

Memorandum



To : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100A-SA-34564) (P) Date 12/3/92
(SQ.11/ARA)

From : SSA [REDACTED]

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Subject: TEXAS RESERVE MILITIA;
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On 12/02/92 SSA [REDACTED] Knoxville Division, was contacted by SSA [REDACTED] SSA [REDACTED] advised that it was the intent of the Knoxville Division to renew the PATCON UCO for the purpose of pursuing the purchase of LAW Rockets, grenades and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles from Subject [REDACTED] Knoxville is in the process of identifying two UCAs to replace [REDACTED] Once new UCAs are identified, Knoxville would like to bring them through Austin with [REDACTED] to establish their credibility. SSA [REDACTED] was advised that the Austin RA would continue to assist the PATCON UCO and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the primary goal of the [REDACTED] investigation was to recover lethal weapons, and that once the weapons were recovered, prosecution could be held in abeyance as long as five (5) years.

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SSA [REDACTED] also advised that the Knoxville Division was considering [REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED] advised that he was maintaining contact with the Birmingham Division with respect to the FBI/Army CID investigation of stolen night vision goggles. SSA [REDACTED] stated that he did not think that the FBI/Army investigation in the Birmingham Division would cause any problems for the PATCON UCO or PATCON UCAs or Sources.

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On 12/03/92 SA [redacted] was contacted by SSA [redacted] SA [redacted] advised that he was the Case Agent for the joint FBI/Army CID investigation involving stolen night vision goggles. The FBI/Army CID case is focused on [redacted]

[redacted] To date, an Army CID UCA has purchased five (5) sets of night vision goggles from [redacted] who said his sources were [redacted]. The night vision goggles were determined to have come from a lot of 61 stolen from Fort Hood, Texas. This purchase was made possible when CID was contacted by an individual who told them he had been offered night vision goggles by [redacted] at a gun show. The FBI and Army CID inserted a CID UCA and the purchase was made in Huntsville with Army funds.

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At another gun show, [redacted] offered night vision goggles for sale to [redacted]. At the time, they only had pictures of the devices. Subsequently, when the FBI/Army CID showed an interest, [redacted] said all the devices had been sold, but they expected a shipment of 200 before Christmas.

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The FBI and Army CID began [redacted]

[redacted] asked him for help in getting broken night vision goggles repaired. [redacted] provided [redacted] with nine (9) sets of goggles. It has been determined that all nine goggles were from the lot of 61 stolen from Fort Hood, Texas. [redacted] he could not get them fixed but had a source on a Army installation that would switch out bad goggles for good ones. [redacted] was provided with two pair of good goggles. Birmingham is waiting to see if the exchanged pair are offered for sale to the CID UCA. [redacted] he had a shipment of 200 due soon.

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[redacted] also advised [redacted] that an additional shipment of night vision goggles would soon be available.

Birmingham has [redacted] of [redacted] Army CID Agents are utilizing [redacted] computers to analyze [redacted] results.

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Birmingham is preparing a [redacted] affidavit for [redacted] phones of [redacted]

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SA [redacted] advised that the Army is going full bore and would like to indict as soon as possible. SA [redacted] advised that the investigation is reasonably clear of PATCON and the PATCON UCAs and Sources except that PATCON UCA's and Source's telephone numbers appear on [redacted]. He has advised the Army CID Agents to discontinue leads associated with the PATCON telephone numbers. SA [redacted] only other concern is that the PATCON UCA

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previously purchased five (5) sets of night vision goggles from [redacted] and he does not know if that information might be identified in the discovery process.

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SA [redacted] was advised that every effort must be made to protect the PATCON UCO and the identify of PATCON UCAs and Sources.

On 12/03/92 SSA [redacted] Domestic Terrorism Unit, was contacted by SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted] advised that he was supporting the renewal of the PATCON UCO for an additional six months. He also stated that he supported the plan to introduce the new PATCON UCAs through Austin; but suggested that the introduction be made by [redacted] rather than [redacted] in order to insulate [redacted] in the event [redacted] cover is exposed in Alabama.

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SSA [redacted] advised that he is coordinating all the FBI/Army CID investigations and is aware of the security concerns of the San Antonio Division. He advised that there were only two areas of concern regarding the Birmingham investigation. The first is that currently Birmingham can not make a case against [redacted] with out using [redacted] PATCON purchase. SSA [redacted] stated that it was his position that Birmingham should not be allowed to expose PATCON in order to indict [redacted] in the FBI/Army CID case. The second area deals with the remote possibility that the defense will file a motion to have the Federal Government disclose all previous dealings with [redacted]. In the event such a motion is filed, the Government can object on a number of grounds and should have a good chance of being successful due [redacted] long evolvment with Government agencies and the fact that there is an on-going UCO.

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The following investigation was conducted in San Saba, Texas on Monday, October 26, 1992, by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sheriff JOHN BENNER, San Saba County and [REDACTED] were both interviewed in the Sheriff's Office at San Saba, Texas. Both were provided with basic information concerning a survivalist group called the Texas Reserve Militia, also known as First Texas Light Infantry. Each was also shown a photograph of [REDACTED]. Both Sheriff BENNER and [REDACTED] advised that they had had one contact with [REDACTED].

Sheriff BENNER advised that [REDACTED] called him about a year ago and introduced himself as a police-officer from the [REDACTED] area. [REDACTED] explained to the Sheriff that he had a group of men who would be practicing firearms on a ranch near [REDACTED] in San Saba County, and he wanted the Sheriff to know that. He told the Sheriff that the Sheriff and any deputies in the county were welcome to practice with his [REDACTED] group.

[REDACTED] advised that approximately six months to one year ago, he was in the United States Post Office at San Saba in uniform. He was approached by [REDACTED] who introduced himself and stated that he had a group of men who practiced firearms on a regular basis on a ranch near [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] San Saba, Texas, was interviewed in the Sheriff's Office at the San Saba County Courthouse. [REDACTED] advised that he had personal contact with [REDACTED] group in what was probably around September of 1991 at their ranch near Locker, Texas. He believes that they were leasing this property prior to [REDACTED] buying it outright, but he is not sure.

[REDACTED] advised that in what was probably around September, 1991, he heard shooting coming from this particular ranch near [REDACTED] and went on the premises of the ranch to investigate. It was during quail season. From a hidden location, he watched a number of men taking target practice. While in the area, he found some quail feathers, making him believe that the men were poaching quail.

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After a few minutes, he emerged from his concealed position and talked to two of the men who were shooting. After he had talked to these men for a few minutes, two other men emerged from the brush behind him, on opposite sides of him, giving him the feeling that they had been watching him from afar, to see what he would do.

While on the ranch, he observed survey maps and aerial photographs, military-type ammunition boxes, and lots of military-type equipment. He did not observe any explosives or fully automatic weapons, although on other occasions, he has heard fully automatic weapons coming from this ranch.

[redacted] advised that he did not see any sand bagged bunkers on the premises, but he did not see the entire premises.

There were some women, at least two, who were on the ranch on the day he was there. He went in some sheds east of the main residence on the ranch, while he was present on this day, but did not see anything unusual.

[redacted] said there were approximately six to seven men and two females on the ranch at the time he was there, as described above.

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