer in a polite conversation.

[Redacted] has been told that Cooper has [Redacted] [Redacted] to his aid, but [Redacted] does not know who these individuals might be. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] advised that Bill Cooper has attack dogs, and he has had the dogs [Redacted] which is located in Lakeside, Arizona. The [Redacted] and it is likely that [Redacted] can provide additional information about Cooper. The telephone number for [Redacted] and the fax number is [Redacted]

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[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) was contacted at his residence which is located on [redacted] His mailing address is [redacted] His home telephone number is [redacted] After being advised of the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] confirmed that he is acquainted with Bill Cooper, a fugitive tax protester, who now resides in Eagar, Arizona. [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he is very worried about [redacted] given the current situation in which both [redacted] federal fugitives.

[redacted] met Bill Cooper about [redacted] Apparently, Cooper had heard about [redacted] Cooper was very impressed with a [redacted] that [redacted] At first, [redacted] was reluctant to [redacted] Cooper [redacted]

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[redacted] He explained that [redacted] whose name is [redacted]. Furthermore, when Cooper asked about [redacted] had reservations when he learned that there were [redacted] could be an admirable [redacted] and also double [redacted] had concerns about the [redacted] safety.

Ultimately, [redacted] agreed to sell Cooper the [redacted] because Cooper said that he really [redacted]. Cooper explained to [redacted] that he was the director of intelligence for a group called the Second Continental Army of the Republic (SCAR). In this capacity, Cooper had a couple of people threaten [redacted] and he claimed to have been beaten up by somebody.

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[redacted] said that if anyone poses a threat to Cooper or his family, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that Cooper also has [redacted] which is a [redacted] dismissed the fighting [redacted] saying that the [redacted] in contrast to the [redacted] categorizes as a [redacted] advised that recently he was approached by a young man who is a friend of Cooper, who was [redacted]

[redacted] described the young man as being about [redacted] years of age and [redacted] believes that this young man, whose name he does not know, might have been in an [redacted] does not believe that the young man served in any special tactical unit such as the Navy Seals or Army Special Forces. [redacted] described the young man as being a real patriot, but misguided.

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In describing Bill Cooper [redacted] said that Cooper is likely [redacted] claims to know quite a bit about [redacted] since he used to be [redacted] and he frequently is involved in [redacted] view,

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Cooper is exceedingly arrogant, and he has been isolated from the real world for so long that he believes his own bullshit. Cooper holds firmly and stubbornly to his beliefs, and he gets volatile and unpredictable if challenged by anyone, regardless of the topic.

When asked for his recommendation on how to proceed in handling Cooper, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] went on to explain that Cooper's [Redacted] and undoubtedly, she will be experiencing cabin fever within a month or two. Soon she will be causing Cooper lots of problems. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] opinion, Cooper himself will grow tired of the standoff with the federal government. As [Redacted] put it, "How long can you eat MRE (meals ready-to-eat)?"

[Redacted] believes that Cooper feels inadequate and therefore seeks to become a martyr so that if he is killed he will end up being somebody important. As a result, [Redacted] believes that law enforcement authorities should avoid the use of violence, and they should attempt to ignore Cooper as much as possible.

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[Redacted] was asked if there was anything that might induce Cooper to come out of his home, and [Redacted] responded that he doesn't think there is much of anything that would cause Cooper to leave his stronghold. [Redacted] indicated that Cooper does not have any need of bring out [Redacted] and Cooper would not leave his residence even if such a need was apparent.

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[Redacted] said that if law enforcement authorities feel compelled to go and apprehend Cooper, the best way to do it would be to infiltrate the area around his home with trained agents who could conceal themselves in "ghillie" suits. These agents would have to neutralize [Redacted] with a tranquilizer, and they would have to wait patiently for Cooper to show up outside his house so they could grab him.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on July 19, 1998:

SA [redacted] received a telephone call from the mayor of the town of Eagar, Arizona, Sandra Burke, whose telephone number is (520)333-4691. Her home address is [redacted] Eagar, Arizona 85925. Mayor Burke called because of a statement that Bill Cooper made on his Internet Website. Allegedly, Cooper refers to Burke's [redacted] as a "Nazi." This angered Burke quite a bit. Burke's [redacted] of Eagar.

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Mayor Burke also advised that she received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] representing American Publications, which allegedly has a nationwide circulation. Apparently, [redacted] tried to persuade Burke to go visit Bill Cooper, but the mayor said that she has no intention of doing so, and she doesn't want to make herself a possible hostage at Cooper's house.

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[redacted] gave Mayor Burke his address: [redacted] He provided his telephone number as [redacted]

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Mayor Burke said that she is quite concerned about the situation involving Bill Cooper, whom she believes is a threat to the town's police officers and also to the greater community. She remarked that [redacted] a resident of Eagar, has been trying to persuade her to support Bill Cooper. Burke, who is a member of the [redacted] believes that [redacted] who is also LDS, has been misled by Bill Cooper's philosophies and ideologies.

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Following the phone conversation with Mayor Burke, SA [redacted] called the phone number of American Publications, (602)949-9129. A male answered the phone and said he was a volunteer with American Publications, but when he began to ask detailed questions of the caller, SA [redacted] hung up the phone.

Later in the morning, SA [redacted] telephoned [redacted] who is a resident of Eagar and [redacted] cellular telephone number is [redacted] and his work telephone number is [redacted] was asked about his association with Bill Cooper, for whom an arrest warrant has been issued in federal district court. [redacted] responded that he has listened to Bill Cooper and met him some years ago, but [redacted] explained that he

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has had no personal contact with Cooper for some years. [redacted] stated that he is aware of the current situation in which Cooper is resisting arrest by federal authorities.

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It should be noted that [redacted] who was agreeable enough at first when contacted by telephone, became agitated as he was asked questions regarding his association with Cooper and what he thought of Cooper's philosophies.

After this phone conversation with [redacted] SA [redacted] called the Court Clerk's Office of the Federal District Court of Arizona (Phoenix) to determine if Bill Cooper had filed a civil suit against the Department of Justice (DOJ) or Internal Revenue Service (IRS). SA [redacted] spoke to a clerk named [redacted] who looked in the database and found listings for Milton William Cooper and [redacted] but she explained that these listings were for the pending criminal case against [redacted]. She could find no entries regarding a civil filing. Later, [redacted] checked by hand any filings which might have been made in Phoenix since July 1st, but she said that she could find none for Bill Cooper [redacted].

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[redacted] explained that in order to file a valid civil suit in federal court, the plaintiff must pay a filing fee of \$150.00 and prepare a complaint to initiate the case. Filing packets are available in the Office of the Court Clerk.

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[redacted] was interviewed in the office of the Lakeside Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] has been with [redacted] and he has been involved in [redacted] home telephone number is [redacted] and he resides in [redacted] Arizona. His work telephone number is [redacted]. After being advised of the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Bill Cooper and [redacted] who live in the town of Eagar, Arizona. [redacted] first became aware of Cooper by listening to short wave radio broadcasts, and [redacted] explained that he frequently listens to various talk shows by short wave radio. Furthermore, [redacted] have a satellite dish with which they receive a wide variety of programming.

[redacted] met Bill Cooper in the town of [redacted]. [redacted] Cooper has visited [redacted] and [redacted] has been over to Bill Cooper's place. [redacted] said that his last visit to the Cooper home was [redacted]. Prior to going, [redacted] consulted with [redacted] of the Apache County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). [redacted] confirmed that his last visit to Cooper took place after [redacted] for Cooper [redacted].

Last Saturday, [redacted] called Bill Cooper and advised him that he would probably be meeting with Special Agent (SA) [redacted] the following week. [redacted] then asked Cooper if there was anything he wanted conveyed to the Agent, and Cooper told [redacted] that he should tell the Agent that the FBI "really stepped on their dicks." Cooper made other statements which caused [redacted] some concern and made him feel that not only was Cooper willing to die for his principles, but he was willing to take his family with him.

For example, Cooper told [redacted] a statement which [redacted] even if he is killed in the process. Although [redacted] does not believe Cooper is

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[REDACTED] suicidal, he said that Cooper is a very stubborn and hard-headed man. [REDACTED] believes that Cooper has gotten himself boxed into a corner from which he has no intention of emerging.

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In describing his relationship with Bill Cooper, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] but he doesn't consider himself to be a [REDACTED]. Furthermore, [REDACTED] said, "I don't have a love affair with Bill Cooper."

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When asked about Cooper's associates at his residence, [REDACTED] said that when he visited on the [REDACTED] there were two people there he didn't know: [REDACTED] who had dark hair and was carrying a handgun, and [REDACTED] who was [REDACTED] and of average height. [REDACTED] noticed that there was a Chevy pickup with a California license plate at Cooper's residence. This pickup may have belonged to the [REDACTED].

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Although Cooper introduced the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he could not recall their names. When asked if he knew a man named [REDACTED] who might be staying at Cooper's house, [REDACTED] said that he was not acquainted with this individual.

[REDACTED] thinks that Cooper is quite serious about resisting by force, if necessary, the federal government if an attempt is made to execute the warrants issued against him and [REDACTED] for tax evasion. [REDACTED] said that Cooper could conceivably call up 500 or 600 militia volunteers to give support if Cooper feels he is being attacked. When [REDACTED] talked to Cooper by telephone last Saturday, Cooper made some statements which caused [REDACTED] grave concerns. For example, Cooper made reference to the fact that if he and his family die here and now, they will all go to a better place tomorrow.

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[REDACTED] was asked if he could think of any circumstances which might induce Cooper to submit to federal authority and present himself in court. [REDACTED] said that the only thing he could think of is if the government is able to refute point by point Cooper's arguments concerning tax laws and federal jurisdiction. SA [REDACTED] asked if Cooper might be willing to appear in court if the bench warrants are suspended so that Cooper can show up voluntarily. [REDACTED] responded that since Cooper has already rejected a court summons, he doubts that Cooper would now voluntarily go to court.

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[redacted] mentioned that his supervisor, [redacted] has advised him to break off all contact with Cooper and his family. [redacted] said he is reluctant to do so [redacted] but he recognizes that it would be wise for him to "keep a low profile."

[redacted] was asked about an apparent split between two business partners, Bill Cooper and [redacted] said that [redacted] when Cooper had [redacted] making preparations for an [redacted]

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Apparently, Cooper was so upset by [redacted] refusal to handle [redacted] that their relationship was effectively terminated.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on July 21, 1998:

SA [redacted] contacted Sheriff Art Lee of the Apache County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) in St. Johns, Arizona. Sheriff Lee indicated that he had recently received a phone call from a man named [redacted] who wanted the Sheriff to speak with Bill Cooper, who has been accused of federal income tax evasion. Based on his conversation with [redacted] Sheriff Lee said it appears that [redacted] has strong right-wing beliefs. [redacted] told Sheriff Lee that he wants to see if there is a way to deal with the situation without anyone being hurt or killed.

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Sheriff Lee said that he did call Bill Cooper and ask him about alternatives for resolving the standoff with the federal government peacefully. Cooper did not offer any openings, and Sheriff Lee concluded from the conversation that there are no good short term solutions for dealing with Bill Cooper's resistance to federal authority. SA [redacted] asked Sheriff Lee to call [redacted] and request that [redacted] call SA [redacted].

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SA [redacted] told Sheriff Lee that yesterday he had spoken with [redacted] and that [redacted] had painted a very pessimistic picture concerning the likelihood of Bill Cooper surrendering peacefully. Instead, the Sheriff was told that Cooper had made statements to suggest that he was willing to resist to the death.

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Sheriff Lee indicated that he planned to contact Scott Garms, the police chief of the town of Eagar, Arizona, to advise him to be careful in exposing himself to Cooper. Sheriff Lee mentioned this because Cooper is upset with Garms for his cooperation with the FBI.

Following the conversation with Sheriff Lee, SA [redacted] stopped at the residence of [redacted] which lies a few miles to the south of [redacted]. [redacted] was not at home, but [redacted] answered the door, and SA [redacted] asked her if she or her husband had any affiliation with Bill Cooper. [redacted] explained that neither of them was acquainted with Cooper, although they knew something about the situation because of newspaper reports. SA [redacted] explained that he was trying to locate associates of Cooper to determine if there is a way to peacefully resolve the situation. [redacted] responded that neither she nor her husband were in a position to offer suggestions.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona:

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During the early morning of [redacted] SA [redacted] received a call from Officer [redacted] of the Eagar Police Department. [redacted] advised that he had just been called by [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) of [redacted]. [redacted] had explained how he had been asked to go to the residence of Bill Cooper that night. When [redacted] arrived at the Cooper residence, he observed that there was a lot of hostility and tension between Bill [redacted].
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After this conversation with Officer [redacted] SA [redacted] called the Eagar police chief, Scott Garms, who pretty much repeated the same account on the Coopers as just given by Officer [redacted]. Garms explained that he did not intend to send officers up to Cooper's house to investigate as such a response might provoke Cooper into an act of deadly violence. Furthermore, if the local police responded, [redacted] SA [redacted] told Chief Garms that he completely concurred with this reasoning.

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On the morning of [redacted] SA [redacted] called [redacted] at this home. [redacted] confirmed that he [redacted] had gone to Cooper's house last night after [redacted] had received a call from [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he had listened to Cooper's radio broadcast earlier that night, and Bill didn't sound like he was well. Thus, [redacted] concerning Bill. [redacted] even feared that Cooper may have suffered a heart attack. [redacted]

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Upon arriving at the Cooper's house, [redacted] immediately noticed that in was like a "free for all". Cooper was yelling at [redacted] and Cooper told [redacted] should pack up and go.

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[redacted] and he encouraged [redacted] leave the home for the night. [redacted] who was inside listening, responded by saying that [redacted].
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[redacted] stayed at the Cooper's place for about ten minutes. He felt very uncomfortable being involved [redacted] and he plainly expressed this feeling [redacted] believes that the Cooper's are feeling the stress and tension of isolating themselves since the federal warrants were issued.

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[redacted] could provide no further descriptive information on [redacted]
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When he [redacted] arrived at Cooper's house late that night, [redacted] drove up without incident even though he doesn't believe Bill was expecting him to come. [redacted] noticed no defensive measures taken regarding the arrival of his car.

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SA [redacted] asked [redacted] if he knew of [redacted] present whereabouts. He said he did not and he denied that [redacted] had come to his home that night. [redacted] said he has no intention of returning to the Cooper's home again. He said he lost a lot of respect for Bill based on what he saw last night. [redacted] stated, however, that he would serve as [redacted]
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SA [redacted] told [redacted] he would like an opportunity to talk to [redacted] even if the conversation is by phone. If [redacted] distrusts the agent, [redacted] should call from a pay phone. The point is to establish a dialogue with [redacted] said he would convey this message if he has an opportunity, but he doubts that [redacted] will contact him again. Furthermore, [redacted] will talk to SA [redacted] under any circumstances.

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On the morning of 9/11 SA [redacted] called Chief Garms again and learned that [redacted] had watched a white Bronco leave the Cooper's house earlier that morning. [redacted] went to the local Super 8 Motel, but [redacted] didn't get a room, probably because it was too late to get a desk manager to check [redacted] After leaving the Super 8, [redacted] headed west on Highway 60 towards Show Low. [redacted] could not tell if [redacted] Garms noted that [redacted] home lies in that direction. As of the afternoon of 9/11, Chief Garms could not tell if [redacted] had returned to [redacted] Eagar.

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SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] at her place of
employment. [redacted] is the [redacted]

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phone number is [redacted] She has been running [redacted]
[redacted] for about five years.

[redacted] confirmed that [redacted] has a [redacted]
[redacted] in the name of [redacted] whom she has seen in her
store previously. According to the store's account information,
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phone number is listed as [redacted] has an
Arizona drivers license [redacted] Her store account number
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[redacted] mentioned that she once had a an argument or
dispute with Cooper about [redacted] could not recall
the exact reason for the dispute, but she said that Cooper struck
her as being very strong willed, outspoken, and even arrogant.
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[redacted] who is not well acquainted with either Bill
Cooper or [redacted] believes that Bill is the dominant
partner in their relationship. [redacted] senses that [redacted] is quite
submissive. [redacted] also suspects that the [redacted] is
[redacted] which is certainly the case with the
[redacted] mentioned that she has seen the
Cooper's on a few occasions at a local Mexican restaurant.

