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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/19/2009

To: San Francisco

Attn: Community Outreach Coordinator

Attn: Oakland RA

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Attn: San Jose RA

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From: San Francisco

San Jose Resident Agency

Contact: SA

Approved By:

[Redacted] AD

Drafted By:

[Redacted] JFM

Case ID #:

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Title:

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Synopsis: To document community outreach to Assyrian Universal Alliance Americas Chapter in San Jose, California and claim statistical accomplishments.

Details: On June 7, 2009, Special Agents [Redacted] and [Redacted] gave a presentation at a career day hosted by the San Jose Youth Chapter of the Assyrian Universal Alliance (AUA). The career day was held at Adobe Hall, 1352 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose, California, and lasted from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. Approximately 20 members of the local Assyrian community attended the event. Most of the attendees were either in college or had graduated from college within the past several years.

According to event organizers, the AUA is an Assyrian community organization whose main goals are preserving a unique Assyrian culture and helping Assyrians still living in the Middle East. The Assyrians are Middle Eastern Christians from communities located primarily in Iraq, Syria and Northwest Iran. The AUA hosts cultural events for Assyrians living in the United States and sponsors periodic relief missions to Assyrian communities and refugees in Iraq and Syria. Assyrian cultural identity is distinct from the majority Muslim Arabs and Persians in their countries of origin. A major component of Assyrian culture is the Assyrian language, a Semitic language distinct from Arabic and Hebrew

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that is very similar to ancient Aramaic. The AUA and Assyrian community in the United States encourage their members to learn and use the Assyrian language (Agent Note: The event's organizers spoke in Assyrian at various times and the attendees, most of whom had been born in the United States, reported that they understood Assyrian and used it on a regular basis to communicate within the community). Despite their common language and culture, Assyrians are divided along religious lines. The principle division is between Orthodox and Catholic Assyrians. Orthodox Assyrians belong to the Church of the East and recognize the Patriarch of Babylon as their religious, spiritual and communal leader. Catholic Assyrians, also known as Chaldeans, recognize the Pope in Rome as the leader of the Church. The Assyrian community in the United States is similarly divided along religious lines.

[redacted] of the San Jose Chapter of the AUA, had requested through a contact on the South Bay [redacted] that the FBI make a presentation during this event. The following is his contact information:

[redacted]

At the event, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] spoke about the FBI, its programs, hiring policies and general job opportunities. After the group presentations, they discussed the FBI and distributed application packets to individuals who were interested.

During the event, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] discussed issues facing the Assyrian community with [redacted] of the AUA Western Region. He provided the following contact information:

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[redacted] appears to be in his late fifties and is [redacted] at San Jose State University where he has worked in the [redacted] department [redacted] [redacted] was born and raised in [redacted] where he earned an undergraduate degree [redacted]. He then got a scholarship from [redacted] where he earned a masters degree. He worked for the [redacted] before emigrating to the United States. His son [redacted] graduated from [redacted] school in San Francisco and just returned from [redacted] where he spent three and a half months helping [redacted] [redacted] has posted information he gathered on this trip on the website [redacted]

Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] also spoke with [redacted] [redacted] another prominent member of the local Assyrian community. He identified himself as [redacted] [redacted] reported traveling to [redacted] approximately three months ago to deliver relief supplies to the [redacted] community there. His group delivered 120 tons of food supplies that had been provided by [redacted] living in [redacted] approximately 30,000 according to [redacted]. [redacted] helped arrange the relief shipment that was delivered in seven trucks and helped approximately 2,500 [redacted] families. [redacted] reported that [redacted] was frequently in trouble with [redacted] authorities but had never been arrested. According to [redacted] both he and [redacted] are devoted to the [redacted] community. [redacted] mentioned that he had [redacted] [redacted] runs a small snack food distribution company based in San Jose and his telephone number is [redacted]

[redacted] of the local youth chapter of the AUA, talked to the agents about her background. She currently works [redacted] [redacted] in San Jose, California. She got her job after earning her bachelor's degree. She [redacted] [redacted] She has worked in the past with [redacted] [redacted] She provided the agents a business card with the following information:

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[redacted] <office phone>
[redacted] <cell phone>

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The contact information for [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] was forwarded via e-mail to [redacted]
[redacted] San Francisco Division.

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Name: [REDACTED]
Squad [REDACTED]

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