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RE FBIHQ FACSIMILE TO MIAMI SSA [redacted] DATED 10/27/93 AND TO MIAMI SSRA [redacted] DATED 10/28/93; AND FBIHQ SSA [redacted] TEL CALL WITH WMFO SSA [redacted] ON 10/29/93. b6 b7C

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS REQUESTED THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS," AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, WMFO WILL BE PROVIDED AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED TO DATE FROM DOJ, CONCERNING [redacted] ALLEGATIONS. UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE (USCS) SA [redacted] USCS HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. [redacted] b6 b7C

ALSO POSSESSES DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING "FINDERS" WHICH IS TO BE OBTAINED BY WMFO.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND IN THIS MATTER FOR WMFO AND MIAMI:

IN 1987, [redacted] WERE CONVICTED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING CHILDREN. ONE OF THE CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED THE SCHOOL DURING THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE WAS [redacted] DOING BUSINESS AS b3 b6 b7C

[redacted] AFTER THE IMPOSITION OF PRISON SENTENCES ON BOTH [redacted] BECAME CONVINCED THAT NUMEROUS b6 b7C
OTHER CHILDREN HAD BEEN ABUSED AND THAT THE ABUSE WAS PART OF A LARGE, WELL ORGANIZED SCHEME. SUBSEQUENTLY, [redacted] HAS ATTEMPTED TO INTEREST CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND THE USCS IN HIS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND INVESTIGATING CLAIMS OF ORGANIZED SEXUAL ABUSE.

DURING OCTOBER 1993, [redacted] MET WITH UNITED STATES b6 b7C
CONGRESSMAN ROSE (FLORIDA) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS." BOTH CONGRESSMAN ROSE AND [redacted] SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS TO DOJ. ?

AN FBIHQ INDICES SEARCH REVEALED A REFERENCE TO "FINDERS" IN FBIHQ FILE 7-HQ-20191. A REVIEW OF THIS FILE INDICATED THAT FBI JACKSONVILLE (JACKSONVILLE FILE 7-1248) AND FBI WMFO (WMFO FILE 7-1685) HAD CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION RESULTING FROM AN ARREST OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, IN 1987.

ON 2/4/87, [redacted] b6 b7C
WERE ARRESTED BY THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD) ON

MISDEMEANOR CHILD ABUSE CHARGES RESULTING FROM A COMPLAINT THAT SIX CHILDREN PLAYING IN A PARK WERE UNKEPT AND NEGLECTED. [redacted] THE TWO SUBJECTS WITH THE CHILDREN, COULD NOT INITIALLY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AS TO THEIR LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN AND WERE UNCOOPERATIVE REGARDING THEIR IDENTITY AND THE CHILDREN'S IDENTITY. AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING THESE ARRESTS, THE TPD CONTACTED THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD), WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] AND THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS," BASED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON 2/5/87, THE MPD EXECUTED SEARCH WARRANTS, PREPARED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON TWO PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE "FINDERS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SPECIAL AGENT (SA) [redacted] USCS, PARTICIPATED IN THESE SEARCHES.

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A JOINT INVESTIGATION, CONDUCTED BY THE MPD AND WMFO, LEAD TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW OF THE MOTHERS OF THE SIX CHILDREN, TWO OF THE FATHERS, AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF THE "FINDERS" GROUP. ON 2/18/87, WMFO PRESENTED THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION TO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [redacted] UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF

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COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO DECLINED PROSECTION FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1201 (KIDNAPING) AND 2251 (SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN). WMFO SA [redacted] WAS THE WMFO CASE AGENT IN THIS MATTER. b6 b7C

DOJ REVIEW OF USCS DOCUMENTS INDICATES THAT DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE SEARCH WARRANTS BY THE MPD AT THE TWO "FINDERS" PROPERTIES, USCS SA [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE OBSERVED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS PURPORTEDLY CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING CHILDREN FOR UNSPECIFIED PURPOSES. THE INSTRUCTIONS ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED THE IMPREGNATION OF FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, PURCHASING CHILDREN, TRADING CHILDREN AND KIDNAPING THEM. [redacted] CLAIMS b6 b7C b7E

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[redacted] HAS ALLEGED THAT THE FINDERS ARE INVOLVED IN A WELL ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE SCHEME, AND THAT [redacted] IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE FBI'S FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SECTION, CONSPIRED TO COVER UP THOSE ABUSES.

USCS SA [redacted] SHOULD BE CONTACTED BY WMFO TO OBTAIN COMPLETE USCS DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING "FINDER,S" INVESTIGATION BY WMFO IN THIS MATTER WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AND [redacted] AND THE REVIEW OF ANY DOCUMENTATION IN THE POSSESSION OF [redacted] THE STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT OFFICE, AND THE FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ.

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IT IS NOTED THAT A MEMBER OF CONGRESS HAS INDICATED TO THE DOJ THAT [redacted] DUE TO THE "FINDERS" INVESTIGATION. b6 b7C

INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED PROMPTLY IN THIS MATTER AND WMFO WILL SUBMIT RESULTS BY TELETYPE TO THE VIOLENT CRIMES/FUGITIVES UNIT, VIOLENT CRIMES AND MAJOR OFFENDERS SECTION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

LEADS:

MIAMI DIVISION

AT STUART, FLORIDA

WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted], b6 b7C DOING BUSINESS AS [redacted] AND OBTAIN ANY RELEVANT MATERIAL IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING "FINDERS."

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW USCS SA [redacted] b6 b7C

2. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW USCS SA [redacted] WASHINGTON, D.C., TP# [redacted] TO OBTAIN USCS DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO "FINDERS."

3. WILL INTERVIEW WMFO SA [redacted] TO OBTAIN DETAILS

OF THE WMFO INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO "FINDERS."

4. WILL REVIEW AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING "FINDERS" FROM [redacted] STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ. b7E

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BY MEMORANDUM DATED 10/26/93, FROM ACTING ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN C. KEENEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LARRY A. POTTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUESTED THAT THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS," AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. THIS COMMUNICATION DESIGNATES WMFO AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND SETS SPECIFICS LEADS CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY. b6 b7C

ON 11/2/93, THIS MATTER WAS COORDINATED WITH UNIT CHIEF [redacted] OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), FBIHQ, WHO OPINED THAT ABSENT ADDITIONAL FACTS BEING DEVELOPED, THERE IS NO OPR ISSUE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

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- interviewed in CIA Langley, Office of Gen Counsel

retired 3 April 1992

- in Feb 1987 was Acting Chief Special Activities Division Office of Security

- Section handled Impersonation of CIA employees, / MEDIA LEAKS and CI work internal INVESTIGATIONS - Allegations of CIA employee involvement etc.

- had regular interface w/ FBI, USDS, DIA
REQUESTS for information (like MPD's) was referred to his section
not usual for MPD to call section
was there from 82 to 88, This one call is only one from MPD

Recalls but 2 connections to CIA & FINDERS

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(1) [redacted] worked for Agency in 60's

(2) WAS some computer tray at Future Enterprises.
his assumption at time was This Future Entry was Same
one MPD linked to FINDERS. Does not recall how the
connection was made. incidential connection. ASSUMPTION
was low level, unclassified INTRO computer TRNG.

not sure how connect was made.
Could have been the address - could have learned about
Future Ent link to FINDERS Thru newspaper
not Orla how name came up

- notify located on records checks on "FINDERS"
in SI + DDO records.

Thinks may gone down to MPD to discuss this
- was at least one phone conv.
- Thinks he provided info on [redacted] and that
Future Entp was being used by CIA for Computer TNG.

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no idea ~~the~~ how MPD came to idea conclusion of stepping on toes
Does not recall discussion travel of [redacted]. does not recall if
CIA even knew he travelled, but possible
- FINDERS case in 1987 was ~ MEDIA, MENTIONED CIA
Thinks perhaps he saw article in paper ran some
traces to see if Agency was in fact involved
- NO AGENCY AFFILIATION OF [redacted]
were looking at this, MPD telephoned Secy SPT DIVISION
was referred to him for response by Secy SPT Division

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One telephone conv. followed by VISIT TO MPD
up front about involvement. left MPD with positive
feeling. MPD offer seemed logical.

Never attempt to influence or stop involving

FINDERS - def not A CIA friend

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Universal File Case Number 31C-WF-189911-A9

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Date Received 1/3/94

From SA [redacted]
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[redacted]
(Address of Contributor)

El Centro, CA
(City and State)

By SA [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No
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☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Reference: _____
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Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

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(Address of Contributor)

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By SA [redacted] (C-4)
(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Title: "Finders Group"

Reference: _____
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Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of

[redacted] AT USCS HQ

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(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☐ No

Title: "FINDERS" GROUP

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of

[redacted] 12/21/93

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence WMFO

Serial # of Originating Document _____

Date Received 12/20/93

From [redacted]
(Name of Contributor)

USCS, HQ, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW
(Address of Contributor)

_____
(City and State)

By SA [redacted] (C-4)
(Name of Special Agent)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No
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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: "FINDERS" GROUP

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

Photocopies of notes made by [redacted] his 1987 investigation of the FINDERS

Photocopies of [redacted] memos to file on FINDERS

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By _____ [redacted] _____ b6 b7C
(Name of Special Agent)

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Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

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Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of

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(Address of Contributor)

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(City and State)

By [redacted] b6 b7C
(Name of Special Agent)

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Reference: _____
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Attn: SSA [redacted], VCU, CID
(Name Room Telephone)

From: SAC, WMFO
(Name of Office)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - P.I
OO: WMFO

Special Handling Instructions: PLS HAND CARRY TO SSA [redacted]

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ATTACHED IS A MEMO LOCATED IN THE WMFO FILE ON FINDERS DEALING WITH THE STATEMENT / MEMO OF CUSTOMS AGENT [redacted] FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Originator's Name: SA [redacted]

Telephone: X 7792

Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 863-1786

Approved: MM

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
(7-1685)(P)(C-4)

DATE: 3/9/87

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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KIDNAPPING
OO:WFO

On 2/18/87, [redacted] NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN (NCMEC), 1835 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), Suite 700, provided the writer with the attached memorandum. [redacted] related she had received the memorandum from [redacted] CUSTOMS, WDC.

A review of the memorandum reflects obvious [redacted] observed and what was infact recovered by the METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) during the execution of search warrants at [redacted]

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On 2/28/87, this memorandum was brought to the attention of [redacted] MPD, the [redacted] handling captioned matter for MPD. [redacted] advised the writer that a thorough review of all evidence obtained at the two aforementioned

(2) WFO

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locations did not produce any of the items described in the examples cited above by [redacted] advised no evidence of child sexual exploitation, kidnapping or any related crimes was obtained, and that there were no computerized lists ordering children. A copy of the memorandum was provided to [redacted]

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Memorandum

To : SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date 11/4/93

From : SA [redacted] (C-4) b6 b7C

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo is material provided to WMFO by FBIHQ, CID, VCU at a 11/02/93 meeting concerning captioned matter held at FBIHQ. The following individuals were present at this meeting:

SSA [redacted] FBIHQ b6
SSA [redacted] FBIHQ b7C
SSA [redacted] WMFO b7E
SA [redacted] WMFO

SSA [redacted] indicated that this investigation was to be a preliminary inquiry focusing primarily on the "FINDERS" Group. SSA [redacted] stated that he, or another FBIHQ representative would arrange for review of files/documents in the possession of the [redacted] State Department, and Intelligence Division FBIHQ, and advise WMFO accordingly.

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11/2/93

To: Unit Chief [redacted]

From: SSA [redacted]

Subject: "Finders" - Preliminary Inquiry

On 11/2/93, met with SSA [redacted] Division 5 Special Staff(ext 3951, Room 4127) and SSA [redacted] Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA, ext 4634), FBIHQ who is the FBIHQ liaison with the State Department. I had previously provided [redacted] with a packet of documents concerning the "Finders" preliminary Inquiry. The three of them will determine the best manner to request the records checks by [redacted] DOS for "Finders."

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[redacted] will conduct a search of Division 5 records to determine if there is any documentation concerning "Finders."

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11/1/93

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS
OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

♦ On 11/1/93, a representative from the Violent Crimes Unit (VCU), Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), prepared a packet of documents received to date in this matter for review by WMFO.

♦ On 11/1/93, a representative from the VCU contacted WMFO SSA [redacted] and scheduled a meeting between representatives of the Violent Crimes Unit, SSA [redacted] and the WMFO case Agent on 11/2/93. b6 b7C b7E

♦ On 11/1/93, a representative from the VCU met with FBIHQ Office of Liaison and International Affairs SSA [redacted] (State Department liaison) and SSA [redacted] to discuss DOJ's request that the FBI review documents from the State Department Passport Office (DOS) and the [redacted] pertaining to "Finders." It is noted that the DOJ requested that an FBI Agent "review relevant documents firsthand, from the relevant intelligence agencies, as opposed to having to rely on the agency's summaries or review..."

During a meeting at DOJ with Section Chief Bergasser and DOJ Attorney [redacted] on 10/28/93, it was pointed out that a written request from the FBI or DOJ would be required before any records could be obtained from DOS [redacted] for review by the FBI. During that meeting, Mr. Bergasser requested that the FBI prepare a communication to [redacted] DOS and let him review it before it was sent to those agencies. b6 b7C b7E

10/29/93

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS
OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

♦ On 10/28/93, a representative of the Violent Crimes Unit met with George Bergasser, Section Chief, and Attorney [redacted] Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Department of Justice. Bergasser noted that DOJ had received a three-ring binder from Special Agent [redacted] U.S. Customs Service (USCS). This binder contains USCS briefing material on "Finders." They requested that the FBI contact USCS to obtain a copy of the material contained in the three ring binder.

Bergasser noted that in 1987, in Stuart, Florida, a [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

Bergasser noted that during October 1993, [redacted] met with United States Congressman Rose (Florida) to discuss allegations concerning a group known as "Finders". Both Congressman Rose and [redacted] concerning these allegations to DOJ. He is concerned that several Congressional subcommittees may be looking at the "Finders" matter and that the TV documentary "48 Hours" plans to air a segment on it.

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♦ On 10/28/93, an FBIHQ indices search revealed a reference to "Finders" in FBIHQ file 7-HQ-20191. On 10/29/93, a review of this file indicated that FBI, Jacksonville (Jacksonville file 7-1248) and FBI, WMFO (WMFO file 7-1685) had conducted investigation resulting from an arrest of two individuals in Tallahassee, Florida in 1987.

File review of 7-HQ-20191 indicated that a joint investigation, conducted by the MPD and WMFO, lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. On 2/18/87, WMFO presented the results of their investigation to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., who declined prosection for violation of title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (kidnaping) and 2251 (sexual exploitation of children). WMFO SA [redacted] was the WMFO case agent in this matter.

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♦ On 10/29/93, the information obtained at DOJ was discussed with WMFO SSA [redacted] and Miami SSRA [redacted] West Palm Beach RA, and a teletype was prepared designating WMFO as Office of Origin in this matter.

10/28/93

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS
OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

♦ On 10/27/93, an indices check by the Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC) identified four FBIHQ files (7-20191, 9-67521, 62-119517, and 66-19075) as having references to "Finders", and three FBIHQ files (87-0 serials 15124, page 1, and serial 15140; 157-370 and 157-1552) containing references to [redacted] There were no references to [redacted] These files have been obtained and will be reviewed by the Violent Crimes Unit. b6 b7C

♦ On 10/27/93, SIOC identified 16 articles in the Lexis-Nexis data base concerning "Finders". These articles indicate that on 2/4/87, the Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee, Florida conducted a traffic stop on a van containing two men and six small children. The two men were arrested and were each charged with one count of child abuse.

♦ On 10/27/93, a lead was sent to the Miami Division to locate and interview [redacted] The case Agent has known [redacted] for approximately 15 years and will contact him 10/28/93 to schedule the interview with him.

♦ On 10/28/93, the Correspondence Unit, FBIHQ advised that they had no reference in their files concerning "Finders" nor [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

♦ On 10/28/93, FBIHQ OLIA was contacted concerning the review of [redacted] State Department Office files pertaining to Finders. A written request in LHM format will be prepared to obtain this information.

♦ On 10/28/93, Jacksonville (JK) SSA [redacted] advised that JK was involved in an investigation with the group known as the "Finders" in 1987. This case involved the recovery of six children in Tallahassee, Florida who were traveling in a van with two grown males not related to them. The FBI had participated in the arrest of these two individuals who were each charged locally with one count of child abuse. SA [redacted] advised that many allegations had been made regarding sexual abuse in this case, but none were proven. It appears that there was parental consent for the children to travel with these individuals. The children were subsequently returned to their parents and the subjects spent about ten days in the local jail and released. This investigation was conducted primarily by local authorities. b6 b7C

♦ On 10/28/93, [redacted] National Center for Missing & Exploited Children was interviewed concerning "Finders" and the two searches conducted in 1987 at the two Finders properties in Washington, D.C.

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subsequent to the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) making the traffic stop of the van, the TPD determined that these two men belonged to a group known as the Finders based in Washington, D.C.. As a result of information developed by the TPD during the traffic stop, the TPD contacted the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (WMPD). The WMPD developed information that was subsequently utilized to obtain a search warrant for a warehouse and a residence located in Washington, D.C. owned by the Finders. U.S. Customs and the WMPD participated in this search and [redacted] noted that approximately seven computers and numerous computer floppy discs were seized during the search. He did not participate in any subsequent review of this material.

[redacted] advised that the NCMEC has not developed any positive information that the Finders organization is involved in child sexual abuse.

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[redacted] also advised that he had been told that documentation had been located in the WMPD files to indicate that SGT. John Stycher (deceased), who had been his Sergeant during the Finders search, had been contacted by a [redacted] who had told him to step away from the Finders case. Allegedly, [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

♦ WMFO conducted investigation in this matter and this information will be subsequently reviewed.

♦ On 10/28/93, George Bergasso, Section Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Department of Justice advised that the DOJ has a book of material on the "Finders" and additional material that will be made available for review by the FBI. Representatives of the Violent Crimes Unit will meet with him on 10/28/93.

10/29/93

FBIHQ FILE SUMMARY OF 7-20191
REFERENCE "FINDERS" GROUP

[redacted] by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D. C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D. C. in an effort to further identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnaped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was [redacted]

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A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type life style made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosection in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.

[redacted]

References of FBIHQ File 7-20191:

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Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children

" #9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re [redacted] "Finders", allegedly a

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Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.

" #16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by [redacted] Virginia by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.

Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.

" #24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] provides info pertaining to "finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

" #26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising that AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution in this matter stating that their is no evidence of a Federal violation. No additional investigation in this case.

10/28/93

To: [redacted] b6 b7C

From: [redacted]

Re: Finders

On 10/28/93, I spoke to SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Jacksonville Division (JK) regarding information they may have on a group known as the "Finders".

SSA [redacted] advised that JK was involved in an investigation with a group known as the "Finders" in 1987. This case involved the recovery of six children in Tallahassee, Florida. The children were traveling in a beat up 1979 ford van with two grown males not related to them. The children were recovered in fairly good condition except that they were very dirty. On 2/20/92, a FOIPA request regarding this investigation was made by Washington D. C. [redacted] could not provide additional information regarding the FOIPA request. SSA [redacted] recommended that I speak with the Tallahassee RA case Agent [redacted] b6 b7C

SA [redacted] advised that the FBI and local law enforcement participated in the arrest of two individuals who were traveling around the country with six young children not related to them. SA [redacted] said that he was providing this information from memory, but advised that the media blew the case out of proportion. He advised that many allegations were made regarding sexual abuse in this case, but none were proven. It appears that there was parental consent for the children to travel with these individuals. The children were returned to their parents and the subjects spent about ten days in the local jail and released. This investigation was conducted primarily by local authorities. SA [redacted] could not provide additional information in this matter. b6 b7C

notes:

JK case file 7-1248 consolidated to 62D-2214
WMFO case file 7-1685
FBIHQ case file 7-20191
JK indices negative for [redacted]

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Congress of the United States
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January 25, 1993

HELP END CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND EXPLOITATION

COSPONSOR THE LEWIS BILL TO REESTABLISH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY UNIT

Dear Colleague:

In February, 1991, U.S. Customs "integrated" their Child Pornography and Protection Unit into the Smuggling Investigations Division, Office of Investigative Programs. At the time, Customs stated that "these changes have in no way affected the manner in which child pornography investigations are being conducted by our field offices or the support that our headquarters staff provides."

I asked Customs to provide me with arrests, convictions and employee-hours spent on child pornography and protection. Customs own numbers show a dramatic and inexcusable decline.

YEAR	ARRESTS	CONVICTIONS	EMPLOYEE-HOURS
1988	106	100	47,772
1989	54	57	54,613
1990	110	103	100,524
1991	82	116	61,173
1992	57	69	27,435

As you can see, since the Unit's heyday in 1990, arrests and conviction have been nearly halved, and employee-hours have been reduced to barely one-fourth of previous levels!!

Therefore, I am introducing a Concurrent Resolution calling on Customs to reestablish its Child Pornography and Protection Unit, and to equal or exceed its 1990 efforts.

It is clear Customs has given up most of their efforts to put an end to this reprehensible trade. It's time to make a permanent commitment to stopping those who prey on the most vulnerable members of our society. If you would like to cosponsor this Resolution, contact me, or [redacted] of my staff at [redacted]

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Sincerely,

Tom Lewis
Member of Congress

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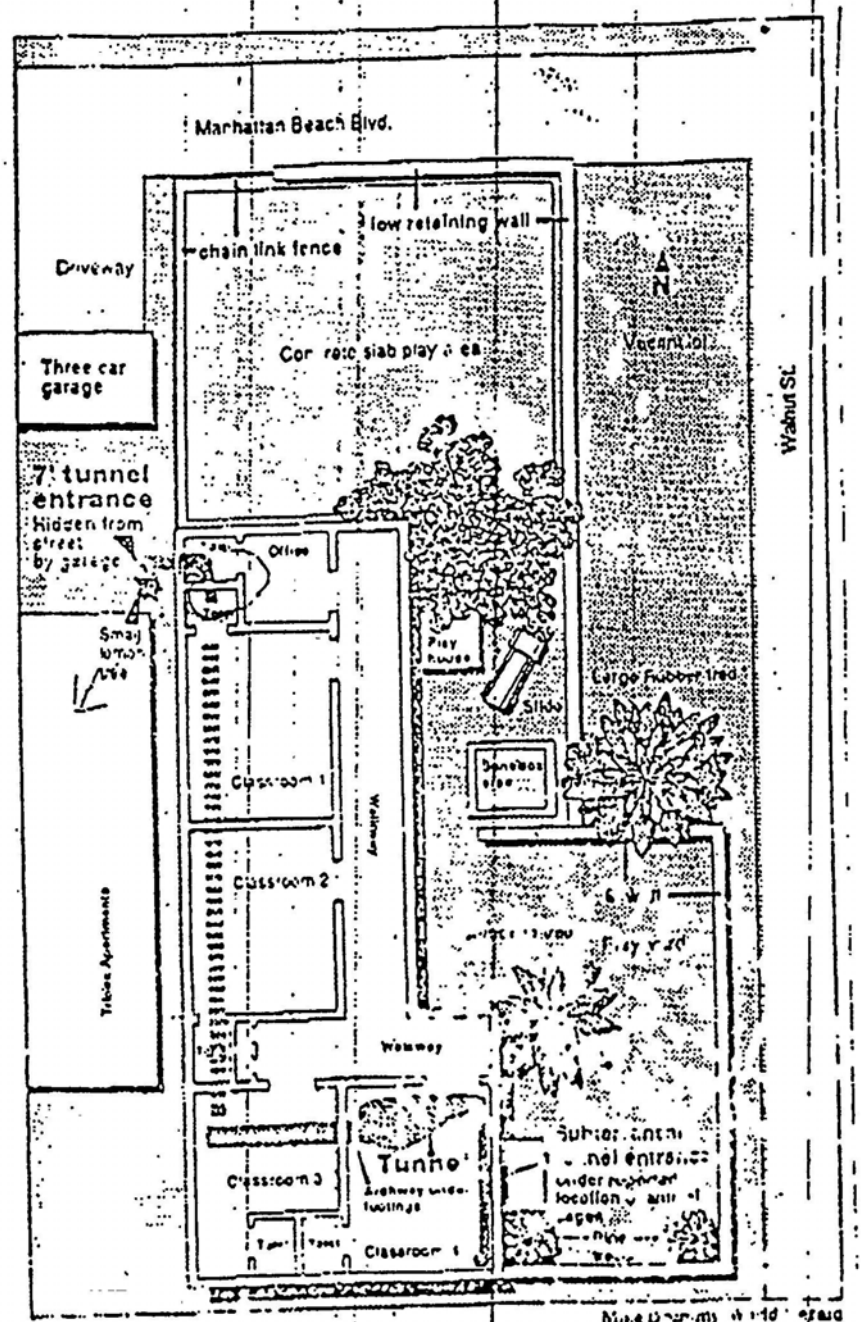

Diagram of McMartin Pre-School, which has been demolished . . . Gunderson says two tunnels may have once been connected.

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THE TUNNELS FOUND AT THE McMARTIN PRE-SCHOOL
A PRELIMINARY REPORT

A formal report will be released when forensic tests are concluded.

- **45 foot tunnel**
  - 9 foot wide subterranean entrance found under west wall of the "Dog" room (Classroom 4 [redacted] classroom).
    - Avocado tree roots cut on both sides of the entrance.
    - Disney bag, "Copyright 1982," found 4-1/2 feet below the classroom floor and 3" to 6" in from entrance and under foundation, Classroom 4.
  - Tunnel proceeded south, then east 45 feet through Classrooms 4 and 3, and north, then east 10 feet within Classroom 4.
    - Tunnels were 30" wide, 44" to 46" deep, with top of the tunnel 30" under the classroom floor.
    - The footing between Classrooms 3 and 4 was arched where the tunnel passed underneath and 12" shorter in depth at this location than same footing 12 feet to then north.
      - Four large, upright containers were found in the tunnel under the arch, obviously hand placed.
  - A 9 foot wide chamber was found along the tunnel under Classroom 4. Top of chamber and top of sections of the tunnel had layers of plywood covered with tar paper which had apparently been supported by cinder blocks and 2" x 2" and 2" x 4" wooden posts found underneath.
  - Tunnel features made it evident that tunnel was hand dug.

- **7 foot tunnel extending into the triplex next door**
  - Tunnel extended from the bathrooms off the office and Classroom 1 to the front yard of the triplex next door. Front yard concealed from street by three-car garage.
  - Children described entrance and exiting tunnel in triplex yard exactly where tunnel and exit were found.
  - 1 39" x 41" area under a hole cut in this neighbor's bathroom floor had been excavated and subsequently filled.