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The Coopers have been frequent visitors at [redacted]
[redacted] during the past year. [redacted] checked her account data
base for [redacted] and noted that [redacted]
[redacted] on June 27, August 20, August 28, and September 5. [redacted]
checked receipts and found the signature of [redacted] on
invoices dated August 20 and 28.

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After the conversation with [redacted] SA [redacted] talked
with two of her employees [redacted] who work as cashiers at
the store. Both recognized photos of Bill and [redacted] and both
said they had seen them in the store within the last month or so.
Neither of them recalls seeing a man in his mid-20's who might be
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[redacted] and her two employees seem very cooperative, and they indicated they would call SA [redacted] if they have further contact with the Cooper family.

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Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

The source advised that Bill Cooper, a tax protestor and federal fugitive, has been publishing quite a bit of anti-government propáganda by means of his Internet web-site. The source, who is [redacted]

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For the most part, [redacted] in other states see Cooper as being [redacted]

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The source believes that Cooper is not likely to receive much [redacted]

Furthermore, Cooper has a very small base of support within his own community in Eagar, Arizona. [redacted]

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[redacted] The source describes [redacted] as being a bit crazy.

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by SA [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on September 17, 1998:

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SA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] around Eagar and [redacted] Arizona. [redacted] telephone number is [redacted]

[redacted] confirmed that she has a lot for sale (#22) which lies immediately north of Bill Cooper's lot on a ridgetop in the town of Eagar. There are several other parcels or lots surrounding Bill Cooper's property, but none of them are occupied. [redacted] is aware that Bill Cooper is a tax protestor, and he has declared his intent to resist arrest by federal authorities.

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[redacted] advised that there are a couple of parcels to the west of Cooper's residence which might be available for lease. One of these parcels includes the property owned by [redacted] in Eagar. Allegedly, this property has been leased for \$500.00 a month, and the lease was due to expire in August, 1998. Another piece of property which might be available for lease is Lot #34, owned by [redacted]

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[redacted] explained that she had previously [redacted] by Bill Cooper, but she has had no business dealings or personal relationship with Bill Cooper or his family.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on September 17, 1998:

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SA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] last name unknown (LNU) who said he was calling from Houston. [redacted] explained that he has been monitoring the statements, radio broadcasts, and Internet writings of Bill Cooper for several years. [redacted] stated that Cooper will soon [redacted] and in the near future he will begin broadcasting on shortwave radio on band 74.5. The new call letters for this radio broadcast station are WBCO, which originates in the state of Maine. This station is [redacted] who has two telephone numbers: [redacted] Bill Cooper will broadcast, starting next week from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. midnight (Eastern Standard Time).

[redacted] advised that Cooper [redacted] [redacted] Allegedly, Tim McVeigh [redacted]

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With respect to Bill Cooper's radio broadcasts, [redacted] advised that Cooper continues to do live broadcasts, although he occasionally runs replays of previous programs. Not long ago, Cooper made a statement on the radio to the effect that he would rather that his family die than fall into the hands of government authorities.

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Sometime ago, Cooper made reference to an incident which took place in Phoenix in 1994 when he was arrested for getting into a fight at the Ambassador Suites Hotel. Allegedly, this incident took place in August of 1994, and Cooper used his family as a shield to protect him from police.

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[redacted] Supposedly, Cooper has made disparaging comments on the radio about his former family.

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Allegedly, Bill Cooper has been involved in a process called microbroadcasting, in which people can download his transmissions on satellite and then rebroadcast them locally on FM radio.

[redacted] stated that Cooper claims to have anti-air weapons, and he has made statements about having long range rifles which can accurately hit targets out to one mile.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he would send him a copy of a [redacted] which [redacted] described as being a spoof of Cooper's own book called "Behold a Pale Horse." According to [redacted] prior to moving to Eagar, Arizona, Cooper lived in California and other places in Arizona.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/02/1998

To: Phoenix

Attn: [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Sqd 16

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper- FUGITIVE;
[redacted] FUGITIVE;
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To request technical assistance from Squad 20.

Details: On 9/28/98 a meeting was held at the US Attorney's Office in Phoenix concerning the fugitive status of Bill Cooper and [redacted]. Both have been indicted by IRS on federal tax evasion charges. Cooper has vowed to shoot any federal agents who attempt to arrest him.

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Attending this meeting were high level representatives of the US Marshals Service, IRS, US Attorney's Office, and ASAC Ray Churay of the Phoenix Division. Participants were updated on the status of Bill Cooper, who appears to have come out into town recently, an event not anticipated this soon in his self-imposed exile at his hilltop home in the town of Eagar.

During the meeting it was determined that more intelligence was needed on Cooper's activities, but the time was not yet right for deploying a team to conduct surveillance or to arrest him. Instead, it was determined that the Phoenix Division would examine the feasibility of using technical means to monitor Cooper's activities.

Another inter-agency planning meeting will held in the future after more intelligence on Cooper's activities has been gathered and assessed. On 9/29/98 SA [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] in Lakeside and scheduled a site survey to be conducted in Eagar on October 6 and 7.

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 10/19/1998

To: CIRG

Attn: [Redacted]

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From: Phoenix
Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: [Redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER,
aka Bill Cooper- FUGITIVE;
[Redacted] FUGITIVE;
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To request profiling assistance from NCAVC.

Administrative: On 7/9/98 Phoenix set out a lead to NCAVC (Quantico) to obtain a psychological assessment on captioned fugitives. On 10/19/98 SSA [Redacted] of NCAVC and SA [Redacted] the Phoenix case agent, conversed by phone about the possibility of arranging for meetings in Arizona to better understand the situation with Bill Cooper and [Redacted]. Phoenix suggests that SSA [Redacted] travel to Arizona during the first week of November.

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Details: By way of background, several months ago Bill Cooper and [Redacted] were indicted in Arizona for income tax evasion, and bench warrants were issued for them on July 1, 1998. Cooper, who is well known among members of the nation's militia groups, has stated that he will kill any federal agents who attempt to apprehend him. He has also said that he would rather have his family die than be subject to federal tyranny. In effect, Cooper has barricaded himself and his family in their residence, which lies in the middle of the quiet town of Eagar, Arizona.

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While the apprehension of Cooper is the responsibility of the US Marshals Service (USMS) and the tax investigation has been conducted by IRS, the Phoenix Division has been coordinating with both agencies in the event the Bureau is needed to provide a

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Re: [redacted] 10/19/1998

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tactical response, especially if Cooper resorts to violence. Furthermore, since the USMS and IRS have no agents assigned in the rural area of eastern Arizona where Cooper lives, the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]) has become a primary source of intelligence for the other agencies.

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If SSA [redacted] comes to Arizona, it will be with the purpose of surveying the situation to get more insight into Cooper and the rural area in which he lives. Tentatively, Phoenix has set up a working meeting with the IRS, USMS, US Attorney's Office, and the Phoenix case agent on November 3. It is recommended that this proposed trip be approved.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. [redacted]

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[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona [redacted]
October 28, 1998

Navapache Electric Cooperative, Inc.

[redacted]
Lakeside, AZ 85929
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Dear [redacted]

I am requesting the assistance of Navapache Electric Cooperative, Inc. in connection with an official investigation being conducted by our agency in the area of Round Valley.

In order to further an FBI investigation your assistance is being requested in the area of Round Valley regarding the availability of electric power of 110 volts for the operation of equipment and the use of power poles for the installation of that equipment.

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This installation will most likely take place in mid-November.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact [redacted] Lakeside, AZ or [redacted] at [redacted] Phoenix, AZ.

I appreciate your efforts in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Guadalupe Gonzalez
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

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[redacted] who has not provided his last name, called Special Agent (SA) [redacted] collect from Houston, Texas and provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he has been monitoring the Internet statements of Bill Cooper on a Website called Deja News. According to his Internet readings [redacted] said that Bill Cooper put out a reward on an individual named [redacted] in the amount of \$500.00. Apparently, [redacted] has said many critical things about Cooper on the Internet, and Cooper does not like it. Therefore, Cooper has offered \$500.00 to anyone who can provide Cooper with [redacted] address and telephone number.

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[redacted] indicated that there are [redacted] For example, [redacted] with Cooper, but they had a falling out. Allegedly, Cooper [redacted]

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[redacted] who is a [redacted] both Bill Cooper and [redacted] but Cooper broke off with [redacted] because [redacted] whom Cooper detests. Allegedly, Cooper has made a statement on the Internet to the effect that "I will shoot [redacted] comes up the hill (to negotiate with me)." Cooper has also made statements in the Internet to the effect that the Freemen of Montana were very weak, and they gave up to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as soon as their electrical power was cut off.

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During the course of the phone conversation with [redacted] he played a recording from August, 1996, which he said was a response to something done by [redacted] In this brief recording, Cooper said that, [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /dkm

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 11/10/98:

SA [redacted] received a call from [redacted] an employee at
[redacted] store in Eagar,
Arizona. [redacted] advised that last [redacted]
[redacted] and their "bodyguard" came
into the store to [redacted] Bill Cooper did not enter the
store. [redacted] came into the store at about [redacted]
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The bodyguard remained in the background, and he seemed
to be very watchful and alert. He wore a brown windbreaker over
a white polo shirt, which [redacted] said is his typical attire. The
bodyguard carried a semi-auto pistol on his hip as he always has
when visiting the store.

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After this visit, [redacted] checked the store's records and
determined that since May 1998, [redacted] the store on
[redacted] occasions, and these visits have always been made on [redacted]
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona:

On 11/16/98 [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), an employee of the [redacted] store in Eagar, called the Lakeside Resident Agency and left a voice mail message for SA [redacted]. In this message, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] did not see [redacted] Bill Cooper.

On 11/17/98 [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU) called from Houston and left a voice mail message for SA [redacted] advised that the night before he listened to Bill Cooper's nightly short wave radio broadcast. Cooper was upset about an incident in which an Eagar city [redacted] had dared to drive up the road which leads to his residence. Allegedly, Cooper said that if he can take on the federal government, he can most certainly handle the town of Eagar. Cooper also mentioned an incident with a dog, but [redacted] provided no further details.

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After reviewing [redacted] message, SA [redacted] called the Eagar police chief Scott Garms who confirmed that Cooper did have an altercation with [redacted]. Apparently, [redacted] and he drove up to check on [redacted]. Last night [redacted] called Chief [redacted] and explained what happened when he drove up the road leading to Cooper's house.

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[redacted] told Chief Garms that when he drove up the hill, he saw Cooper's [redacted]. Then a Rottweiler ran out to [redacted] truck. [redacted] told him to roll up his windows because their dog is a "trained killer dog". Then Cooper drove out in his truck and started swearing at [redacted]. [redacted] explained that he owned property nearby and that he was a [redacted] but this had no effect on Cooper, and it these statements probably provoked him all the more. [redacted] was very upset about the confrontation with Cooper.

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On 11/18/98 [redacted] LNU of Houston called SA [redacted] again and confirmed that he had spoken to [redacted] about his confrontation with Cooper. [redacted] also said that Cooper has cut back his radio program to one hour in length because of interference from a Voice of America short wave broadcast emanating from Africa.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on November 13, 1998:

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SA [redacted] received a call from [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU), who resides in Houston, Texas. David (LNU) advised that Bill Cooper is cutting back his nightly radio program from two hours to one hour in length. This radio program is aired by shortwave radio Monday through Thursday night. Apparently, Cooper is cutting back on hours because the U.S. government is sponsoring a Voice of America (VOA) shortwave radio program originating in Africa, and this program shares the signal with the shortwave station by which Cooper broadcasts his program. As a result, the powerful VOA broadcast tends to jam Cooper's program. [redacted] (LNU) suggested that the U.S. government add an additional hour on the front end of the VOA program which would effectively terminate Bill Cooper's nightly broadcasts.)

At the present time, Bill Cooper is broadcasting on the following band: 74.15. Previously his program was aired on a shortwave station called WPCR, with a frequency of 2380. [redacted] (LNU) explained that lower frequency numbers work best for night broadcasting, while the higher frequencies work better in the day.

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[redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU) called Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at the Lakeside Resident Agency and provided the following information:

[redacted] (LNU) said that he was calling with regard to Bill Cooper, the federal fugitive and tax protester, who lives in Eagar, Arizona. [redacted] (LNU) advised that Cooper is involved in illegal broadcasting by means of shortwave radio, and Cooper presently is broadcasting from a shortwave station using the call sign WBCQ. [redacted] (LNU) mentioned that he has been delighted recently to find that Voice of America (VOA), which broadcasts by shortwave from Africa, has been on the same shortwave signal used by Cooper's station, and as a result, Cooper has had difficulties in broadcasting by shortwave radio recently.

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Up until recently, Cooper has been able to afford broadcast times by means of sponsors. For example, two of his sponsors, [redacted] who were affiliated with a firm called the [redacted]

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[redacted] In order to pay for this time, Cooper has been very aggressive about advertising during his radio program, which has been reduced to two hours a night.

[redacted] (LNU), who frequently monitors Cooper's radio program, said that a mild sounding man named [redacted] has emerged as the principal salesman on Cooper's radio program. In describing [redacted] on a recent radio program, Cooper said, "There should be more people like [redacted]. He is very loyal." Unfortunately for Cooper, however, [redacted] (LNU) said that [redacted] is a terrible salesman. Perhaps this is why Cooper recently threatened to shut down his radio program unless his listeners start sending in more money.

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[redacted] (LNU) also monitors Bill Cooper's Website, and [redacted] (LNU) said that on or about October 24, 1998, Cooper made reference on his Website to the California Militia, which had brought him some "unspecified device." This information was soon withdrawn from Cooper's Website, leading [redacted] (LNU) to believe that the California Militia had instructed Cooper to remove this entry from the Website.

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About two weeks ago during this radio program, Cooper stated that he was planning to go somewhere, perhaps to a conference, but then he told his listeners that he had canceled the trip. The reason he gave for canceling his trip was because

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he didn't want to be stopped by a local police officer and thus forced to shoot the officer because of Cooper's fugitive status.

Cooper also said on a recent broadcast that he was thinking of employing remote controlled planes mounted with cameras in order to conduct photo surveillance of the area around his house. (Presumably, Cooper is worried about federal agents sneaking up to apprehend him.)

According to [redacted] (LNU), Cooper has had a running feud over the Internet with a man named [redacted] (phonetic), who is from [redacted]. Apparently, [redacted] writes demeaning things about Cooper on the Internet, and Cooper is not amused by these comments. In fact, Cooper offered a reward for anyone who could provide him with [redacted] address and telephone number.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at Lakeside, Arizona on October 23, 1998:

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SA [redacted] received a call from [redacted] LNU (last name unknown) who lives in Houston, Texas. [redacted] has called before, and he has declined to provide his last name or his telephone number). During this phone call, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] played a recording of an excerpt of a radio broadcast made by Bill Cooper in which Cooper states that the Marxists and Communists in the government are destroying the country, and it is the duty of Militia to bring them to justice.

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[redacted] advised that currently Cooper is broadcasting on a local FM Channel, 101.5, and Cooper is probably not licensed to do so with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Cooper's radio program has recently been reduced from a three hours, five nights a week format, to a program running four times a week for only two hours. Allegedly, Cooper has said that unless he gets more donations and support, he will be cutting back the program to one hour nightly.

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[redacted] said that he listened to Cooper's shortwave broadcast on October 21, 1998, and Cooper's [redacted] came on the air. Furthermore, a man who calls himself [redacted] has been broadcasting on Cooper's program since September.

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[redacted] describes [redacted] as having a meek or mild voice. Lately, [redacted] has been selling equipment such as a shortwave radio sets. On the radio program, Cooper and [redacted] have instructed individuals to send their money to [redacted] Eagar, Arizona. When instructing people to send money, Cooper and [redacted] have said that individuals should send blank money orders, gold or cash. [redacted] advised that Cooper used to instruct people to send money to him in the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that there is another radical radio broadcaster whose name is "Brother" Stare (PH). Brother Stare broadcasts out of Walterborough, South Carolina. According to [redacted] Brother Stare is extremely radical, and he advocates violence. Brother Stare's success on shortwave may have spawned other programs such as the one currently being aired by Bill Cooper.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 12/14/1998

To: Phoenix

Attn: [redacted] Sqd 16
ASAC [redacted]

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From: Phoenix
Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] F:dkm

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To set lead to Squad 16.

