

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-23-2011 BY UC 60322 LP/PJ/SZ

Date of transcription 11/19/97

[redacted] (white/male), born [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at the Frederick RA. After
being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the
nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

b6
b7C
b7D

[redacted]
[redacted] also does some work for
[redacted] sponsored not for
profit organization. Finally, [redacted] is an Individual
Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant
Colonel. This means that when the Army calls, he must go.

b6
b7C
b7D

[redacted] served on active duty at Fort Detrick from approximately
[redacted] In his Reserve capacity, he is assigned to U.S. Army
Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID).
His Reserve work currently includes working on projects with the
[redacted]. Sometimes he is detailed to work
exclusively with [redacted]

b6
b7C
b7D

[redacted] has a professional relationship with [redacted]
[redacted] is involved in the financing of some of [redacted]
projects. Recently, [redacted] introduced [redacted] to another person,
referred to as anonymous source (AS). AS does not want his
identity known at this time.

b6
b7C
b7D

AS is some type [redacted] who has a source that is
[redacted] People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
(PETA). The source, supposedly, [redacted]
with PETA. The source indicated to AS that PETA has a long range
plan to create a major incident. Because of this, PETA wanted to
move their Rockville, Maryland headquarters (HQ) 100 miles
outside of that area. In the past six months, PETA may have
moved their HQ from Rockville, MD to Norfolk, VA.

Part of PETAs long range plan is to infiltrate by gaining
employment with various research facilities. PETA intends to
create an incident within that facility that would benefit their
cause. PETA intends to cause a release of anthrax. No specific

Investigation on 11/19/97 at Frederick, Maryland

File # 29-BA-0 279C-BA-93510-20 Date dictated 11/19/97

b6
b7C

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] :mtw

*Original FD302 filed in 100-0 serial 50807

(12/31/1995)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-23-2011 BY UC 60322 LP/PJ/SZ

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/15/1998

To: Director's Office

Attn: NSD - [redacted];
ROOM 11741

b7E

From: Baltimore
Squad 11
Contact: SA [redacted]

pg 1
pg 2

Approved By: [redacted]

b6
b7C

Drafted By: [redacted] cmf

Case ID #: 279C-BA-93510 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(S);
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA);
Threat to Release Anthrax in the Baltimore or Washington
D.C. Area;
DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION - WEAPON OF MASS
DESTRUCTION THREAT;
OO: BA

Synopsis: Inform FBI-HQ of opening date for a [redacted]
[redacted] into a Weapons of Mass Destruction Threat.

b7E

[redacted] Initiated: 01/15/1998, set to expire
04/15/1998.

Enclosures: Enclosed for FBI-HQ are two (2) copies of an FD-302,
interview with [redacted]

Details: On 01/12/1998, SA [redacted] received an EC
regarding above captioned matter from the Frederick R.A. of the
Baltimore Division. The EC stated Frederick had received
information regarding a possible threat of anthrax release in the
Baltimore or D.C. area. The information had been received by
Colonel David R. Franz, DVM, PhD, Commander, United States Army
Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID),
Fort Detrick, Maryland. Colonel Franz advised he had received
information that the animal rights group PETA (People for the
Ethical Treatment of Animals) may be attempting a large scale
exposure of anthrax to the environment. According to Colonel
Franz PETA has infiltrated, by employment USAMRIID, and that this
person will orchestrate the anthrax release. The infiltrator is
supposedly named [redacted] and she has [redacted]
[redacted] A check by Colonel Franz revealed no such person
currently worked at USAMRIID.

b6
b7C

[redacted] Colonel Franz received this information from [redacted]
[redacted] (Protect Identity), a Reserve Army Officer affiliated with
USAMRIID. [redacted] (Protect Identity) apparently received this

b6
b7C
b7D

279C-BA-93510-3
Searched
Serialized
Indexed
Filed
✓ 20 cmf/ee

To: Director's Office From: Baltimore
Re: 279C-BA-93510, 01/15/1998

information through an associate who has an unknown contact within the PETA organization.

[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on 11/19/1997, a copy of the FD-302 detailing the interview is enclosed.

On 01/15/1998 SA [redacted] spoke with Trooper [redacted] of the Maryland State Police Intelligence Unit. Trp. [redacted] advised that he had received the same information as Colonel Franz from a source who [redacted]. Trp. [redacted] will attempt to reach his source to confirm the information and attempt a meeting with SA [redacted].

b6
b7C
b7D

Based upon the information obtained in the interviews, Baltimore will open a [redacted] to determine if the group is capable and/or planning an anthrax exposure or threat.

b7E

♦♦

(12/31/1995)

~~CONFIDENTIAL/SCI/REL~~

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/20/1998

To: All Divisions

From: Baltimore
Squad 11
Contact: SA [redacted]

(U)

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cmf

b6
b7C

(U)

Case ID #: ~~(S)~~ 279C-BA-93510 (Pending)

Title: ~~(S)~~ Unsub(s);
PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA);
THREAT TO RELEASE ANTHRAX IN THE BALTIMORE OR
WASHINGTON D.C. AREA;
DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION - WEAPON OF MASS
DESTRUCTION THREAT
OO: BA

PS 1

(U)

Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Lead for all receiving offices regarding above captioned matter.

~~(S)~~ Classified By: 14367, 11/BA
Reason : 1.5(c)
Declassify On: X1

(U)

(U) [redacted] Initiated: 01/16/1998, set to expire 04/16/1998.

b7E

Details: ~~(S)~~ On 01/16/1998 Baltimore Division received information from a police department regarding above captioned matter. According to [redacted] the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has infiltrated, by employment Fort Detrick, Maryland. The name of the person who is supposedly employed at Fort Detrick is [redacted]. However, no one with this name is currently employed at Fort Detrick.

b6
b7C
b7D

(U)

~~(S)~~ [redacted] also claim that PETA has obtained a "dry culture" of anthrax and plan to disperse the anthrax at Fort Detrick [redacted] Fort Detrick Colonel David R. Franz advised Baltimore that [redacted] [redacted] USAMRIID two or three times a year. Contact with U.S. Army CBDCOM Domestic Preparedness Office chemist [redacted]

b6
b7C
b7D
b7E

~~CONFIDENTIAL/SCI/REL~~

Duplicated 2/1/98 - BN
Disseminated 2/2/98 - RET
AW

279C-BA-93510-4

Searched
Serialized
Indexed
Filed

(12/31/1995)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/22/1998

To: Baltimore

Attn: SSA [redacted]

From: Baltimore
Squad 11

b6
b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

cmf *[signature]*

Case ID #: 279C-BA-NEW (Pending)

Title: Unsub(s);
People for the Ethical Treatment of
Animals (PETA);
Threat to Release Anthrax in the
Baltimore or Washington D.C. area;
Domestic Security Investigation - Weapon
of Mass Destruction Threat;
OO: BA

Synopsis: Request to open investigation.

Details: Colonel David Franz, Commander, United States Army
Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), has
received information that captioned organization has obtained
anthrax and plans to disperse the biological agent in an attempt
to further/promote their social cause.

It is requested that a [redacted] be opened
and assigned to SA [redacted]

b7E

♦♦

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-23-2011 BY UC 60322 LP/PJ/SZ

b6
b7C

[Handwritten signature]
[redacted]
1/22/98
[Handwritten initials]
1/22/98

279C-BA-93510-1

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JAN 29 1998	
FBI - BALTIMORE	