- **Other significant facts**
  - A small, white plastic plate with three pentagrams hand drawn on top of light green paint was found by the archaeologists in the stratified dirt in the play yard.
    - Per historical archaeologist, pentagrams were hand drawn by an adult and not part of the manufacturer's design.
  - Many other artifacts found, whose analyses will be released upon completion of tests.
  - No doorknobs were on Classroom 3 door, only a dead bolt lock.
  - Each classroom had on and off light switch labeled "Fire Alarm." System did not connect to fire station but was used as an alert within the school.
  - More than 2000 artifacts were found under the school floor, including over 100 animal bones.

Due to severe time constraints our archaeology team was unable to further explore the extent of the tunnel networks. Above documented through photographs, notes, graphs, diagrams and charts. For more details call (213) 854-5172.

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Mr. and Mrs.

Dear Mr. and Mrs.

Thank you for your letter dated September 13, 1991, expressing your concerns regarding the U.S. Customs Service Child Pornography Program.

The Child Protection Act of 1984 clearly defined the agency jurisdiction in this typically multidisciplined area of enforcement. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service has jurisdiction pertaining to the use of the U.S. mail to transport child pornography, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has jurisdiction over the interstate transportation of child pornography, and the U.S. Customs Service has jurisdiction over the interdiction and the international distribution of child pornography. The statute has created a close working relationship between the agencies at the field office and Headquarters level. The point of this is that the statute has permitted a clear definition of responsibility for the respective agencies.

Recently, the U.S. Customs Service Headquarters Office of Enforcement experienced a massive reorganization. This reorganization caused the Child Pornography and Protection Unit to be integrated into the Smuggling Investigations Division. The Child Pornography and Protection Unit was a part of the General Smuggling Branch which was a part of the Smuggling Investigations Division. All Units, Branches, and Sections were eliminated during the recent reorganization. The child pornography program is now headed by the National Child Pornography Program Manager, a Senior Special Agent assigned to the Smuggling Investigations Division, Office of Investigative Programs, at Headquarters. These changes have in no way affected the manner in which child pornography investigations are being conducted by its field offices or the support that the Headquarters staff provides to these field offices. The primary functions of the Unit remain the same, that is to coordinate investigations within the U.S. Customs Service and between the U.S. Customs Service and other agencies, as well as collect, analyze, and disseminate child pornography data.

Headquarters has established and still maintains working relationships with the Department of Justice through the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Service, and various Military Investigation Commands. The Office of Enforcement also continues to work in conjunction with the Customs Office of Inspection and Control in seeking out and discovering new and unique methods of smuggling child pornography into the United States from other countries.

The aggressive approach that the U.S. Customs Service has demonstrated in conducting child pornography investigations within its jurisdictional area, has had an impact on both the violators and the distributors, and the methods of smuggling used by these individuals. The U.S. Customs Service will continue to target and investigate the importation of child pornography as aggressively as we have in the past. The ultimate effect is the enhancement on our part to prevent the sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Finders/Chronology
(See previous material for dates)

- Contact of U.S. Customs by Tallahassee PD regarding discovery of unidentified children and adult male "guardians" in city park.

- Requested contact with Washington MPD for assistance in locating possible address and relatives of children.

- Address located with assistance of MPD Intelligence Division.

- Second address identified. One residence, one warehouse.

- Search warrants obtained by MPD Intel. Warehouse site of previous MPD Intel inquiry involving classified maps of underground tunnel/sewer system, Washington, DC.

- During search warrant staging, disclosure of pending search warrant execution made by Tallahassee PD to local media (Tallahassee, FL). Tallahassee Media representative contacted D.C. media for more details. D.C. media reps peruse public information at courthouse, are waiting at search warrant sites for MPD search teams.

- Search warrants executed with MPD and two U.S. Customs agents (one at each site). FBI not involved until walk through on following day.

- Seizure of numerous documents made to include passports, telexes, computer/electronic media, correspondence, et al. (See previous material for expanded description).

- After search warrant shut down on first day, news reports carried FBI press release announcing FBI as "lead investigating agench." Day after, once search resumed, FBI agent from Washington Field Office (WFO) makes walk through of warehouse, but does not examine any seized evidence.

- Additional search warrant executed on farm in rural Virginia with support by Virginia State Police. No federal involvement. Evidence of satanic/cult ritual discovered.

- Based on observed documents, Customs agent unsuccessfully attempts to gain access to evidence for detailed analysis for use in investigating possible export, neutrality act, mann act, and child pornography violations.

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- [redacted] contacts MPD Intelligence and advised that all reports regarding Finders are to be classified at the Secret level. [redacted] also advised that no information was to be turned over to the FBI WFO for investigation, and that the WFO would not be advised of the [redacted] involvement/contact. b7E

- Children discovered in Tallahassee were eventually turned over to individuals claiming to be parents or guardians. No further MPD, FBI or Customs involvement.

- As far as is known, no details of [redacted] involvement ever became public.

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SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.

REF: WMFO FACSIMILE TO FBIHQ ON 11/3/93.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, REVIEW OF WMFO FIELD OFFICE FILES CONCERNING CAPTIONED GROUP REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

WMFO OPENED A KIDNAPPING CASE (7-1685) ON 2/6/87, AS A RESULT OF A 2/4/87 ARREST OF TWO MEN IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA FOR CHILD ABUSE. THESE INDIVIDUALS, [redacted]

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[redacted] WERE TRAVELLING IN A VAN WITH SIX MINOR CHILDREN. THE VAN UTILIZED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS BORE [redacted] b6 b7C

THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD) CONTACTED THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD), WASHINGTON, D.C., TO GET INFORMATION ON THE CHILDREN, AS THEY HAD MADE STATEMENTS INDICATING A PRIOR RESIDENCE IN WDC.

ON 2/5/87, TPD CONTACTED THE LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICE, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED THE WDC AREA CUSTOMS OFFICE, WHICH IN TURN CONTACTED MPD. SPECIAL AGENT (SA) [redacted] CUSTOMS, PROVIDED THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARREST OF [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] TO MPD INTELLIGENCE AND THE INFORMATION ON THEIR WASHINGTON, D.C. ADDRESSES.

PRIOR TO 2/5/87, MPD [redacted] HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, THAT A GROUP OF PEOPLE CALLING THEMSELVES, THE "FINDERS", WERE CONDUCTING BRAINWASHING TECHNIQUES AT [redacted] THE SOURCE REPORTED b6 b7C b7D

CHILDREN WERE USED IN RITUALS BY THE GROUPS, BUT REPORTED SOURCE NEVER OBSERVED ANY ACTUAL CHILD ABUSE.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TPD AND THIS SOURCE, MPD OBTAINED SEARCH WARRANTS AND EXECUTED THEM ON 2/5, 2/6/87 AT THE TWO WDC ADDRESSES. MPD SEIZED COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FINDERS GROUP FROM THESE LOCATIONS. NO EVIDENCE OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, KIDNAPPING, OR ANY RELATED CRIMES WAS OBSERVED, OR OBTAINED FROM THIS SEARCH.

PRESENT AT THIS SEARCH WERE MPD DETECTIVES, FBI SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] WMFO CASE AGENT AND CUSTOMS SA [redacted]

A MEMO FROM SA [redacted] DATED 3/9/87 WAS LOCATED IN THE

[redacted]

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MEMO WAS SENT TO FBIHQ VIA FACSIMILE ON 11/3/93.

WMFO INVESTIGATION OF "FINDERS" GROUP REVEALED THROUGH A 2/7/87 INTERVIEW OF GROUP MEMBER [redacted] THE FOLLOWING:

[redacted] ADVISED FINDERS WAS A GROUP [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] IN 1972 WITH THE IDEA OF RESPONDING TO PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES. [redacted] ADVISED THAT THE GROUP GATHERED INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE OR COMPANIES. [redacted] ADVISED THAT "FINDERS" WAS BASED OUT OF 1307 4TH STREET, N.W., WDC. [redacted] DESCRIBED THE [redacted] AS MYSTERIOUS, AND RELATED THAT NO ONE USUALLY KNEW WHERE HE WAS.

JOINT INVESTIGATION BY MPD AND WMFO LEAD TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW OF THE MOTHERS OF THE SIX CHILDREN IN QUESTION, TWO OF THE FATHERS AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "FINDERS" GROUP. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED CLAIMED THEIR GROUP CONSISTED OF AN ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE, COMMUNAL-TYPE ASSOCIATION MADE UP OF INTELLECTUALS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE THE WAY THEY DO. THE MOTHERS WERE ALL

AWARE THAT THE CHILDREN HAD BEEN TAKEN TO FLORIDA ON A TRIP, THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH AND THOROUGHLY TRUSTED THE MEN IN WHOSE CARE THE CHILDREN HAD BEEN PLACED, AND ALL INSISTED THE CHILDREN WERE WELL CARED FOR, ALTHOUGH IN AN ALTERNATIVE MATTER. EVERYONE INTERVIEWED STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT NO ONE IN THEIR GROUP ENGAGED IN SEX WITH CHILDREN, THAT NO RITUALIZED ABUSE OCCURRED, THAT THE "FINDERS" ARE NOT A SATANIC CULT, AND THAT THE CHILDREN ARE IN FACT THE OFFSPRING OF THE MOTHERS INTERVIEWED. ALL OF THE MOTHERS AND THE THREE FATHERS INTERVIEWED AGREED TO BE POLYGRAPHED CONCERNING THEIR TESTIMONY.

ON 2/18/87, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WDC, DECLINED PROSECUTION IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR VIOLATION OF UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18, SECTIONS 1201 AND 2251.

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[redacted].

WMFO FILES ALSO CONTAINED A 10/7/92 EXTORTION CASE (9A-WF-183055) WITH [redacted] AND [redacted] [redacted] THIS CASE WAS OPENED AS A RESULT

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THAT HE AND SEVERAL OTHERS OF THE "FINDERS" GROUP, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES REALIZED THAT

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] AND THE OTHERS, AT THE b6 b7C

TIME, WERE IN A CUSTODY BATTLE OVER THE GROUP'S PROPERTY

ASSETS. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] PURPORTEDLY RESIDED AT

[redacted] VIRGINIA.

ON 6/14/93, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DECLINED PROSECUTION OF THIS MATTER AND THIS CASE WAS CLOSED.

WMFO CONTACT WITH U.S. CUSTOM SERVICE, WDC, INDICATES THAT CUSTOMS SA [redacted] WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL MONDAY, 11/8/93. b6 b7C

WMFO IS SCHEDULED TO REVIEW THE MPD FILE CONCERNING "FINDERS" ON 11/4/93.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT WMFO.

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From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

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Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
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Attached to this memo are copies of METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) investigative file reports of pertinent information obtained during writer's 11/4/93 review of the MPD case jacket on the FINDERS GROUP.

The MPD case jacket was made available for review by Lieutenant [redacted] MPD Intelligence Division, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, WDC.

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The MPD case jacket did not contain a listing of specific items seized from the 2/5 - 2/6/87 searches of the FINDERS GROUP properties, 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W Street, NW, WDC. In addition there was no indication of the present status of any items seized at these searches, or a listing of personnel present at the searches.

Lieutenant [redacted] indicated that the MPD investigating Detective for this case was Detective [redacted] presently [redacted] Lieutenant [redacted] opined that Det. [redacted] could answer questions concerning the specifics of this search.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	DIVISION: Intelligence	BRANCH: Domestic Security
FILE TITLE: The Finders Investigation	I. D. NO.	ARREST NO.
	COMPLAINT NO.	CASE NO. 87-225

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BY: Detective [redacted]
UNIT: Intelligence
DATE: April 13,1987

OTHER OFFICERS:
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AUSA [redacted]
S/A [redacted] FBI
S/A [redacted] US Customs

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REPORT RE:
Overview Report

SYNOPSIS:
This report deals with the entire investigation concerning a group of subjects who call themselves The Finders. This document will explain the involvement of the Metropolitan Police Department and various agencies involved and the action taken during the course of this instant investigation. All the following information is still of a sensitive nature and should not be disseminated outside this unit.

Source Information:
In December of 1986, [redacted] called the intelligence division and reported that she had information concerning a cult operating in the District of Columbia. [redacted] was advised that Detective [redacted] of this office handled cult investigations and was currently out of town but would contact her after his return [redacted] was contacted in late December by Detective [redacted] by telephone and [redacted] advised she wished to be interviewed concerning this cult. Detective [redacted] and Detective [redacted] of the Maryland Park Police(Because [redacted] stated a section of this cult was operating in Maryland) interviewed [redacted] at her residence in [redacted] stated that a group of individuals were trying to introduce her into a cult and explained the nature and circumstances of this cult. (SEE R.O.I. dated 12/18/86) [redacted] was advised that although this group was unusual, they were committing no criminal offenses and the police department would only be interested if this group was involved in criminal activities.
In January 1987 [redacted] again contacted Detective [redacted] and stated that some of the members were interested in exploring satanism. Detective [redacted] again advised [redacted] that although satanist are not criminals, Detective [redacted] was interested in ascertaining what activity this group was involved in and asked [redacted] to call Detective [redacted] if additional information became available.

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Law Enforcement Information:
On February 5,1987 Detective [redacted] received a phone call from the U.S. Customs Service in Tallahassee, Florida. Customs was trying to find out if the Intelligence Division had any information concerning a group of subjects known as The Finders.

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The Customs representative stated that (6) children had been located in Florida along with two men and that the children were dirty,unkept,insect bitten,underfed and possibly sexually abused. U.S. Customs stated that they had tried to contact representatives of the Finders at [redacted] without success and they feared that other children were being abused at that address and were unsure if the children had been kidnapped from thier parents. Detective [redacted] was put in contact with Investigator [redacted] and [redacted] of the Tallahassee Police who were the lead investigators in the case. [redacted] told [redacted] that the children were recovered in Tallahassee Florida after a call to police stating that six children were being kept in the back of a van near a Florida park. The police responded to that location and determined that the children were in fact in poor condition and tried to question the two men, identified as [redacted] refused to answer questions by the police and were arrested for child neglect. The children when interviewed by the Tallahassee Police stated that they were enroute to a "smart school" in Mexico and could not give any positive information concerning thier parents. [redacted] stated that the children were all extremely hungry and urinated and deficated on the floor during the interviews. [redacted] stated that the children also talked about other children in Washington D.C. and stated that they were under the control of the "game caller", [redacted]

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Search Warrants:
Based on the information received from the source and from the authorities in the State of Florida, AUSA [redacted] authorized a search warrant for the premises of [redacted] Washington D.C. Search Warrants were executed for the premises of [redacted] by members of the M.P.D Intelligence Division on February 5-6,1987. Although no children were found large amounts of documents dealing with child rearing and shaping were recovered along with manuals for master plans and "dirty tricks" for enemies of the Finders group. All this information was turned over to the Florida authorities for evaluation.

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Psychological Report:

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Interviews:
Detective [redacted] of the M.P.D. a expert profiler with extensive training with abused children interviewed both [redacted] in Tallahassee Florida during

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the week of February 11,1987. Detective [redacted] report is attached and made part of this summary.

Interviews:

Twenty one former Finders have been interviewed concerning thier involvement in the organization. They stated that the organization began as an alternative life style in the 1960's and many of them became disenchanted with the quasi-military order under the direct supervision of [redacted] Many of the former members stated that they feared retribution from the Finders organization. In the case of [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] she needed police intervention to stop the harrassment of the Finders, In the [redacted] case, [redacted] was burned down and remains a open arson. In the [redacted] case, members of the Finders attempted to infiltrate [redacted] in the United States. In general all members of the Finders who had left the group felt that harm would come to them if they spoke out against [redacted] or his organization.

Family Members:

Detective [redacted] interviewed all the family members who were willing to talk. b6 b7C Specifically, they all stated that [redacted] had brainwashed thier children and prevented any contact with either thier children or grandchildren. Members of the Finders, according to family members would stop any contact by sending letters describing explict sexual acts involving current members, including photographs and drawings. In the [redacted] case members of the Finders attempted to take over the [redacted] family residence and force [redacted] out of her home.

Virginia State Investigation:

Special Agent [redacted] of the Virginia State Police stated that his organization executed search warrants at the Finders Farm in Madison County Virginia. [redacted] stated that this group appeared to be a survivialist organization with attempts to take over the city government in Culpepper Virginia. During Virginia States investigation information was revealed that bodies were buried on the farm at the Nethers, but excavation revealed nothing. However, cages were discovered on the premises that witnesses revealed were used to keep children during thier visits to the farm. b6 b7C

F.B.I. Investigation:

The F.B.I. had contact with the Finders since 1971 including a recent report dealing with C.I.A. involvement with at least one of the members of the Finders passing information overseas concerning activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. When it became apparent that no Federal Laws were violated the F.B.I. vacated the investigation.

Central Intelligence Agency Investigation:

Although the C.I.A. claims thier only involvement was that [redacted] was a former employee of the agency, They stated that they were monitoring this investigation from the beginning. [redacted] (S)

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Summary:
It is the writers belief that the Finders organization is and has been utilized by the Central Intelligence Agency as a disinformation service spreading non essential, non-critical information to various organizations throughout the United States and overseas. This group to the most part is made up of over-educated non-achievers who lacked the inborn intitative to succeed on thier own. Therefore they fell in with a charismatic leader who gave them direction and self importance. To the most part this organization individually is harmless, However when directed and monitored by a controlling factor they are capable of destructive and illegal activities. As in any cult structure the main drive is for the group and individual values and ideaology is lost, Therefore when a member is asked to perform a task that hereto fore may have been objectionable, He or She performs this mission for the good of the group.
As to the abuse of the children; I do not think that child abuse was a planned tactic of this group, but as in any cross section of society, sick and demented subjects belong to a cult as well. I do believe that the shaping of the children is a planned experiment of this group as in the case of the Nazi's they strove for a perfect society, thereby in thier own way tried to form a group of children and ultimately adults that did not suffer from the ill's of normal society, but took only the benefits that afforded them perfection.
Lastly I do not feel that the Finders have disbanded as reported by thier leaders be instead, as reported in thier master plan, have appeared to disband to prevent further detection by law enforcement or social service officials. I firmly believe that this group should be monitored in a general sense and if further developments occur they should be noted.

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BY Sgt [redacted]
UNIT DSB
DATE 2/19/87

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REPORT RE: Finders involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency

At Approximately 1530 hrs, 2/18/87, Det [redacted] spoke with S/A [redacted] reference any contact the members of the Finders may have had with the Agency. S/A [redacted] was guarded but frank in his responses. He confirmed that [redacted] Isabelle, now deceased, was an employee of the agency from 1950 until 1971. When asked if our investigation was "treading on anyone's toes out there", [redacted] replied "Sort of".. He acknowledged that they have had someone working on the case since it first broke on the news media. He also stated that ~~the~~ the agency is aware that during the period 1969 - 1971 [redacted] traveled to Moscow, North Korea, and North Vietnam. [redacted] (C) S/A [redacted] stated that he would contact Det [redacted] on 2/19/87 to arrange to come to this office for further discussion. As of 1430 hrs, 2/19/87, he has not contacted this office.

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As a practical matter, what is not being said is as important as what S/A [redacted] has said. [redacted] acknowledged that we are treading on their toes and that they have had someone working on the case since Feb 5 when it broke. They apparently have a vested interest in [redacted] and/or the group. They have not contacted any of the investigating agencies while they have been working on ~~it~~ the case. They are also aware that [redacted] traveled to prohibited countries during a period of hostilities that could only have been arranged by them. Finally, he stated that [redacted] This could explain a lot about the groups funding, which we have been unable to document to this point.

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[redacted] Did not know that the person he turned the information over to in Europe was a source of this office and is not aware that the Source brought the Disc back to this office. [redacted] actually transfered the disc in London. Det [redacted] then turnéd the Disc over to WFO/FBI, Counter Intelligence office for analyzation. We have not been apprised of the results of that alaysis, nor do we expect to be. (C)

Regardless of what type operation they may be ~~advised~~ engaged in, there will be no justification for the way the children have been treated, and the matter will be addressed in Family Division, Superior Court.

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Lt. [redacted]

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ITC Use Only: SITC Record #: 14334
Date/Time In: 11/3 / 11:10 ☑ am ☐ pm
Date/Time Out: 11/3 / 14:30 ☐ am ☑ pm
Database(s) Used:
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3. EQ 7. IA 11.
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TO: FBI, SAVANNAH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Date: 11/3/93
Forfeiture/Seizure Related: ☐ Type of Request: ☒ FAX ☐ Telcal ☐ Mail Reply: ☒ FAX ☐ Telcal ☐ Mail
Requestor: SA [redacted] Phone #: (202) 252-1792 FAX #: (202) 863-1786 UCFN: 31C-WF-189911 b6 b7C
(Requestor Name is Required) (The UCFN (File #) is Required)
Office/RA: WMFO SQUAD C-4 Precedence: ☐ ROUTINE ☐ PRIORITY ☒ IMMEDIATE

Fugitive: ☐ Yes ☒ No NCIC Activity/Date:
CCH Conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No Off-Line Searches Conducted:
Driver's Lic. Conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No Subject: ☐ Yes ☐ No Vehicle: ☐ Yes ☐ No Driver's License: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Driver's License #: State: Vehicle Registration: State:

SEARCH CRITERIA (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name - Last: First: Middle:
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RESIDENCE
Street Addres City/State: WDC Zip: Phone:

BUSINESS
Business Name: "FINDERS" GROUP Street Address:
City/State: WDC Zip: Phone: Business ID#:

CHECK DESIRED SEARCH PARAMETERS (Please check only those that are needed)

☒ 1. Specific Information Desired CONDUCT LEXIS / NEXIS CHECKS FOR REFERENCES TO SUBJECT AND GROUP FINDERS IN MEDIA AND FAX RESULTS TO WMFO
☐ 2. Determine All Individuals Associated with Social Security Number(s)
☐ 3. Report Validity of Social Security Number
☐ 4. Employment Report (*subject to availability*) ENQUIRY WILL POST TO CONSUMER'S ACCOUNT
☐ 5. Determine Who is Associated with Telephone Number(s)
☐ 6. Determine Address of Business/Person (__ U.S. ___, ___, ___ State(s))
☐ 7. Determine Property Owned by Individual (__ U.S. ___, ___, ___ State(s))
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☐ 9. Determine Who Resides at Address Listed Above
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☒ Possible Identifiable Records
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☐ Brief Synopsis of Information Found
☐ No Information Found

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Memorandum

To : SAC, WF (31C-WF-189911) Date 11/3/93
ATTN: [redacted] b6 b7C

From : SAVANNAH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER
INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES

Subject: [redacted]

Attached are copies of Investigative Information Services printouts setting forth results of inquiries conducted by Investigative Information Services. Also attached are two copies of an accomplishment/reply form. It is requested that you record the Investigative Information Services accomplishments on this form, return one copy to the Investigative Information Services, and maintain one copy together with the computer printouts as a serial in your case file.

Set forth below is a brief synopsis of results of inquiries.

[redacted] is utilized by the subject. Property data and tax assessor info is attached. All other searches were negative.

Should additional contact be necessary, this request was handled by Analyst [redacted], b6 b7C
Telephone [redacted]

1 - WF (Enc. 1)
Attn: Special Agent Supervisor
Note: Copy forwarded [redacted]
Via Mail_____/Facsimile____X Date 11/3/93
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FBI - SAVANNAH PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION GROUP *
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AGE 1 DATE 11-03-93 TIME 9:55:50 PCR04 V406

SSN: [redacted] b6 b7C

FULL NAME/ADDRESS:

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ABBREVIATED NAME/ADDRESS:

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NAME/SPOUSE SSN OWNER
ADDRESS ADDR RPT DATE

1. [redacted] SUBJECT
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END OF NETWORK TRACE**

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                      WASHINGTON      DC 20002 7001
                      (202) 546 - 9828

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For: FINDERS GROUP
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  8  Watercraft                        US - No Record on PH Online
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PROPERTY RECORDS FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ESTIMATED TAX ROLL CERTIFICATION DATE July 31, 1991

Owner [redacted] b6 b7C

Mailing Address: [redacted]

MUNICIPALITY: [redacted]

********** LOCATION **********

Property Address: [redacted]

Property Use (REDI): Apartment

Assessor's Parcel Number: 1315- -0039

********** ASSESSMENT VALUES **********

Land Value: $ 173,725

Improvements: 170,515

Total Value: $ 344,240

Use Code: MULTI-FAMILY FLATS

Lot Size: 4,655 sq ft

Year Constructed: 1938

********** PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS **********

Units:	4	Stories:	
Rooms:		Heating:	HOT WATER
Bedrooms:		Cooling:	
Bathrooms:		Floor:	
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PROPERTY RECORDS FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ESTIMATED TAX ROLL CERTIFICATION DATE July 31, 1991

Owner: [redacted] b6 b7C

Mailing Address: [redacted]

MUNICIPALITY: [redacted]

********** LOCATION **********

Property Address: [redacted]

Municipality: WASH DC

Property Use (REDI): Warehouse

Assessor's Parcel Number: PAR -0129-0027

********** ASSESSMENT VALUES **********

Land Value: $ 54,960

Improvements: 205,390

Total Value: $ 260,350

Use Code: WAREHOUSE-MULT-STORY

Lot Size: 5,496 sq ft

Improved Square Feet: 10,414 (building)

Year Constructed: 1931

********** PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS **********

Units:	Stories:
Rooms:	Heating:
Bedrooms:	Cooling:
Bathrooms:	Floor:
Fireplaces:	Walls: BRICK
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No.	Name	Clue(s)	Source
1	FINDERS GROUP	Officer of FINDERS' KEEPERS	OH-COR
2	FINDERS GROUP	Officer FINDERS GROUP	OH-COR
3	FINDERS GROUP	Officer of FINDERS GROUP	OH-COR
4	FINDERS GROUP INTERNATION	[redacted]	IL-COR
5	''		IL-COR
6	FINDERS GROUP LIMITED		CO-COR
7	''		CO-COR
8	''		CO-COR

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:NFO AMERICA--OHIO Secretary of State Corp--Summary 3-NOV-1993
SEARCH KEY: [FINDERS GROUP]

).	Business Name	Type	Status	Date
1	FINDERS GROUP	TRADE NAME	CANCELLED	01-03-1986

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1 SECRETARY OF STATE CORPORATE--Detail Page 1/2
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Name: FINDERS GROUP

Owner(s): FINDERS GROUP
Address: 629 OAK ST
COLUMBUS 43215

Type: TRADE NAME
State of Origin: NOT AVAILABLE
Date of Filing: 01-03-1986
Status: CANCELLED ON 02-22-1991
Date of Expiration: 01-03-1991
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220 East Bryan Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

SAVANNAH ITC RECORD #: [redacted] UCFN: 31C-WF-189911
ANALYST: [redacted]

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Was the information provided helpful to your investigation?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If **NO**, please let us know how we could be more helpful to your investigation:_____

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ACCOMPLISHMENT(S) resulting from information:

PERSON(S): (Enter **total number** applicable to each of the following)

_____ FBI Fugitive(s) Arrested: ☐ FBI ☐ Local Date_____

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_____ Subject(s) ☐ Arrested ☐ Located ☐ Identified

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OTHER: (Enter **total number** applicable to each of the following)

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COMMENTS:_____

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Facsimile Number: 324-3089

Attn: SSA [redacted] (Name

From: FBI WMFO (C-4) (Name of Office)

Subject: FINDERS
DU: WMFO

Special Handling Instructions:

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Telephone:

Originator's Facsimile Number:

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ, TRAINING DIVISION, NCAVC/ISU FOR SSA [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO

FOR INFORMATION OF NCAVC, CAPTIONED MATTER WAS OPENED ON 11/2/93 AS A RESULT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S REQUEST THAT THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS", AND WHAT ROLE IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. b6 b7C

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FOX DATE & TIME OF ACCEPTANCE: 12:50 Dis

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[redacted] WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN ROSE (FLORIDA) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A GROUP CALLED "FINDERS". BOTH ROSE AND [redacted] PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS TO DOJ.