Details: Earlier this fall, a joint meeting was held with representatives from the IRS, the U.S. Marshal's Service (USMS), and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Representing the Phoenix Division were ASAC Ray P. Churay and SA [redacted]. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies for dealing with the fugitive, Bill Cooper, who insists that he will kill any federal agent who attempt to apprehend him on federal income tax evasion charges. Various issues were discussed at this meeting, and a decision was made not to pursue, for the time being, any tactical resolution of the fugitive situation. Decisions were made to increase intelligence gathering, and IRS volunteered to set up [redacted]

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Tech agents from Phoenix installed this camera in Eagar, Arizona on 12/01/1998, and the quality of the camera image is quite good. [redacted]

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[redacted] the case agent (SA [redacted] and the investigators from IRS and the USMS can better formulate plans for bringing Cooper into custody. Unfortunately, however, maintaining this [redacted] will be [redacted] SA [redacted] will expend approximately four to five hours [redacted]

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Re: [redacted], 12/14/1998

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[redacted] Given the nature of his pending caseload, he will not have time to physically review [redacted] and maintain an intelligence log.

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Therefore, it is recommended an analyst or agent in Squad 16 be tasked to review [redacted] and compile a log. If Squad 16 lacks the manpower to do so, Lakeside recommends that [redacted] be delivered to the USMS or IRS for the purposes of gleaning information from the [redacted]

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To: Phoenix From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted] 12/14/1998

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT PHOENIX, AZ

Will review [redacted] taken from [redacted]
[redacted] and will compile activity
logs concerning [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 12/29/1998

To: Oklahoma City
San Antonio
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ATTN: [redacted] /NCAVC

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From: Phoenix
Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] F:dkm

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To set leads for interviews.

Administrative: The purpose of the leads set forth below is to interview two siblings of the fugitive, Bill Cooper. To facilitate this interview, Phoenix has attached a checklist of General Assessment Questions which has been prepared at Quantico by the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC), formerly referred to as the Behavioral Science Unit. The enclosed questionnaire is quite lengthy, and it may not be feasible for the interviewing Agents to utilize the questionnaire if Cooper's siblings are uncooperative or if they have had little contact with Cooper in recent years. The interviewing Agents are encouraged to use discretion to gain as much insight into Cooper's personality, philosophies and mindset as possible, with or without use of the questionnaire as a guide.

Enclosures: An 11-page questionnaire prepared at Quantico entitled, "General Assessment Questions."

Details: On 07/01/1998, federal bench warrants were issued for Bill Cooper and [redacted] because [redacted] refused to appear in District Court in Phoenix in response to charges of Income Tax Evasion. On 06/19/1998, a Deputy U.S. Marshall attempted to serve Cooper with a summons, but Cooper threw the Deputy Marshall off his property without receiving the summons.

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To: Oklahoma City From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted], 12/29/1998

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Bill Cooper, a resident of the small eastern town of Eagar, Arizona, is nationally known among militia members and other right-wing zealists. Cooper hosts a talk show by means of short-wave radio, and he frequently condemns the federal government and especially the FBI for the "atrocities" at Waco and Ruby Ridge. Cooper is convinced that there is a government-sponsored socialist conspiracy to establish a "New World Order."

Cooper is a prolific writer on the Internet, and much information about him and his beliefs can be accessed at his Website: www.harvest-trust.org. Cooper has written defiantly on the Internet of the bench warrants issued in Phoenix and of his intent to go to war with the federal government. An example of the statements include, "Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute these unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants issued by Judge Irwin will be met with armed resistance. Any person who attempts to kidnap our children will be shot on sight."

While it is primarily the responsibility of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Marshal's Service (USMS) to apprehend Cooper [redacted] and bring them before a federal judge, FBI assistance has been requested in peacefully resolving this situation. Since the bench warrants were issued in July, 1998, Cooper and his family have effectively barricaded themselves in their home which sits in the middle of the town of Eagar. It should be noted that Cooper's home sits on a high ridge overlooking a quiet residential area, and the prospects of initiating any sort of tactical seige in the community will be avoided.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has made it clear that even if convicted, Cooper is not likely to spend more than a year or two in jail. Because of this and the fact that Cooper is, for all intents and purposes, using [redacted] as human shields, the involved federal agencies have decided not to initiate any overt or provocative action. Essentially, federal authorities have resolved to wait until Cooper eventually cools down, grows weary of his self-imposed captivity, and comes out into the community where he can be apprehended at minimal risk to himself and others.

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Soon after the bench warrants were issued for Cooper and [redacted] the Phoenix Division set out a lead to the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) at Quantico to request a Behavioral Assessment and advice on how to proceed in bringing Cooper and [redacted] to justice. While two Agents from NCAVC have traveled to Arizona and briefly visited the community of Eagar, NCAVC is unable to prepare a proper behavioral

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assessment without further information on the subject. Since little is known about Cooper's background, NCAVC recommended that some of Cooper's family members or siblings be contacted for information. This is the reason for setting forth the leads described below.

Milton William Cooper, aka Bill Cooper, is described as a white male, date of birth (DOB): 05/06/1943, Social Security Account Number (SSAN): 447-44-4324, 6'3" tall, 250 pounds. Cooper has an artificial right leg, and he claims to have lost his leg when run off the road on his motorcycle by assassins dispatched by the CIA.

Cooper's [redacted]

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Bill Cooper has at least two siblings, who are fraternal twins. One of the twins is [redacted]

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[redacted] fraternal twin is [redacted]

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To: Oklahoma City From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted], 12/29/1998.

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT GARBER, OK

concerning [redacted] Will interview [redacted] Oklahoma,
[redacted] Bill Cooper.

Set Lead 2:

SAN ANTONIO

AT AUSTIN, TX

concerning [redacted] Will interview [redacted] of Austin, Texas,
[redacted] Bill Cooper.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on December 8, 1998:

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SA [redacted] received a voice mail message from [redacted] an employee at [redacted] store in the town of Eagar, Arizona. [redacted] advised that [redacted] came into the [redacted] store on the last two [redacted] stated that the first visit was made at about [redacted] while the second visit took place at [redacted]

SA [redacted] called [redacted] who resides at [redacted] in Eagar. [redacted] is a retired [redacted] and he is also a retired police officer from the City of Phoenix. His home telephone number is [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked if he has any information on the current situation with Bill Cooper, the accused tax protester in Eagar. [redacted] responded that he often listens to Cooper's FM radio program, which generally consists of lots of music and no commercials. [redacted] mentioned that the other night, Cooper spoke about how a city council member named [redacted] had tried to go up and encroach on his property. [redacted] said that he had no other information regarding Cooper's present state of mind, but he advised that he would call SA [redacted] if he learned anything significant about Cooper's present status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/29/1999

To: St Louis

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: [Redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper- FUGITIVE;

[Redacted]

AOT- DT

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To set lead to obtain military records.

Details: On 07/01/98 federal bench warrants were issued for Bill Cooper and [Redacted] as they had failed to respond to a summons concerning their recent indictments on charges of income tax evasion. Since then, Cooper has vowed to shoot any federal agent who attempts to apprehend him or [Redacted]. His threats are not being taken lightly since Cooper is known to be well armed, and his home is something of a fortress in that it is located on a prominent ridge overlooking the small Arizona town of Eagar.

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Cooper is nationally known in the American militia movement. He runs a nightly talk show by means of short wave radio, and his radio program can be categorized as extremely right wing and anti-government in tone. He also publishes a newsletter called VERITAS, and he maintains an Internet website at www.harvest-trust.org.

Federal agencies responsible for bringing Cooper to justice, which include the US Marshals Service, IRS, and the FBI, have adopted a strategy of ignoring Cooper for the time being since he seems eager to engage in a 'Ruby Ridge-like siege'. The three agencies have jointly decided not to give him the fight he wants. Instead, the strategy is to wait until Cooper relaxes and becomes more vulnerable to apprehension when he is away from his home.

To: St Louis From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted] 01/29/1999

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Since the federal bench warrants were issued in July, Cooper has had a young man living at his home who has been acting as his bodyguard. Until now, the young man has only been known as [redacted] but recently Phoenix identified Cooper's bodyguard, who is believed to be a [redacted]

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[redacted] Phoenix recently ran a data check through the Savannah Information Technology Center (SITC), which confirmed the name of the body guard, [redacted] It seems that [redacted]

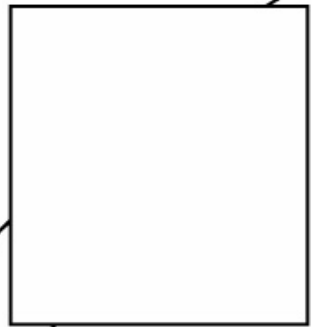
The family apparently comes from the town of [redacted]

[redacted] Cooper's bodyguard is further described below.

Descriptive Data:

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- DDN:
- Race:
- Sex:
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- SOC:
- Alias (es) :
- Last:
- First:
- Middle:
- DDN:



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To: St Louis From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted] 01/29/1999

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT ST LOUIS

Will locate and review military records on [redacted] Please forward a
copy of his [redacted] and any records summarizing [redacted]

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[redacted] Also provide
information on his parents, next of kin, emergency contacts,
and/or spouse and dependents.

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[redacted]
[redacted] were interviewed
jointly at their home, [redacted]

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[redacted] Considering
that [redacted] is Cooper's [redacted] he was included
in the interview. After being advised of the identity of the
interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, the [redacted]
provided the following information:

The [redacted] advised that they were not aware of any of
the facts and circumstances surrounding Milton Cooper's current
status as a federal fugitive. After Cooper's fugitive status was
explained to the [redacted] they replied that they were not at all
surprised. [redacted] stated that Cooper considers himself to
be a "patriot", and had aligned himself with extreme right wing
organizations. Subsequently, Cooper became more and more
difficult to deal with and eventually, the [redacted] ceased all
contact with Cooper.

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[redacted] explained that the last time they saw
Milton Cooper and his immediate family was about five years ago
when the [redacted] At that
time, Cooper continually attempted to engage them in debate or
conversation about various conspiracy theories. If anyone
disagreed with him, Cooper became belligerent and argumentative,
so the smart solution was to simply agree with Cooper. During
that visit, the [redacted] also noted that Cooper tended to binge
drink when he drank alcohol and that he became even more
aggressive and argumentative after drinking.

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After that visit, the [redacted] decided they would not
visit Cooper again. They tried maintaining telephonic contact
with Cooper for a short while, but Cooper's attitude and demeanor
led to them not even calling. It appeared that Cooper was in the
process of distancing himself from the entire family.

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[redacted] continued, that although Cooper has
distanced himself from his family, he had made attempts prior to
five years ago, to develop and maintain close family relation-
ships. Cooper came to [redacted] but no

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family members were able to tolerate Cooper. On the one hand, Cooper attempted to be friendly and supportive, but on the other hand, he would not accept anyone disagreeing with him or refusing to accept his extremist viewpoints.

The [REDACTED] advised that although they did not have any knowledge concerning Cooper's current dealings, they could provide background information on him and other facts about him known to them.

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[REDACTED] described Cooper as a very eloquent and articulate speaker. He said that Cooper has the ability to hold someone's attention when he speaks and suspects that Cooper does very well as a radio talk show host. Cooper is knowledgeable about many subjects and could probably speak well on any of them, unfortunately he has focused his efforts on extremist views. The one problem for Cooper is that when he speaks or has an opinion on a subject, he cannot tolerate dissension or disagreement with him. He will become argumentative and irrational, thereby becoming very unpleasant company.

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According to the [REDACTED] though Cooper is an isolationist and may have various mental disorders such as paranoia, he is also very intelligent. Cooper has a voracious appetite for information and reads continuously. Additionally, Cooper is very proficient with computers and the Internet.

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Cooper has a need to be dominant in any relationship and they described [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not know if [REDACTED] physical abuse is part of Cooper's relationship with [REDACTED] but they were confident that he mentally abuses [REDACTED] if just by his argumentative personality. The [REDACTED] had no information regarding the status or whereabouts of Cooper's [REDACTED]

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Regardless of how he treats [REDACTED] Cooper maintains a very close relationship with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could not remember [REDACTED] true name and believe [REDACTED] They have never seen [REDACTED] but believe [REDACTED] Cooper is very protective of [REDACTED]

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The lower part of one of Cooper's legs was amputated in a motorcycle/automobile accident. Cooper told [Redacted] that the accident occurred when he was being pursued by CIA Agents. To the best of [Redacted] knowledge, Cooper's leg was cut off in a "normal" accident.

Cooper's parents are [Redacted]. They reside at [Redacted] home telephone number [Redacted] advised that Milton Cooper has not maintained any regular contact with his parents and it is likely that they are not aware of his current situation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 02/16/1999

To: Phoenix

Attn: Squad 13/Lakeside RA
SA [redacted]

From: San Antonio
Squad 11/Austin RA

RM [redacted] Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending) 43

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: Lead covered. [redacted]
[redacted] interviewed regarding subject.

Reference: [redacted] Serial 37

Administrative: [redacted] advised that they did not maintain regular contact with Milton Cooper and that they had not even spoken to him in about five years. With that in mind, questions from the attached questionnaire were asked selectively.

Enclosures: Enclosed for Phoenix, Lakeside RA are an original plus two copies of FD-302 re interview of [redacted]. Also enclosed in attached 1-A envelope is the original 11 page questionnaire which was initially provided by Phoenix.

Details: [redacted] who is the [redacted] were jointly interviewed regarding Cooper. The [redacted] advised that they were not aware of Cooper's current status as a fugitive considering that they do not maintain regular contact with Cooper due to Cooper's extremist ideologies, combative attitude, and aggressive personality.

The [redacted] last visited Cooper approximately five years ago. During that visit, Cooper continually espoused his conspiracy theories and became argumentative whenever anyone dared disagree with him. Additionally, Cooper consumed significant amounts of alcohol and became more aggressive after

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To: Phoenix From: San Antonio
Re: [redacted] 02/16/1999

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drinking. For a short time thereafter, the [redacted] attempted to maintain telephonic contact with Cooper, but due to Cooper's continued attitude, they eventually quit trying to reason with him.

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Cooper increasingly distanced himself from other family members and became more involved with the "patriot" community and for all intents and purposes, he ceased contact completely with members of his family.

The [redacted] advised that Cooper might be mentally unstable, but he is also very intelligent.

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Lead covered.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on December 21, 1998:

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SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] the owner of the [redacted] located in Lakeside. The mailing address for the [redacted] Lakeside, Arizona 85929. The telephone number is [redacted]

[redacted] confirmed that a group calling itself the Independence Press Club held a conference [redacted] [redacted] The Independence Press Club (IPC) is another name for an organization also called the Harvest Trust, which is headed by a man named Bill Cooper. The IPC held a second conference at the [redacted] According to [redacted] approximately 60 people attended the conference sponsored by Bill Cooper and IPC. [redacted] described the people attending the conference as being friendly and not rowdy.

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[redacted] mentioned that after the first visit of IPC to his ranch, he found out that Bill Cooper had done a short wave radio broadcast from his property. [redacted] did not like the fact that Cooper had made the broadcast from the [redacted] and he told Cooper that he didn't appreciate it and that he didn't want it to happen again.

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[redacted] explained that Cooper had concerns about his security, and as a result he asked that [redacted] close off the gates and entrances leading into [redacted] something which [redacted] refused to do, explaining to Cooper that [redacted] was his home and he wanted to make it readily available to his friends and neighbors.

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Despite these minor differences of Cooper, [redacted] found that Cooper and [redacted] were nice, and he noted that the people attending the conference helped clean up the ranch before their departure. Cooper's [redacted] took horseback riding lessons while she stayed at the ranch.

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[redacted] described [redacted] as "boisterous." [redacted] also mentioned that Cooper drank enough alcohol that it caused [redacted] a little bit of concern about Cooper's stability.

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During the course of this conversation, SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that Cooper is now a federal fugitive, having refused to comply with a summons to appear before a federal court with regard to an indictment on Income Tax Evasion charges.

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[REDACTED] mentioned that on one occasion he had been over to Cooper's house in Eagar, Arizona, and at that time Cooper's dog, Crusher, actually backed [REDACTED] up against the wall. [REDACTED] explained that Cooper had obtained the dog from a dog trainer by the name of [REDACTED]. Apparently, [REDACTED] received a visit from the FBI, and after this visit, he called Cooper and let him know that he had been contacted. Cooper was upset that [REDACTED] had spoken to the FBI.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona, on January 9, 1999:

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SA [redacted] received a collect telephone call from [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU) who was calling from a pay phone in Houston. [redacted] LNU said that a few weeks ago he heard a short-wave radio broadcast by Bill Cooper in which Cooper said that he had had contact with Tim McVeigh and another individual named [redacted] before the bombing of Oklahoma City building. Allegedly, Cooper told his radio listeners that McVeigh and Michael were planning to carry out some sort of action, but they did not tell Cooper what their exact intentions were.

Since making this broadcast, Cooper has made statements about establishing his own television station. Furthermore, he has been asking his listeners to send more money, and if they will not, Cooper said he will cut back on his radio programming.

According to [redacted] LNU, Cooper hardly ever mentions his [redacted] on his radio broadcast. However, Cooper has mentioned that [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on January 22, 1999:

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SA [redacted] received a return phone call from Scott Garms, the Police Chief in the town of Eagar, Arizona. Chief Garms confirmed that there have been at least two confrontations between Bill Cooper and local citizens near Bill Cooper's property, which sits on a ridge overlooking the town of Eagar. The first confrontation involved [redacted] a few months ago.

The second confrontation took place when [redacted] went up to the ridge to videotape the surrounding community, and there [redacted] was confronted by Bill Cooper, who turned out armed with a handgun. Details of this confrontation were provided separately by Chief Garms in an Eagar Police Department Report.

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Chief Garms advised that he has heard rumors that there have been other confrontations between Cooper and individuals visiting the ridge where Cooper lives, but the chief does not have the names of the individuals who may have encountered Bill Cooper near his home. Garms said he heard one rumor regarding a woman who went to the ridge was "targeted" by a red laser dot, presumably originating from the electronic sight of some sort of firearm. Unfortunately, Chief Garms does not have the name of the woman who allegedly had this experience.

Chief Garms indicated that Bill Cooper's bodyguard, who goes by the name [redacted] recently filed a police report on behalf of the [redacted] for which he works. In the course of filing the complaint, [redacted] listed personal information which would further identify him, but at the time of the telephone conversation, the chief did not have this information available. He said that once he receives the identifying information he will make it available to the FBI.

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COMMENTS: Thanks for the prompt response!

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Eagar, Arizona on 2/25/99:

SA [redacted] spoke to [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY),
who advised that [redacted]
[redacted] saw Bill Cooper at the [redacted] store recently.
Allegedly [redacted] has previously had [redacted] with Cooper
when [redacted]
[redacted] on which Cooper's house is located.
When Cooper determined that [redacted] was not a threat to him and
that he really was the [redacted] Cooper gave
[redacted] an autographed copy of his book on the Oklahoma City
bombing.

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Date of transcription 2/2/99

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on January 21, 1999:

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Source advised that an individual identifying himself as [redacted]

[redacted] Apparently, the [redacted] is looking for a place to conduct "future maneuvers" and have a vacation. [redacted]

The Source subsequently determined that the [redacted]

The Source also provided information involving an Internet website which is advertising under the business name

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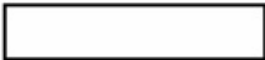
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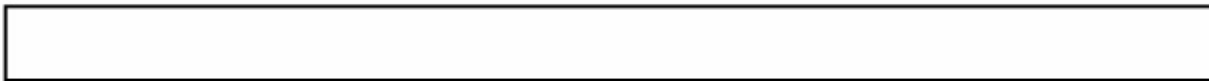
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The Internet ad promises bonuses for the referral of five customers. You can earn an additional \$150.00 a month for fifty months. According to the ad, ten customers equals \$8,500.00 in commission and bonus.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/01/1999

To: Phoenix

ATTN: [redacted] Sqd 7
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From: Phoenix
Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Approved By: [redacted] *cd/af*

Drafted By: [redacted] F:dkm

Case ID #: 62E-PX-~~422~~ 62617

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Title: CHANGED
MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION FOR
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To change classification of captioned investigation. *CD*

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect the re-classification of this investigation from an AOT-DT matter to one involving a fugitive investigation for other federal agencies.

Details: Captioned investigation was opened in July, 1998, after federal bench warrants were issued for Bill Cooper and [redacted] for failing to appear in federal district court in response to IRS indictments regarding income tax evasion. Bill Cooper is well known in American militia circles, and he broadcasts a radio program nationwide by means of short-wave radio. Cooper also publishes a considerable amount of material on his Internet web-site.

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Prior to his indictment on tax charges, Cooper had been interviewed previously by SA [redacted] concerning the Oklahoma City bombing case and also with regard to Cooper's association with an individual who was ultimately slain in a shootout with the Albany Division SWAT team a couple of years ago. Based on his rhetoric and published statements, it is apprent that Cooper despises the federal government generally, and the FBI, IRS, and ATF in particular. Since the federal warrants were issued, Cooper has vowed to shoot any federal agent who attempts to apprehend him or approach his property.

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To: Phoenix

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[redacted] Sqd 16

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From: Phoenix
Re: 62E-PX-NEW, 04/01/1999

Initially, captioned investigation was opened as a [redacted] case (DT matter). The assumption made by SA [redacted] at the time was that a serious problem was brewing, and the FBI was likely to be involved in the apprehension of Cooper, one way or another, even though the warrant was secured by IRS. While this assumption is still valid, SA [redacted] believes it is inappropriate to maintain this investigation as a DT matter. (This opinion is shared by the Bureau agents who reviewed this case file during the Phoenix Division's recent inspection.)

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While Cooper's comments and rhetoric about the federal government are anything but flattering, there is no hard evidence to indicate that Cooper is planning terrorist acts or attempting to use violent means to overthrow the government. Cooper's apparent crimes are to avoid federal taxes and to resist arrest by federal authorities. In view of the situation, it is recommended this case be reclassified as a fugitive investigation in support of other federal agencies, namely the IRS and the US Marshals Service.

Undoubtedly, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Marshals, and the IRS desire continued FBI assistance in trying to resolve this matter. Moreover, SA [redacted] is the only federal agent assigned in the White Mountains on a permanent basis, and so the burden has effectively fallen on him to gather intelligence about Cooper from local sources around Cooper's residence in the town of Eagar, Arizona.

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It should be noted that on 03/26/1999, a meeting was held in Phoenix at the U.S. Attorney's Office to discuss the present situation with Bill Cooper. Besides AUSA [redacted] [redacted] the meeting was attended by representatives of IRS and the U.S. Marshals. No one from the Phoenix Division was present, and SA [redacted] was out of state at the time. At any rate, SA [redacted] was later advised that the participants in this meeting expressed a desire to continue the present intelligence gathering measures, including [redacted]

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[redacted] of the U.S. Marshals has advised SA [redacted] that his agency is highly unlikely to authorize an arrest of Cooper by means of a raid or ruse on or near Cooper's property in the town of Eagar.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Eagar, Arizona, on March 5, 1999:

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SA [redacted] met with [redacted]. Also present was the [redacted] and a friend of [redacted]. During the interview, [redacted] explained how he came to have contact with Bill Cooper, an accused tax evader and federal fugitive.

[redacted] advised that on December 23, he and [redacted] took a drive so they could videotape the area around Round Valley (Eagar and Springerville) prior to taking a trip back to [redacted] home in Illinois where the remainder of his family lives. At the advice of a local resident, [redacted] drove up Hillcrest Drive to the top of a ridge which overlooks the Round Valley community. Soon after he arrived at the top, [redacted] heard a voice which cried out, "Get that camera out of here!"

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Shortly thereafter, a large blue pickup truck quickly rolled up to the place where [redacted] had parked his vehicle. At the time, [redacted]

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The man inside the truck, who was Bill Cooper, said to [redacted] "I'd appreciate your erasing the tape." While the man was not screaming, he clearly sounded tense. Cooper's truck came to rest very close to [redacted] vehicle, and [redacted] could see the seat of the pickup truck that Cooper was in. On the seat was a high-beam spotlight and a hunting knife.

[redacted] could not see if Cooper had a firearm, but during the course of their conversation, Cooper seemed to blade his body in such a way that any sidearm would not have been visible.

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Cooper asked [redacted] many questions about who he was, where he was from, and what he was doing. [redacted] explained that he was the [redacted] and he did his best to placate Cooper, who was clearly uneasy. Cooper went on to say that he was affiliated with a "freedom" group. (Cooper did not use the term "militia".) During the course of this conversation, Cooper said that there are over a million of "them" (presumably militia members), and that there could be a civil war. [redacted] had the impression that Cooper was actually trying to convert him or persuade him of his cause. [redacted] said that this sort of talk made him feel very uncomfortable, and he just wanted to leave the area.

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[redacted] gave Cooper the videotape which was inside his camcorder, and the two men agreed that [redacted] could return the next day to retrieve the videotape after Cooper had reviewed it.

The following morning, [redacted] returned to Cooper's residence, and he approached in a very slow and deliberate manner so as not to alarm Cooper. When [redacted] arrived at the door, Cooper came to meet him, and [redacted] could see the two large brown eyes of a Rottweiler dog inside the house. [redacted] also saw a

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[redacted] was standing in the darkness inside the residence, and [redacted]

On this occasion, [redacted] clearly saw a pistol, which he described as a Smith and Wesson model 4506 .45 caliber pistol, which was on Cooper's right hip. (During the interview, [redacted] advised he used to be a law enforcement officer, and he is well acquainted with S&W pistols.) Cooper was very friendly during this conversation. Not only did he return [redacted] his videotape, but he also gave him a copy of his book, which is entitled, "Oklahoma City: Day One".

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Cooper was apologetic about the confrontation he had with [redacted] the day before, and he also made a remark that puzzled [redacted]. Cooper said, "I hear they're going to let you go at [redacted]. Cooper went on to elaborate that he had contacts in town, and these people had told him that [redacted] in his role as [redacted] had apparently angered some of the prominent residents in town.

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[redacted] next contact with Cooper took place on the first day [redacted] after the [redacted]. At that time, [redacted] was in [redacted] and Cooper walked in to the [redacted] from the front entrance. They exchanged a greeting, and [redacted] went on about his business. [redacted] is not sure what transpired inside the administration building of the [redacted].

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Three or four weeks ago, [redacted] was at the Safeway store in Eagar, and he thought he saw Bill Cooper in the parking lot. At first this made [redacted] nervous, and he thought that Cooper might even be following him. Later, however, he learned that the individual he had seen at the Safeway was a man named [redacted] is sure of this point, because he subsequently saw [redacted] some time later, and he recognized [redacted] truck from the Safeway parking lot. [redacted] stated

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that both Cooper and [redacted] are tall heavy men, but [redacted] is bigger than Cooper.

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[redacted] advised that he has not seen Cooper since the very brief encounter in front of the [redacted] the first day after [redacted] said that he would notify the FBI if he has any further contact with Cooper. [redacted] is aware of Cooper's status as a federal fugitive.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at [redacted] Arizona, on March 31, 1999:

SA [redacted] met with Steve West, the Chief of the Springerville Police Department. Chief West said that he is not personally acquainted with Bill Cooper, and he would not recognize Cooper if Cooper were to pass him in the street. (At this comment, SA [redacted] showed Chief West a photograph of Cooper and [redacted])

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Chief West explained that he has heard a rumor to the effect that Cooper occasionally is visiting [redacted] who now resides in Snowflake. Chief West said that he could not vouch for the reliability or veracity of this rumor.

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Following the visit with Chief West, SA [redacted] visited the Post Office in the town of Eagar and there he spoke to [redacted] that Postal facility. [redacted] has been employed with the U.S. Postal Service for about nine years. [redacted] confirmed that her office [redacted]

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[redacted] She has not seen Bill Cooper for a long time, probably a year or more, and she said that if she were to pass Cooper in the street she probably would not recognize him.

When asked who picks up mail for the Coopers at the Post Office, [redacted] responded that it is usually [redacted] who picks up the mail. He sometimes does this on a daily basis. Very occasionally, Cooper's [redacted] picks up the mail.

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Following the visit to the Post Office, SA [redacted] spoke to Chief Scott Garms of the Eagar Police Department. Chief Garms advised that Bill Cooper and [redacted] have not been causing any problems in Eagar, and the Chief is not aware of any recent confrontations between Cooper and other citizens, at least not since since an incident at the start of the new year involving [redacted]

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The Chief remarked that Bill Cooper, because of his silent and unobtrusive presence in town, causes him a lot less of a problem than some other citizens in town do. Chief Garms said that he would contact the Lakeside Resident Agency in the event that Cooper is spotted in town or has any more confrontations near his home.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/14/99

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] located on [redacted]. The name of the [redacted]. During the conversation with [redacted] he was initially accompanied by [redacted] who is a police officer in the town of [redacted] Arizona, and later by [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] confirmed that he used to run [redacted] in the town of [redacted] Arizona, and at that time he developed an association with Bill Cooper, who now resides in Eagar, Arizona. [redacted] several years ago. When this occurred, Cooper was planning a conference for his supporters, and Cooper insisted that [redacted] declined, saying that he needed to [redacted] whose ceremony was to be held [redacted]. Cooper tried to overrule [redacted] decision, but [redacted] said that he had enough. He not only refused to [redacted] but he also ended his association with Bill Cooper.

In response to this, Cooper began to condemn [redacted] on Cooper's shortwave radio broadcasts. Cooper took every occasion to malign [redacted] and [redacted] said that Cooper effectively forced him out of the community of [redacted]. Subsequently, [redacted] reestablished their business in the town of [redacted] and they said they like the community.

[redacted] has no good feelings for Bill Cooper, and he said that if he ran into Cooper, he "would beat him up with his (Cooper's) wooden leg."

[redacted] is aware that Cooper has not been paying his taxes and that he has been charged by the federal government for Income Tax Evasion. He is also aware that Cooper has been hiding out in his hilltop home in Eagar since the federal arrest warrants were issued.

Investigation on 04/08/1999 at [redacted] Arizona
 File # [redacted]-55 Date dictated 04/08/1999
 by SA [redacted] /dkm

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When asked what could be done to get Cooper to stand before a federal judge in response to the tax charges, [REDACTED] said he really couldn't think of a good option. After much thought, he said that it might be possible to contact the radio sponsors of Cooper's program and have them encourage Cooper to meet with a representative of the federal government on neutral ground. Perhaps that representative could persuade Cooper to show up in court without having him arrested and compelled to appear before the judge. Nevertheless, [REDACTED] did not express much optimism for the viability of this plan.

[REDACTED] advised that Cooper has several firearms in his residence, including a 9mm Taurus pistol, an SKS rifle, a Maverick 12-gauge shotgun, and a .375 H&H hunting rifle. [REDACTED] was asked if Cooper also has access to a .50 caliber sniper rifle, and [REDACTED] responded that if Cooper has such a weapon, he acquired it after [REDACTED] and Cooper parted company.

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On several occasions, [REDACTED] said that if Cooper is apprehended, law enforcement officers should be very careful not to turn their back on [REDACTED]. He indicated that [REDACTED] should not be trusted as she could very well try to harm anyone who interfered. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] is quite devoted to [REDACTED]. Even if Cooper were to [REDACTED] would defend him and "worship him as if he were on a pedestal."

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[REDACTED] mentioned an incident that took place several years ago during a conference which Cooper hosted. Apparently, Cooper [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] For a couple of days, [REDACTED] ran out on Cooper, but she returned despite her anger over that situation.

[REDACTED] said that Cooper became a changed person after the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. After that bombing, Cooper's ego swelled, and no one could tell him anything. [REDACTED] described Cooper as being paranoid in personality and also having delusions of grandeur.

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In talking about himself, [REDACTED] described some of his experiences as a [REDACTED] the state he

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originally came from, and [redacted] in the town of [redacted] recounted one experience in which he was responsible for working a drug case that resulted in about 17 arrests, including members of prominent families in the [redacted] area.

[redacted] denied the existence of an organization called the Second Continental Army of the Republic (SCAR). While Cooper claims to be the Director of Intelligence of this organization, [redacted] said that SCAR is more of an imaginary organization than a real one. A few years back, Cooper began printing certificates and documents for SCAR members, but [redacted] gave the impression the organization is more a matter of wishful thinking than a viable organization. [redacted] denied being a member of a militia, at least as the term "militia" is used presently. He explained, however, that he believes in the Second Amendment, and he considers himself a militia member in that sense of the word.

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[redacted] advised that he has served in the U.S. Army on active duty, and later he was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. He left the service [redacted] although he could have stayed another month and been [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/15/1999

To: Phoenix

Attn: [redacted] / Squad 16

From: Phoenix
Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] dkm

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)
62E-PX-62617 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP;
UNSUBS;
AOT - DT

MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT - DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To provide background on an interview conducted with [redacted] on 04/08/1999.