WMFO INVESTIGATED A GROUP CALLED FINDERS IN FEBRUARY, 1987. FINDERS WAS AN ALTERNATE LIFESTYLE GROUP, LOCATED AT 3918/3920 W STREET, N.W., AND 1307 4TH STREET, N.E., WDC, THAT EVOLVED INTO A DATA GATHERING GROUP. THE GROUP WAS PURPORTEDLY HEADED BY A [redacted] b6 b7C VIRGINIA, WITH THE LEADER IN THE WDC [redacted] WMFO CLOSED THE CASE WHEN NO VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW, NO CHILD ABUSE, NO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

SA [redacted] THE WMFO CASE AGENT FOR THE 1987 INVESTIGATION, ADVISED THAT THIS MATTER WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN SOMETIME IN 1989, WHEN TV TALK SHOW HOST [redacted] WAS PURPORTEDLY PLANNING TO AIR A SPECIAL EXPOSING FINDERS AS A SATANIC CULT. SA [redacted] PROVIDED SSA [redacted] OF NCAVC, QUANTICO WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION. SA [redacted] ADVISED THAT WHEN THE TELEVISED SPECIAL AIRED THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO FINDERS.

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LEADS:

TRAINING DIVISION, NCAVC, AT QUANTICO, VA.

REVIEW RECORDS CONCERNING THE FINDERS AT QUANTICO AND ADVISE FBIHQ, AND WMFO OF ANY REFERENCES TO FINDERS, SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THEIR CURRENT STATUS AND LOCATION IF KNOWN. ADDITIONALLY, REVIEW ALL REFERENCES TO FINDERS AND THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERJINE IF ANY CORRLATION EXISTS.

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SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.

FOR INFORMATION OF NCAVC, CAPTIONED MATTER WAS OPENED ON 11/2/93 AS A RESULT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S REQUEST THAT THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE b6 b7C BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS", AND WHAT ROLE IF ANY, WAS

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PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

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[redacted] WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN ROSE (FLORIDA) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A GROUP CALLED "FINDERS". BOTH ROSE AND [redacted] PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS TO DOJ.

WMFO INVESTIGATED A GROUP CALLED FINDERS IN FEBRUARY, 1987. FINDERS WAS AN ALTERNATE LIFESTYLE GROUP, LOCATED AT 3918/3920 W STREET, N.W., AND 1307 4TH STREET, N.E., WDC, THAT EVOLVED INTO A DATA GATHERING GROUP. THE GROUP WAS PURPORTEDLY HEADED BY A [redacted] [redacted] VIRGINIA, WITH THE LEADER IN THE WDC [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] WMFO CLOSED THE CASE WHEN NO VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW, NO CHILD ABUSE, NO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

SA [redacted] THE WMFO CASE AGENT FOR THE 1987

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MIAMI DIVISION AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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To : SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) (C-4) Date 11/12/93

From : SSA [redacted]

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On 11/9/93, SSA [redacted] OLIA-FBIHQ was telephonically contacted re the status of his efforts to have both [redacted] U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT queried re the FINDERS. [redacted] had previously been requested by SSA [redacted] VCU-CID, to handle the inquiries on a headquarters level. [redacted] advised that he was drafting a letter for approval by the VCU which would be sent to the respective agencies. He further advised that [redacted] was assisting him in this effort.

SSA [redacted] was requested to advise WMFO of the results of his efforts as soon as possible.

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On 11/9/93, SSA [redacted] advised that he was handling the review of any FCI files at FBIHQ and would advise WMFO of the results.

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RE WMFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI, DATED 11/10/93.

FOR INFORMATION OF WMFO THE TALLAHASSEE RESIDENT AGENCY IS IN THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION. REFERENCE TELETYPE WILL BE FAXED TO THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION.

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"FINDERS" AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

TO DATE, WMFO HAS CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER.

THE WMFO CASE FILE ON THE "FINDERS" WAS REVIEWED AND SUMMARIZED FOR FBIHQ IN REFERENCED WMFO 11/6/93 TELETYPE.

THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) CASE FILE WAS REVIEWED BY WMFO ON 11/4/93. COPIES WERE MADE OF SIGNIFICANT DOCUMENTS AND SENT TO FBIHQ, VIA FACSIMILE ON 11/5/93. ON 11/9/93, A PHOTOCOPY OF THE ENTIRE MPD FILE WAS OBTAINED AND HAND CARRIED TO FBIHQ.

WMFO INTERVIEWED FBI SA [redacted] RESPECTIVE CASE AGENTS FOR 1987 "FINDERS" INVESTIGATION ON 11/5/93. FD-302s REFLECTING THESE INTERVIEWS WERE SENT TO FBIHQ VIA FACSIMILES ON 11/8/93 AND 11/12/93.

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WMFO HAS NOT YET INTERVIEWED CUSTOMS SA [redacted] PER INSTRUCTIONS OF FBIHQ, BUT IS PREPARED TO DO SO UPON FBIHQ AUTHORIZATION.

WMFO HAS SET FORTH LEADS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT TO REVIEW ITS RECORDS FOR REFERENCES TO THE "FINDERS" AND FOR MIAMI TO REVIEW LOCAL POLICE RECORDS FOR SAME.

WMFO IS AWAITING THE RESULTS OF OLIA SSA [redacted] EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ANY PERTINENT FILES AT EITHER [redacted] THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. IF POSITIVE, THE WMFO REVIEW OF ANY IDENTIFIED FILES WILL BE CONDUCTED AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE.

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WMFO CONTINUES TO RUN INDICES CHECKS AND REVIEW FILES FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS TO CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION.

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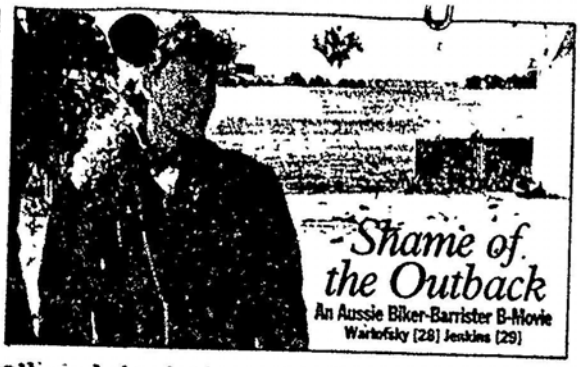

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Who are these game players? And why did they become a national news story last year? Jon Cohen [8]

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In Search of the FINDERS

For one week in 1987, the D.C.-based Finders were the talk of the country when Tallahassee Police arrested two well-dressed members traveling with six dirty kids. The secretive group has faded away again, but a few questions haven't. How did they become Page One news? Why did the state of Florida drag the case out for week after week? And who are the Finders, anyway?

Until February 1987, the Finders were invisible to all but a few friends, relatives, neighbors, police, and intelligence buffs.

The Finders liked it like that.

Even those familiar with the group of 20 adults and six children had different notions of what the members were up to. The Finders liked that, too. The more disparate the images, the more invisible the group became. It's camouflage theory: If your foe can't discern your edges, you make a poor target.

Friends of the Finders described them as '60s throwbacks who lived communally, ascribed to Eastern philosophies, played elaborate games using the globe as their board, and raised their children creatively. Relatives branded them a cult and charged that they were pawns of their leader, Marion Pettie Jr., a.k.a. the Game Caller, the Student, the Stroller. Police followed leads alleging that the group was satanic and used the children in rituals. Intelligence buffs believed the technology-savvy bunch was made up of spooks. Neighbors of Finders' homes in D.C. and rural Virginia tagged them as plain weird: How else to explain perpetually shuttered windows, a rooftop hot tub, and adults outfitted in dress clothes ambling outdoors with buck-naked kids who didn't go to school?

These images orbit in concentric circles, like planets around the sun. Then on Wednesday, February 4, 1987, the planets began to collide.

Shortly before 5 o'clock that afternoon a woman who lived next to Myers Park in Tallahassee, Florida, called police to report an odd sight: a man dressed in a coat and tie playing in the park with six unkempt children. When two patrol cars arrived at Myers Park the officers found two well-dressed men and six kids alongside a foul-smelling, blue Dodge van with Virginia plates. The kids, between the ages of 2 and 7, were bug-bitten, had scratches on their legs, and were wearing dirty clothes.

One officer interviewed the men, Michael Holwell, 23, and Douglas Ammerman, 27. The other questioned the children.

Had Holwell and Ammerman told the police they were from a D.C.-based communal group, had they explained they were on a camping trip, had they reached in the glove compartment and forked over the letters-of-consent from the children's mothers, had they not acted so evasive and weird, they well might have been thanked for their time and left alone. But there are too many what-ifs in the Finders saga, too many chapters that could have been the last one.

Instead, what happened is this: Holwell and Ammerman were arrested on misdemeanor child-abuse charges. Within a day the national news rocket took off, fueled with the worst kind of off-the-record innuendo, misleading court documents, and wide-eyed pronouncements from officials working the case. If you believed the reports, Holwell and Ammerman were satanic D.C. cultists that swiped children from their parents, sexually abused them, and peddled kiddy porn across the globe.

The *Washington Post* ran Page One stories three days in a row. Washington TV stations dispatched reporters to Tallahassee to broadcast live remotes. The *Miami Herald* quoted parents of Finders wondering if the group was going to pull a mass suicide, *a la* Jonestown. The staid *New York Times* reported that "some have described [the Finders] as a bizarre cult of devil worshipers." Everyone got in on the act. There were stories broadcast by Rita Braver, Connie Chung, Larry King, CNN, even the BBC.

The Law pulled out all the stops, too. The Tallahassee and D.C. Police hooked up with the FBI, the U.S. Customs Service, Interpol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (an FBI-like unit), and police in Virginia, San Francisco, and New York.

Holwell and Ammerman sat in stir at Tallahassee's Leon County Jail and the state of Florida held the children in protective custody. Meanwhile, police raided Finders' homes in D.C. and Virginia, investigating everything from the men's sexual habits to their finances.

The only trouble was, they hadn't broken any laws. After six weeks in jail, the charges against the men were dropped. And though the state kept some of the children from their mothers for months, eventually all of them were returned.

A year-and-a-half later, the Finders have quietly gone back to their own business. But some questions have yet to fade. How did the case get so whacked out of proportion? Why did it continue, week after week?

And who are the Finders, anyway?

The Tallahassee Police Department responded to my Freedom of Information Act request by turning over most of their Finders files. Their cooperation was remarkable. The Washington Metropolitan Police Department, on the other hand, which searched two D.C. Finders' dwellings, refused to answer any questions for this article. "We were not the lead agency," explained spokesman Sergeant Joe Gentile. D.C. Police also denied my Freedom of Information Act request and appeals, claiming that this case was a juvenile matter and therefore off limits.

Officer Judy Suchocki, one of the arresting officers, guides her patrol car between stands of oaks to a patch of dirt at Tallahassee's Myers Park. As her headlights illuminate webs of Spanish moss hanging from the trees, she tells the story of the arrest.

Suchocki had responded to a Code 13P, suspicious persons, and arrived as the back-up to the first officer on the scene, Tony Mashburn. Mashburn questioned Holwell and Ammerman; Suchocki interviewed the four boys and two girls in the Dodge van.

"They were scared of us, which is not unusual for kids," says Suchocki.

"My first impression was that they were dirty, but I would not say that they were unusually dirty for kids," she says. "The van smelled like urine and there were blankets all over the back. They definitely were sleeping in the van. I asked the kids where they were from, why they were here, where they were going. Mary was the one who was talking. She was real talkative."

Mary, 7, said they were from Washington and she recited their Glover Park address and phone number. She gave all the kids' names and their ages: Max Livingston, 6; Benjamin Franklin, 4; Honey Bee, 3; John Paul Pope, her brother, 2; and B.B., 2. They didn't go to school, though they had been taught how to read and how to play games. One of the two men was her daddy, Mary said, but they hadn't seen their mommies since before Christmas—which the Finders don't celebrate. She explained that they have lots of mommies and daddies and that the adults do what the Game Caller says. Right now, they were being "weaned" from their mommies and just "going different places," sleeping in campgrounds.

"I was worried about the kids being kidnapped," says Suchocki. "For her to tell me they were being weaned was odd."

After questioning the kids for 20 minutes, Suchocki compared notes with Mashburn. Ammerman and Holwell had told Mashburn they were D.C. teachers en route to Mexico where they were going to start a school for brilliant children. The kids' parents, they said, were back in Washington. Then Ammerman became evasive, refusing to claim any of the kids as his own, and Holwell clammed up entirely.

"I'm not sure what's going on," Mashburn told Suchocki. They radioed their higher-ups.

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Michael Reidy

Waiting for their supervisor to arrive, Suchocki continued her interview with the kids. The Game Caller was a big fat man who sat on a pedestal and threw pennies at them, Mary said. Suchocki began to think the kids had been brainwashed.

Mary recounted a recent trip to a coin-op laundry: They hadn't put enough soap in the machine and some of the clothes didn't come clean. They said they received food in reward for work, lived on a diet of raw vegetables and fruit, and hadn't eaten since morning. As they talked, Mary took oranges and bananas from a box in the van and peeled them for the other kids.

"Stuff like that made me wonder if the men were taking care of the kids properly—even if they weren't being kidnapped," says Suchocki.

Florida child-abuse laws make it a misdemeanor to deprive children of food, clothing, shelter, or medical care or to cause them mental injury. On arrival, Suchocki and Mashburn's supervisor decided, if nothing else, these laws had been broken and he told the officers to arrest the men.

Suchocki didn't put up any argument. "There was no way I was going to let these men continue with the kids if I could help it," she says. "Can you imagine how I would have felt if we let them go and I learned later that these six kids were kidnapped? Think about it. If it was your child who was kidnapped..."

When informed that they were under arrest, Holwell fell to the ground.

"The guy just did a fake faint," says Suchocki. "I've seen it several times. Women are real good at doing it. Usually when a person really faints you don't bend the knees. This guy did a Scarlett O'Hara thing.

"I checked him. I looked at his eyes to make sure he wasn't diabetic or something. I said, 'Get up. I know you're faking this mess.' And he wouldn't get up....It was like a child playing, like when you go in to check if they're asleep at night."

A few teenagers hanging out in the park noticed the commotion and fetched their home video camera to tape the arrest. Holwell was hoisted by his limbs, put in a patrol car with Ammerman, and driven to the station. Suchocki drove the kids over in the van.

Ammerman, who had a valid driver's license, was booked under his name and also under an alias, Kenny Rogers. Holwell had no ID and was booked as John Doe, with the a.k.a.'s Michael James Houlihan and James Michael Holwell.

"The children were extremely hungry when they got to the police department," officer Mashburn wrote in his three-page report. "The children appeared as if they hadn't bathed in several days and most of them didn't have on any underwear....The children's clothing were extremely filthy and they had on mismatched socks."

Investigator Cheryl Weigand of the Sex Crimes and Juvenile Unit "Miranda-ed" Holwell and Ammerman in a holding cell and attempted to interview them. Instead of answering Weigand's questions, Ammerman asked about the charges while Holwell laid on the cell's floor with his eyes shut tight, jerking his body. "Holwell was doing the frog," says Weigand, who was appointed the case's lead investigator.

"If they had said who they were, given us a number where we could have contacted the mothers, I'm not saying the situation wouldn't have concerned us—it might still have been a little hard for us to understand—but it would have lifted a large cloud," Weigand says. "We had six children, and we didn't know who their mothers were."

Weigand ushered the kids through the second of the many interviews they would endure.

Mary said the Game Caller's name was Marion Pettie. She said he forbade the children from entering the Glover Park house and then he lived on the roof. While on the road, she explained, they wrote to Pettie on a modem-equipped computer—a TRS-80 laptop—and then he would tell them what to do.

"I don't understand, Investigator Weigand said," Mary told her they were "different."

Different indeed. One of the boys peed on the rug in Weigand's office. Other kids soiled their pants. Six-year-old Max Livingston, she noted, had a poor understanding of time. He didn't seem to recognize a stapler, a typewriter, and other common office objects. Weigand led the kids back to the van to get some food and one of the 2-year-olds ate eight bananas and a carrot.

"These children were not properly taken care of," says Weigand, who hails from New York. "Being a police officer is very much a learned behavior. You see one incident and say 'what if?' We see hundreds and hundreds and we learn what is reasonable for a parent to do and what is not reasonable."

Weigand spoke with one of the girls about sexual abuse. "'[S]he became very evasive,' Weigand wrote in her report. "She denied any 'bad touches,' or any inappropriate behavior by the adults. [She] became very fidgety, and wanted to end the interview."

Later, two of the kids described a game in which they ripped off an adult's clothes. Apparently, the kids only tore off a man's jacket and then rummaged through his pockets for change. They told Weigand about another game where women walked around naked. "Both children felt that this was very funny," wrote Weigand, "and went along with the concept of it being a game."

The police fingerprinted the children and

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took their mug shots after agents from Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) arrived to place the kids in protective custody.

Investigator Weigand phoned the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and explained the situation, giving them the Glover Park phone number and address Mary had memorized. D.C. Police reported back to Weigand, saying they had reached an answering machine with a "weird" message on it, some kind of biblical passage. D.C. said it was going to send a cruiser by the house. Tallahassee didn't hear from D.C. until the next day.

As Finders travel the country and the world, they communicate with fellow members via electronic mailboxes, such as MCI Mail. No matter where they are they can receive or transmit a message with a Touch Tone phone, a computer, a modem, and the mailbox password.

The day after Tallahassee Police arrested Ammerman and Holwell, a Finder named SS (Stuart Silverstone—they typically use their initials when corresponding) sent a "priority" report to BM (Bob Meyer).

"The sequence of events started here when I returned to W St [the Glover Park home] last night around 10pm to a waiting Metropolitan Police Officer Smith of the 2nd District HQ," SS's report reads. Officer Smith told SS that three kids were found in Tallahassee living in a van and that police thought one of the mothers lived at this address.

"The ofcr asked my name, which I gave, + whether this was a school, No, and that was about it," wrote SS. "I offered to make some calls to try + locate the mother?

SS checked the answering machine and listened to a message left by the D.C. Police. A few minutes later the phone rang. It was an official from Florida's HRS explaining that they had six kids and that the juvenile court would be holding a custody hearing the next morning. "He asked me if I knew where the mothers were, + I said I would try to find out. He asked if this was a school, + I said No, it was a private residence. He would not tell me more, such as the names of the men being held + charges."

On Thursday, the day after the arrest, the juvenile court granted HRS temporary custody of the children. The criminal court set bond of $100,000 each for the misdemeanor child-abuse charges leveled against Ammerman and Holwell. SS called Investigator Weigand, using the name Steve Learner, and told her he was trying to help put the mothers in touch with her. Weigand explained the particulars of the case. Would the mothers get their kids if they showed up? he asked. Not necessarily, Weigand said.

"It was a very routine sort of investigation," says Officer Scott Hunt, who was the Tallahassee Police Department spokesman at the time.

Hunt phoned the press Wednesday night and briefed them, but on Thursday the only mention of the arrest was in a small story in the local paper, the *Tallahassee Democrat*. "Child abuse cases were not that unusual," says Hunt.

That changed before the close of Thursday when D.C. Police realized Ammerman and Holwell were members of the Finders.

"Their [D.C. Police] response was 'Holy shit! We've been looking at these freaks,'" says Hunt.

Tallahassee Investigator Cheryl Weigand spoke to Detective Jim Bradley of the Washington Metropolitan Police Intelligence Unit that day. In her report she wrote, "He asked this investigator if I thought there was a possibility there may be more children at either of the locations [the Glover Park home the women and children resided in or a Northeast warehouse that the men called home]. This investigator stated that may be true, but I did not have any specific child that I knew of there. He stated that he was going to get search warrants on both locations, and try to serve them later this date."

Det. Bradley filed an affidavit for the search warrants at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on Thursday afternoon, explaining that he was looking for evidence of kidnapping, a federal crime, or any related offenses described in the affidavit.

"Prior to February 5th, 1987 your affiant, Detective James E. Bradley, Jr. received information from a confidential source of information," wrote Bradley. "This source stated that a group of subjects calling themselves the Finders, A [sic] cult, were conducting 'brainwashing' techniques at the above described two locations in Dist of Columbia. The source stated that members of the 'cult' attempted on numerous occassions [sic] to introduce it into the 'cult' by promising financial rewards and sexual gratification. The source stated that children are used in 'rituals' by the members of the 'cult'. The source stated that it never personally observed the children being abused but that it had had conversations with grandparents of the children who feared for the safety of the children.

"The source further stated that during the latter part of December 1986 it personally had conversations with one of the 'cult' members, identified as Allen Schoen, wanted it to 'explore' Satanism with members of the 'cult'."

Judge Jean Dwyer approved the warrants shortly after 4 p.m.

Bradley's affidavit became the fount of much of the sensational reporting that followed. Ex-Finder Paula Arico, mother of Mary and John Paul Pope and formerly Holwell's wife, says Bradley's "confidential source" is a woman who had a brief affair with a group member. Two independent sources confirmed this.

In the affidavit, Bradley summarized what he had learned from Tallahassee Police and wrote, "Lastly, the source in this investigation told your affiant that the information concerning this 'cult' is kept in computers stored at the addresses listed in this affidavit."

In what appears to be an addendum, Bradley added this zinger in slightly larger type.

"On December 15, 1986 Detective Bradley responded to the area of Glover Park in the rear of the 3900 Block of W Street, N.W. Det. Bradley observed a clearing approximately seventy yards behind the house and several stumps surrounding the open area. Several round stones had been gathered near the circle, this practice is sometimes used in Satanic rituals, and evidence that several persons had gathered in the clearing recently. The rear of the residence is covered from the alley by heavy bamboo growth, save a small entrance to the rear yard. In the rear yeard [sic] was a small very ornate gravestone propped up against the support pillar for the porch."

Like other members of the Metropolitan Police, Det. Bradley did not return phone calls and did not reply to a written request for an interview.

To a school of journalists circling a story, an affidavit like this one—packed with sex, child abuse, the occult, and cultism—is fresh blood. Affidavits are court documents, and journalists can quote from them without fearing a libel suit. Whether the police have their facts straight doesn't matter—an affidavit tells a journalist what the police think they know.

If that wasn't enough to churn the waters, sexual abuse got tossed in. An HRS caseworker told Investigator Weigand and at least one other Tallahassee officer that two of the children were "confirmed cases of sexual abuse," even though the physician who conducted sexual exams on the children for HRS had *not* confirmed sexual abuse.

The doctor's dictation, transcribed the day after the exam, cautiously describes possible sexual abuse of one boy and one girl.

"This is a distinctly abnormal hymenal pattern compatible with either digital or attempted penile penetration," he said of the girl. "The absence of supperficial [sic] abrasions revealed by tolluidine [sic] blue would argue against any recent trauma (in the last 3-5 days)." Of the boy, he stated, "The degree of anal sphincter laxity should prompt questioning in the area of anal digital penetration or sodomy, although it is not diagnostic of either."

Thursday evening, D.C. news stations broadcast their first Finders stories and Friday's *Washington Post* ran a small story in Metro.

On Friday, Weigand, another Tallahassee investigator, and an FBI agent tried to interview the men at Leon County Jail, where they were kept in isolation. To the investigators' surprise, when they arrived at the jail they bumped into Doug Ammerman's brother, David.

David told the officers Doug had visited their parents in Gainesville a few weeks before the arrest with a boy he claimed was his. Doug Ammerman had told his parents he was heading for Miami.

Though David said he hadn't seen his brother in three or four years, the year before he had written Doug a letter. David showed the investigators the reply. It wasn't from Doug. It was from Stuart Silverstone—SS—and printed on the letterhead of Gung-Ho Traders, 1307 Fourth Street NE, the address of the Finders' warehouse. Silverstone's letter said Doug had left for China with a Dr. Gung-Ho just before the postman delivered David's letter. David Ammerman also showed investigators a letter addressed to their mother signed by "The Three Wives of Gung Ho.".

The letter reads, "This is to testify that your son Douglas, aka Earnest Angel, I Betterson, Danny Proper, Kenny Rogers is a true master of the art of fucking. The shape of his cock is unique and he is truly an artist at using it to give us the most pleasure. The depth! The width! The heights! No other man touches us in this way.

"His hands have magic as they stroke our slender limbs and moist pussies. Words cannot describe the tender passion that Douglas brings to our orgiastic pleasures....".

"Oh Mrs. Ammerman, we cannot thank you enough for having raised such a great stud. Just think, if he had never left home, we'd never have known the ecstasy of his throbbing passion."

Doug Ammerman refused to speak with the investigators or his visiting brother. Holwell, however, offered some "basic information" and asked about the children. Had they been seen by a doctor? Was anything found? Where were they? The investigators told him the kids were in protective custody and not in need of immediate medical attention.

Friday was also the day that reporters from the *Post* and local TV stations got their hands on the affidavit, just in time to photograph and videotape the raid of the Finders' warehouse.