Enclosures: Enclosed is a copy of an FD-302 concerning an interview with [redacted]

Details: On 04/08/1999, the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]) decided to pay a visit to [redacted] an alleged "hardcore" militia member, who presently resides in the town of [redacted] Arizona. There were several reasons for the decision to interview [redacted]. First of all, [redacted] of Bill Cooper, the fugitive tax protestor who continues to resist federal arrest. SA [redacted] thought that [redacted] might be able to provide some insight into Cooper's personality.

Second, by means of an EC dated 05/28/1998, SA [redacted] set out a lead to Lakeside to further identify [redacted]. While SA [redacted] has previously responded to several leads set out in the above-captioned case [redacted], SA [redacted] figured that much could be learned about [redacted] from direct contact in an interview.

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Finally, on 04/07/1999, a reliable source advised SA [redacted] that about a month ago, an Hispanic man, Humberto Morales, was killed in a vehicle accident in the town of St. Johns, Arizona. There have been rumors circulating among Morales' family to the effect that Humberto's death was caused by [redacted]. Allegedly, [redacted] had been [redacted] for some time because of his [redacted]. Supposedly, [redacted] while SA [redacted] did not intend to question [redacted] directly about [redacted] SA [redacted] was hoping that [redacted] might bring up the topic. (He did not.)

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At any rate, for these reasons SA [redacted] went to [redacted] business called [redacted] which is located at [redacted]. [redacted] is actually part of two adjacent businesses. Inside the buildings owned or leased by [redacted] and [redacted] is an [redacted]. This building is located in the virtual center of the town of [redacted] just north of the police department.

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In order to conduct the interview, SA [redacted] appeared at [redacted] unannounced, and there he was greeted by [redacted] who said that [redacted] was away. When SA [redacted] explained his purpose, which he said was to discuss the situation with Bill Cooper, [redacted] called [redacted] who soon returned to [redacted] for the interview. [redacted] who is a police officer in [redacted] Arizona, and [redacted] were present at various times during the interview.

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It should be noted that [redacted] were polite, talkative, and friendly during the course of the interview. This came as a surprise to SA [redacted] because since being assigned to the Lakeside RA, the Agent has heard many negative things about [redacted]. Frankly, SA [redacted] expected [redacted] to gruffly or profanely decline an interview or to answer questions in a very terse and hostile manner. This was not the case.

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[redacted] spoke in a fairly open manner, and sometimes he was even quite witty. SA [redacted] especially appreciated his comment that if he [redacted] had a chance, he would take Cooper's wooden leg and beat him up with it. (Cooper lost one of his legs in an accident several years ago.)

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Prior to the interview, SA [redacted] had heard rumors to the effect that Cooper was occasionally slipping out of his house and visiting [redacted]. Although SA [redacted] had already pretty much dismissed these rumors, the interview with [redacted]

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caused him to conclude there is little likelihood of ongoing communication between [redacted] and Cooper. Both [redacted] and [redacted] were quite outspoken about their dislike of Bill Cooper.

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Prior to the interview, SA [redacted] had been told that [redacted] It should be noted that [redacted] appears to have [redacted] and she speaks English with a very pronounced accent, which the Agent found difficult to understand. [redacted] bears some of the [redacted] features of his mother. He was virtually silent during the time he remained in [redacted] which was about half the length of the interview.

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Case ID: 62E-PX-62617 Serial: 57

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Date : 05/12/99
To : PHOENIX
From : PHOENIX
Topic: COOPER, WILLIAM

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases
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Complainant Protect Source

Complaint received

Personal Telephonic Date 4/26/99 Time 4:15pm

Address of Subject
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Complainant's address and telephone number

Complainant's DOB 2/13/42 SSAN [redacted] Race [redacted] Sex M

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	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
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Facts of complaint

Complainant appeared at the Tucson Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report what he believes to be a militia group organized and operating in the Springerville, Arizona area.

Complainant stated he has lived in the Springerville, Arizona area for approximately [redacted] Eager, Arizona. however, complainant indicates his post office address is [redacted] Springerville, AZ 85938.

Complainant stated that an individual, who may be William Coop (phonetic), known to him only through broadcasts from a small radio station located next to the local radio station, has previously been on the air talking about citizens' right to bear arms. Complainant indicated that this radio station is found at 101 FM on the dial, however, it is difficult to locate. Complainant stated this station refers to itself as the Voice of Freedom. Complainant further stated that this station broadcast statements subsequent to the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, OK. which indicated that two men involved with the bombing were at a [redacted] in [redacted] Arizona two months prior to the bombing. Complainant could provide no address or further information about this radio station.

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Complainant was very vague concerning information provided, and was unable to provide names of militia members, or specific incidences involving this militia group, including any meeting places, or training facilities.

Complainant stated that in 1993, while working at the [redacted] in Eager, Arizona, someone from this militia group placed poison in his lunch and he became seriously ill. Complainant indicated he was treated with antibiotics in Tucson, Arizona. Complainant also stated that in the spring of 1997, while at work, an individual by the name of [redacted] LNU (last name unknown), gave him candy which made him ill for three months. Complainant stated that subsequent to this incident, while attending a card game, he was drugged. Complainant indicated that many of his buddies are part of this, and he can no longer go to a restaurant to eat with them because when he does, he becomes ill. Complainant could not provide the names of any of these individuals. Complainant stated he believes local law enforcement personnel may be a part of the militia and some of these individuals have military backgrounds and are capable of being very dangerous. Complainant believes he is being targeted by these individuals because he is not a member of the group.

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Complainant believes these people are dangerous because they are paranoid and he has heard they are concerned about a national calamity occurring. He stated he has heard they will blow up bridges and secure the area to prevent anyone else from entering, in the event of any calamity.

Complainant further indicated [redacted] is married to [redacted] one of the militia men. He believes [redacted] is involved in drugs and drug trafficking because complainant's [redacted] and [redacted] Complainant's [redacted] and [redacted] reside in [redacted] Arizona.

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A review of Universal Indices located an EC drafted by IRS [redacted] Phoenix Division, in file number [redacted] Serial 146, dated March 15, 1999, which was a response to a Project [redacted] Lead concerning a group of individuals in the Springerville, AZ area.

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The following investigation was conducted by Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted] on June 2, 1999 in Phoenix, Arizona:

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According to review of surveillance [redacted] covering the period [redacted] the following observations can be made:

On Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, [redacted] [redacted] it was [redacted] [redacted] This activity suggests a person going to work.

This same [redacted] returned to [redacted] [redacted]. This suggests a person going home for lunch, then back to work.

[redacted] drove up the road for short duration visits on [redacted] [redacted] Most likely dropping off supplies for [redacted]

Once the logs from [redacted] are recovered, a more comprehensive analysis can be conducted. [redacted] cover [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/19/1999

To: Phoenix

From: Phoenix

Squad 16

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

ps Drafted By: [redacted] A:jas

Case ID #: ~~62E-PX-62617~~ (Pending) -60
66-PX-A62265-ANA (Pending)

Title: Cooper William

[redacted]
FUG-OTHR FED

Synopsis: Lead covered.

Reference: 62E-PX-62617 Serial 4

Details: Due to the change in status of this case to a fugitive matter, Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted] will no longer be reviewing Cooper's website, harvest-trust.org, on a daily basis.

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This lead is considered covered.

IRS [redacted] review the website on a weekly basis, and any pertinent information on the movements of Cooper or [redacted] will be forwarded to SA [redacted]

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Pls mark lead as covered to ACS. W 6/14/99

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On 6/29/99 Investigator [redacted] contacted [redacted] [redacted] an investigator with the Arizona Department of Economic Security, in [redacted] Arizona. [redacted] related the following information pertaining to [redacted] Eager, Arizona.

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[redacted] of Eager, Arizona resident, Milton William Cooper, a.k/a. William Cooper. Cooper is a fugitive with a federal bench warrant for failure to appear on IRS income tax evasion charges. In the past, on the internet, Cooper has vowed to shoot any federal agents that attempt to apprehend him, and he has requested others to assist him.

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[redacted] operates a business called, [redacted] at [redacted] maintains a webb site: [redacted] This webb site is a link to William Cooper's, The Hour of the Time, another webb site on the Internet.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona:

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On May 12, 1999, SA [redacted] received a fax from the Eagar Police Department concerning a phone call made by [redacted] of the fugitive Bill Cooper. [redacted] called the Eagar Police Department to indicate that he had received a disturbing e-mail message from [redacted] in which Bill Cooper said that [redacted] had left the country so they wouldn't be killed. Bill also told his father through e-mail that the government was going to try and arrest him, and he will not be taken alive.

On May 13, 1999, SA [redacted] attempted to call [redacted] who lives in [redacted] Texas. His telephone number is [redacted] did not answer the phone, but SA [redacted] left a voice mail message requesting that he call.

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On May 14, 1999, SA [redacted] returned to the Lakeside Resident Agency and retrieved a voice mail message from [redacted] SA [redacted] then called [redacted] at his residence in [redacted] and [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] confirmed that he is [redacted] of Bill Cooper, whom he refers to by the nickname [redacted] explained that while serving in the Air Force as a pilot, he acquired the nickname [redacted] As Bill was growing up, he was typically referred to as [redacted] Both [redacted] and [redacted] Bill Cooper share the same [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] left [redacted] when he was 18 years of age. Even then, Bill was having problems, but [redacted] did not elaborate on what these problems were. He did explain, however, that at the age of 17, Cooper wanted to marry a Japanese girl, but [redacted] resisted this. About a year later, Cooper tried to marry another Asian girl whom he had met while serving at Tinker Air Force Base.

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Over the years Cooper has been married to or has lived with about nine different women. [redacted] is acquainted with Cooper's [redacted] does not believe that [redacted] would leave Bill, and she is quite devoted to him. In a recent e-mail message, which [redacted] described as disturbing, Cooper told [redacted] that [redacted] had gone out of the country. [redacted] does not believe this statement. Although [redacted] has received several e-mail messages of a disturbing nature from [redacted] has chosen not to

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respond, and he advised that he and his wife don't know what to do about [redacted]

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During the course of this telephone conversation, SA [redacted] explained to [redacted] the situation regarding [redacted] and the fact that Bill Cooper is considered a federal fugitive. [redacted] confirmed that [redacted] has an alcohol abuse problem, and [redacted] is quite convinced that [redacted] is mentally unstable. During the conversation, [redacted] was asked if he or any other family member might be in a position to reason with Bill, but [redacted] said that he could think of no one, either inside or outside the family who could talk sense into Bill. In fact, [redacted] said that any approach by a family member was likely to make Cooper angry and even more unstable.

[redacted] could not offer any suggestions as to how to deal with [redacted]. He said that Bill has been separated from all of the family members for a long time.

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During the course of the conversation, SA [redacted] asked if [redacted] was familiar with the circumstances involving a motorcycle accident which caused Bill to lose his foot. [redacted] explained that the incident took place near Palo Alto, California when Bill came too fast around a corner and then had to brake to avoid a truck that was there. The result was that Cooper caught his foot in the rear bumper of a pickup truck, and Bill's foot was severed. Bill Cooper was then treated and cared for at the Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto. The doctors there attempted several times to re-attach Bill's foot, but they were unsuccessful.

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When told that [redacted] claims to have been the victim of a CIA assassination plot, [redacted] replied that [redacted] often comes up with wild explanations for things, and he is not mentally stable.

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At the conclusion of the conversation, [redacted] indicated that he would contact SA [redacted] if he should receive any information or e-mail messages that might indicate that Bill is in a state of crisis.

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney
District of Arizona

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(602) 514-7500
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May 27, 1999

Guadalupe Gonzalez
Special Agent in Charge
210 East Indianola
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Re: United States v. Milton William Cooper [redacted]
CR-98-345-PCT-SMM

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Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

As you may be aware, the above-named individuals were indicted for federal income tax evasion in June of 1998. Since that time a task force, including representatives of the FBI, has met regularly to discuss efforts to arrest and detain Cooper [redacted]. Because they are involved with the militia movement, because Cooper has threatened violence if the government attempts to arrest him, and because he is believed to control substantial firepower and to have the potential to cause significant harm if the government attempts to arrest him, we believe that the F.B.I. should play an active role in the effort to arrest and detain Cooper [redacted] pursuant to the outstanding warrants for their arrest.

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If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the prosecutor on this case, [redacted] or the case agent, [redacted].

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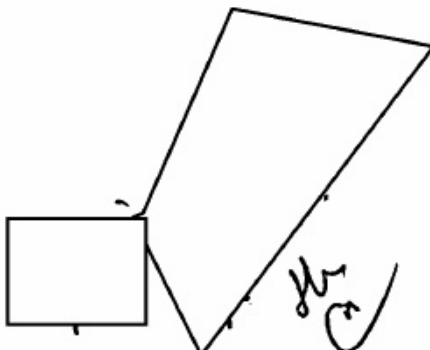
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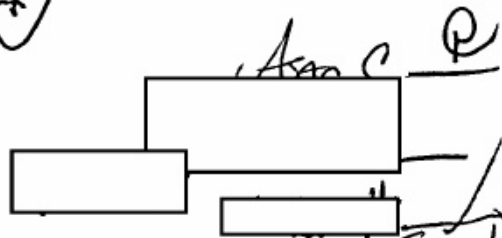
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/29/1999

To: Phoenix

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

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Approved By: [redacted] A/SSRA

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 62E-PX-62617 (Pending)

Title: WILLIAM MILTON COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper- FUGITIVE;
[redacted] FUGITIVE;
FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION FOR
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To provide status update on this case.

Details: On 07/28/99 SA [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] of IRS of new developments in captioned case. It appears that [redacted] Cooper's [redacted] left her residence in Eagar about three months ago. She took [redacted] with her. She has been living in the Los Angeles area, and her whereabouts were just ascertained recently when [redacted]

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Since the "discovery" of [redacted] in California, she has retained an attorney, and AUSA [redacted] has made contact with this attorney. It appears that [redacted] will come to Phoenix voluntarily for an arraignment in the near future. Although [redacted] could have been arrested by local police officers on the pending federal warrant, AUSA [redacted] directed the California officers not to execute the warrant. In all likelihood the warrant will be quashed in the near future. AUSA [redacted] would prefer not to pursue any charges against [redacted] until [redacted] has been apprehended.

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Soon an attempt will be made to de-brief [redacted] concerning [redacted] daily routine, activities, travels, etc. She will also be de-briefed concerning Bill's financial dealings with regard to the pending charges of income tax evasion.

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To: Phoenix From: Phoenix
Re: 62E-PX-62617, 07/29/1999

At this point, it appears that [redacted] will receive favorable treatment from the prosecutor and the court if she assists investigators. The fact that she is represented by an attorney may actually be beneficial inasmuch as her lawyer may dampen the paranoia she is likely to feel towards representatives of the federal government.

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The Phoenix Division case agent (SA [redacted]) intends to participate in the de-briefing of [redacted] when she returns to Arizona. The fact that [redacted] may allow for more and better options to apprehend Bill, while minimizing risks to federal agents, Cooper's associates, and Cooper himself. An inter-agency meeting will probably be scheduled very soon. This meeting will likely include the Phoenix Division, IRS, the US Marshals, and the US Attorney's Office.

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Phoenix investigation continues.

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The following investigation was conducted by Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted] on July 8, 1999 in Phoenix, Arizona:

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Reference 62E-PX-62617 serial 36, Lead 1. This lead is to be considered covered.

IRS [redacted] reviewed [redacted] taken from a [redacted] in Eager, Arizona. These [redacted] cover the period from [redacted] through [redacted] rendering it useless.

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The remaining [redacted] cover a period of [redacted] [redacted] IRS [redacted] maintained a log with observations of the date and time [redacted] [redacted] Because identification of the [redacted] is difficult after dark, this analysis addresses observations made during daylight hours, from [redacted]

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IRS [redacted] created a database and entered the information from the [redacted] [redacted] were assigned a unique identifying number for the purposes of this analysis. Still photos were printed of the [redacted] and are included in this folder. The data are presented as a series of events. An event is defined as: [redacted] IRS [redacted] identified [redacted]

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Cooper reportedly [redacted] It came from the West on the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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Significant findings are:

- 1) [redacted] [redacted] It is possibly [redacted] is Cooper's [redacted] Monday through Friday, [redacted] is seen leaving [redacted] returns to [redacted] [redacted] This pattern suggests someone going to [redacted]

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[redacted] It is assumed the
[redacted] after dark, thus not reflected in the database.

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According to Cooper's Internet website, harvest-trust.org, at the "Cooper Family Update" page, the month of December was uneventful. This means he had no significant visitors and there was no law enforcement activity that he reported on the Internet.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on July 28, 1999:

SA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] a Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). [redacted] telephone number is [redacted] called to advise SA [redacted] that [redacted] of Bill Cooper, had apparently moved to California three months ago. [redacted] further explained that he recently received a telephone call from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LACSO) concerning a man named [redacted] a registered sex offender.

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Apparently [redacted] was recently [redacted] and then it was determined that [redacted] had been living with [redacted] at an apartment located at [redacted]. The telephone number for [redacted]

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Allegedly, officials from Child Protective Services (CPS) advised the local sheriff's office that [redacted] who was living with [redacted] was a registered sex offender. Supposedly, [redacted] were checked by a doctor for evidence of sexual abuse, but none was found. During the course of her conversations with the sheriff's deputies, [redacted] said that she left Arizona and [redacted] Bill Cooper three months before.

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[redacted] explained that he had contacted AUSA [redacted] and that he was in the process of contacting [redacted] of the U.S. Marshall's Service. At the conclusion of this conversation, SA [redacted] recommended that [redacted] be contacted soon to see if she would be willing to provide further information concerning the status of [redacted] Bill Cooper. SA [redacted] suggested that [redacted] be debriefed in California in the near future.

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The following investigation was conducted by Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted] on August 6, 1999 at Phoenix, Arizona:

A posting to the Internet newsgroup misc.activism.militia supposedly written by William Cooper is attached as part of this insert. This posting was sent by a [redacted] [redacted] (no further information). This posting states that Cooper's [redacted] and [redacted] are no longer in the country, having left in mid-March. Cooper writes, "If anyone wants confirmation have them call [redacted]"

This posting was faxed to SA [redacted] at the Lakeside Residence Agency on instant date.

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PRIORITY



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COVERSHEET

PRECEDENCE

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION

- Top Secret
- Secret
- Confidential
- Sensitive
- Unclassified

Time Transmitted: _____
 Sender's Initials: js
 Number of Pages: 5
 (including coversheet)

To: Lakeside
Name of Office

Date: 8/6/99

Facsimile Number: _____

Attn: _____
Name Room Telephone

From: Phoenix
Name of Office

Subject: William Cooper
6ZE-PX 68717

Special Handling Instructions: READ ASAP!

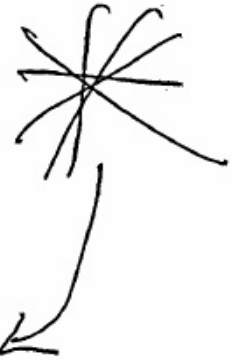
Originator's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Originator's Facsimile Number: _____

Approved: js

Brief Description of Communication Faxed: _____
I pulled this off the internet (misc. activism. militia). I'll write an insert + submit it to the file.

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Subject: Re: Bill Cooper and Two Households?

Date: Fri, 6 Aug 99 3:20:00 GMT

From: "Monty Butterfield @ Radio Free Vermont 96.5 FM" <rfv@sover.net>

Organization: Vermont's Hometown Radio Station

Newsgroups: misc.activism.militia

The following is posted by request of William Cooper

Michael is Michael Pardo an atheist homosexual who runs a website called Universal Way. He is a mental case. I forced his discharge from the Second Continental Army on mental incompatibility grounds. Needless to say he hates my guts.

I do not smoke... anything.

Michael Pardo is a liar.... and he sucks, literally.

Annie, Pooh, and Allyson did not leave in April they left in mid March when I made them pack, put them in the car, and forced them to leave. Doyel was here and helped. It was the hardest thing I have ever done. If anyone wants confirmation have them call Doyel Shamley at 520-333-4578. Since he works full time with a lot of overtime the best time to get him is at about 7:55 AM mountain standard time.

And yes I did deceive everyone simply by not telling anyone they had left in order to give them a really good head start. I did not ever lie to anyone but just simply did not tell anyone... and I felt bad about it. However their lives and Freedom depended upon having at least two or three months in which to accomplish their journey. They are no longer in this country.

Please post this to the newsgroup where you found this nasty worms lies.

William Cooper

The Happy Harpy wrote:

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> Cocp wrote:  
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> Listening to Bill Cooper's nightly show and heard Bill  
> had sent his family out of the country.  
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> Untrue..  
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> I would have asked him why but his topic was related to off  
> shore banking.  
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> Yet another scam from the olde audio-visual clerk..  
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> anyone know what is happening with Mr Cooper and his family?  
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} This is the latest that I've heard...
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} <message as follows>
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} > From: "Michael" <iamone@erols.com>
} > Newsgroups: misc.activism.militia
} > Message-ID: <931909803\$3954@black-helicopter.psychetect.com>
} > Subject: Have you been deceived or misled by Billy C? Not me!
} > Date: Tue, 13 Jul 99 23:50:03 GMT
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} > Have you been deceived or misled by Billy C? Not me!
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} > The Billy C. in this instance is Bill Cooper, not Bill
} > Clinton, but both of those Billy C's qualify to some degree,
} > as a liar and deceiver, don't you agree?
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} > Were you misled by this recent Billy Cooper deception?
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} > Sometime in early-mid May of this year, after his family had
} > left him on April 29 like he later publicly confessed on his
} > radio show, Bill Cooper presented a radio show which was
} > obviously designed to mislead his listeners into thinking
} > that his wife and children were still on the mountain with
} > him, when they were really not. Right from the beginning of
} > the show, it had a strange and unusual sound about it, and
} > it even sounded like Billy might have been drinking again or
} > smoking doobies again (I smoked one with him myself many
} > years ago).
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} > This particular show had an obvious uncomfortable and
} > dishonest ring to it; it actually sounded like Billy was
} > using taped material to reproduce a live-sounding
} > environment, and during the course of the show Billy seemed
} > to be trying very hard to prove that a wonderful time was
} > being had that night by so many people up on the mountain,
} > including his wife and children. After a while it began to
} > become relatively obvious what had really happened, and
} > anyone who did not already know that Billy had become
} > estranged from his family, would have easily been able to
} > use some sort of inverse deductive reasoning to figure out
} > the truth in the matter from the desperate nature and the
} > incongruent flaws of the Cooper presentation.
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} > What is clear about the show is that Billy obviously and
} > undeniably tried to mislead his listeners into thinking that
} > his family was still on the mountain with him, when they
} > were not. Now, protecting his family while on-the-lamb
} > during an escape, by misleading his radio audience, might be
} > something that anyone would do, but this was coming from
} > someone who declares 100% truth-telling status and who
} > claims that he has never lied to his audience. Of course, it
} > is true that as part of Billy's job as an Intelligence
} > Officer of an alleged military organization, he would be
} > required to lie on some occasions regarding certain issues
} > in order to accomplish his desired result, and then after

} > lying, he would be compelled to continually assert that he
} > had never, in fact, lied in the first place, in order to
} > protect his credibility and continue the performance of his
} > duties; however, this does not change the fact that an
} > obvious deception was intentionally perpetrated for the
} > specific purpose of misleading his listeners about the truth
} > in the matter.

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} > That particular radio show so affected me and made me feel
} > so sad about what had happened to Billy, that I removed some
} > materials from my web site that I thought might have been
} > adding to Billy's pain and suffering. In fact, this entire
} > story about Billy Cooper is a sad, sad story about an
} > unfortunate man who has lost everything that he once truly
} > cherished in his life, and to try to understand all of the
} > pain and suffering which has apparently befallen Billy
} > Cooper is also to wonder what a person needs to do to
} > satisfy a God such as the one chosen to be worshipped by
} > Billy.

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} > Many people will surely ask; how is it possible that Bill
} > Cooper has allegedly served Jesus and God so well in his
} > life (as he asserts) but is continually burdened with such
} > sadness and suffering that it would make even his most hated
} > enemies shed a tear for his plight? How could someone who
} > has given so much of his life for his spiritual battle be
} > punished with so much sadness and suffering by their God?
} > What is it that Billy did and what could he possibly be
} > doing wrong now that still makes his vindictive, jealous and
} > just God deprive Billy of his freedom and rip his family
} > from his bosom?

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} > If there is a God of the nature that Billy believes there to
} > be, then there must be an answer, but instead, in June of
} > 1998, Bill Cooper was deprived of his freedom, when warrants
} > were placed for his arrest and when he holed himself up on
} > the mountain with his family in fear and self-defense
} > against impending attack by the Feds, ala Waco, Texas, Billy
} > thought. And then, the biggest insult of all must have been
} > when in April of 1999 (April 29 we have been told by Billy),
} > Bill Cooper was deprived of his beloved family, when his
} > wife Annie took her two children by Billy, Pooch and Allyson,
} > and secretly left the mountain and fled to safer lands.

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} > Yes, a terrible tale it is, and it might be enough to
} > disrupt the faith of some people who are not able to see the
} > light, and who desperately wonder what a person has to do to
} > be appreciated by their God. But, in the end, perhaps the
} > truth is, after all, that there is a terrible betrayal that
} > has been perpetrated, and a terrible lie that has been told,
} > and is being told continually, even though he has been
} > presented with the truth in the matter in the past, and we
} > wonder if only because of this terrible betrayal and
} > terrible denial, does Billy continue to come under the
} > burdensome wrath of a God whom he allegedly so worships.

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} > Michael  
} > http://www.universalway.org/  
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Visit Radio Free Vermont on the internet at <http://www.listen.to/rfv>

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on 7/29/99:

SA [redacted] received a call from [redacted] who sometimes calls from Houston regarding his concerns about Bill Cooper. [redacted] advised that Cooper's family is probably no longer in Eagar with Bill, and they may have even left the country. [redacted] bases this assessment on statements Copper has made on his short wave radio program or through the Internet. For example, just last night Cooper told radio listeners that he is now maintaining two households. A few weeks ago he said that [redacted] are no longer with him.

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Cooper's short wave broadcast on station WBCQ has now been cut back to one hour, four days a week (Monday through Thursday.)

Recently, Cooper was the subject of Internet speculation by a writer named [redacted] who goes by the Internet address of [redacted] suggested that Cooper's family is no longer with him in Arizona.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/20/1999

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: [redacted] / VC-Fug Unit

ASAC Ray Churay

From: Phoenix
Squad 13/ Lakeside RA
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]
A/SSRA

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Drafted By: [redacted] *MB*

Case ID #: 62E-PX-62617 (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper- FUGITIVE;
[redacted] FUGITIVE;
FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION
FOR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To provide the Bureau (CID) with background information on this case.

Administrative: A request for a case update was made during a phone conversation on 08/20/1999 between A/SSRA [redacted] of the Flagstaff RA and SSA [redacted] of CID.

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Details: In July 1998 federal bench warrants were issued for Bill Cooper and [redacted] because [redacted] refused to show up in court in response to charges of income tax evasion. In June 1998 a deputy US Marshal arrived at Cooper's residence in Eagar, Arizona with the intent of serving Cooper with a criminal summons. Cooper refused to receive the summons, and he ordered the deputy marshal off of his property. Regrettably, the federal officer had not been advised of Cooper's background before attempting to serve the summons.

Bill Cooper is well known in right wing militia circles. He publishes a periodical newspaper called "Veritas", he has published a couple of books, and he is the host of a talk show which is broadcast throughout the nation by means of short wave radio. Cooper also maintains an Internet website at www.harvest-trust.org. Through his writing and radio talk show

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To: Criminal Investigative From: Phoenix
Re: 62E-PX-62617, 08/20/1999

Cooper frequently vilifies the federal government in general, and the FBI, ATF and IRS in particular.

Since the bench warrants were issued, Cooper has threatened to kill any federal agent who attempts to apprehend him or approach his property. For example, on the Internet he has written: "Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute these unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants issued by Judge Irwin will be met with armed resistance. Any person who attempts to [redacted] will be shot on sight." (Cooper [redacted])

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Cooper's [redacted] describes [redacted] as being unstable and irrational. Even Cooper's friends are concerned that he might be capable of taking his own life and the lives of [redacted]. Given this mind set and the fact Cooper resides in a veritable fortress on a high ridge overlooking the otherwise peaceful town of Eagar, the involved federal agencies (IRS, US Marshals, Phoenix Division, and US Attorney's Office in Phoenix) have been in no hurry to bring Cooper into custody. Indeed, during the past 13 months Cooper has been in veritable state of house arrest, and he is probably irritated by the fact that the federal government has not "honored him" with a Waco-like siege.

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Although Cooper probably leaves his residence on an infrequent basis, he is dependent upon others, most notably an admirer named [redacted] to bring him food, supplies, mail, etc. To date, no attempts have been made to disrupt Cooper's access to food and supplies, nor has any attempt been made to cut off his utility service. Thus far, the strategy for dealing with Cooper has been to ignore him and let him relax until he feels secure enough to start venturing into town.

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To gain intelligence about Cooper, the Lakeside RA has maintained contact with local sources and has [redacted] for the purpose of [redacted]. This [redacted] coverage has been only marginally useful because of the excessive [redacted]. During the past four months this [redacted]. Meanwhile, the IRS has maintained a [redacted].

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In late July 1999 the Phoenix Division got a break in this seemingly interminable fugitive investigation. It was determined that [redacted] had taken [redacted] and moved to southern California. Since then, Phoenix, in concert with the other involved federal agencies, has initiated a conference call with [redacted] and her attorney. [redacted]

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To: Criminal Investigative From: Phoenix
Re: 62E-PX-62617, 08/20/1999

[redacted]
It is not known if Cooper is aware that [redacted] have been located by federal investigators. Presumably, [redacted] is not maintaining any communication with [redacted]

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The US Attorney's Office has declined to have [redacted] arrest warrant executed. Instead, AUSA [redacted] is arranging for [redacted] and her attorney to come to Phoenix for an arraignment in the near future. At that time, [redacted] will be fully de-briefed, and it is hoped that [redacted]

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During the course of the above referenced phone conversation between A/SSPA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] the two agents discussed the use of the [redacted]. The Flagstaff RA was advised that the [redacted] was a legitimate investigative technique in such a case and that other logical, legal means could be employed, if necessary, to bring Cooper into custody.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on July 29, 1999:

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SA [redacted] asked that a records search be done on [redacted] whose date of birth is [redacted] and [redacted] brother, [redacted] whose date of birth is [redacted]. According to Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (AMVD) records, [redacted] resides at [redacted] in the town of [redacted]. His mailing address is [redacted] Arizona. [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) is [redacted].

According to CJIS records, [redacted] was arrested by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (ADPS) in May, 1997 for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Marijuana. In August, 1990, [redacted] was arrested for Possessing A Dangerous Weapon and also for possessing a weapon at a school in Stockton, California.

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In November, 1996, [redacted] was arrested by the Mesquite Police Department in Nevada for a DUI. He was also charged by the Mesquite Police Department for Possession of a Hypodermic Device. AMVD records show that [redacted] resides at [redacted].

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/20/99

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on April 22, 1999:

The Source provided information on [redacted] who apparently has an affiliation with the right wing militia movement and [redacted] of Bill Cooper, a federal fugitive and accused tax evader.

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[redacted] married a woman by the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] have a white [redacted] [redacted] Allegedly, [redacted] are setting up a Web page to advertise their business [redacted] Reportedly, the [redacted] have firearms, including a semi-automatic .45 caliber pistol and another semi-automatic pistol which resembles a Beretta.

[redacted] is in the process of setting up a business to [redacted] Reportedly, [redacted] will provide items like [redacted] etc. [redacted] claims to be a "patriot." He brags about not having an Arizona driver's license and about not paying his taxes. He also claims to be [redacted] and allegedly he wants to [redacted]

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The Source suspects that [redacted] may be selling other products besides [redacted] Specifically, the Source suspects that [redacted]

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Investigation on 4/22/1999 at Lakeside, Arizona

File # [redacted] 62E-PX-62617 Date dictated 04/22/1999

by SA [redacted] /dkm

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on August 24, 1999:

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[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) called SA [redacted] at the Lakeside Resident Agency (RA). [redacted] explained that Bill Cooper, the accused tax fugitive, recently sent an Internet response to a statement written by [redacted] (phonetic) who had accused Cooper of smoking marijuana with him sometime back. After Cooper attacked [redacted] statement on the Internet, [redacted] responded on the Internet, saying that he had smoked marijuana with Bill Cooper in Nevada in [redacted]. Apparently, [redacted] said that he and Cooper were in the vicinity of Site 51, a notorious secret government installation in Nevada.