At a press conference in Tallahassee, Scott Hunt revealed that "physical examinations showed sexual abuse to one of the children."

The Washington TV stations went wild. Take WUSA-TV, for example, D.C.'s CBS affiliate. They broadcast the arrest footage shot by the teens. Bob Strickland appeared live from Tallahassee. Me-lo-dra-ma-tic Mike Buchanan, citing police sources, reported that the Finders had "worldwide connections," used "sex and children to obtain power and money," and had two bank accounts with over $100,000 in each one. The Glover Park residence was "a breeding house where women exercise great control." The children in custody were "like shells, zombie-like."

In the searches of the Finders' two D.C. addresses, police recovered computers, data disks, software, diaries, and other personal papers. Police also seized photos they said showed children taking part in animal bloodletting ceremonies. One photo supposedly showed a child in chains.

If you missed it on TV, there it was on Page One of the Saturday *Post* in two stories above the fold, complete with police mug shots of the kids in Tallahassee.

"Officials Describe 'Cult Rituals' in Child Abuse Case," one *Post* story was headlined. "Customs officials said they were looking into whether a child pornography operation was being conducted," the article said. Adding to the intrigue, *Post* reporters noted that photos of naked children were "visible through a bag carried from the warehouse" during the raid. (In TV footage of the raid, one of the article's



Homeward Bound: After 41 days in jail, Florida dropped all charges against Holwell (l) and Ammerman.

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authors can be seen scribbling madly as she peers through a jam-packed plastic bag a cop hauls away.)

The *Miami Herald*'s Page One story quoted Officer Scott Hunt, "It is our belief these kids were not kidnapped but that their parents gave them away, because one of the rites of passage into this satanic organization is that you have to give up your rights to your children, and that the leaders of this organization can do what they want to with your children."

In the *Tallahassee Democrat*'s Page One story, Hunt was quoted, "As far as we're concerned, this goes from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico....There is no doubt in our mind that this will have at least national, if not international, repercussions."

The FBI had joined the case to look into the "transportation of children across state lines for immoral purposes or kidnapping." U.S. Customs was contributing its satanism and pornography expertise. Interpol was investigating a tip about Holwell.

The Tallahassee Police Department was swash in the media flood. "I had 75 reporters waiting for me in the lobby," says Hunt. "We logged 450 telephone calls to me in two days. They were bringing in overtime people to help take messages." Hundreds of calls were from parents claiming the children. Canvassing the nation for the kids' parents were the National Center for Exploited Children, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Child Find, Children's Clearing House, the National Child Safety Council, and the National Association of Missing Children. Aside from a bomb threat phoned to the house holding the kids, they were physically safe as could be.

Saturday night, three days after the arrest, the Finders went public with their story. R. Gardner Terrell, a CPA formerly with the Internal Revenue Service, sent a memo to D.C. and Tallahassee Police, the FBI, HRS, the juvenile court judge, the FBI, Dan Rather, and the *Washington Post*. With a stab at wit and humor, the Finders' trademark, Terrell headed the memo "SUBJECT: Investigative Leads."

"This memo is respectfully offered in the hope that it will clear up some misunderstanding concerning the current 'missing children' case receiving so much media coverage," he wrote. Terrell explained that in early January, Ammerman, a landscape gardener, and Stanley Berns, an architect, had taken the seven children to Berea, Kentucky, to help the Rev. Jim Wyker build a retirement community called New Hope. Terrell gave the name and phone number of a Berea couple who helped care for the kids during their visit, and said the plan had been to enroll them in the couple's Montesorri school while the community was being built.

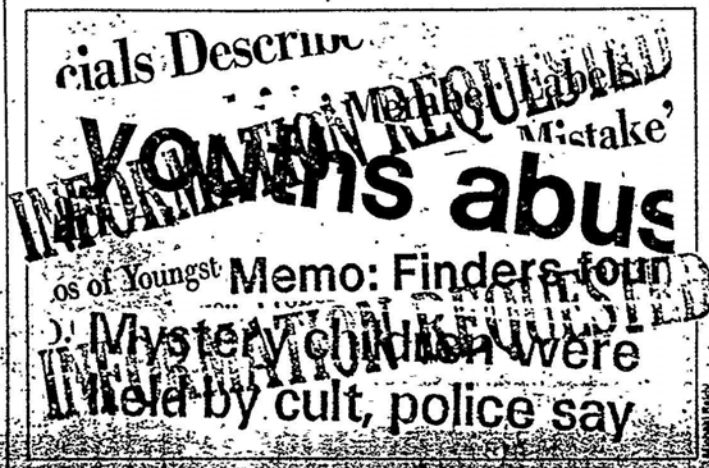
Because the Rev. Wyker was not ready to break ground for New Hope, wrote Terrell, "the men took the children on a vacation/camping trip to the warmer climate of Florida with the full applause and approval of the children's mothers." Terrell wrote that he drove to Florida with Holwell, computer programmers Christian Herbst and Thomas R. Van Deusen, and Robert M. Meyer. Herbst, noted Terrell, has a Harvard M.A., while Meyer "is a Princeton and Oxford M.A."

"When we were satisfied that the six children [were] safely in the hands of five capable adults, Mr. Meyer and I left Florida." On the day of the arrest, Holwell and Ammerman took the kids to the park while the three other men looked for "accommodations."

"The mothers had fully authorized these men, in writing, to care for their children and expressed full confidence in them," wrote Terrell, referring to the authorization letters in the van's glove compartment. "All of the mothers are now in San Francisco working in business offices, earning money to help pay for 'New Hope.' "

Terrell, who claimed he owned the raided Glover Park home and the Northeast warehouse, closed by saying he considered the arrests and raids "mistakes." Not violations of civil liberties. Not a humiliating pain in the ass. Not a wholly unnecessary bureaucratic fuck-up. Mistakes, that's all. His memo included his phone number and an offer to help in any way he could.

Reporters and police never poked a hole in Terrell's even-toned and cordial letter. From Berea, Kentucky, the Rev. Jim Wyker confirmed that the men and children had stayed with him for a week in January. The 86-year-old retired non-denominational minister was a rock-solid source. He told the *Louisville Courier-Journal* he met the Finders at a "meeting of commune proponents" a few years before. That past November, he told them about his New Hope plans, and January 9 they popped in to help. "The only thing we discussed was the land and the building and children's center," he said. "I'm not trying to uphold the



folks from Washington. I don't know them. All I know at what I saw."

The report of three other men jibed with tips police had gotten about a white van traveling with the blue van. Several state police had even been put on the lookout for the white van.

On Sunday, a college student and part-time Tallahassee Police Department employee brought to police a TRS-80 computer he found. (One police source told me the student brought the computer in on Thursday, but that the police wanted to explore its files for a few days.) Files on the computer included a report from the three men Terrell mentioned in his memo, Herbst, Van Deusen, and Meyer.

This trio had left Holwell and Ammerman at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. "They were dressed in suits and ties, the van had been cleaned up, and the kids had been dressed in clean clothes, they had a large amount of produce with them, and the kids had a breakfast buffet before they left," the confiscated report reads. Holwell and Ammerman were supposed to link up with the men via their electronic mailbox. Until they read SS's report the next morning, the three men had no idea where Holwell and Ammerman had gone. SS's report didn't send them into a panic though: One spent the day earning a few dollars helping "a cripple," while the other two researched an article about desktop publishing at Tallahassee's Florida State University library.

Other files in the TRS-80 included a report from a member working in Hong Kong and a short note from MDP, Marion D. Pettie, to the "Kids Game." Dated 5 a.m. Tuesday morning, it reads, "If authoritarians approach again, say that you are on the way to Mexico to start a school and that you are authorized by the mothers to do this.

"It feels like a hostile act when kids are found not to be in school. If they ask tell about their degrees, plus a few that they don't have. Announce that you are going to call the school: 'Harvard University for Bright Kids.' "

The Sunday *Washington Post* ran two Page One stories on the Finders, one headlined "Cult Member Defends 2 Men in Child Abuse Case."

"We are all in a state right now where we are afraid. We've been made almost dysfunctional by the reports," Terrell told the *Post* in what the paper called a lengthy telephone interview. Terrell described the "bloodletting ritual" as the slaughter of two goats kept on a farm in Virginia. The goats had been killed for food, he said, and the kids had watched the slaughter as an educational experience.

The *Post*'s conversation with Terrell came shortly after police raided five Finders' properties in two small Virginia towns near Old Rag Mountain, Etlan and Nethers. Again, the *Post* satisfied the readers' longing to peer behind the curtain—no matter what might be there. "The door of one cabin was open yesterday, revealing large amounts of food, clothing, sleeping bags, books and pamphlets from groups such as the World Future Society," the article revealed. "A plastic bag containing hundreds of necktie and several pairs of panty hose were on the floor, along with boxes of diapers."

The *Post* coverage included juicy tidbits in paragraph 16 of one of the stories. According to a U.S. Customs spokesman, agents who saw photos seized in the D.C. raids said some of them appeared to involve sex between adults and kids. This appeared balanced with a D.C. Police source calling the pictures "no more pornographic than what you find in your average home." Later in the story, a D.C. Police source confided that the D.C. raids didn't turn up "anything anywhere."

"We had two separate investigations going on. Ours and the media's," says Tallahassee Police's Lt. Jo Ann Van Meter, who supervised the beginning of the investigation.

"I never expected the media attention I got," says Tallahassee Police spokesman Hunt. "Never. That's the problem you have with multiple jurisdictions. The media was playing off all of us and making it a bigger story."

On Monday, Day 6 of the Finders Crisis, Washington Metropolitan Police began to slink away from the case.

The day before, D.C. Detectives Jim Bradley and Eric Witzig had interrogated the kids in Tallahassee. Bradley, who had requested the D.C. search warrants, said his visit to Tallahassee was prompted by three separate accounts of the Glover Park house's basement. Exactly what he was looking for in Tallahassee escaped Investigator Weigand, who wrote in her report for that day, "He indicated that there may have been a hole dug in the walls or the floor of the basement, for unknown reasons." Judging from the Tallahassee reports, the D.C. detectives trip to Florida was a waste. They didn't learn much more than Mary could count to 10 in Chinese.

"The chief in D.C. sent up a hue and a cry in the beginning," says Tallahassee's Lt. Van Meter, "and then when his guys didn't come up with anything, he backed away."

"By Monday, Washington's out of this, they're shutting down," recalls Lt. Van Meter. "We're getting calls from the chief in D.C. telling our chief, 'We don't have anything. Bye.' "

Monday was also the day Tallahassee got first wind of Marion Pettie's whereabouts.

Lt. Lee Hart of the Culpeper (Virginia) Police Department informed Tallahassee that he had a contact with the Finders. Hart said this contact told him Pettie put out the word for members to flee and hide, and Pettie would probably go to Andrews Air Force Base and catch a military plane flight to China. This was plausible: Pettie, a retired Air Force master sergeant, had the right to free, stand-by military transport.

Monday also saw a visit to the Washington, D.C., Field Office of the FBI by one of the Finders mothers and the three men from the white van.

An FBI report of the interviews gives the impression that Herbst, Van Deusen, and Meyer had remained calm until they read the newspaper accounts on Friday morning, February 6th. "[T]hey realized they were being portrayed as child abusers and satanists. Frightened, the three decided to return to WDC and figure out what to do."

In Monday's *Washington Post*, Terrell explained the men's silence and passivity (" 'Finders' Member Labels Arrests 'All a Big Mistake.' "). Shortly before the Tallahassee arrests they had been stopped by police in Marion County, Florida, and that incident combined with 10 years of being hassled by D.C. cops convinced the men that it would be better to deal with a judge than unreasonable police.

Another Finders mother called the Tallahassee Police Monday and asked whether the mothers would be arrested if they came to claim their kids. "We couldn't give the mothers the guarantee that they wouldn't be arrested," says Lt. Van Meter. The mother agreed to call back the next day.

Two more mothers visited the FBI in D.C. on Tuesday. "Everyone interviewed states child abuse and child sexual exploitation is not a part of their beliefs and sex with children is morally reprehensible," the FBI report states. "All have complete confidence in the ability of any of their group to care for the children....They do not in any way, shape or form practice 'satanism,' and all are eager for the return of their children. Everyone interviewed agreed to be polygraphed by the FBI should the need arise." Two more mothers were to be interviewed the next day, the report explains, and after that the mothers were planning to head to Tallahassee.

"[We] have not uncovered any indication of violation of a federal statue," the report concludes.

"We had pretty much tied up the case," Investigator Weigand says.

By Tuesday, the *Post* had consigned the Finders story to the Metro section—"D.C. Police: Finders Odd, Not Criminal."

That night, Terrell invited reporters into the Finders' warehouse for an interview. Sitting with his back to the cameras, a Ronald Reagan mask covering the hind part of his head, he explained that the mothers hadn't come forward because they were waiting out the storm.

Terrell also told reporters that he was "playing the role of Ghingiz K. Plato."

Tallahassee Police spokesman Hunt was flabbergasted. "Why are we doing this jousting in the media? I believe Mr. Terrell could go a long way in clearing this case if he produces the mothers of these children as he says he can," he told the *Tallahassee Democrat* on Tuesday.

"Up till that point, people said the ol' police department did some pretty dumb things," recalls Investigator Rick Huffman, who inherited the case from Weigand when she left for vacation. "Then there's this clown on TV saying all these stupid things. People started saying that's too stupid to be any kind of a cult. In Tallahassee, it turned out that this whole thing was being perceived as a joke."

Though Weigand believed the case was wrapped up Tuesday, she still wondered why the mothers had not hightailed it down to Tal-

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lahassee the day they learned of the arrest.

"Seems to me that people who have never done anything wrong have nothing to fear," says Weigand. "What were they hiding? If it were me, I'd blindly go get my child."

Sex, confusion, small-mindedness, fear, the press, and the enigmatic Finders kept jolting the Finders case back to life.

HRS recruited Chicago psychologist Dr. Nahman Greenberg to tackle the question of sexual abuse. Known for his sex-abuse work in the Manhattan Beach, California, preschool case, Greenberg held a series of interviews with the kids. His conclusion: the evidence was inconclusive.

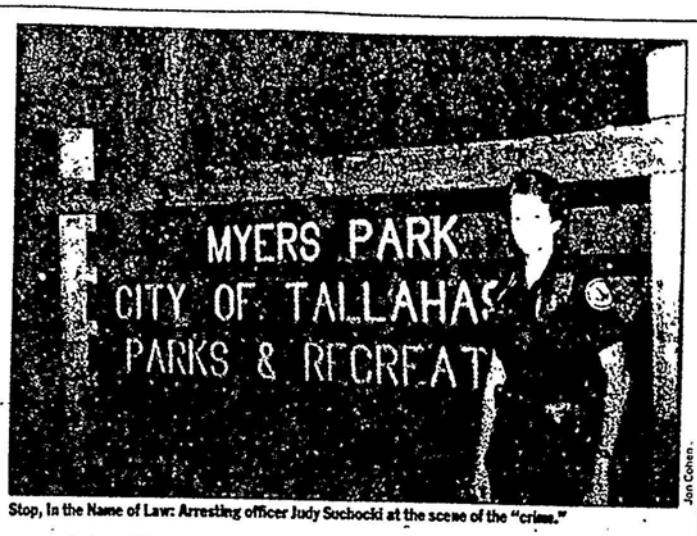
The tangle of law-enforcement outfits working the case continued to confuse everyone.

"A couple of officers in D.C. used our arrest as an excuse to go into the warehouse," says a Tallahassee officer who asked for anonymity. "They were obsessed with this group and wanted access."

Larry Kahaner, a D.C. journalist and author of the current book, *Cults That Kill*, spoke with police about the Finders while researching his book. (The Finders are not mentioned in his book, nor does he classify them as a cult that kills.)

"Finders were operating here for 25 years," says Kahaner, "and as far as I know, law enforcement had nothing on them. I think that was a very embarrassing thing. Not that they got caught with their pants down—but they were at least half-way down."

Investigator Huffman is the only Tallahassee officer who squarely discussed problems in his own department with me. He says the arresting officers did right. "You really have to commend them. It's easier to cut someone loose than to get involved." But, he says, "If you get down to the bottom line, people have the right to remain silent."



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Stop, In the Name of Law: Arresting officer Judy Suchocki at the scene of the "crime."

A sociology major in college, Huffman says he compared the Finders to the Amish—different, not bad. Yet he cautions, "They do have their immaturities."

"Our chief of police wasn't here," says Huffman. "He's very progressive and has the ability to think in new ways. But I had to deal with the deputy chief. He had already written the group off.

"There was a meeting with the FBI, HRS, state's attorney, guardian ad litem [a legal advocate for the kids]—everybody. I had only said one thing: Let's be objective.

"He let out a sigh I can still remember. He said, directed at me, something to the effect of 'if it swims like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck, what the hell more do you need?' Obviously, these men should be sent down the river."

Huffman says the deputy chief meant well, "But he had a very narrow view."

Separate Florida agencies were battling over what to do with the case, too. "It became a political ball that bounced from one agency to the next," says Lt. Van Meter. "HRS and the state's attorney didn't want to let go of it. They kept insisting there was more to it. We got really embarrassed. It got to be a real circus."

Willie Meggs, the state's attorney, handled both the adult and juvenile cases.

"Willie gets up every morning and takes his righteous indignation pill," says Van Meter. "He's very religious, very conservative. To him, these people were heroes. He's the kind of guy who has mom tattooed on one arm and apple pie on the other. To him, they were living wrong and living bad. The HRS caseworker came off like that, too."

Sherry Walker, the assistant state's attorney first assigned to the juvenile case, stepped down because she believed her office was "projecting our own morals on this group." Walker, who is running for state senate, doesn't bad mouth Willie Meggs. She thinks he was doing his job as an elected official.

"Tallahassee is very conservative. Anything not Southern Baptist is fearful to people. In this conservative environment, it looked like the mothers were unfit. We believe that kids should get three meals, clean clothes, and be put to bed at a decent hour. In this area, women are the primary caretakers. Mr. Meggs was elected by this same conservative group," Walker says.

Meggs did have "very deep feelings" about this case, Walker allows. "When you have such deep feelings about what you think is right and wrong, it does slow things up. A legal decision is not the same as a moral decision."

Willie Meggs, who displays a Holy Bible in his office, says he thinks the case went on so long because Holwell and Ammerman refused to cooperate. "The defendants acted like horse's tails," he says. "They were all secretive. If blame has to be placed anywhere it ought to be placed on these people."

Meggs says his office wanted to be "absolutely sure" of the kids' safety. "We weren't just willing to let them go to these women who claimed to be their mothers."

Meggs' office repeatedly offered plea bargains in the Holwell and Ammerman cases. "We didn't have anything," Meggs says, point blank.. "When it all boiled down, when you get down to the final analysis, I just wanted them to get out of Dodge."

Meggs stands by his office's actions. "We all have a soft spot for kids," he says. "I certainly hope that the citizenry would want us to get to the bottom of a case like this. The only thing I wish is that we could have done our

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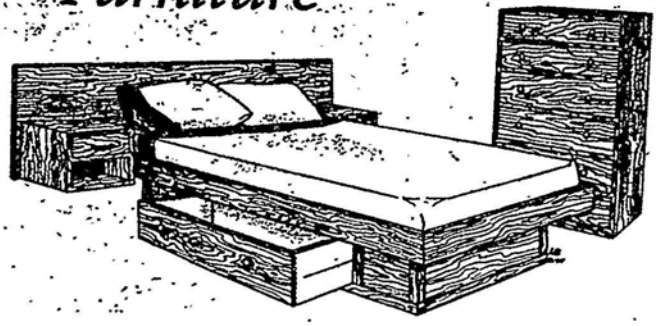

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investigation without the press."

Nearly everyone who tangoed with the Finders affair slagged the media—including the media—and blamed them for protracting the cases. Some attacks were, of course, "kill the messenger." Others whipped reporters for all the right reasons. Some were more introspective complaints. Others lamented the constraints of late-20th century journalism, where it's the McMedium, not the message.

"This became a big story because the press made it a big deal," Scott Hunt says. Hunt, who took flak for announcing sexual abuse and satanism in the case, is red in the face now. "How do you think I got this information? By osmosis? Somebody told me."

One report that especially irks Hunt was originated by WUSA and rebroadcast by the Tallahassee CBS affiliate. "They prefaced the story, 'Fact: Tallahassee Police Department has botched this investigation,' " says Hunt. The local station invited Hunt to the studio to rebut.

"I went live on the air and called the D.C. affiliate 'a bunch of liars,' " he says with satisfaction. "I didn't bare any horses. I let the CBS affiliate have it right between the eyes."

Rick Huffman doesn't let Hunt or others in his department off so easily. Part of the problem, he says, is that the Tallahassee Police Department wasn't used to national attention. "We had Connie Chung call us up," he remembers. "Our old PIO [public information officer—Hunt] is flapping his gills all over the department."

According to Huffman, Hunt said, "This is it folks! This is my day! Connie Chung is going to interview me."

Huffman, who didn't give any interviews once he took over the case, says publicity meant power-money-promotion to some on the staff. Others, he says, like Hunt, had purer motives. "They were like, wow, we may be the impetus to bring down pedophilia all over the world. We're the snowball at the top of the mountain. Maybe we can do some good." But Huffman didn't believe this was a credible case.

"They had no experience dealing with a case of this sensitivity," Huffman says. "They were passing along circumstantial evidence to the media."

Huffman was particularly rankled by the allegations of sexual abuse.

"I told them, You people are dealing with fire. For you to mention possible sexual battery to the media, they don't hear 'possible.' You are proposing the idea. This is where the inexperience hurt them. They should have personally gone to the doctor and had a good tete-a-tete to find out how far we were going to go with this. If the doctor said we had semen stains on the girl, they should have asked, Well, did you find a little? A lot? Where did you find it? If it was inside the vagina it would be different than on the foot.

"I just think we jumped to conclusions."

The ordinarily toothless *Post* ombudsman, Joseph Laitin, was critical of his paper's Finders coverage. He chomped into his colleagues. "The news stories were laced with unnamed sources; innuendo abounded," he wrote. "Facts were in short supply, but space in The Post wasn't."

In the *Washington Journalism Review*'s Finders critique, the news director of WRC-TV was asked if his reporters were too quick to trust the authorities. "Well, they're initially your source," he said, "and as long as you report it as such you're reporting a news story....I mean, we're not an investigative agency. We're journalists....Maybe police did jump the gun, I don't know. These things tend to look very different in hindsight."

Getting facts straight is tough, as I showed in a piece of Finders press criticism I wrote for *City Paper*. I incorrectly reported that the men faced sexual abuse charges, I incorrectly stated their bond, and I incorrectly said they were arrested February 5. And I only faced a weekly deadline.

Tallahassee Democrat reporter Jan Pudlow, who did some of the best reporting on the group and stuck with it long after the pack had gone home, says the Finders have to shoulder some of the blame for the media's goofs.

"If you're looking at the media's responsibility to capture the truth about these people, I've got to admit I've got a little bit of bitterness lingering because these people did not make it easy for reporters to tell the truth about them," says Pudlow. "You know what they call wit and humor? I was part of their wit and humor. The wit is being deceitful and downright lying and what they call humor isn't real funny.

"I've been in the business about 10 years and I realize that when you interview somebody, everybody uses a little manipulation. We all know that. But I have never been so blatantly manipulated as by this group."

Pudlow, the first reporter to interview the mothers when they came to Tallahassee, says, "If the Finders told me today that they were coordinating the second coming of Christ and there was Jesus at their right hand I still wouldn't want to get a quote from them."

I first called the Glover Park home in late June, dialing one of the many Finders' phone numbers listed in the Tallahassee Police documents. "Gooten tag," said the answering machine. "Ni Hau. Konichi wah." I didn't leave a message.

I then called the Northeast warehouse and group member Bob Meyer answered. I requested a group interview and told Meyer I had the police records. I dropped a detail to Meyer that not many people know. When they arrived in Tallahassee to claim their kids, the Finders mothers told police the group did not call itself the Finders. Finders, they said, was the name of a business the group no longer ran. That's right, Meyer said, laughing. As we spoke, I could hear the punctuated chatter of a computer keyboard: Was Meyer keyboarding our conversation?

(Because the Finders refer to themselves as both the "Finders" and the "so-called Finders," I call them the Finders throughout this article for consistency's sake.)

I offered to send the group clips, including my press critique. A few days later, July 2, they left a message on my home answering machine. I had not given Meyer my home number, though it is listed.

"Hello," the message began. "This is the so-called Finders calling for Jon Cohen on Saturday at 8:30 in the evening. Sorry we didn't get through to you. Maybe we'll get together later."

I called them back at the warehouse to see about an interview. I got a rhyming message that went something like this:

> Could we but another's year
> Our windy salutations here
> 'Twould make us meet
> Be quick then
> As our Lord requests
> A truthful foal of wit and zest
> We bid thee speak

I left a message.

The next day, *City Paper*'s receptionist buzzed me and said Steve Usdin was here to see me. Since I didn't recognize the name, I asked her to put him on the phone. "This is Steve Usdin from the so-called Finders," he said. I ran downstairs.

Usdin, clean-shaven and dressed in a conservative coat and tie, was maybe in his mid-20s. I told him I was swamped and asked if we could meet the next day.

"I don't know," he said.

"I'll set tomorrow aside and wait in the office all day," I said eagerly.

"Don't do that for me," he said. "I don't make appointments."

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"Well, I'll be here," I said.

"Not on my account I hope," Usdin said. There was more sincerity than sternness in his voice.

He took out a reporter's notebook and asked me for my phone numbers.

"You already have them," I said.

"Oh yes," he answered. "Well, I look forward to making this work." That was the last I saw of Usdin for a month.

Over the weekend of July 16, the Finders hand-delivered an envelope to *City Paper*'s office. Inside was a photocopied note that reads:

> TO: JON COHEN
> FR: M.D. [last name inked out]
> RE: FINDERS
> DT: 17 JULY 1988
>
> If you want to do an in-depth study of the Finders, it would be best to do an in-depth study of the Troubadours, trouveres, and similar movements, or you won't understand what we're talking about.

The Finders often use the *Encyclopedia Britannica* as a source book. The 1987 edition of the *Britannica* describes troubadours and trouveres as closely related lyric poet-musicians who traipsed through France, Spain, and Italy in the 12th and 13th centuries. Adored by the courts, their verse typically explored love. Their poetry also set up lyrical conversations about "matters of a religious, metaphysical, or satirical character."

The word troubadour, notes *Britannica*, "is a French form derived from the Occitanian *trobar*, 'to find,' 'to invent.'"