According to [redacted] Bill Cooper has been playing lots of re-runs on his nightly radio program. Recently, he played a re-run which featured members of his family during the program. Last night was a live broadcast of Cooper's radio program, and Cooper said that he would like to slip away if he could. Specifically, he said to a caller from New Orleans that he would love to go out and have Cajun food. [redacted] mentioned that previously on his radio program, Cooper has said that he would like to get away from his house, but he is afraid that he would have to kill a police officer if an officer inadvertently stopped him on the highway.

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A couple of months ago on his radio program Cooper mentioned a woman [redacted] who is helping him. Cooper did not specify what sort of help [redacted] was providing, and [redacted] said he has not heard mention of [redacted] since that particular radio program.

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[redacted] advised that Cooper has not made mention of his associate [redacted] for quite some time. The last time [redacted] heard Cooper mention [redacted] was when Cooper said that [redacted] helped his family get moved. Cooper also said that [redacted] is working full time.

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[redacted] advised that Cooper is presently encouraging people to invest money in offshore banks. Previously, Cooper had encouraged his listeners to set up special trust accounts for the purpose of tax avoidance.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/08/1998

To: Phoenix

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/Lakeside RA

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] F:dkm

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka
Bill Cooper - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
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Synopsis: To document alleged sighting of captioned fugitives.

Details: On 09/03/1998, SA [redacted] telephoned Scott Garms, the Police Chief of the Eagar Police Department. Chief Garms indicated that he had gotten a report from a city employee, [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), that Bill Cooper and [redacted] had been seen in town last weekend.

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Following this conversation, SA [redacted] immediately telephoned [redacted] who is the [redacted] in Eagar. [redacted] telephone number is [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had come to the [redacted] earlier in the summer, but until last weekend he does not recall having seen the Coopers since the end of June 1998.

Last Friday [redacted] was at a [redacted] in Eagar called [redacted] at approximately 7:00 p.m. While he was there, he was surprised to see Bill Cooper,

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[redacted] said that the Coopers were accompanied by a [redacted] who at the time was openly armed with a semi-automatic pistol. This [redacted] who is described as a [redacted] drove the Coopers in a white Bronco, which [redacted] described as being like the Bronco driven by O.J. Simpson.

[redacted] does not know the name of the [redacted] but he has seen him around town. [redacted] estimates his age as being in

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To: Phoenix From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted] 09/08/1998

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[redacted] has been seen in town paying for the water bill, and he also been observed over at the local Radio Shack.

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[redacted] advised that Bill Cooper is approximately 6'1" or 6'2" tall and weighs about 230 pounds. He is somewhat heavy or paunchy in the middle. Cooper wears eyeglasses. [redacted] told SA [redacted] that he would report any future sightings of Bill Cooper or his family.

Since this information was reported, SA [redacted] has contacted [redacted] located in Eagar [redacted] but the agent has not been able to speak with anyone who can provide more information on the Coopers or their [redacted] whom SA [redacted] has spoken with by phone. She seems cooperative, but she has not yet been asked about any possible association with the Coopers. She will be contacted in person soon.

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This information will be conveyed to the IRS, US Marshals Service, and AUSA [redacted] of the US Attorney's Office.

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is one year old.
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on September 13, 1999:

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[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) called SA [redacted] and advised that Bill Cooper has apparently terminated his Website on the Internet. [redacted] advised that last Friday (September 10), [redacted] attempted to access Cooper's Website but was unable to do so. Furthermore, [redacted] indicated that lately Bill Cooper's radio program has consisted of taped programs from the past. [redacted] suggested that perhaps Bill Cooper has left his residence.

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Two employees of the United Parcel Service (UPS) were interviewed at their place of employment. Both employees asked for complete anonymity, and therefore their names will not be written in this report. The following information was provided:

UPS makes frequent pick-ups at the home of Bill Cooper on Clearview Circle in the town of Eagar, Arizona. Recently, Bill Cooper requested that the UPS driver call him before coming up to his residence. Allegedly, this is because Cooper is sending out fewer items than he used to. Previously, the UPS driver went to Cooper's house on a daily basis to pick up items being sent out by the Coopers.

About once every week or two, Cooper also receives shipments through UPS. Often times these packages consist of heavy objects weighing over 70 pounds. Supposedly, some of these packages are related to equipment Cooper needs to set up a television studio. The packages that Cooper sends out through UPS are usually small, normally in boxes about 8" x 8" x 12".

Cooper was last seen at his residence yesterday (September 22, 1999). [redacted] were last seen at least a month and a half ago.

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When making deliveries at Cooper's home, the UPS driver parks close to the front of Cooper's residence, and Cooper emerges with a package to deliver. Two dogs are chained outside, one, the Rottweiler named "Crusher" is chained to the right (east) of the house, while the other dog is described which as a "mutt", is chained on the left side (west). The UPS driver has to be careful to stay out of reach of the dogs which are restricted by chains. On one occasion two or three years ago, the smaller dog whose name is "Sugar Bear", broke off his leash and bit the UPS driver on his boot.

Cooper has been receiving UPS deliveries at his home for several years. Since arrest warrants were issued over a year ago, UPS employees have not seen Cooper away from his residence, but his late model green Chevy truck has been missing on a couple of occasions. Apparently, [redacted] has taken the

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white Ford Bronco, because that vehicle has not been seen at the residence for some time.

Other than Bill Cooper, [redacted] only one other individual has been seen at the residence, and that is [redacted] who works for the cable company called [redacted] drives a full-size Ford pickup truck, which is white in color. [redacted] also has access to a company truck which has a tool box on it.

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Some months ago a UPS employee, who is not the regular driver for that route, showed up to make a delivery with a new driver. Because of the presence of two drivers, [redacted] came out and confronted the driver about the presence of more than one employee. At the same time, Bill Cooper circled around the outside of the house and watched suspiciously from a distance.

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Most deliveries made to the Cooper residence are made in Bill Cooper's name or Harvest Trust. Before coming up to make pick-ups, the UPS driver calls Cooper at his home telephone, (520)333-4543, and asks if there is anything to pick up. Most pick-ups take place between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on July 29, 1999:

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The Source advised that [redacted] a resident of [redacted] has two individuals living with him. One of them is [redacted] His Social Security Account Number (SSAN) is [redacted] The other individual living with [redacted] date of birth [redacted] His SSAN is [redacted]

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According to the Source, [redacted] of Bill Cooper, a federal tax fugitive. The Source was not aware if the two [redacted] also have contact with Bill Cooper.

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Date of transcription 09/21/99

[redacted] was interviewed in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona. Also present during the interview were [redacted] attorneys, [redacted]. Representing the government were [redacted] of the U.S. Marshal's Service, [redacted] of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]. [redacted] was not advised of her Miranda Rights prior to the interview because her attorneys were present, and the subject matter of the interview was not intended to cover issues of [redacted].

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[redacted] During the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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By coincidence, [redacted] arrived at the Coopers' residence to stay in [redacted] at the time a Deputy U.S. Marshal attempted to serve a summons on [redacted]. When [redacted] arrived, he brought with [redacted].

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[redacted] mentioned that [redacted] always carries a handgun with him.

At first, [redacted] only job was [redacted] take care of security. Eventually, however, he secured a full-time job with the local cable company. He continues to live [redacted], and he assists Bill in watching for intruders. [redacted] described him as Bill's [redacted]

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In explaining Bill Cooper's relationship to [redacted] [redacted] said they treat each other like [redacted] Sometimes [redacted] helps Bill perform his nightly radio broadcasts. Prior to moving to Eagar, [redacted] used to listen to Bill's radio broadcasts, and then he met [redacted] California while Bill was traveling for a seminar. [redacted] and Bill have been acquainted for a couple of years. [redacted] is the [redacted]

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Although [redacted] is the person who provides the most support to Bill Cooper since he has been in a fugitive status, other individuals in the town of Eagar also help out on occasion. [redacted]

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Since the federal arrest warrants were issued, Bill Cooper has [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Other than that, [redacted] said that Bill has [redacted] Specifically, she denied that Cooper has been [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that there are [redacted] in Cooper's [redacted] in Eagar. [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] acknowledged that with the passage of time

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[redacted] left Eagar. [redacted] explained that after a nightly radio broadcast, Bill [redacted] and he began to yell [redacted] Finally, he said, [redacted]

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When [redacted] left the [redacted] only took [redacted]

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After spending the first night in a motel in the town of [redacted] Arizona, they drove on to [redacted] where they stayed for two weeks.

[redacted] insisted that, since [redacted] she has had no contact whatever with [redacted] She did mention that Bill had [redacted]

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some [redacted] and a note saying that he [redacted] [redacted] said that Cooper attempted to find out through [redacted] but [redacted] did not reveal her whereabouts.

[redacted] acknowledged that in early September, 1998, she and Bill got [redacted]

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[redacted] Bill learned that [redacted] had some money which had been given to [redacted] Bill, after learning of the money, assumed that [redacted] had taken the money from the [redacted] and he called his [redacted] While this was going on, [redacted]

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That night [redacted] left the [redacted] and she drove to [redacted] where she stayed in a motel room. The

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next day she drove to [redacted] where she stayed for ten days.
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but she didn't do so. Instead, [redacted] just showed up at the residence and continued to [redacted] On this trip,

[redacted] took the Ford Bronco that belongs [redacted]

[redacted] advised that after her return to Eagar, she

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According to [redacted] Bill Cooper [redacted]

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In addition to the Ford Bronco belonging to the [redacted] Bill Cooper has a 1958 Chevy and a 1977 Buick Skylark, [redacted] who continued to live in Cooper's residence at the time of

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[redacted] drives a gray or white Ford pickup truck having an extra cab and a CB radio. [redacted] said that Bill does not leave [redacted]

[redacted] denied that she got involved in [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked about certain things which Cooper had written on his Website. [redacted] denied knowing anything about an alert or mobilization by the Second Continental Army of Republic (SCAR). [redacted]

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[redacted] Cooper receives frequent deliveries from UPS, and said that the UPS man [redacted] Cooper dislikes speaking to the media, and he has little contact with his family. [redacted] mentioned that Cooper [redacted] perhaps once a year, usually during the Christmas holiday.

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[redacted] believes that Cooper has gas masks at his residence. She denied having any knowledge of bombs or explosives at the house, [redacted]

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[redacted] recalls that on several occasions individuals came up on the top of the ridge where the Coopers live. When such events would happen, Cooper would leave to confront the "visitors", accompanied by his dog "Crusher". Cooper would then order the visitors off his property, and normally he would be angry after such encounters.

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Towards the end of the interview, [redacted] was asked if there was some way in which Bill Cooper could be persuaded to come in to federal court to answer to the tax charges against him. [redacted]

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At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] was asked if she would be willing to take a polygraph examination, and her attorney [REDACTED] said he didn't see any problem with this. [REDACTED] and her attorneys were then excused, and they said that evening they would be catching a plane and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on November 15, 1999:

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SA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] who is the publisher of a small town newspaper called the [redacted] advised that last night he had been listening to the nightly radio program of Bill Cooper, who is a nearby resident of [redacted] was upset and concerned because Cooper attacked him over the airwaves and accused [redacted] of being a "Judas" and having sold out to the feds.

During the course of this phone conversation with SA [redacted] acknowledged that Cooper is an arrogant man and he even strikes out at people who are philosophically aligned with him. [redacted] expressed concern about the safety of Cooper's [redacted]

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[redacted] also advised that about a month ago [redacted] had seen Bill Cooper in the local Safeway store in the town of Springerville, Arizona. Cooper has made statements to the effect that federal agents have rented a house down the street from Cooper's residence, and Cooper claims to know which house it is.

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[redacted] mentioned an incident in which he talked to an Eagar, Arizona patrol officer about the possibility of Cooper [redacted] Apparently, this information filtered back to Cooper, and [redacted] suspects that this officer has sympathies for Bill Cooper. As a result, [redacted] mentioned that in the future he will only convey information to Scott Garms, who is the Chief of Police.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on November 15, 1999:

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[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) called the Lakeside Resident Agency (RA) and advised SA [redacted] that Bill Cooper, a fugitive tax protester, [redacted]

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[redacted] Nevertheless, [redacted] suggested that this is probably a [redacted]

[redacted] also mentioned that a couple of months ago Cooper had on his radio program for two consecutive nights a guest named [redacted] is notable because he is a former IRS Special Agent who has determined (in his own mind at least) that the U.S. Tax Code is unconstitutional, and therefore he resigned his position as a Special Agent for the federal government. Since then, [redacted] has been featured on various right-wing or anti-government publications because of his strong views and his opposition to the U.S. Tax Code.

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Allegedly, a woman named [redacted] was on a radio program one day, and [redacted] listened carefully to what she had to say. Apparently, he was so moved by her statements that he began his own examination into the legalities of the tax code. [redacted] is said to be a well-known tax protester and a vocal opponent of the Federal Reserve Board.

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According to [redacted] has set up his own Website, he appears to be making a living by railing against the constitutionality of federal taxes.

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According to [redacted] sometime ago Cooper had on his radio program some local sheriff's deputies who claimed that the killing of [redacted] back in the late 1970's was part of a federal conspiracy. Allegedly, federal marshals were killed because they knew too much about what had happened in this case.

[redacted] also mentioned a conversation he heard on Cooper's radio program when a caller asked Cooper why he lives in such a "barren area." Cooper's response was that if he lived in a big city he would probably be dead because he couldn't protect himself.

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Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information on [redacted]

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The Source advised that the family of Bill Cooper, who is currently a tax fugitive, is said to be [redacted] On a recent radio broadcast, Cooper remarked that he is "missing the kids." Apparently, Cooper has made a reference on his radio program to the fact that his family has left his residence.

[redacted] has returned to the Arizona/New Mexico area. [redacted]

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The Source also advised that [redacted] a fugitive wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), was captured in [redacted] Previously, the Source had advised that [redacted] has connections with a man whose last name is [redacted] who resides in that state.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Eagar, Arizona on November 30, 1999:

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SA [redacted] visited [redacted] in the town of Eagar. [redacted] checked her computer database and determined that there have been [redacted] by [redacted] since June of 1999. [redacted] said she does not recall seeing [redacted] visit [redacted] in recent months. Furthermore, she indicated she has not seen Bill Cooper, [redacted] for a very long time. [redacted] did recall having seen [redacted] on occasion, but when she queried her database, she saw no listing for a [redacted] or for Bill Cooper in her database.

SA [redacted] attempted to contact Chief Scott Garms, the Eagar Police Chief, but he was not in his office.

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SA [redacted] made a brief visit to [redacted] the [redacted] but [redacted] had no new information concerning Bill Cooper.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on May 30, 2000:

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SA [redacted] received a phone call from [redacted] a Criminal Investigator with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). SA [redacted] advised that he checked the Internet website of Bill Cooper earlier that morning, and he found a "hit" for a daily update, dated May 11 through May 25. In this update, Cooper wrote that he had gotten his television station on the air, and he is broadcasting under the name of "Round Valley Television 15." According to [redacted] Cooper's website address is: HTTP:\\williamcooper.com.

After receiving this information from SA [redacted] SA [redacted] called Scott Garms, the Police Chief of the town of Eagar, Arizona. Chief Garms advised that very few people in Round Valley receive television transmissions by antenna. Instead, most of the local residents utilize cable television or satellite reception services. Chief Garms indicated he would attempt to locate a television with which he could receive a signal broadcast locally to confirm if Cooper's Internet statement is accurate.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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Scott Garms, the police chief of the town of Eagar, advised that about a week ago there was an incident on the hilltop in Eagar where the fugitive Bill Cooper lives. At night a local man drove up the hill, and he was accompanied by a woman. Another man, presumably Bill Cooper, drove over and ordered the "intruder" to get off the hill and his property. Bill Cooper could not be positively identified because he was hidden by the headlights of his vehicle.

Later, the "intruder", whose name Garms doesn't recall off hand, filed a complaint with the Eagar Police Department. The man was plainly told of Cooper's fugitive situation and the fact that the town was unlikely to deal with Cooper until federal agents got around to apprehending him for more serious offenses. Garms said he would forward a copy of the incident report to the Lakeside RA.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on 6/30/2000:

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SA [redacted] returned a call to [redacted] an Arizona [redacted] who had left a voice mail message the day before. [redacted] home telephone number is [redacted]. During their phone conversation, [redacted] asked SA [redacted] what the real purpose was of the interview that was held at the [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that he was upset about the tone of the interview, and he felt insulted when he was formally advised of the provisions of the federal harboring statute. [redacted] denied harboring Cooper in any way, and he said he had not withheld useful information from federal agents.

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[redacted] stated that he would call SA [redacted] if he contacted Cooper again in the future. He said he was no longer willing to talk to anyone in the federal government about Bill Cooper unless it is SA [redacted] said he was offended by Deputy US Marshal [redacted] during the interview. [redacted] will only talk to other federal agents if their agencies make a formal request through senior DPS management, and then DPS orders [redacted] to participate in such an interview.

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[redacted] reiterated a point he made in the previous interview, that is he said he would be willing to help the federal government with the Cooper situation if someone's life is in danger. [redacted] believes Cooper may be developing suicidal tendencies. Other than intervening in a life threatening situation, [redacted] said he would rather not be involved with the government's case at all.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on Lakeside, Arizona on June 29, 2000:

SA [redacted] received a call from [redacted] a trooper because he was upset about a meeting the previous night which included himself, SA [redacted] a U.S. Deputy Marshal, and Sergeant (Sgt.) [redacted] a DPS sergeant and [redacted]. [redacted] said that he had nothing to hide concerning his relationship with Bill Cooper, who has been a federal fugitive since July, 1998. [redacted] said that he was particularly upset with the tone taken by [redacted] and he was angry about the way [redacted] had said that he was embarrassed to be in same room as [redacted].

[redacted] stated that in the future he would not make any statements to federal agents concerning Bill Cooper unless he was talking to SA [redacted] alone. Otherwise, [redacted] said that he would only talk to other federal agents if the FBI made a formal request from [redacted] through the regular chain of command. Then, if his agency required him to talk, he would speak to whichever federal agent agreed upon by his department.

During this conversation, [redacted] confirmed again that he has had a few face-to-face visits with Bill Cooper, but he said that it had nothing to do with his duties as [redacted]. He also acknowledged having had previous telephone conversations with Bill Cooper.

During the course of this conversation [redacted] made it clear that he felt insulted when he was formally advised of provisions of the federal harboring statute.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on July 13, 2000:

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SA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] [redacted] who is presently a [redacted] the office of county Sheriff in Apache County. During this conversation, [redacted] acknowledged that recently he paid a visit to the home of Bill Cooper, who is a tax protester and federal fugitive residing on a hilltop in the town of Eagar, Arizona. [redacted] a trooper [redacted] sold [redacted] on the idea of visiting Cooper. [redacted] explained that [redacted] is a [redacted] and it was [redacted] belief that Cooper could be an influential voice in the community to persuade citizens [redacted]

Although [redacted] had misgivings about [redacted] idea, ultimately he decided that a good word from Cooper and his supporters was better than a thousand negative words from Cooper, who hosts a radio program in Eagar. [redacted] explained that a number of people in the community are quite supportive of Cooper, and there are a few school teachers who listen to him regularly and are quite persuaded by his rhetoric.

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In any event, [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] paid a visit for a couple of hours at Cooper's home. [redacted] noted that Cooper has a large, violent-looking dog named Crusher at the residence. Inside Cooper's residence, the house looks quite cluttered, and [redacted] described the house as being more or less like a "cow trail." [redacted] said that there were boxes and radio equipment stacked up, and it appears that Cooper effectively lives in his kitchen. When SA [redacted] mentioned that Cooper's [redacted] simply responded that he could understand why.

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During the course of his conversation with Cooper, [redacted] was asked if he is a "patriot." [redacted] appreciating the nuances of the word "patriot," asked Cooper to define his term. Cooper really didn't do so, but nevertheless [redacted] provided a response to Cooper's question. He said that if by the word "patriot" Cooper meant men running around with camouflage clothes, then the sheriff's candidate did not consider himself a patriot. If the term "patriot" referred to people who believed in and upheld the Constitution, then [redacted] considered himself a true patriot.

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Later [redacted] learned that Cooper had made reference to [redacted] visit, and Cooper gave [redacted] a lukewarm endorsement in his [redacted]. Apparently, Cooper made a statement to the effect that [redacted] is not a "true patriot."

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[redacted] mentioned that sometime ago [redacted]

[redacted] went up to Cooper's house and knocked on the door. [redacted] had no idea of Bill Cooper's status as a federal fugitive.) Cooper's reception of [redacted] at his house was hostile. Cooper told her that she had to leave, and when she asked him who he was, he gave his name as "Bill Cooper." It wasn't until later that [redacted] learned about Bill Cooper's situation with the law.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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Title: CHANGED
MILTON WILLIAM COOPER,
AKA BILL COOPER - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] - FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: Phoenix Division requested NCAVC assistance on captioned matter.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect the reclassification of this investigation from an AOT-DT matter to one involving a fugitive investigation for other federal agencies. Title previously carried as " Milton William Cooper, aka Bill Cooper - Fugitive; [redacted] - Fugitive; AOT-DT.

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Details: The National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) agents SSA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] now the SSRA for the Eugene, Oregon Resident Agency, traveled to Phoenix, Arizona and Eagar, Arizona on captioned matter. The primary purpose of this trip was to survey the area around Eagar where Cooper and his family reside. (Cooper and [redacted] Prior to the Eagar survey, a meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona with the following people to discuss captioned case:

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- [redacted] FBI/Phoenix
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[redacted] The following background information on Cooper and [redacted] were discussed at this time:

Both Cooper and [redacted] were indicted on 06/10/1998, in Arizona for income tax evasion, and bench warrants were issued for them on 07/01/1998. Cooper is well known among members of the nation's militia groups, and he has stated that he will kill any federal agents who attempt to apprehend him. Cooper has also said that he would rather have his family die than be subjected to "federal tyranny". Following the indictments, Cooper isolated himself and his family in their residence which is located at the end of a long road atop a bluff overlooking Eagar. The house, which is in [redacted] name, is situated so that anyone attempting to drive up the road would be easily seen by Cooper.

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The Phoenix FBI had been coordinating with both the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) as well as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in their investigations of Cooper. The USMS is responsible for the apprehension of Cooper and the tax investigation was being conducted by the IRS. The Bureau's role at the time of this meeting was to provide a tactical response plan should Cooper resist arrest and resort to violence. FBI case agent SA [redacted] was also a primary source of intelligence for all the agencies since neither the USMS or the IRS had agents assigned in that rural area of eastern Arizona.

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According to investigators, Cooper does not interact with members of his community, and it is anticipated there would be minimal community support for him should his arrest result in a stand-off.

There were reports of several incidents in which Cooper either threatened or assaulted someone. In one incident, Cooper threatened a former black police chief and appeared to be shielding himself from the officer using [redacted]. Reports of friends and acquaintances indicate that Cooper had [redacted] on prior occasions. (Subsequent investigation conducted by Phoenix indicates that [redacted])

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Cooper had been described by those who knew him and interacted with him as being paranoid, having a sense of grandiosity, hypersensitive to real or perceived criticism;

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Re: [redacted] 08/08/2000

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possessing a sense of entitlement and a belief system susceptible to conspiracy theories.

Cooper is believed to possess a variety of weapons including a 50 caliber sniper rifle, and a 45 caliber pistol. He also owns a Rottweiler guard dog.

In order to determine the identity and number of visitors to Cooper's residence, [redacted]

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As the investigation continues, the importance of obtaining additional detailed and current information regarding Cooper, his [redacted] their lifestyle, habits, family, friends, etc., was emphasized.

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At this time, no further request for assistance has been made of the NCAVC, and no work remains outstanding. This lead is considered covered.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/02/1998

To: Phoenix

Attn:

[Redacted] Sqd 16

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: [Redacted] (Pending)

Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka Bill Cooper- FUGITIVE; [Redacted] FUGITIVE; AOT-DT

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Synopsis: To request technical assistance from Squad 20.

Details: On 9/28/98 a meeting was held at the US Attorney's Office in Phoenix concerning the fugitive status of Bill Cooper and [Redacted]. Both have been indicted by IRS on federal tax evasion charges. Cooper has vowed to shoot any federal agents who attempt to arrest him.

Attending this meeting were high level representatives of the US Marshals Service, IRS, US Attorney's Office, and ASAC Ray Churay of the Phoenix Division. Participants were updated on the status of Bill Cooper, who appears to have come out into town recently, an event not anticipated this soon in his self-imposed exile at his hilltop home in the town of Eagar.

During the meeting it was determined that more intelligence was needed on Cooper's activities, but the time was not yet right for deploying a team to conduct surveillance or to arrest him. Instead, it was determined that the Phoenix Division would examine the feasibility of using technical means to monitor Cooper's activities.

Another inter-agency planning meeting will held in the future after more intelligence on Cooper's activities has been gathered and assessed. On 9/29/98 SA [Redacted] contacted SA [Redacted] in Lakeside and scheduled a site survey to be conducted in Eagar on October 6 and 7.

[Redacted] [Signature]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lakeside, Arizona on October 12, 2000:

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SA [redacted] called [redacted] a Deputy U.S. Marshal who works in Phoenix, Arizona. SA [redacted] called [redacted] to determine if the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) intends to take proactive measures to apprehend Bill Cooper, a fugitive now residing in the town in Eagar, Arizona. [redacted] replied that he had submitted a proposal for surveilling Cooper's residence, but [redacted] boss had told him that his agency would not carry out any operations against Bill Cooper until after the new calendar year begins.

During this phone conversation, [redacted] confirmed that Bill Cooper's [redacted] had visited him a few months ago, and the [redacted] had said that a woman was planning to move in with Bill Cooper. Apparently, this woman is Cooper's present girlfriend. Supposedly, Cooper and the woman spent a weekend at the Thunder Horse Ranch, which lies just outside of Lakeside.

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SA [redacted] reminded [redacted] that a visit had been paid by SA [redacted] to the Thunder Horse Ranch a couple of years ago, and [redacted] the ranch should have advised the FBI of Cooper's presence there. [redacted] recommended against taking any action against [redacted] the Thunder Horse Ranch, because any contact now would simply let Cooper know that he was still being watched and monitored. Reluctantly, SA [redacted] agreed with this line of reasoning although he would have liked to have "gotten in the face" of [redacted] of the Thunder Horse Ranch.

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Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

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The Source advised that [redacted] close to Bill Cooper, a militia radio talk show host, who is currently the subject of a federal tax warrant in Arizona. [redacted]

The Source advised that the [redacted] used to reside at [redacted] they resided at that address for about [redacted] Apparently

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The Source believes that the [redacted] probably became earnest listeners of Bill Cooper's radio show before deciding to move out to [redacted]

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The Source also provided a copy of a letter written to [redacted] concerning letters to the [redacted] This letter is not related to Bill Cooper.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/29/2001

To: Phoenix

Attn: [redacted]
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From: Phoenix
Squad 13, Flagstaff RA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] J:djh

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Title: MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, a.k.a.,
Bill Cooper-FUGITIVE;
[redacted] FUGITIVE;
AOT-DT;

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Synopsis: Request for change of title and reassignment of case.

Administrative: Per conversation between SSRA [redacted] and SA [redacted]
[redacted] this matter is being re-classified as an AOT-DT matter.

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Details: Special Agent (SA) [redacted] transferred from the Lakeside Resident Agency (RA) to the Provo RA in December of 2000. Recently, SA [redacted] of the Flagstaff RA was notified that he was being re-assigned to the Lakeside RA to work Domestic Terrorism (DT) matters.

Due to the nature of the above captioned matter and due to the fact that Milton William Cooper has stated that he will kill any federal officers who attempt to arrest him for Income Tax Evasion, it is recommended that this matter be re-instated as [redacted] matter and reassigned to SA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/08/2001

To: Houston

Attn:

Squad CT-2

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From: Dallas

Tyler RA

Contact: SA

Approved By:

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Title:

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Synopsis: Information concerning possible threats against [redacted] and Milton William Cooper.

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Reference: [redacted] Serial 9

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Phoenix is one copy of referenced Houston EC to Dallas, dated 4/18/2001 and a copy of the enclosures included with the EC.

Details: For information of Houston and Phoenix, During April 2001, [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Tyler Office of the FBI and furnished information concerning [redacted] on a one time basis. His information was related to local authorities handling the [redacted] case. He is not a source for the FBI and is not known to be a source for any local authorities. Both [redacted] and local authorities have been advised of the possible threats against [redacted]

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For information of Phoenix, a Preliminary Inquiry has been initiated by the Dallas Office concerning [redacted] Investigation initiated subsequent to receipt of a request for assistance from Texas Ranger [redacted] Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office in obtaining background information concerning [redacted] in effort to

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Re: [redacted] 05/08/2001

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facilitate the execution of state felony warrants that were issued for the arrest of [redacted] On 12/24/99, [redacted] were stopped by a DPS officer during a routine traffic stop. Both [redacted] were armed at the time of the stop. [redacted] gave no resistance and was arrested for weapons violations. [redacted] became involved in a fight with the officer wherein he bit the officer and attempted to take control of the officer's weapon. Another officer arrived on the scene and assisted in arresting [redacted] was later released on bond and subsequently indicted by a state grand jury for two felony counts of assaulting a police officer and attempting to take a weapon from a police officer. [redacted] resides on [redacted] in a rural area in [redacted] County. Sources have advised local authorities that [redacted] and has threatened to shoot any police officers that come on his property. Sources have advised local authorities that [redacted] has

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[redacted] has previously been associated with the Republic of Texas. He has a locked gate at the entrance to his property with signs warning authorities to stay off his property. Sources have advised that [redacted] has stated that he plans to [redacted]

[redacted] Local authorities believe that others sympathetic to [redacted] views concerning the government might also be living on [redacted] property. Approximately a year and a half ago, [redacted] fled from her husband with [redacted]. They are believed to be living on [redacted] property. The husband has been [redacted] Local authorities have attempted to serve papers concerning this custody suit and have not been allowed on [redacted] property. The husband has been threatened with a gun by [redacted] to stay away from the property.

For information of Houston, [redacted] is subject of Phoenix case 62E-PX-62617 and information concerning [redacted] can be obtained from FOIMS. [redacted] is a fugitive similar in circumstances to [redacted]

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 04/18/2001

To: Dallas
Houston

Attn: SSA [redacted] 2
DOMTER Squad - Dallas
SSA [redacted] CT-2

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From: Houston
Texas City R.A.
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] B:mbt

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
AOT-DT-VC;
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Synopsis: Information from Houston CW regarding identification of possible source.

Enclosure(s): E-mail messages received from [redacted]

Details: On 4/18/2001, reliable Houston source [redacted] provided the attached two E-mail messages to Houston (Texas City R.A.) agent.

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The first E-mail message was sent by [redacted] unknown to Houston. The message was posted to the [redacted]

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[redacted] According to [redacted] it is much more vocal than it is active and it's leadership is more concerned with being the dominant force in the militia movement than in actually conducting anti-government activities.

In the message, [redacted] exhorts recipients of the E-mail to attempt to locate [redacted] "their local militia county coordinators or commanding officer nearest them". [redacted] does not say why this should be done but the obvious inference is that [redacted] perceived informant relationship.

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Re: [redacted], 04/18/2001

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The second E-mail is more threatening but somewhat confusing. It was posted to the [redacted] but appears to be a forwarding from someone who uses the E-mail address of [redacted]. This message from [redacted] Unknown to Houston is how the name MILTON WILLIAM COOPER enters the message. In the message, [redacted]

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[redacted] that will come to MILTON WILLIAM COOPER. However, [redacted] then goes on to say he has identified the aforementioned "FBI informant" as [redacted]

[redacted] Houston of course has no knowledge to determine whether or not [redacted] is a source of the Dallas division [redacted] or possibly a source for the State of Texas or a local agency. Regardless of whether [redacted] is a source of law enforcement, he is believed to be so and his life has been threatened. Therefore, the following lead is being set.

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To: Dallas From: Houston
Re: [REDACTED] SUB A, 04/18/2001

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Set Lead 3:

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Date of transcription 05/21/2001

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

[redacted]
 has contacted [redacted] and stated that he is willing to make arrangements for [redacted] Cooper [redacted]
 [redacted] As the Department of Economic Security (DES) has [redacted] which have not been [redacted] is considering allowing [redacted] to make the arrangements for [redacted] Cooper [redacted] [redacted] inasmuch as after [redacted] Cooper, DES would file [redacted]

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