The Finders Keepers: The media flood swept away Tallahassee officers Jo Ann Van Meter and Scott Hunt. Jon Cohen

On July 19, I left another message on the warehouse answering machine. Later that day, Kristin Knauth, whose son Ben Franklin was held in Tallahassee, called me back.

"Two people are in Atlanta covering the convention, two are in Japan, and one had to go to San Francisco on an emergency," Knauth said. "Can we meet later?"

On July 26, I called the warehouse yet again and asked for Steve Usdin.

Bob Meyer answered and said Usdin wasn't there. Since Meyer was the first person I spoke with a month before, I asked him what it was going to take to arrange an interview.

"Is there a time that's best for you?" he asked.

I told him my schedule and he assured me he'd do what he could.

Two days later, Kristin Knauth called me. "We have an information gift for you," Knauth said. She invited me to pick it up at the Glover Park house.

"Can we meet for an interview?" I asked.

"After you read this, you'll probably have more questions," she said.

When I arrived at the Glover Park house, Knauth led me to a lounge that has a world map covering one wall and made me a cup of tea. She was kind enough, striking me as more nervous than zombie-like. She reminded me of an actress doing an improvisation who was trying a little too hard to maintain a character.

I was nervous, too. In all fairness, I was also in character and trying hard to maintain it. From my readings and dealings with group members, I knew that she intended to interview me as I intended to interview her. My goal was to regulate what I said, not to blather on to ease the tension.

I took out a stack of papers from a package she handed me, my information gift. The first page cracked me up:

> To Jon Cohen
> Fr M.D. ["Student" is scratched out]
> Dt 20 July 1988
> Re Mutual Benefit
>
> Enclosed are some information gifts. I am planning to do an in-depth study of Jon Cohen, his associates and his relatives. How do you suggest I go about it?

I told Knauth I didn't think they needed my help to do an in-depth study of me, in-depth studies being their speciality. I quickly flipped through the other papers as we chatted. Along with what are essentially book reports, there was a smattering of electronic mail dispatches from members working in Japan, at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, and San Francisco. A blurb in one of the group memos caught my eye:

"On participatory journalism: I have heard it mentioned in conjunction with 'New Journalism' of the Tom Wolfe/Hunter Thompson vairety [sic] where the journalist becomes an actor in the drama he or she is reporting on. But what the student means by it is hard to say—maybe one tenet is Mao's 'No investigation, no right to speak' so I'll quit guessing."

Knauth proceeded to win the upper hand in the interview game, offering no information yet still getting me to talk.

Before I left, I told her I was running out of time and if they wanted to speak with me it would have to be sooner rather than later. She said Usdin would be the best one to speak with me and that he'd be back from San Francisco in a few days.

"He's welcome to call me at home," I said at the door.

"You already gave him the number?" she asked coyly.

"No," I said. "But he has it."



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On August 2, Steve Usdin came by my office for the second time.

"I'm here because our elected leader for the day asked me to come down here," Usdin said.

I asked him if I could tape record the conversation and he said I was welcome to, but he hadn't come here to give an interview.

"Then why are you here?" I asked.

"Two reasons. One, to tell you that we'll answer all your questions. Two, we like you. We think you're a kindred soul. We thought there might be something bigger we could do together."

"Like what?" I asked.

"I don't know," said Usdin. "Maybe start a paper together."

Usdin told me that he was a reporter, too, and that he covered the Democratic Convention for a Japanese TV station. (I later checked this out and it was true.) We joked about the Tallahassee case a little.

"You know that *Post* story 'Police Say Finders Odd, Not Criminal'?" he asked. "I say, Police Criminal, Not Odd."

Then Usdin said that he never understood why police were going after them for satanism, saying he thought laws against devil worshipping were abolished after the Salem witch hunt.

"Not that I'm into satanism," he said. "I'm no more interested in satanism than the Democratic Convention. Actually, I'm more interested in the Democratic Convention because I get paid for going there."

Usdin said he was in Moscow when the story broke and first heard about it on a shortwave radio. "We got our 15 minutes of fame multiplied by five," he laughed.

At the end of our talk, I asked if I could speak with Marion Pettie at the meeting where they'd answer my questions.

"I don't see why not," said Usdin. "He speaks to me and I'm a reporter."

"I'd also like to hear what you dig up in your investigation of me," I said.

Usdin smiled widely. "Maybe we'll write a story about you," he said.

> What were their names and what were their games?
> Who are these funny persons who play the game of games?
> Sometimes they act like nice guys or dragons raising hell,
> But before it flips they change the game; that's why it works so well.

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It's hard to lead a game-playing life—in this society, at least—without raising eyebrows.

While the Florida fracas exposed the Finders to the highest degree of scrutiny, it was not the first time outsiders had tried to understand the group and its motives.

After Marion Pettie retired from the Air Force as a master sergeant in 1956, he returned to the Culpeper area, his home town. One of Pettie's sons told the *Washington Post* that during the '60s his father spent his days at the library near Pettie Farm, the family's 90-acre property by Old Rag Mountain, and became "a student of the world." In the late '60s-early '70s, Pettie Farm was known for its free organic meals and philosophical powwows on the front porch. Pettie's son told the *Post* that his father began a new life around 1971 when he started a commune with his followers in the Glover Park house.

Today, members look much more yuppie than hippie, a turnabout that started in the early '80s. Though they have changed with the times, they still don't blend in.

They've turned heads in rural Culpeper, where they often show up at town meetings in business suits. John Davies, a Culpeper attorney who represented a former group member in a divorce proceeding five years ago, says they never say anything but always take notes.

"From my perspective, they can have a significant impact on a community like Culpeper," says Davies. "I think part of their goal is taking control of the local government." As evidence, Davies says he knows of a stockbroker running for local office with whom they tried to invest $25,000. And they're always researching townspeople.

The Finders have combed local real estate titles to see who owns what and how much they owe, says Davies. He's also noticed Finders men walking down the street in coats and ties and making notes on every house they pass.

Davies says he thinks there's an old-fashioned motivation behind their game playing: Dollars. "Basically, they're doing collectively what an individual investor would do," he says.

In Washington, several people have posited that the Finders gather information because they are spies.

Daniel Brandt, who has put together a databank of intelligence citations he sells as spyBASE, says he first met Steve Usdin and Jeff Ubois, another group member, in the summer of '84. "They approached me 'cause they saw I was doing this database," says Brandt. "I had posted a note about it in an extremely obscure journal called *Reset*."

Usdin and Ubois claimed they represented an outfit called Information Bank and they gave Brandt software in exchange for information. "They were very well-informed about counterspying," says Brandt. He met with them several times over the next year, visiting the warehouse twice.

"They kept pumping me for information and I got suspicious," says Brandt.

Brandt grew more suspicious when his friends told him odd tales about their dealings with the Information Bank. Realizing the depth of the Information Bank's knowledge of the left, he sent out a three-page memo to progressive groups around D.C.

Dated November 10, 1986, the memo is headed "A Summary of What is Known About Some Very Strange People Who use Computers and Seek Out Progressives so That They can ask a lot of Suspicious Questions." In addition to Information Bank, Brandt wrote, members said they were from Global Press Review, Hong Kong Business Today, and The Seekers. Members also approached Lou Wolf, a co-editor of *Covert Action Information Bulletin*, and he helped Brandt check them out.

"There are several characteristics that lend themselves to the interpretation that this is an information-gathering front for a cult of some sort," Brandt wrote in his summary, noting that members may not be told the purpose behind their missions. "The guise of computer consulting is an ideal method of spying on the Left," he concluded. "It would take about twenty seconds to copy an entire mailing list from a hard disk onto a floppy."

"If it's a game, it's pretty bizarre," says Brandt, who hasn't heard from the group in a few years. "It seems like there must be some sort of impetus behind it."

More than a year before the Tallahassee case, Rep. Robert Kastenmeier (D-Wis.) looked into the group at the behest of a constituent whose son had joined. Kastenmeier says he had a hunch that they were intelligence linked, but when he took it to the House Intelligence Committee he couldn't get verification. Kastenmeier's office did learn

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The Florida Finder binder forced Paula Arico to choose between the group and John Paul and Mary.

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that Pettie had a background in military intelligence.

According to FBI documents, Pettie worked in Air Force intelligence and sometimes bragged about his intelligence connections in later years. When the Finders story broke, WUSA reported that a police source claimed Pettie's deceased wife worked for the CIA. *Cults That Kill* author Larry Kahaner, who has many sources in the FBI and Washington Metropolitan Police, says he was told the Finders once did database training for the CIA.

"I don't think you have to read anything deep and dark into this," says Kahaner. "The interesting part about the Finders is that they like to play games with law enforcement agencies. That's their shtik. As you'll notice in Tallahassee, they did indeed embarrass them. It may have been one of their games."

None of the Tallahassee Police I spoke with knew anything about the Finders working for an intelligence operation. But they all had a similar response to Investigator Cheryl Weigand's: "Nothing they are involved with would surprise me."

Paula Arico nearly spits up her food laughing when I tell her people suggest the Finders may be spooks.

Arico and I are eating at a restaurant in Tallahassee. She resettled here after the juvenile court finally deemed her fit to raise Mary and John Paul. "That's their model, to pretend they're CIA," says Arico, who was in the group for 8 years and now works as a bookkeeper for a progressive construction company. "Wouldn't it be an exciting life?"

This is one of the few times in our many talks that Paula calls the group "they." Though she left the Finders more than a year ago, it's still "we this" and "we that." She also still speaks lovingly—no, adoringly—of Pettie.

"The rest of us are just dead between the ears compared to him," says Arico.

Arico has a theory for why the Finders gather megabytes of information. "We want to be the best at everything, and you can't be the best in anything if you don't have information about what the best is," she says. "So getting your information-gathering skills together is the first thing you have to do."

"But why compile a giant *Who's Who?*" I ask.

"It's a mystery why things are of interest to Pettie, but he's not able to call complete games if he doesn't have complete information.

"You don't know what game Pettie has in mind to call tomorrow. He already has it in mind. He's got next year's game in mind based on the information you're bringing him right now."

Talk like this sounds like slavish devotion, brainwashing, cult. But ultimately the labels are stupid. If any group defies a label it's the Finders. They're constantly changing, reinventing themselves, drafting new "Constitutions," setting new rules—RTGIAD.

A taste of Finders cosmology can be found in John Fowles' novel *The Magus*, in which Maurice Conchis (conscious—get it?) bedazzles the protagonist with a troupe of actors/consciousness-seekers playing the "godgame." As one of *The Magus*' characters says, "[I]n the godgame we start from the premise that in reality all is fiction; yet no single fiction is necessary."

Paula Arico has lived the godgame. "The best thing about it for me is that I lived and worked with my best friends for eight years," Arico says. "It's hard to have that. And in a situation where everyone was committed to working it out. If you've ever had that one-on-one relationship with another person where there's that long-term level of commitment, I had that with 20 people."

"You really trusted 20 people?" I ask.

"For the time that I did," she replies. "I got my eyes opened pretty quickly in about three weeks of February in 1987. But up until then, yeah, I had implicit trust, because we were all committed to Pettie's dream. His dream was our dream."

On the day of the arrest, Paula Arico was working temp jobs in San Francisco, sharing an apartment with a single mother not in the group. It was part of a "women's game" that had been underway since December 1986, and Arico was having a blast. For a long time, the women had wanted the men to do more child-rearing and it was finally happening. She was sure Mary and John Paul were in good hands.

"I can't describe the feeling for those kids," says Arico. "They were the future of the tribe. We are all fucked up. No amount of game playing has managed to straighten us out. Some people have been in the group for 20 years and are still fucked up. It's the new generation that's going to bring the new age in." She notes that she doesn't think people in the group are any more fucked up than non-Finders.

Arico didn't get wind something was wrong until Friday morning. "I was getting ready to

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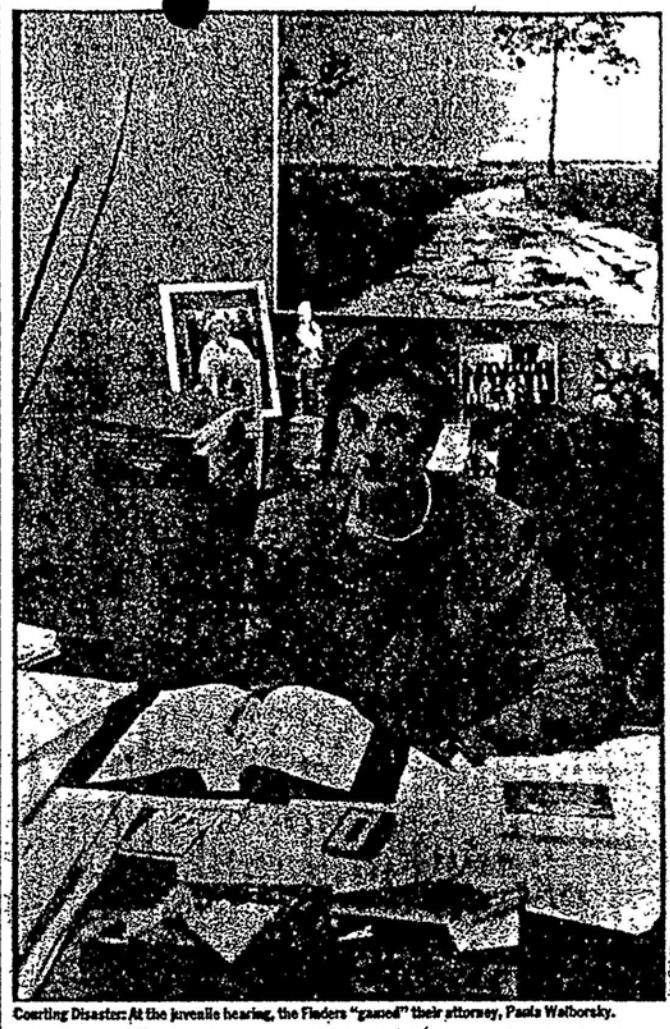

Jon Cohen

Courting Disaster: At the juvenile hearing, the Finders "gassed" their attorney, Paula Walborsky.

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go to work, and I got a phone call from somebody who was telling me that if Stuart [SS] had already called me and told me to go to Tallahassee that those orders were reversed." The person didn't have any other information.

Carolyn Said, mother of B.B., was the only women's game player who had a computer, and she kept Paula and the others plugged into the group. Paula called her and learned zilch.

Then the mothers—Said, Arico, Knauth, Judy Evans, and Pat Livingston—began hearing news reports. "By Friday afternoon we were all in a tizzy," says Arico. They finally contacted Pettie in Southern California and planned a group meeting in San Francisco for Saturday night.

I ask why they didn't call the Tallahassee Police in the interim. "We had to make a group decision," she says.

Pettie arrived at dusk and, as is their custom, the women massaged him to help him think. They carried out a traditional Finders meeting, each person speaking their mind, going round and round in a circle. Since the police had seized the computers from their D.C. homes; one of the group's concerns was how to stay in touch. But the kids were Topic A.

"This wasn't the first time that things had not gone right with the kids' game and we were all just really upset about that, that nobody had learned their lessons any other times," she says.

Pettie's advice: Your home is in D.C., not Tallahassee. Go back to D.C. and let your presence be known.

They took his advice.

Back in D.C. Sunday night, the women—the alleged satan-worshipping-kidnapping-brainwashed pornographers—were greeted by reporters camped on their porches.

Pettie's game call was to let the FBI call the game. The possibility of kidnapping, the bureau said, took precedence over the misdemeanor child abuse charges. One agent advised they immediately head to Florida and hire a good attorney.

When the mothers called Scott Hunt at the Tallahassee Police Department on Monday evening they couldn't get through.

"Carolyn's on the phone saying she's B.B.'s mother and she's met by snorts and giggles," recalls Arico. "She's the 200th caller claiming these beautiful children." They finally spoke to Tallahassee Police, but Hunt still told the media they had yet to hear from the mothers. "I'll never forgive him for that," says Arico.

After finishing their last FBI interview on Wednesday, the women hit the road for Tallahassee. By Friday, they were sitting in their lawyer's office.

"You haven't lived until you've been employed by the Finders," says the attorney hired to represent them, Paula Walborsky. "They elect a new leader each day. I could be hired or fired two or three times in 24 hours. But I really got sucked in. I loved it. There were great, sexy Constitutional issues."

Constitutional issues didn't come into play for weeks, though. It took until the next Thursday, in fact, for Walborsky to set up a

court-sanctioned, one-hour meeting between the mother and kids.

The mother-and-child reunion took place at a park where a dozen HRS officials showed up to watch. "We would not leave," says Arico. "We told them that they would have to physically take the children away from us. We were not going to get up and walk away from our children.

"John Paul is in my arms and he's saying, 'But I want to go home with you.' And I'm saying, 'Well, I want you to go home with me, too.' I just sat there with him crying my eyeballs out, and he's crying his eyeballs out, and they came and took him away from me."

During the next few weeks, the Finders settled into the media saddle and displayed what may be their finest wit and humor of the affair. But it ultimately drove Arico and two other mothers from the group.

A memo attributed to "M.D. Pettie" delivered to the *Tallahassee Democrat* said he was resigning as leader of the Finders—a position he said he didn't know he held. "I thought I was just a consultant on Wit and Humor," the memo said. "If I ever was the leader, I hereby resign to devote myself full-time to Zen Walking."

The Finders also started publishing a newsletter, *The Daily Finder*, in which they announced that they were all moving to Tallahassee. "The Finders are always looking for signs and symbols," they wrote. "Since February 4, Florida has been sending signals that they want to keep some Finders members, so now the rest are coming."

Another issue of *The Daily Finder*, "Come to Tallahassee," invited friends to come join the drama and featured the song, "Old Tallahassee":

> Well I came to Tallahassee
> In a van so full of glee
> They put me in the jailhouse
> With a chain upon my knee

You get the idea.

Before the trial, Ammerman and Holwell spoke freely with Walborsky, who was assisted by several Finders men. "They all had handlebar mustaches and dressed alike," Walborsky says.

"I sent them to FSU library to get me books for the case to explain their philosophy. They came back with books on psychology, India, American Indians, Samoan tribes, Chinese philosophy."

Juvenile court was packed with on-lookers and media on the first day of the custody battle. Witnesses Holwell and Ammerman showed up in prison garb and shackles. "Talk about a circus," says Walborsky. "We could have sold tickets."

Right before the hearing, Walborsky learned that the Finders men she had been working with had left town and were replaced by Steve Usdin. She also got the news that Pettie had put a gag order on Ammerman and Holwell and that she was going to be fired.

"I said ooooh-kay. The First Amendment issues haven't even been argued and they stand up and fire me," she says.

In court Steve Usdin delivered a proclamation from Pettie. Our interests and the state's interests are the same, he said, so we don't need counsel.

"Some people practice law 20 or 30 years and never get fired on television," Walborsky jokes.

Pettie's strategy of nonresistance split the mothers. Knauth and Livingston gave Walborsky the boot, as instructed, while Arico, Evans, and Said retained her.

Arico describes the behind-the-scenes drama of that morning.

Livingston had called Pettie. "She begged him to tell her what to do," says Arico. "He said, 'Fire your attorney.' If you called him and begged him and he told you to do it, you can't say no. She was in agony. She really loves her son and she knew what would happen the way I knew what would happen if I fired my attorney—it wouldn't be in the best interest of the children."

Arico understood Pettie's logic. If you're in a confrontational situation, in some ways, you're creating it. Do what Gandhi and Ammerman and Holwell and others have done when attacked: Don't fight.

On another level there were the teachings of Lao Tzu. Planning. Strategy. Tactics. Loyalty. "Those ideas are really the crux of the group," says Arico, "and they are what keep the group functioning at the high level that it does." Pettie wanted them to go before the judge and tell him in unison that he could end all this right now, he could be the game caller. "Think if you were a judge, and there were five women in your courtroom, and in all of your experiences with them you knew that they really loved their kids and were trying to do the right things," says Arico. "That's the position Pettie wanted the judge put in."

Arico couldn't accept Pettie's advice. "The group told me to choose between Pettie and

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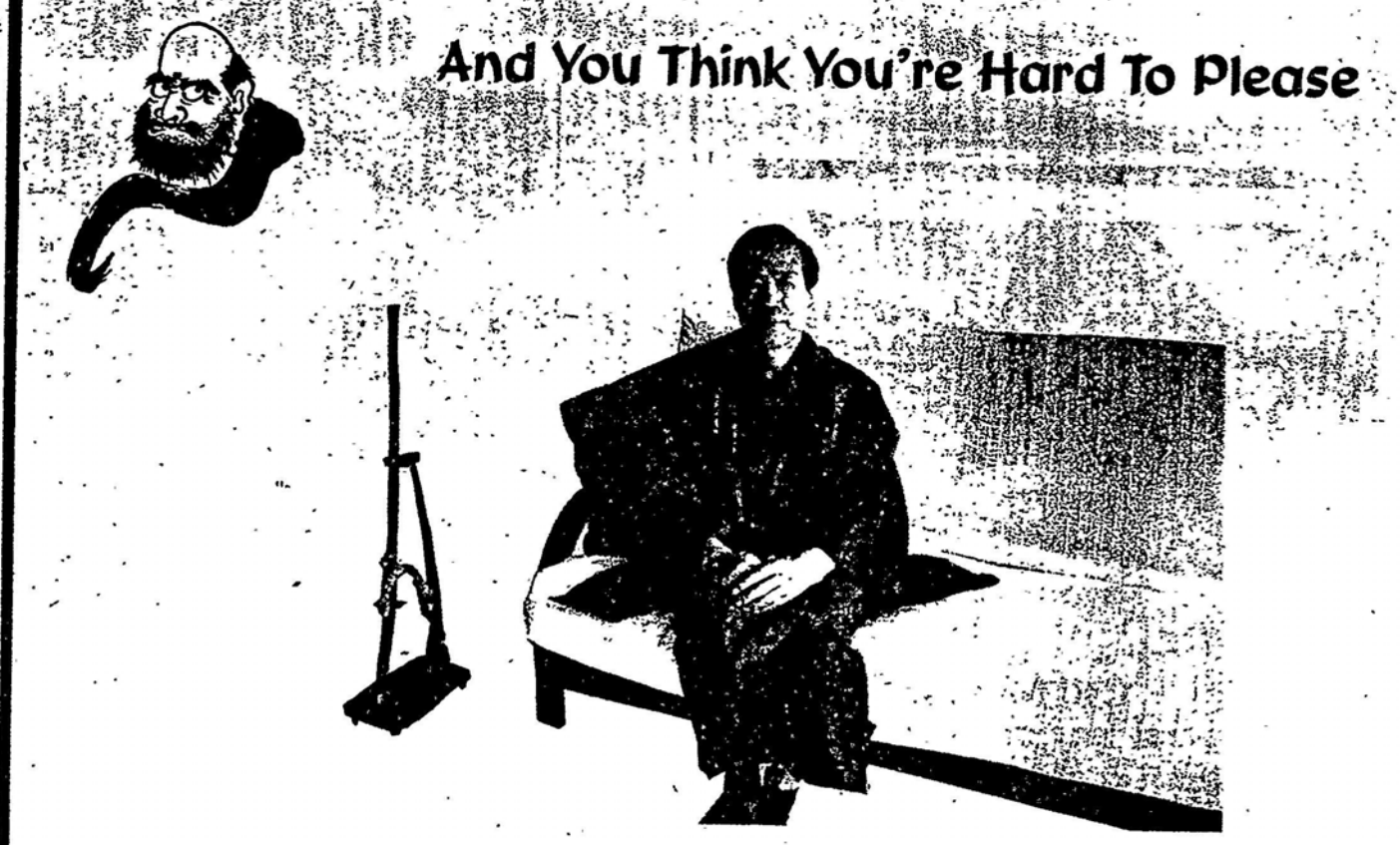

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In Search of the FINDERS

my kids. I chose my kids."

The hearing lasted until Wednesday. Walborsky hammered on the constitutional issues and appealed to the judge's experience. "This is a judge who has seen thousands of juvenile cases," Walborsky says. "I told him if the walls could talk they would cry. This wasn't the real thing. Essentially that's what he said in the end. He praised the efforts to raise the kids correctly. He was only concerned about their educations."

John Paul, B.B., and Honeybee, the three youngest children, were returned to their mothers—Arico, Said, and Evans. The judge didn't free the older three because he wanted their mothers to demonstrate that they would adequately educate them.

Arico agreed to cross every t and dot every i, and after two months of state supervision, she was given full custody of Mary. Livingston and Knauth's children were put in foster homes, but the state finally relinquished custody to the mothers that August.

Hours after the March 18 juvenile case ended, the Finders announced to the press that they had disbanded. It wasn't true, of course. But it did signal the end of Arico, Said, and Evans' membership in the group.

Arico cites many personal reasons for leaving the group that have little to do with the Florida incident. A few years before, she says, "I saw the writing on the wall, but I didn't read it."

She spoke with attorneys about suing the authorities and decided there were too many obstacles. "I would have had to put my children into therapy immediately to prove that they had been traumatized. As far as I'm concerned, whatever trauma there was, they've basically gotten over it now." Another hurdle would be proving wrongful intent. "Everything they did was within the limits of the law," she says.

Arico's final analysis of what went wrong: "You just can't have a highly disciplined lifestyle and have kids. You just can't. It just doesn't work."

Make no mistake, though. She loved being a Finder. "It's a very magnetic situation," she says. "But the mystery's gone now, the whole mystique that nobody knew what we really did." CP

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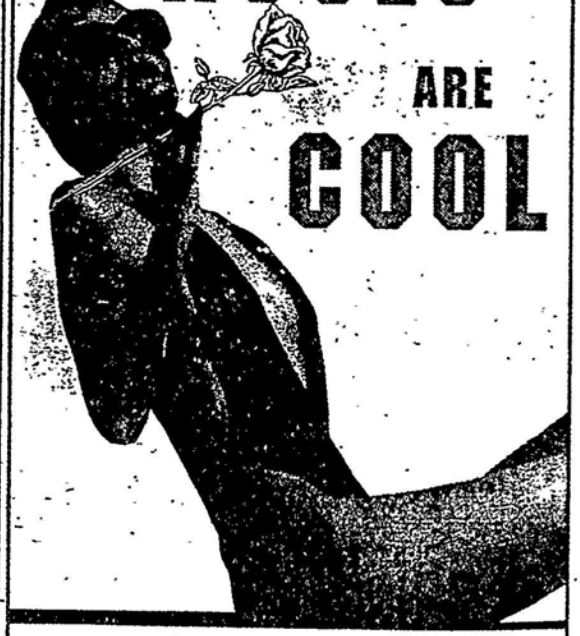

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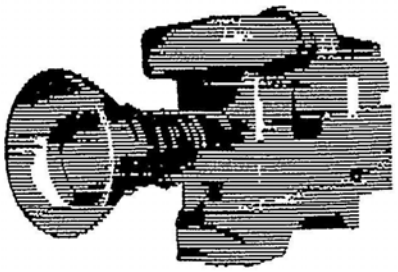

48 HOURS

September 16, 1993

Chief Mel Tucker
Tallahassee Police Department
SENT BY FAX
904-891-4204

Dear Chief Tucker:

As an associate producer of CBS News/48 Hours, I would like to request that, under Florida Chapter 119, you make available all files and materials associated with your investigation into the Finders organization that took place in 1987.

I will be in your city sometime in the middle of next week and would like to examine the records in person; if there is a copying fee, CBS News would reimburse you your costs.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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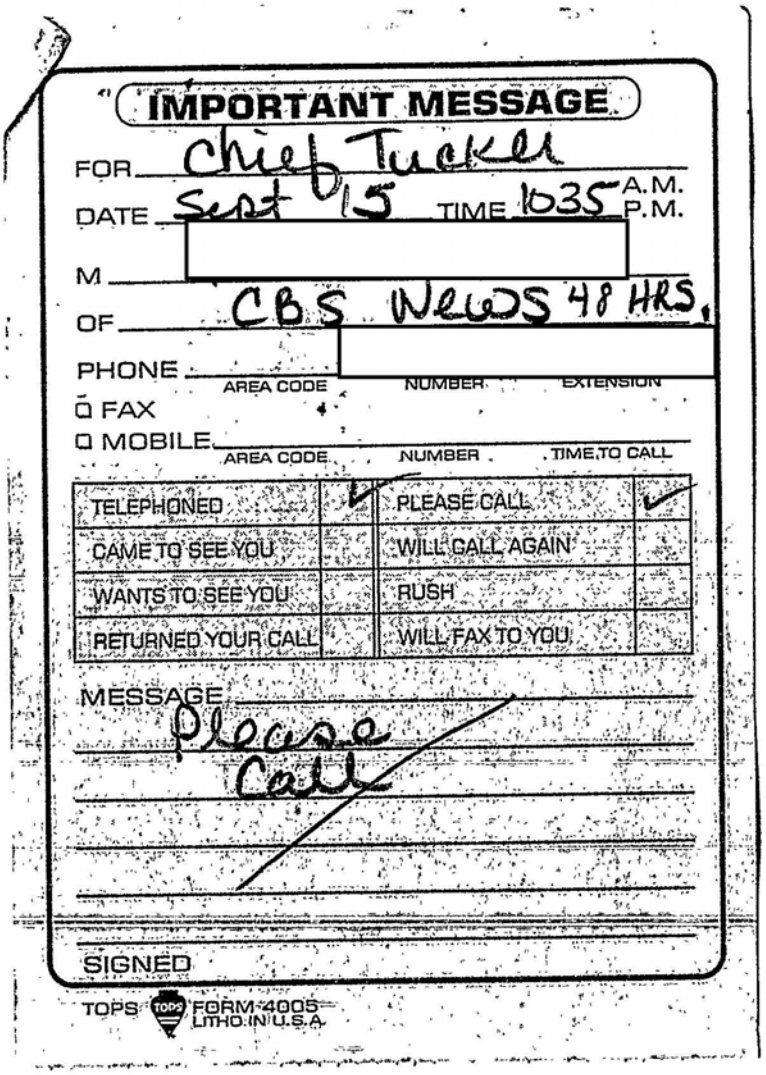

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FOR Chief Tucker

DATE Sept 15 TIME 1035 A.M. P.M.

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Tallahassee Police Department
Attention: Chief of Police
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Dear Chief Tucker,

In furtherance of its legislative and oversight responsibilities under the rules of the House, the Committee on House Administration is conducting an investigation into an organization known as the "Finders". In order to examine the credibility of certain allegations against the Finders organization the Committee must obtain all relevant documentation.

It has come to my attention that your office may have certain information which will further this investigation. Accordingly, I am requesting under Chapter 119 of the Florida Public Records Law that you provide the Committee with all reports in your possession concerning the organization known as the "Finders".

Please address your response to [redacted] b6
of my staff. Should you have any further questions [redacted] b7C
can be reached at [redacted]

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charlie Rose

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Chairman
Committee on House Administration

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OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

92-3990

3 Type of Crime or Incident (One Incident Only): Child Abuse

4 Date, Day and Time Occurred: 2-4-87 Wed. 4:50p.m.

5 Date and Time Reported to P.D.: 2-4-87 4:53p.m.

6 Location of Incident (Address): 600 Myers Park Drive

7 Business Name: Myers Park

8 Patrol Zone: 4A

9 Name (Last, First, Middle (Firm if Business)): State of Florida

10 Address

11 City: Tallahassee, Fla.

12 State

13 Res. Phone

14 Occupation

15 Race

16 Sex

17 D.O.B.

18 Business Address

19 Business Phone

20 VICTIM'S BEHAVIOR
- 1 Calm
- 2 Upset
- 3 Under influence of alcohol or drugs
- 4 Other (Explain in narrative)

21 VICTIM'S ACTIVITY PRIOR TO OFFENSE
- 1 Absent from scene for one day or less
- 2 Absent from scene for two days or more
- 3 Was living in residential area
- 4 Was living in commercial area
- 5 Driving or riding in vehicle
- 6 Hitchhiking
- 7 Routine activities in residence or business
- 8 Rec. or entertainment activities, indoors
- 9 Rec. or entertainment activities, outdoors
- X 10 Other

22 Victim Injured: X Yes ☐ No — If yes explain in narrative

23 Hospital Name: NONE

CODE: V = Victim; C = Complainant; W = Witness; R = Reporting Person

24 | 25 Name (Last, First, Middle) | 26 Race | 27 Sex | 28 D.O.B. | 29 Address | 30 Residence Phone | 31 Business Phone

32 Scene Security
- 1 Structure
- 2 Vehicle
- 3 Boat
- 4 Street Area
- X 5 Park/Area
- 6 Garage/Storage Area
- 7 Parking Lot/Public or Security
- 8 Woods
- 9 Other

33 Lighting
- 1 Dawn
- X 2 Daylight
- 3 Dusk
- 4 Dark (Streetlights On)
- 5 Dark (Streetlights Off)
- 6 Dark (No Streetlights)
- 7 Moonlight

34 Weather
- 1 Clear
- X 2 Cloudy
- 3 Fog
- 4 Rain
- 5 Other

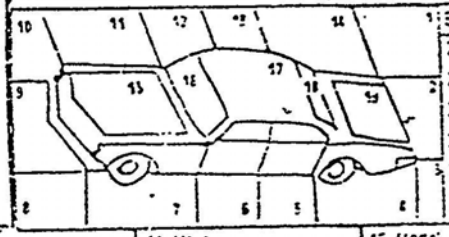
35 Type of Structure: X N/A
Non-Residential:
1 Convenience; 2 Fast Food; 3 Restaurant/Bar; 4 Drug Medical; 5 Gas Station; 6 Retail Service; 7 Repair Commercial; 8 Financial Institution; 9 Entertain/Recreation; 10 Public Building; 11 Industrial; 12 Other
Residential:
1 Single Family Dwelling; 2 Apartment/Condo; 3 Duplex/Townhouse; 4 Hotel/Motel; 5 Other

36 Targets: ☐ N/A
1 Cash Reg. Drawer; 2 Owner/Employee; 3 Safe Box; 4 Vending Machine; 5 Display Items; 6 Customer; 7 Attic; 8 Basement; 9 Bathroom; 10 Bedroom; 11 Dining Room; 12 Family Room; 13 Garage/Carport; 14 Kitchen; 15 Living Room; 16 Storage Area; X 17 Other

38 Point of Entry: X N/A
1 Unknown; 2 Front; 3 Rear; 4 Side; 5 Ground Level; 6 Upper Level; 7 Door; 8 Window; 9 Sliding Glass; 10 Basement; 11 Adjacent Building; 12 Roof Floor; 13 Wall; 14 Garage; 15 Basement; 16 Other

39 Method of Entry: X N/A
1 Attempt Only; 2 No Force; 3 Key/Slip; 4 Bodily Force; 5 Saw/Drill/Burn; 6 Hid in Building; 7 Channel Lock; 8 Pipe Wrench; 9 Tire Iron; 10 Brick/Rock; 11 Unknown Pry Bar; 12 Bolt Cutters/Shears; 13 Punch; 14 Window Broken; 15 Tape/Wire; 16 Screwdriver; 17 Other

40 SPECIAL FEATURES
1 DR DAMAGE ____ 6 TINTED GLASS ____
2 BODY PARTS MISSING ____ 7 RUST/PRIMER ____
3 WINDOW DAMAGE ____ 8 STRIPES/SCENES ____
4 WINDOW MISSING ____ 9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT ____
5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER ____ 10 CURTAINS ____



41 Extensive Damage Code
20 DRIVER'S SIDE
21 PASSENGER'S SIDE
22 FRONT
23 REAR
24 ENTIRE BODY
25 ALL WINDOWS

42 ☐ N/A ☐ Victim X Suspect

43 ☐ Vehicle ☐ Boat ☐ Moped ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other

44 License/Certification Number

45 State

46 Make

47 Model

48 Was an arrest made? X

49 Can a suspect be named? X

50 Can a suspect be located? X

51 Are there accomplices at large? X

52 Was neighborhood check conducted? X

53 Was there a witness to the crime? X

54 Can a suspect be described? X

55 Patrol investigation continuing? X

56 Will victim prosecute? X

61 Can a suspect vehicle be described? X

62 Was the crime scene processed? X

63 Is there any significant evidence present? X

64 Can any stolen property be identified? X

65 Is there a significant MO present? X

66 Is there a significant reason to believe that the crime may be solved with reasonable effort? X

67 Victim's Signature

REPORTING AREA

TO BE COMPLETED BY RECORDS

68 MCI Officer Recommends
1 Patrol Follow Up; 2 CID Follow Up; 3 No Follow Up

69 Patrol Follow Up Time Limit
☐ 1 Three Days ☐ 2 Seven Days

Date: 2/5/87

72 Copies to
1 State Attorney; 2 DNE; 3 Crime Prevention; 4 S.I.A.; 5 F.S.; 6 Other

73 Case Status (Status must be indicated for all cases, including non-criminal incidents)
☐ 1 Open (Pending) X 2 Closed ☐ 3 Suspended

74 Case Disposition (Exception or criminal cases may be indicated as appropriate)
☐ 1 Unfounded X 2 Cleared By Arrest ☐ 3 Cleared Exceptionally

75 Units Requested/Name - I.D.
ID: 3 IC-LOF-1899-1-25
CID:
K-9:
Other:

LAST DISPOSITION

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WHITE—Central Records; CANARY—MCI; PINK—Crime Analysis; GOLDENROD—PIO

76 Code	77 Property Loss/Etc.	78 Type Property Code	79 Description (ID Marks/Brand)	80 Value Stolen or Lost	81 Value Damaged
			N/A		

PROPS: 1 = STOLEN, 2 = DAMAGED/DISTURBED

82 Additional Property Listed ☐ Yes ☐ No

83 TOTAL

84 TOTAL

88 Entered NCIC ☐ Yes ☐ No 89 Entering Person's Signature/ID No.

S = SUSPECT V = MISSING PERSON A = ARRESTED PERSON

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100 1 2 BUILD
1 Small/Petite
2 Thin
3 Medium
4 Muscular
5 Heavy/Stocky
6 Flabby
7 Stooped Shoulders
8 Narrow Shoulders
9 Broad Shoulders
10 Large Chest
11 Beard/Mustache
12 Large Buttocks

101 1 2 EYES
1 Blue
2 Brown
3 Grey
4 Green
5 Hazel
6 Bloodshot
7 Blazing
8 Crossed
9 Missing/Glass
10 Scarred/Stitches
11 Glasses/Contacts
12 Sunken/Oriental

102 1 2 NOSE
1 Large
2 Small
3 Long
4 Thin
5 Pug
6 Pierced
7 Broad
8 Flat
9 Broken
10 Hooked
11 Red Pimple
12 Big Acne

103 1 2 TEETH
1 Good
2 Irregular
3 Decayed
4 Protruding
5 Bad
6 Missing
7 Chipped
8 False
9 Bad
10 Gaps
11 Diamond
12 Braced

104 1 2 SKIN TONE
1 Albino
2 Fair
3 Ruddy
4 Dark
5 Light Skin
6 Brown

105 1 2 ACCENT
1 Northern
2 Southern
3 Spanish
4 Other

105 1 2 SPEECH
1 Soft/Polite
2 Raspy/Deep
3 Rapid
4 Slow
5 Loud
6 Male
7 Mumbles
8 Stutters/Slow
9 Vulgar
10 Apologetic
11 Effeminate
12 Talkative

107 1 2 FACIAL FEATURES
1 Birthmarks
2 Blotches
3 Freckles
4 Moles/Warts
5 Pimples/Acne
6 Wrinkles
7 Large Breasts
8 Thick Lips
9 Hairlip
10 Large Ears
11 Cauliflower Ears
12 Missing Ears

108 1 2 HAIR STYLE
1 Afro
2 Bangs
3 Curly
4 Straight
5 Crewcut
6 Wavy
7 Bald
8 Bald Back
9 Bald Front
10 Short
11 Medium
12 Long

109 1 2 SCARS
1 Cheek, left
2 Cheek, right
3 Chin
4 Ear, left
5 Ear, right
6 Eyebrow, left
7 Eyebrow, right
8 Lip, upper
9 Nose
10 Bare Scar
11 Arm, left

110 1 2 SCARS
12 Arm, right
13 Hand, left
14 Hand, right
15 Wrist, left
16 Wrist, right
17 Chest
18 Neck
19 Back
20 Leg, left
21 Leg, right
22 Track Marks

111 1 2 TATTOOS
1 Arm, left
2 Arm, right
3 Hand, left
4 Hand, right
5 Forearm
6 Chest
7 Neck
8 Back
9 Leg, left
10 Leg, right
11 Chest, left
12 Chest, right

111 1 2 APPAREL
1 Cloth Over Face
2 Stocking Over Face
3 Mask
4 Head Cloth Tag
5 Earrings
6 Sunglasses
7 Ruse
8 Gloves
9 Cap Hat
10 Man-Female Attire
11 Western Wear
12 Tennis Shoes

112 SUSPECTS ACTIONS DURING OFFENSE

1 2
1 Disabled Phone
2 Disabled Camera/Alarm
3 Restrained Premises
4 Committed Criminal Damage
5 Set Fire
6 Used Facilities, Telephone, Consumables
7 Knew Location of Hidden Cash
8 Used Locksmith/Driver
9 Used Escape Note
10 Packed Property in Sack/Pocket
11 Demanded Money

1 2
12 Demanded Jewelry
13 Remained Silent
14 Said He Would Return
15 Bound/Gagged Victim
16 Kidnapped Victim/Took Hostages
17 Demanded Drugs
18 Demanded Car Keys
19 Wiped Prints
20 Wore Gloves
21 Offered Victim Liquor
22 Called Victim By Some Name

1 2
23 Died During/After Offense
24 Unable to Achieve Erection
25 Possessed Items as Sex Acts
26 Forced Vaginal Penetration
27 Performed Homosexual Acts
28 Forced Victim To Masturbate Assailant
29 Masturbated
30 Ejaculated On Victim
31 Performed Oral Perversion On Victim
32 Forced Victim to Perform Oral Acts
33 Committed Anal Penetration

1 2
34 Kissed, Bit, Licked Victim
35 Cut Victim's Clothing
36 Forced Victim to Undress
37 Forced Victim into Specific Position, Location
38 Used Contraceptive, Lubricant
39 Perpetrator Disrobed
40 Perpetrator Forgot Clothes, Dropped Items
41 Fondled Breasts-Buttocks
42 Cleaned up/Washed
43 Penetrated With Other Than Genitals

113 INJURY/THREATS

1 2
1 Fired Weapon
2 Threatened To Harm Victim Family
3 Threatened Arrest From Victim's Group
4 Attempted Victim To Take Drugs
5 Struck Victim With Weapon, Object Or Fist
6 Cut Clothes Victim
7 Shot Victim
8 Strangled Choked Victim
10 Drugged Victim
11 Bumped Victim

114 SUSPECT'S ACTIONS VEHICLE INVOLVED

1 2
1 Used Vehicle in Offense
2 Took Victim's Vehicle
3 Vehicle Needed To Remove Property
4 Lured Victim into Vehicle
5 Forced Into Perpetrator's Vehicle
6 Forced Into Victim's Vehicle
7 Alibi When Victim Parks Vehicle
8 Ditched Victim's Vehicle

115 WEAPON

1 2
1 Handgun
2 Shotgun
3 Rifle
4 Simulated
5 Implied
6 Knife
7 Vehicle
8 Blunt Instrument
9 Thrown Object
10 Explosive
11 Incend Gas
12 Other

116 FIREARM FEATURES

1 2
1 Chrome Nickel
2 Blue Steel
3 Short Barrel
4 Double Barrel
5 Single Barrel
6 Sawed Off
7 Pump
8 Belt
9 Automatic
10 Revolver
11 Altered Stock
12 Other

117 MOTIVE

1 2
1 Hate
2 Revenge
3 Jealousy
4 Heat of Passion
5 Drug Perpetrator or Other Crime
6 Narcotics
7 Sexual
8 Racial
9 Financial Property Gain
10 Family Feud
11 None
12 Unknown

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118 Inc. No.

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OFFENSE INVOLVED ☒		Case Number 87-3990
Crime or Incident on Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime or Incident	
Incident: 10 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 2-4-87	Date of This Report: 2-4-87
Name (Last, First, Middle), Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value): N/A	

UCR DISPOSITION

This writer was dispatched to Myers Park in Reference to a report of a well-dressed W/M with several small children who were unkept. Upon my Arrival, I observed two W/M's dressed in coat and ties on the playground at Myers Park Accompanied by several small children. I Also observed a [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] parked on the playground at Myers Park. This writer noticed that the children, (4 W/M's And 2 W/F's) were very dirty And unkept. The children had bugbites on their entire bodies And scratches on their Legs.

This writer spoke to suspect #1 who stated that he And suspect #2 were teachers From Washington D.C. And they were enroute to Mexico with the children. Suspect #1 stated that they were going to Mexico to set up a school For Brilliant Children. When Asked About the parents of the children, suspect #1 became very evasive And stated that the children's parents were in Washington D.C. Suspect #2 refused to give this writer Any information And he pretended to Faint when told he was under Arrest for Child Abuse. Suspect #2 Felled Faced down

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☐ 1 OPEN-PENDING ☒ 2 CLOSED ☐ 3 SUSPENDED

DISPOSITION (DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE)

☐ 1 UNFOUNDED ☒ 2 CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

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VEHICLE INVOLVED ☒

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Crime or Incident on Original Report: Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident:

Incident: 20 Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 2-4-87

Date of This Report: 2-4-87

Name (Last, First, Middle, Alias) or Business: State of Florida

Property Recovered (If yes, enter value): N/A

on the ground And Refused to stand up. He was carried by this writer And two other lawenforcement officers And placed into A patrol Vehicle. The suspects were transported to the Talla. Police Dept. by this writer And Ofc. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] to be interviewed by Inv. [redacted] The Children were Also transported to the Talla. Police Dept. by Ofc. [redacted]

The children gave their names as Follows: (Victims)

[redacted] b3 b6 b7C

The children were Extremely hungry when they got to the police dept. And the older children stated they hadn't eaten since this morning. The children Appeared as if they hadn't bathed in several days And most of them didn't have on Any underwear. The older children stated that

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CRIMINAL CASES ☒ 2 CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

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VEHICLE INVOLVED [illegible]

Crime or Incident on Original Report	Correct Crime or Incident	187-2770
Child Abuse		
Incident: 0 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 2-4-87	Date of This Report: 2-4-87
Name (Last, 1st, Middle) Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value): N/A	

they have to do good things to get food As A Reward and they Are given (oranges, bananas, carrots, And raw potatoes) to eat. [redacted] one of the older kids) stated that [redacted] And that [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

Suspect #2 Refused to talk to Inv. [redacted] And to Intake Counselors [redacted] And [redacted] with HRS.

The suspects were Advised of the Miranda Warning by Inv. [redacted] After which suspect #1 continued to be very evasive And suspect #2 continued to be uncooperative. The children were released to HRS And the suspects were transported to the Leon Co. Jail For processing. The suspects' vehicle was confiscated And impounded by Deloach, (City Contract Wrecker).

Sgt. [redacted] Also responded to the scene. b6 b7C

note: The children's clothing were extremely Filthy And they had on Mismatched Socks

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☐ 1 OPEN (PENDING) ☒ 2 CLOSED ☐ 3 SUSPENDED [redacted] b6 b7C

CLEARANCE (DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE)

☐ 1 UNFOUNDED ☒ 2 CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY [redacted] 2/5/87

WHITE—Central Records CANARY—MCI PINK—Crime Analysis GOLDENROD—PIO

VENILE INVOLVED ☐ | OFFENSE REPORTING FORM | Case Number 87-3990

Crime of Incident on Original Report: CHILD ABUSE
Correct Crime of Incident:
Incident: MYERS PARK
Date of Original Report: 2/4/87
Date of This Report: 2/4/87
Name (Last, First, Middle) Arrestee or Business: STATE OF FLORIDA
Property Recovered (If yes, enter value):

UCR DISPOSITION

THIS OFFICER WAS DISPATCHED TO ASSIST OFFICER [redacted] IN REFERENCE TO A W/M WELL DRESSED WITH SOME CHILDREN UNKEPT AT MYERS PARK. UPON MY ARRIVIAL OFFICER [redacted] WAS TALKING TO TWO W/M'S DRESSED IN COATS AND TIES. THE 2 MEN HAD 6 CHILDREN WITH THEM IN A [redacted] [redacted] THE CHILDREN WERE DIRTY AND UNKEPT. THE VAN SMELLED BAD.

I SPOKE WITH THE CHILDREN WHILE OFFICER [redacted] CONTINUED TO TALK TO THE TWO MEN. THE OLDEST CHILD WAS NAME [redacted]. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW IF HER LAST NAME WAS [redacted] OR [redacted]. SHE SAID THAT [redacted] SHE ALSO STATED THAT ONE OF THE OTHER KIDS, [redacted] [redacted] SHE IDENTIFIED THE OTHER CHILDREN AS [redacted] OR [redacted] [redacted] SHE SAID THAT THEY ALL LIVE TOGETHER AT [redacted] WASHINGTON D.C. PHONE NUMBER [redacted] I ASKED WHERE THEIR MOTHERS WERE AND THEY SAID IN WASHINGTON D.C.. I ASKED THEM WHERE WERE THEY GOING. THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE JUST "GOING DIFFERENT PLACES". I ASKED WHERE THEY WERE STAYING. THEY SAID AT CAMP GROUNDS. THEY HAVE BEEN SLEEPING IN THE VAN AND IN A TENT. I ASKED WHEN

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JUVENILE INVOLVED ☐		Case Number 87-3990
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Incident: O MYERS PARK	Date of Original Report: 2/4/87	Date of This Report: 2/4/87
Name (Last, First, Middle), Arrestee or Business: STATE OF FLORIDA	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)	

UCR DISPOSITION

WAS THE LAST TIME THEY SAW THEIR MOTHERS. THEY SAID BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THEY SAID THEY HAVE NO CHRISTMAS. THEY ALSO STATED THEY DO NOT SEE THEIR MOTHERS MUCH THAT THEY ARE BEING "WEANED" FROM THEIR MOTHERS, THEY SAID THEY DON'T GO TO SCHOOL. THEY SAID THAT THE TWO MEN TEACH THEM. I ASKED THEM WHAT THEY TEACH THEM, THEY SAID GAMES AND HOW TO READ. THEY SAID THEY DID THINGS FOR REWARDS. I ASKED WHAT TYPE OF THINGS THEY GOT REWARDS FOR AND THEY SAID WORKING, THEY SAID THEY GOT FOOD AS REWARDS. THEY SAID THE ADULTS HAD TO DO WHAT THE "GAME CALLER" SAID AND THE ADULTS TOLD THE CHILDREN WHAT TO DO. THEY SAID THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE HOUSE. THEY SAID THEY WERE HUNGRY AND HAD NOT EATEN SINCE THIS MORNING. I ASKED WHAT THEY ATE THEY SAID RAW VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

THEY WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPT. AND TURNED OVER TO HRS. THE TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED FOR CHILD ABUSE. SEE OFFICER [redacted] AND INV. [redacted] REPORT.

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Name of Incident on Original Report	Correct Crime or Incident	
Child Abuse.		
Incident: Comyers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 2-4-87	Date of This Report: 2-5-87
Name (Last, First, Middle) Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value): N/A	

In Reference to the Above case #, the 6 Children were wearing the Following clothing:

(1) [redacted] WM [redacted] had on a black & Red horizontal striped Shirt with a hood, blue Corduroy pants and blue Tennis shoes. (Extremely dirty). b3 b6 b7C

(2) [redacted] WM [redacted] had on Red Corduroy pants, blue & Red Long Sleeve Shirt And Tennis shoes. (Extremely Dirty). b3 b6 b7C

(3) [redacted] WM [redacted] had on Red Shorts with blue shirt And tennis shoes with mismatched socks (extremely dirty) and no diaper. b3 b6 b7C

(4) [redacted] WF [redacted] had on Green Shorts, pink T-Shirt with A Red Sleeveless Jacket, white Tennis shoes And Socks, (extremely dirty). b3 b6 b7C

(5) [redacted] WM [redacted] had on A blue Long Sleeve white striped Shirt, blue sweat pants And Tennis shoes. (Extremely dirty). b3 b6 b7C

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CASE DISPOSITION (DISPOSITION FOR CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE)
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[redacted] Date 2-5-87 b6 b7C

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ENILE INVOLVED ☒

Correct Crime or Incident

Crime or Incident or Original Report: Child Abuse

Date of Original Report: 2-4-87

Date of This Report: 2-5-87

Incident: 10 Myers Park Drive

Property Recovered (If yes, enter value): N/A

Name (Last, First, Middle), Arrestee or Business: State of Florida

(b) [redacted] W/F [redacted] had on a Lavender & pink blouse with Lavender & white shorts, mismatched socks and tennis shoes there were Extremely Filthy. b3 b6 b7C

It is to be noted that suspect #2 who had several AKA's [redacted] but no Valid Identification was Arrested As [redacted] b6 b7C

It was Later Revealed that the Reporting person who did not wished to be contacted was [redacted], W/F with the Address [redacted] And telephone # [redacted] b6 b7C

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CASE DISPOSITION (DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE)

☐ 1 UNFOUNDED ☒ 2 CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

[redacted] Date 2-5-87 b6 b7C

Supervisor [redacted] Date 2-4-87

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SUPPLEMENT ☐

THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

JUVENILE INVOLVED ☒

Case Number: 8743990

Crime or Incident or Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime or Incident
Occurrence: 30 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 02/04/87 — Date of This Report: 02/08/87
Name, Last, First, Middle, Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On February 4, 1987, this investigator was advised by patrol of the above incident. The children were brought to TPD by Officer [redacted] in the van described in the initial report. This investigator observed the following in regards to the children. They were dirty (both clothes and body), disheveled, hungry, and had obvious bug bites on different areas of their bodies. b6 b7C

The children were identified as [redacted] Identification was made by [redacted], the oldest girl of the group.

This investigator spoke to [redacted] first. She was asked who her parents were. She stated that [redacted] When asked what her last name was, she said, which one? She stated that [redacted] also stated that [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

The following address was given as her home address [redacted] in Washington, D.C. [redacted] also gave this investigator a home phone number of [redacted]

This investigator questioned [redacted] on the purpose of their trip. She began to tell this investigator that the younger children needed to be "weaned" from their mothers. She stated that they left DC around Christmas time, and had been living in the van, and camping. According to [redacted] told the adults to put the children in the van, and leave (to wean the younger children). She was unclear as to when she had last had a shower or bath. They had last eaten an orange in the van sometime before the Police stopped them. b3 b6 b7C

When questioned about school, [redacted] replied that they did not go to school. She stated that they were taught at home.

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☐ 2 CLOSED ☐ 3 SUSPENDED

Officer's Reporting: Inv. [redacted] Date: 2/9/87 wt b6 b7C

DISPOSITION (DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE): ☐ 2 CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

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JUVENILE INVOLVED ☐

OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

Case Number: 87-3990

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Crime or Incident or Original Report	Correct Crime or Incident	
Child Abuse		
Address: 600 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 02/04/87	Date of This Report: 02/08/87
Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) or Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)	

This investigator then asked [redacted] about the house on [redacted] Street. She stated that the kids were not allowed to go inside the house. When asked why, she stated that the "Game Caller" said that they could not. [redacted] stated that the Game Caller is a W/M named [redacted] She stated that they wrote to [redacted] using the computer in the van (a TRS-80). He would tell them what to do. This investigator told [redacted] that I did not understand. She stated that they were "different". She stated that they had a man on the roof, the game caller, who tells us what to do. [redacted] stated that they read bulletin boards and take notes on note pads. [redacted] said they would go to peoples houses and babysit. She stated that this was fun because they got to eat what was there, and do what those people wanted them to. She would not elaborate.

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This investigator asked [redacted] who the other man was in the van. She stated that was [redacted] She said that he also calls himself [redacted] At another point in the interview, [redacted] also called him [redacted]

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This investigator asked [redacted] if the Police had ever been to the house in D.C. She relayed a confusing story of [redacted] having a fight. She said that [redacted] had kicked [redacted] and the Police came. [redacted] said that she was in a big house for children, then they came and got her out. She was not any clearer about the incident.

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Later in the evening, this investigator spoke with [redacted] and [redacted] together. He [redacted] was unclear on many things. He said [redacted] When asked questions pertaining to time, he appeared to have a poor understanding or concept of time.

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OFFENSE INVOLVED

OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

Case Number: 87-3990

Crime or Incident or Original Report: Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident:

Location: 600 Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

Date of This Report: 02/08/87

Victim's Name Last First Middle Address or Business: State of Florida

Property Recovered (if yes enter value):

VICTIM

He was also very curious of various office implements, such as a stapler, and typewriter.

This investigator then asked about some of the games that they play. [redacted] described one game as taking off the man's clothes, and putting them on, then going through the pockets for money. When this investigator asked about the men, and if all their clothes were off, both [redacted] and [redacted] said No. They then stated that they only removed the men's jackets.

Another game was described as taking a shirt that had holes in it, and running away with it, then tearing it up.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the women had come downstairs at Christmastime with no clothes on. Both children felt that this was very funny, and went along with the concept of it being a game.

[redacted] also reiterated what [redacted] had conveyed to this investigator about not being allowed to live in the house. He stated that the men were told to put the kids outside, and that they would like to make the men stay outside.

The other children were too small (inarticulate) to interview. This investigator did observe certain behavior that was consistant with indications that these children were not use to being in a house, or using indoor plumbing. Both [redacted] and [redacted] wet (urinated) in their pants. [redacted] wanted to go outside to go the bathroom.

When the van was checked for clothing for the children, several boxes of fruit and vegtables were found. The children were extremely hungry, and were given bananas, and carrots to eat. [redacted] ate approximately 8 bananas and a carrot. The other children were similarly hungry. b3 b6 b7C

AC [redacted] of HRS responded to TPD to take the children into b6 b7C

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Officers Reporting: 1 Inv. [redacted] Dept ID No: 645 Date: 2/9/87 wt

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DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE

☐ 1 UNFOUNDED ☐ 2 CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ 3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

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Incident: 600 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 02/0-/87	Date of This Report: 02/08/87
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protective custody. The children were fingerprinted (with the exception of [redacted] and [redacted] They were placed in protective custody before prints were taken.) and photographed.

During this process, [redacted] saw the van registration on this investigator's pad. She stated that the address which the van was registered to was "the warehouse". She stated that they would go there sometimes.

This investigator contacted the National Center for Exploited Children in Washington D.C. and gave them the information concerning the children. They stated that they would give the information to one of their investigators in the morning. They also checked for any children currently missing that matched the descriptions given.

This investigator also contacted Sgt. [redacted] of Metro PD in Washington, D.C. He was given the telephone number and address of the [redacted] house. He stated that he would call the number, and see who was there. Sgt. [redacted] called this investigator back and stated that the phone number had an answering machine hook-up, which had a very "weird" message on it. He did not say what the message was. He stated that he was going to send a cruiser to the house. He then transferred this investigator to desk Sgt. [redacted] She took information from this investigator in regards to the child abuse charges. She also stated that the message on the answering machine was strange. She stated the message had some kind of biblical passage on it. Sgt. [redacted] also stated that she would send another crusier by the house. Metro DC did not re-contact this investigator that night.

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This investigator attempted to interview both suspects. They were read their rights per Miranda, and asked to sign an acknowledgment. Both refused. Suspect, [redacted] asked

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Child Abuse		
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what the charges were. He was advised of the charges of child abuse. Suspect [redacted] laid on the floor of the holding cell and jerked his body. He refused to open his eyes, or acknowledge this investigator. b6 b7C

The van was inventoried by patrol, and towed to DeLoach's.

The children were scheduled to have doctor appointments on the following day (2/5/87). HRS advised they would handle the hearing at 8:15 a.m. (2/5/87).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 5, 1987, this investigator spoke to Detective [redacted] of Metro Intelligence Unit in Washington D.C. He asked this investigator if I thought there was a possibility there may be more children at either of the locations [redacted] This investigator stated that may be true, but I did not have any specific child that I knew of there. He stated that he was going to get search warrants on both the locations, and try to serve them later this date. b6 b7C

This investigator was also advised that both suspects were given a $100,000.00 cash bond at first appearance. This investigator spoke to Captain [redacted] at LCJ and arranged for the suspects to be placed in isolation. Due to overcrowding at the jail, the suspect's had to be placed together. b3 b6 b7C

This investigator was also advised by [redacted]

Following another group of interviews in an unrelated case, this investigator went

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through some items removed from the van by Investigator [redacted] A piece of paper titled "The Ballad of Ballads" was found. See copy in case files. The ballad made reference to the warehouse, a house in the mountains, Miami, Hawaii, San Diego, and China. Computer discs were also found in the van. Investigator [redacted] advised that when he ran them, they proved to be program discs, not data bases. b6 b7C

Late that night Detective MPD 2 [redacted] contacted this investigator. He advised that he had been on the search warrant at the warehouse. He stated that they found a large amount of computer goods, a hot tub, sauna, large t.v. room, a library of books (some concerning mind control), a satellite disc on the roof, and various stage-like settings of rooms that were roped off.

Detective [redacted] advised that there were computers at the house and various materials. He stated that he had not had the time to go through all the information yet. b6 b7C

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On February 6, 1987, this investigator met with [redacted] of the FBI. He stated that the U.S. Attorneys Office and the FBI would be involved in the case. b6 b7C

This investigator, Investigator [redacted] and Agent [redacted] went to LCJ to interview suspect [redacted] Upon arrival, we were informed that suspect [redacted] was there. We spoke to him first.

He described suspect [redacted] as being a loner. He stated that he has not seen [redacted] in 3-4 yrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had shown up at [redacted] in Gainesville approximately 2 weeks ago with [redacted] He stated the [redacted] Suspect [redacted] remained at [redacted] for approximately b6 b7C

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Officer(s) Reporting: 1 Inv. [redacted] Dept. I.D. No. Date 2/9/87 wt

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CASE DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE

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one hour. He told them that he was enroute to Miami. [redacted] gave this investigator a letter he had received as a reply to a letter he wrote [redacted] The letter contained two pieces of paper. One was a handwritten letter signed by [redacted] stating that suspect [redacted] was enroute to China via Hawaii. This letter was written on a piece of paper with a letter head of GUNG-HO TRADERS, [redacted] The other slip of paper contained in the letter was to [redacted] It was a letter which pornographically described suspect [redacted] genitals, and thanked [redacted] for having such a stud for a son. It appeared to be computer generated. The letter was signed by the "wives of Gung-Ho". The letter was post dated May 19, 1986. b6 b7C

Suspect [redacted] refused to talk to [redacted] of these investigators.

Suspect [redacted] did speak to these investigators, but only to give basic information, and to ask questions about the children. He did ask if the children had been seen by a doctor, and if anything was found. He also asked where the children were. He was advised that the children were in protective custody, and were not in need of any immediate medical attention. b6 b7C

Several leads from other areas outside Tallahassee were given to the FBI to follow up on. Agent [redacted] also spoke with suspect [redacted] on the telephone. He is located in the New York area. Agents in the Gainesville area were also sent to interview people who had seen the suspects and children in their area recently. b6 b7C

This investigator and Agent [redacted] also went to the Tree House where [redacted] and [redacted] were being held in protective custody. Agent [redacted] took 35mm pictures (black and white and color) of the three children for use by his agency. The children appeared to be in good spirits. b6 b7C

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Child Abuse		
Location of Incident	Date of Original Report	Date of This Report
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Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) or Address of Business	Property Recovered (if yes, enter value)	
State of Florida		

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On February 7, 1987, this investigator was advised that there was a bomb threat telephoned into the Tree House. The children were taken by sheriff's deputies to LCSO. They remained there until security could be arranged by this agency for the Tree House. b6 b7C

Lt. [redacted] and Agent [redacted] arranged to have several plain clothed investigators rotate a security detail. The children were then moved back to the Tree House.

This investigator was also advised by FBI supervi[redacted], [redacted] that they were going b6 b7C to secure a search warrant for the van, and would be serving it this date. This investigator advised them of the materials that were in TPD Property from the van. They advised that they would like to have an agent go through them. [redacted] came to TPD and went through the materials.

More leads from the Gainesville area were given to the FBI to follow up on.

Also on this date, [redacted] from the National Child Safety Council came to TPD to assist this agency in any way possible. In looking through one of his publications, this investigator felt that missing child, [redacted] may be [redacted]. This investigator spoke b3 b6 b7C with Investigator [redacted] from Montgomery PD, who advised that [redacted] had seen the picture, and stated that [redacted] was not [redacted] was also listed as having blue eyes, and [redacted] has brown eyes. This investigator asked that Investigator [redacted] get a copy of the 35mm picture that Agent [redacted] will be sending to the Washington office of the FBI, and have [redacted] look at it. He stated that he would.

This investigator also spoke with [redacted], of Marshall, California. He advised that he [redacted] of the child listed as [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] real name is [redacted] advised that he has never seen the child, but [redacted] b6 b7C

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Crime or Incident of Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime or Incident
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Name (Last, First, Middle), Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)

[redacted] have. He stated that he last saw [redacted] whose name is [redacted] approximately 5 years ago in Gainesville. He stated that he went to Gainesville to visit [redacted] who was then living in a woman's support cooperative. He stated that they lived in a rented house, and had a van. He met two other women; [redacted] stated that he was there for 48 hours, and when he left he realized that he had been very well manipulated, and really knew little of what was going on in [redacted] life. [redacted] was pregnant at the time.

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[redacted] stated that approximatetly one year ago he and his ex-wife went to visit [redacted] in D.C. His ex-wife was living there at the time. He stated that they went to the [redacted] address, knocked and got no answer. [redacted] stated that as they were walking away, he turned around and saw someone looking out a window at him. The next day, they returned to the house. This time someone came to the door, and let them in, but refused to tell them anything about [redacted] stated that he became extremely aggitated, and left. He stated that shortly thereafter he received a letter from [redacted] saying that she had been in Miami acting like a rich person, and that he [redacted] had been talking to her husband, [redacted]

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[redacted] also advised this investigator that [redacted] and another woman named [redacted] had "crashed" at [redacted] house sometime in 1985. She lived in Washington, D.C. at [redacted] He stated that she finally had to have the Police come and evict them from the house. This may help to explain [redacted] story of [redacted] kicking [redacted], and the Police coming.

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[redacted] advised that he would be interested in getting custody of [redacted]. This

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Child Abuse		
Location of Incident: 600 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 02/04/87	Date of This Report: 02/08/87
This Name: Last, First, Middle (Arrestee or Business): State of Florida	Property Recovered (yes, enter value)	

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No. | investigator advised him that he should contact a lawyer. [redacted] was advised that the b6 b7C

children were fine, and in good health.

Late that night, this investigator was advised that a memo from [redacted] was

given to ABC News in Washington, and that it would be forwarded to this agency. As of this

writing, the memo has not been read.

This investigation was also contacted by Detective [redacted] who advised he would be b6 b7C

in Tallahassee on February 8, 1987, to interview the c[redacted]ren.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 8, 1987, this investigator met with the following people at TPD. [ ] [ ] of Washington Metro PD; [ ] of CPT; [ ] of HRS; [ ] of the FBI. We discussed the current case, and what further information was needed by all agencies. b6 b7C

It was decided by concensus that the children would remain at their respective foster card homes. Any reunion between the children would take place at a later date.

HRS was given the information the possible parents of the children. It was also made clear that HRS would be present for the interviews until a Guardian Ad Litum was appointed.

At the meeting, Detective [ ] advised that no evidence of a satanic cult was found at either residence in Washington, D.C. He was concerned about information he received from three separate sources concerning the basement of the house on [ ] He indicated that there may have been a hole dug in the walls or the floor of the basement, for unknown reasons. He stated that their reason for being in Tallahassee is to interview the children and see if they have any information. b6 b7C

This investigator and Detective [ ] made arrangements to interview [ ] at the Tree House that evening. Agent [ ] would be present with Detective [ ] during the interview of [redacted]. This interview will take place on February 9, 1987. b3 b6 b7C

A list of known members of the Finders was discussed. See case file.

At approximately 6:00 p.m., this investigator and Detective [ ] went to the Tree House to interview [redacted]. She was introduced to Detective [ ] and told that he was from

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UCR DISPOSITION

Type of Original Report: Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident

Location of Incident: 600 Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

Date of This Report: 02/09/87

Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) Arrestee or Business: State of Florida

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Washington, D.C. When asked about the children, she stated that she only knew the six here in Tallahassee and a baby named [redacted]. She stated he was still being fed by [redacted] and could not make the trip. When asked if she knew [redacted], she stated no. [redacted] also named ten finder adult members. She stated that she knew "thousands" of adults, but she had trouble coming up with the last name of the group of ten. When this investigator suggested "the boss", she asked "who?". This investigator told her she knew who I was talking about. She then said [redacted] She appeared to be aggitated with [redacted]

Of the adult members, [redacted] was asked who she liked the most. She said [redacted]. She stated that she didn't like any of the men. When asked which member she didn't like, she said [redacted] [redacted] went on to explain that [redacted] told a secret. [redacted] stated that [redacted] took [redacted] and her to a restaurant one day to get away from [redacted] another finders member, who was "acting crazy". [redacted] apparently "wrote a letter" to [redacted] telling him that [redacted] took the children to the restaurant, without the explaination of why. [redacted] according to [redacted] got in trouble. She did not elaborate on what that trouble might be.

Detective [redacted] asked about some of the games the children played. [redacted] said she could not remember any. He asked her where she played at [redacted] She stated that sometimes they play on the porch (rear) in a closet. [redacted] stated that they put on black clothes, and make monster noises. She stated that this was scarey sometimes. [redacted] also stated that she went down in the basement when the lights are off, and that was scarey too.

We tried to question [redacted] about the basement at this time, but she did not want to talk about it.

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Detective [redacted] then started naming some adult names. He was making up fictious names to see if [redacted] was creditable. She stated that she did nto know any fo the people he had mentioned, until he mentioned [redacted] We had learned earlier that [redacted] had mentioned [redacted] in connection with the basement. [redacted] eyes lit up, and she stated that she knew [redacted] She stated that [redacted] used to be a "boy scout". He lived in High Fields. There were no houses there. She stated that there was "sort of a road" covered by tall, high grass. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had lots of medicine, and had cured an earache she had once. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] liked to be by himself, and listened to the birds.

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NOTE: Information from the FBI identifies [redacted] as [redacted] See case file.

From this conversation, we started talking about the basement again. [redacted] described the basement as four separate rooms; one being a laundry room, one a food room, and one a tool room. She stated that the floors were concrete. She stated the only hole down there was one in the wall in the food room.

We then started talking about the farm. She stated that they had goats and cats at the farm. She stated that they ate the goats. [redacted] also said that the cats "went away".

[redacted] said that they had gone to the farm on the way down to Florida. The itinerary was, according to [redacted], Washington, D.C. to Virginia, to Kentucky, to Gainesville, to Tallahassee. They were in Berea, Kentucky while in that state. [redacted] stated that on other occasions, she has gone to Tampa, Florida.

[redacted] was then asked about the warehouse. She said she didn't go there that often. She said they would stay in tents, and sleep with electric blankets. [redacted] also mentioned

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Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)	

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that there would be a guard over the children, but she said she couldn't remember who that was.

The only game [redacted] would mention was the game she described earlier to this investigator. This investigator asked her to tell Detective [redacted] about the game with the holely shirts. She was consistant with her description of the game. b6 b7C

Additional interviews will proceed with need.

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Child Abuse

Location: 1.3 Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

Date of This Report: 02/09/87

Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) or Business: State of Florida

Present, Subpoenaed? (yes, enter as well)

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Thursday, February 5, 1987, 8:00 a.m.

[redacted] of HRS-Youth Services is contacted by me and asked if he needs any information. [redacted] advises that he would like to know what is in the photographs taken out of the impounded van. I obtain this evidence from the Property Section and open it. [redacted] is contacted by me and told of the photo contents. b6 b7C

Friday, February 6, 1987 8:00 a.m.

Meeting with [redacted] to discuss the case and activity needed today. Meeting last until approximately 9:00 a.m.

9:07 a.m. - I contact [redacted] at the local Chrysler-Plymouth dealership and found out that the van impounded, VIN [redacted] was probably made in Canada, near a town called Pillette. No other information obtained on the van from these people, they refer me to the Orlando Regional Office (305) 352-7422. b6 b7C

9:22 a.m. - I contacted [redacted] in Orlando and questioned him about the van. [redacted] attempted to locate some information but can only tell me that the van was probably made in Canada. [redacted] suggested I contact Detroit. b6 b7C

9:34 a.m. - I contacted [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan, Chrysler Head Office (313) 956-5316. [redacted] advises that he will have to do some checking and call back.

10:55 a.m. - [redacted] returns the call and advises that as best he can tell the van was made in Canada and shipped to Kirby Dodge in Arlington, Virginia. [redacted] advised that the van was then purchased by a company or organization called IECC, 1701 N.W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. [redacted] stated that he has no further information b6 b7C

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Name, Last, First, Middle, Alias or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value):

on the van.

11:21 a.m. - I begin returning phone calls that have been received by the department. The first person I call is [redacted] is not in the office, message left. b6 b7C

11:25 a.m. - [redacted] Center for Exploited Children, Washington, D.C., [redacted] is not in her office. Message left.

11:43 a.m. - [redacted] Tampa, Florida, [redacted] No answer.

11:45 a.m. - [redacted] is out to lunch, message left. b6 b7C

11:48 a.m. - Contacted FIC and asked their help in tracing the van.

11:52 a.m. - [redacted] of FDLE is contacted. She is putting together missing persons flyers.

12:00 Noon - [redacted] out of the office, left message.

12:02 p.m. - [redacted] stated that she knows [redacted] that he is or was a farm hand on her neighbors farm. [redacted] stated that the farm belongs to the [redacted] and is used for watermelon growing. [redacted] stated that at the beginning of last week (Jan. 26-30) she saw [redacted] walk up and down her street with ten children. [redacted] stated that the children were living in the watermelon field belonging to [redacted] stated that all of the children were white and young. She thought it strange that the children were not in school since she was seeing them during the middle of the day. [redacted] stated that the children and [redacted] were in a van but she does not remember any details about the van. b6 b7C

12:14 p.m. - [redacted] Research Institute, Washington, D.C., [redacted]

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No answer. He told [redacted] that the children we had belonged to a cult that has a name of Finders.

12:15 p.m. - [redacted] Developmental Training Program, [redacted] b6 b7C

She stated that on Tuesday, February 3, 1987 she reported to her job site and noticed that the trash dumpster was not emptied as it should have been. [redacted] stated that she called the City of Tallahassee ans asked why. She stated that the person that she talked with, name unknown, told her that the truck driver could not empty the dumpster because a blue van was blocking his access to the dumpster. [redacted] stated that she did not see the van when she came to work. She also stated that she does not know who the driver is.

12:17 p.m. - [redacted] called me back (see 12 noon). [redacted] works for the Center for Independent Living on Ocala Road. [redacted] stated that on Wednesday one of her clients, [redacted] ran an ad in a local newspaper to have someone work for him. [redacted] stated that on Wednesday, 2/4/87, a person answered the ad and acted strange. [redacted] stated that she was told by [redacted] that the stranger said he was a transit from Washington, D.C. and that he was on his way to Mexico. That he wanted no money, but that he would like it if he could bring children to [redacted] apartment so they could take a bath. b6 b7C [redacted] stated that the stranger left on Wednesday and returned on Friday, 2/6, and again worked for [redacted] stated that [redacted] then issued the individual a check and that the check was made payable to a [redacted] stated that [redacted] stated that he had borrowed a buddies van but that on both days he walked to and front the location. [redacted] was described as a [redacted] stated that [redacted] carried a dark blue backpack.

12:30 p.m. - [redacted] Washington, D.C. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she had been talking with Detective [redacted] of the Metro Police and that she thinks she is [redacted] one of the children our department has in custody. [redacted] stated that she is [redacted] I advised I would have to verify her identity and call back. I then called the Metro Police in Washington, D.C. who verified that [redacted] had been talking with them about a child named [redacted] Sgt. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is probably [redacted] one of the children. While talking with Sgt. [redacted] he advised me that after the news broadcast in Washinton on 2/5/87 he had gotten many phone calls from citizens identifying one of the suspects we have in custody. [redacted] stated that the caller i.d. [redacted] that [redacted] was employed by [redacted] and that he had recently been working with the [redacted]

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Sgt. [redacted] stated that when his agency served the search warrant on 2/5/87 they found no one but that they did find a computer bulletin board message that said that the group in Tallahassee has been caught, we are scared and hiding. [redacted] also stated that a piece of paper was found in the house that said mail for [redacted] and [redacted] to Miami, Florida in care of general delivery.

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Sgt. [redacted] gave information on a missing child from Maryland, it is as follows: [redacted]

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I then called [redacted] back. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had entered a small cult in Washington about two years ago. She stated that through [redacted] she met other members of the cult and there children. [redacted] stated that she met children by the names of [redacted]

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Correct Crime or Incident:

Location of Incident: 600 Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

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Name (Last, First, Middle), Alias or Business: State of Florida

Property Recovered (If yes, enter value):

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3:34 p.m. - Received a call from a guy named [redacted] with Interpol, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] stated taht the individual Investigator [redacted] asked him to check has a history in Canada from 1960 to 1971. [redacted] stated that immigrations service has a fingerprint card on this person, [redacted] to contact Buffalo, New York if it is needed. Investigator [redacted] later advises that this is the wrong person to ignore information. b6 b7C

3:40 p.m. - Received a phone call from [redacted] reporting person, who says that Channel 27 was at her door wanting to interview her. [redacted] stated that she is going to give the interview. b6 b7C

3:45 p.m. - [redacted] of Child Find in New York calls and wants copies of children's photographs. Address is [redacted] New York. b6 b7C

3:54 p.m. - [redacted] of HRS calls. She states that the kids have been in a foster home and that they have made the following statement, it was written by foster parents.

[redacted] was watching t.v. and news came on showing a house in which [redacted] said that is the house where I lived. The children are made to sleep outside of the house and moms are allowed to sleep inside the house. [redacted] makes them sleep outside. Men come and visit moms and they sleep inside also. There are seven (7) moms in the house. [redacted] (game caller) is [redacted] [redacted] owns a man named [redacted] The children b3 b6 b7C

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TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

JUVENILE INVOLVED ☐

Case Number 87-3990

Offense Reported or Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime or Incident	
Location of Incident: 601 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 01/04/87	Date of This Report: 02/09/87
Property Belonging to: Victim's Name, Address or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered: Type, Estimated Value	

left home after Christmas because the moms had to wean their babies. They slept in a tent that had holes in it and the snow came through the holes. They had to cook over a candle.

The moms went to town to do money work and worked for [redacted] Moms were a lot of jewelry and lipstick.

[redacted] said he went to school then later said he had never been to school. b3 b6 b7C

He stated [redacted] would have [redacted] and [redacted] spank him. No one has a car but [redacted] Everything belonged to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the children that could talk gave the following information on who their mothers and fathers were:

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[redacted] also gave a name of a person who had called from Gainesville with information on two men, [redacted] b6 b7C

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☐ 1 OPEN ☐ 2 CLOSED ☐ 3 SUSPENDED

Officer Reporting: Inv. [redacted] Dept. ID No. Date: 2/9/87 wt

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UCR DISPOSITION

Name of Incident or Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime or Incident:
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[redacted] stated that [redacted] said that she had placed an ad in the University of Florida paper and two men answered the ad. [redacted] stated that one of the men identified himself as [redacted] a graduate of University of Florida and that [redacted] identified the other male as [redacted] (This person will be contacted for an interview).

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4:40 p.m. - [redacted] CPT called and is also working the case.

No other information at this time.

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Case Number: 87-3990

Name of Crime or Incident or Original Report: Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident:

Incident: 600 Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

Date of This Report: 02/10/87

Name, Last, First, Middle, Arrestee or Business: State of Florida

Property Recovered, Investigated, Value:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

February 9, 1987

8:45 a.m. - I was asked by Investigator [redacted] to contact [redacted] National Child Safety Council [redacted] in reference this case. [redacted] was contacted in Orlando, Florida. He stated that he was there helping with the National Association of Missing Children, an organization based in Orlando, Florida. [redacted] stated that he had met with Investigator [redacted] on Saturday, 02/07/87, in reference to this investigation and that she may have identified one of his missing children photo's as that of one of the children currently being held by this agency and HRS. [redacted] stated that he needed the dates of birth of the children to help with identifications of the children. Dates of birth provided, authorized by Investigator [redacted] If needed he can be reached at [redacted] after hours.

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9:35 a.m. - I contacted [redacted] with the Watertown, New York Police Department [redacted] stated that his agency is working a missing child case and would send us information on the missing child so that we might check it with the children we have in custody. [redacted] stated that the missing child has [redacted] Information packet being sent to this agency.

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9:45 a.m. - Attempted contact with [redacted] of the Niagra Falls County Sheriffs Department. He was not in the office, message left of call. [redacted]

9:50 a.m. - Contacted [redacted] who related the following incident. On Saturday, 02/07/87, a stranger was in her mobile home park handing candy and apples to children that live in the park. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department was notified of the stranger and came to the park and spoke to the person. Does not know any further

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State of Florida

information.

With this information I contacted the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and spoke to stated that on 11/07/87 a Deputy b6 b7C went to the trailer park and arrested a for auto theft out of Kentucky and that the Deputy impounded a red/white Volkswagon Van with a VIN of stated that the arrestee W/M, and that we can refer to their case number of 87-009215 if further information is needed.

10:11 a.m. - Sgt. with the Illinois State Police who advised that b3 b6 b7C he was currently investigating a missing child from his state and asked us to check the children we have to see if any of them are his missing child. stated that the child's name is

stated that he would send a photo of the missing child to this agency so we could check. He said he had no fingerprints on the child. No other information.

10:50 a.m. - Detective Connecticut State Police Stated that he had no information to add but that if this agency needed help to contact him.

10:54 a.m. - called and stated taht Computer Service is willing to b6 b7C place the names and descriptions of the children in their computer for international reference in attempts to identify them. (See above narrative for contact information).

11:00 a.m. - Sgt. Punta Gorda Police Department He said that he currently had a suspect in his custody for minor traffic violation and wished to give us the suspect's description. He described the male as reddish hair, and beard. He was operating a Tag not registered to the vehicle. Suspect's name is

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11:12 a.m. - [redacted] She received a phone call from an anonymous caller about a suspicious person in her neighborhood. [redacted] stated that a white male moved in [redacted] three days ago, that he had two young children with him and that he would not let the children play with the other children in the neighborhood or let them out of the house. [redacted] stated that the caller said that a [redacted] (only description) has been seen at the house on a couple of occasions. No other information. b6 b7C

11:30 a.m. - Sheriff [redacted] of Suffock County New York was called by me, [redacted] He said that he had been in contact with one of our arrested suspect's parents and that the parents wanted the arrestee to contact them. No information provided.

12:05 p.m. - Contact with Lt. [redacted] of Culpepper, Virginia Police Department [redacted] Stated that he worked a case in the past and through this investigation learned that [redacted] at one time lived in Ocala, Florida. [redacted] stated that he did not know where [redacted] was at this time. He stated that he was familiar with [redacted] and had a contact with the cult, Finders. [redacted] said that the contact told him that [redacted] put the word out to the members to flee and hide. [redacted] stated that [redacted] himself would probably go to Andrews Air Force Base and get a military plane flight to China. [redacted] stated that he has a photo of [redacted] and would send a copy of said photo to me. b6 b7C

12:10 p.m. - Contact with Officer [redacted] of the Tampa Police Department [redacted] Stated that he received a phone call from a [redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that she knows the names of the parents of two of the children we have in custody. [redacted] provided the following: [redacted] mother is [redacted] mother is [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] b6 b7C

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Case Number: 87-3990

Crime or Incident in Original Report: Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident:

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

Date of This Report: 02/10/87

Name, Last, First, Middle, Alias, Address or Business: State of Florida

Property Recovered (if yes, enter value):

said that she met the two in a Tampa park. Unknown location of the two at this time. The two at one time lived at [redacted] b6 b7C

12:2- p.m. - Contact with [redacted] who works with People Magazine [redacted] Wanted names of suspects to check it against a list she has compiled over the years working child abuse cases. No information given to her. She provided me with no information.

12:34 p.m. - Sgt. [redacted] (see above narrative for contact information) called again and stated that a female who thinks one of the children we have in custody may be hers and is willing to come to Tallahassee and try and identify her child. I stated that this is not possible at this time.

12:-0 p.m. - Inspector [redacted] San Fransico Police Department [redacted] Stated that a local pager has printed an article that indicates that San Fransico is involved in this case. I advised that I know of no information indicating San Francisco. Advised him to have new media contact with [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

2:26 p.m. - Investigator [redacted] of Niagra County, New York Sheriff's Office. He had missing person case. Advised of the following: missing child is [redacted] W/M, [redacted] FBI has fingerprint classification, the number is [redacted]

3:15 p.m. - Attempted to contact [redacted] Cental recording advises that the number can not be reached. Unable to locate.

3:17 p.m. - [redacted] [redacted] says she is [redacted] and wants information on what is going to happen to the children and how they will be identified. I explained the identification procedure. No other information. b3 b6 b7C

3:20 p.m. - [redacted] stated that he observe a white male maybe a black male in the parking lot of K-Mart, Apalachee Parkway on

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UCR DISPOSITION

Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident

[illegible] Myers Park Drive

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

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State of Florida

Property Recovered (Yes, enter value)

Wednesday, 2/4/87 running with a person in his hands. [redacted] stated that the male ran toward a blue van sitting in the parking lot. [redacted] stated that he didn't think the van had anything to do with the running male but that the child did run toward the van. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that after this he saw a dirty white van travel into the Myers Park area. [redacted] stated that he did not get a tag number and that this was prior to our agency picking the arrestees up.

3:27 p.m. - Attempted contact with [redacted] no answer.

3:29 p.m. - Contacted [redacted] Childrens Clearing House, South Carolina, [redacted] stated that one of the children we have in custody looks like a missing child in their registry. [redacted] gave the following information [redacted] he has [redacted] advised that this information has been given to FDLE, [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

3:52 p.m. - [redacted] was contacted and stated that she thinks one of the children looks similar to a friends child. [redacted] stated that the friend, [redacted] had moved to Columbus, Georgia before Christmas and did not know if the child was still with her. [redacted] stated that she did not know if [redacted] had a phone number or not. [redacted] gave the address of [redacted] as the home of [redacted] was the child's name. b3 b6 b7C

I then contacted the Columbus Police Department who went to [redacted] and checked on [redacted] CPD advised that both were there and that the child was in good condition. b3 b6 b7C

3:58 p.m. - [redacted] called and stated that the following children, [redacted] (children listed in Abducted Children Directory) look similar to

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UCR DISPOSITION

Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime or Incident	
Incident: 200 Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 02/04/87	Date of This Report: 02/10/87
Name (Last, First, Middle, Arrested or Business): State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)	

children we have in custody.

4:13 p.m. - Attempted contact with [redacted] he was out of the office, left message. b6 b7C

4:32 p.m. - Anonymous caller from Beaumont, Texas called. She stated that there is a strange occurance going on in a town called Buna, Texas. Stated that there is a piece of property on [redacted] that is surrounded by a barbed wire fence and had an electronic hurricane fence at the driveway. She stated that men with semi-automatic weapons walk around inside of the fence. b6 b7C

She stated that information has it that the people who occupy the space are running a church and said that the church leader is [redacted] that [redacted] owns a business in Buna, Texas using the name of [redacted]

The caller said she could offer no information on our case.

RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION:

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UCR DISPOSITION

Crime of Incident or Original Report	Correct Crime of Incident	
CHILD ABUSE		
Address of Incident: 600 MEYERS PARK DR.	Date of Original Report: 02-04-87	Date of This Report: 2-24-87
Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) Arrestee or Business: STATE OF FLORIDA	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)	

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

A CITIZEN, [redacted] CALLED TPD AND INDICATED THAT SEVERAL CHILDREN AND SOME MEN WERE IN MEYERS PARK. THEY APPEARED SUSPICIOUS TO [redacted] TPD PATROL OFFICERS ARRIVED AT THE PARK AND OBSERVED SIX CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN APPEARED TO BE DIRTY AND BUG BITTEN. THE TWO MEN WERE QUESTION AS TO THEIR IDENTITY AND THAT OF THE CHILDREN. THE TWO MEN WERE UNABLE TO SATISFY THE OFFICER'S INQUIRIES AND THEY WERE ARRESTED AND EACH CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THIS INVESTIGATOR FIRST OBSERVED THE CHILDREN AT MY OFFICE IN SEX CRIMES AND JUVENILE UNIT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM, FEB 4, 1987. (I OBSERVED THE VAN IN THE TPD SALLYPORT AREA OUTSIDE MY OFFICE.) THE SIX CHILDREN APPEARED TO BE DIRTY, HAIR A MESS, RUNNING NOSES, ETC. INVESTIGATOR [redacted] WAS WORKING WITH SEVERAL PATROL OFFICERS IN THE OFFICE. EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO ACCOMODATE THE CHILDREN WHO APPEARED TO BE TIRED AND CRANKY. IN THAT I WAS PRESENT REFERENCE TO ANOTHER INVESTIGATION I DID NOT ATTEMPT TO TALK WITH THE CHILDREN OR GET INVOLVED WITH THE CASE.

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UCR DISPOSITION

Crime or Incident on Original Report: CHILD ABUSE

Correct Crime or Incident:

Location of Incident: 600 MEYERS PARK DR.

Date of Original Report: 02-04-87

Date of This Report: 2-24-87

Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle), Arrestee or Business: STATE OF FLORIDA

Property Recovered (If yes, enter value):

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CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THE NEXT MORNING I LEARNED THAT I WOULD BE A BACK UP INVESTIGATOR TO THIS CASE. WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS NATIONAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS WERE HIGHLY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. FROM THURSDAY, FEB. 5 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEB. 20, I WORKED SOLELY ON THIS CASE HAVING TAKEN ONLY ONE DAY OFF DURING THAT TIME. ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, I WAS ASSIGNED AS LEAD INVESTIGATOR DUE TO INV. [redacted] BEGINNING HER PRE-SCHEDULED VACATION. b6 b7C

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INVESTIGATION IT BECAME APPARENT THAT INFORMATION WAS GOING TO POUR IN FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM CIVILIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, NEWS REPORTERS, ETC. THEY WISHED TO GIVE OR GET INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHILDREN, THE SUSPECTS, THE "FINDERS" GROUP, CULT INFORMATION, ETC. ALL MESSAGES WERE PLACED INTO A COMPUTER FOR ANALYSIS.

THIS INVESTIGATOR WENT TO THE VAN AT DELOACH'S IMPOUND LOT OFF SPRINGHILL ROAD AND RECOVERED VARIOUS ITEMS WITHIN THE VAN. THESE ITEMS WERE PAPERS AND NOTEBOOKS OF INFORMATION. THIS INFORMATION WAS

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Crime or Incident on Original Report: CHILD ABUSE

Correct Crime or Incident:

Location of Incident: 600 MEYERS PARK DR.

Date of Original Report: 02-04-87

Date of This Report: 2-24-87

Name (Last First Middle) Arrestee or Business: STATE OF FLORIDA

Property Recovered (If yes enter value):

TIME:

VICTIM:

CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

REVIEWED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OCCUPANTS CONCERNING THEIR IDENTITY, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN, ETC.

A SMALL MICRO-COMPUTER, TRS-80, WAS TAKEN FROM THE VAN BY FBI AUTHORITIES IN A SUBSEQUENT CHECK OF THE VAN ON SUNDAY, FEB 8. THE COMPUTER WAS EXAMINED BY AGENTS [redacted] AND [redacted] AND FOUND TO CONTAIN ONE MESSAGE THAT WAS COPIED DOWN. A COPY OF THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO TPD. b6 b7C

ALSO ON SUNDAY, FEB. 8, A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE OF TPD, [redacted] [redacted] ALSO AN F.S.U. STUDENT, BROUGHT ANOTHER TRS-80 COMPUTER TO TPD AND TURNED IT OVER TO THIS INVESTIGATOR. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN FRONT OF THE F.S.U. LIBRARY AND FOUND IT AT AN OUTSIDE PHONE ON THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 5. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED HOW TO WORK IT AND FOUND MESSAGES IN IT THAT HAD NAMES OF TPD INVESTIGATORS [redacted] AND OTHERS. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS CASE AND THEREFORE BROUGHT IT TO TPD. b6 b7C

THIS INVESTIGATOR EXAMINED THE COMPUTER AND TRANSCRIBED SEVERAL PAGES OF MESSAGES FROM IT. THE MESSAGES INDICATED THAT THEY WERE

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ACTIVE: No

CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

BEING SENT VIA PHONE LINES TO A CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM WHERE MEMBERS OF THE SAME GROUP CAN EXCHANGE MESSAGES. A MESSAGE TAKEN FROM THIS COMPUTER INDICATES THAT THEY WERE CONFUSED WHY THE MEN WITH THE KIDS HADN'T LEFT ANY MESSAGES. ANOTHER MESSAGE INDICATED THAT TWO MEN HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN TALLAHASSEE AND THE CHILDREN WERE BEING HELD. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT THIS COMPUTER WAS INADVERTANTLY LEFT AT THE F.S.U. PHONE BY MEMBERS OF THIS SAME GROUP BUT TRAVELING SEPARATELY.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE VAN ALSO WAS CONFUSING. SUSPECT [redacted] HAD TWO MIRANDA RIGHTS FORMS THAT APPEARED TO BE SIMILAR. ONE INDICATED HIS NAME WAS [redacted] AND THE OTHER [redacted] BOTH FORMS WERE INDICATING HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, ETC. ONE OF THE FORMS BEGAN, "I HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE...." THE OTHER FORM BEGAN, "I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE...."

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FEB. 6, INV. [redacted] AND SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] FBI, AND THIS INVESTIGATOR WENT TO LEON COUNTY JAIL IN AN ATTEMPT TO SPEAK WITH BOTH SUSPECTS. WHILE AT THE JAIL WE MET [redacted] HE GRANTED AN INTERVIEW WHERE HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HADN'T SEEN [redacted] FOR SEVERAL YEARS. [redacted] HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN

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ARREST
NO

CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

GAINESVILLE WHERE [redacted] HAD STOPPED BY TO SEE [redacted] FOR AN HOUR AND HAD [redacted] WITH HIM AT THE TIME. [redacted] ISN'T KNOWN TO HAVE ANY CHILDREN.

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[redacted] ALSO GAVE TPD COPIES OF SOME STRANGE LETTERS THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM AND [redacted] IN THE PAST. [redacted] SAID THAT [redacted] HAD GOTTEN INTO A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE BUT HE [redacted] DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND IT.

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AT THE JAIL [redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED BRIEFLY. HE INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO HAVE HIS ATTORNEY PRESENT. HE GAVE THE NAME OF [redacted] AND A WASH. D.C. PHONE NUMBER OF [redacted] [redacted] INDICATED THAT HIS HOME ADDRESS IS [redacted] WITH A PX: [redacted] HE INDICATED THAT [redacted] [redacted] AND THAT [redacted] DIDN'T WISH TO TALK BUT DID WISH TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS ATTORNEY.

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LATER, A CALL TO [redacted] REVEALED THAT [redacted] IS NOT AN ATTORNEY BUT A PAST EMPLOYEE OF THE ATTORNEY I SPOKE WITH. A [redacted] INDICATED THAT HE [redacted] IS AN ATTORNEY AND THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP (HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME "FINDERS") HAD WORKED FOR

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NO

CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

HIM IN THE PAST DOING RESEARCH. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT [redacted] AND HAVE HIM CONTACT [redacted] OR THIS INVESTIGATOR. THIS INVESTIGATOR NEVER REC'D A MESSAGE FROM [redacted]

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CONTACT WITH MOTHERS

ON MONDAY, FEB. 9, TPD REC'D A CALL FROM A MOTHER OF ONE OF THE CHILDREN. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CALL BACK ON TUESDAY. ABOUT 11:15AM THIS INVESTIGATOR SPOKE WITH [redacted] SAID WHO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH THE INVESTIGATORS WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN TALL. SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND THE SUSPECTS. SHE ALSO WAS HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEWS BLITZ THAT WAS PORTRAYING THAT THEY WERE A SATANIC CULT, ETC. I INDICATED THAT I WAS NOT PERSONALLY MAKING ANY NEWS RELEASES NOR WOULD I BE TILL AFTER THE CASE IS CLOSED. SHE MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SPOKESMAN [redacted] SAYING THINGS THAT WEREN'T TRUE. SHE WANTED TO BE ASSURED THAT IF THEY CAME THAT THEY WOULD BE TREATED FAIRLY. I ASSURED HER THAT IF SHE CAME THAT (AS OF THAT TIME) THERE WERE NO WARRANTS FOR ANY OF THEM. I INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERVIEWED WITH A MINIMUM OF PERSONS INVOLVED. SHE INDICATED SHE NEEDED TIME TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

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SHE RECALLED THIS INVESTIGATOR ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11 AND INDICATED THAT SHE AND THE OTHER MOTHERS WOULD BE COMING TO TALLAHASSEE AND EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON THURSDAY ABOUT NOON OR THEREAFTER.

INTERVIEWS WITH MOTHERS

THIS INVESTIGATOR LEARNED ON FRIDAY THROUGH A LOCAL NEWS ARTICLE THAT THE WOMEN HAD ARRIVED AND SEEKING MEETINGS WITH HRS OFFICIALS CONCERNING THEIR CHILDREN. THIS INVESTIGATOR WAS NOT CONTACTED BY THE GROUP UNTIL MONDAY, FEB. 16. A CONVERSATION WITH THEIR ATTORNEY, [redacted] INDICATED THAT THE WOMEN WANTED TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS. A SCHEDULE WAS SET UP TO INTERVIEW THE MOTHERS DURING THE NEXT THREE DAYS. - BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 18, THIS INVESTIGATOR HAD INTERVIEWED ALL FIVE MOTHERS SEPARATELY (NO OTHER PERSONS PRESENT). EACH MOTHER WAS SWORN IN AND THE INTERVIEWS RECORDED.

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EACH MOTHER FILLED OUT QUESTIONAIRES REGARDING THEIR IDENTITY AND THAT OF THEIR CHILDREN. THIS INFORMATION IS BEING VERIFIED AT THIS TIME. EACH MOTHER INDICATED THAT SHE DIDN'T VIEW THE GROUP AS

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"FINDERS." IT SEEMS THAT THE "FINDERS" ASPECT OF THE GROUP IS THE BUSINESS RELATED PART OF THE GROUP. THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE GROUP HAS NO NAME. THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY HAVEN'T USED OR HEARD THE NAME "FINDERS" FOR A LONG TIME. SEVERAL MOTHERS IDENTIFIED "FINDERS" BUSINESS CARDS BUT THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE CARDS WERE STILL AROUND. ONE MOTHER INDICATED THAT THE CARDS WERE PROBABLY BURIED IN THE MATERIAL OF THE VAN FOR A LONG TIME.

THIS INVESTIGATOR CARRIED INFORMATION INTO THE INTERVIEWS THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTED AND ANALYZED. EACH WOMAN GAVE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

APPROXIMATELY LATE DECEMBER THE GROUP OF 20 ADULTS AND 7 CHILDREN WERE LIVING ON [redacted] WASH. D.C. AFTER CHRISTMAS THE CHILDREN AND SEVERAL OF THE MEN TOOK THE SIX OLDEST CHILDREN (THOSE IN CUSTODY) TO A WORK SITE IN BEARA, KENTUCKY. THE MEN WERE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETIREMENT SETTLEMENT CALLED NEW HOPE WHICH IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE REV. [redacted] THE WOMEN WENT TO CALIFORNIA TO WORK FOR 5-6 WEEKS DOING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT DUTIES RANGING FROM CLERICAL TO WRITING AND EDITING FOR DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS.

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WHEN THE MEN ARRIVED IN KENTUCKY THEY WERE INFORMED THAT THE PROJECT WAS BEHIND SCHEDULE. (THIS INVESTIGATOR LOCATED INFORMATION IN THE VAN MATERIALS WHICH WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE "NEW HOPE PROSPECTUS" WHICH WAS A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT RETIREMENT SETTLEMENT. THE DATES INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AS LISTED ON THE PROSPECTUS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE BEING GIVEN BY THE MOTHERS. NONE OF THE MOTHERS HAD SEEN THE NEW HOPE PROSPECTUS I HELD. OTHER INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE WOMEN WAS CONSISTANT WITH THE INFORMATION ON THE MATERIAL.) SINCE THE PROJECT WAS AT A STAND STILL THE MEN USED THEIR COMPUTERS TO COMMUNICATE THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCE TO THE WORKING WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MEN WOULD TAKE THE CHILDREN UPON AN "ADVENTURE" TO FLORIDA.

FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THE GROUP STAYED NEAR GAINESVILLE, FL. (DURING THIS TIME [redacted] WENT TO SEE [redacted] THE MEN IN THE GROUP DID VARIOUS TYPES OF WORK FOR "TRAVEL" MONEY. SUPPOSEDLY THE MEN HAD STARTED OUT THEIR TRIP WITH ABOUT $1500 CASH. ALONG THE WAY THEY ANSWER ADS FROM PEOPLE REQUESTING ODD JOB HELP.

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FOR REASONS THIS INVESTIGATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE MEN AND CHILDREN (USING TWO VANS) MOVED NORTH TO THE TALLAHASSEE AREA. THEY WERE KNOWN (STRONG POSSIBILITY) TO HAVE BEEN IN GAINESVILLE ON MONDAY, FEB. 1 AS A GAINESVILLE NEWSPAPER WITH THAT DATE WAS IN THE VAN. THEY TRAVELED TO TALLAHASSEE SOON AFTER AND WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 4.

DECEPTION

REGARDING THE DECEPTION APPARENT IN THIS CASE THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHY [redacted] HAD TWO FORMS OF MIRANDA RIGHTS WITH HIM, EACH IDENTIFYING HIM DIFFERENTLY, AND ONE SAYING HE "HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE..." NONE OF THE MOTHERS UNDERSTOOD WHY AN INTERCEPTED MESSAGE THAT CONTAINED THE INFORMATION THAT [redacted] (ANOTHER GROUP MEMBER) HAD CALLED TPD EARLY IN THE CASE USING THE NAME [redacted] IT WAS GUESSTIMATED THAT [redacted] USED THE WRONG NAME SO AS NOT TO GIVE AWAY HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND PRECLUDE HIS GETTING ANY INFORMATION FROM CASE INVESTIGATORS. IT WAS [redacted] COMPUTER AND MESSAGE THAT WAS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY AT F.S.J. CAMPUS.

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WHEN THIS INVESTIGATOR ASKED THE MOTHERS WHY THE TWO SUSPECTS HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WERE TAKING THE CHILDREN TO MEXICO TO A SCHOOL FOR BRILLIANT CHILDREN THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT TAKING THE CHILDREN THERE POSSIBLY ONE DAY. NONE OF THE MOTHERS SEEM TO KNOW THAT A MESSAGE TOLD THE MEN TO USE THAT STORY IF STOPPED BY THE AUTHORITIES. THE MOTHERS SEEM TO AGREE THAT IT WAS POOR FOR THE MEN TO HAVE MADE THAT STATEMENT. IT WASN'T APPROPRIATE. THEY FURTHER CONCEEDED THAT THE TWO MEN, [redacted] WEREN'T ARTICULATE b6 b7C AND HANDLED THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE PATROL OFFICERS POORLY. EACH MOTHER INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THE OFFICERS WERE ASKING QUESTIONS AND HOW THE TWO MEN'S ACTIONS AND ANSWERS WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS. EACH MOTHER MAINTAINED THAT THERE IS NOTHING PARTICULAR THAT THEY ARE HIDING.

REGARDING THE DECEPTION IN GENERAL THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T WISH TO GIVE OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP IN THAT ALOT OF PEOPLE DON'T TAKE TIME TO UNDERSTAND THEM. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T FARTICULARLY HAVE ANYTHING TO HIDE BUT THEY DON'T FEEL OBLIGATED TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THEMSELVES. SOME OF THE MOTHERS POINTED OUT THE GROUP HAS SUFFERED FROM THE LATEST NEWS BLITZ WHICH IDENTIFIES

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THE GROUP AS SATANIC AND SACRIFICING. THEY VEHEMETLY DENY THOSE ACCUSATIONS AND SAID THEY WERE BETTER OFF TO SAY LITTLE OR NOTHING THAN GIVE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE MISCONSTRUED.

SEXUAL ABUSE

THIS INVESTIGATOR ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE SEXUAL ABUSE OF THE TWO CHILDREN. SEVERAL OF THE MOTHERS WERE SKEPTICAL THAT THERE WAS, IN FACT, ANY SEXUAL ABUSE. EACH INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE REFREHENSIBLE FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE GROUP TO COMMIT A SEXUAL ACT UPON A CHILD. EACH INDICATED THAT THEIR WAY OF LIFE DOESN'T ABUSE CHILDREN BUT RATHER HOLDS THEM IN HIGH ESTEEM. NO MOTHER COULD BELIEVE THAT ANY OF THE MEN TRAVELING WITH THE CHILDREN COULD HAVE COMMITTED AN SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILDREN.

LIFESTYLE OF THE GROUP

THE LIFESTYLE OF THIS GROUP, AS CONVEYED TO THIS INVESTIGATOR, SEEMS TO BE A MODIFIED IDEA OF THE 1960'S COMMUNE CONCEPT. THIS GROUP'S SYSTEM INVOLVES THE CO-OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY AND ELIMINATION

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OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. WHILE MAJOR ITEMS ARE OWNED IN COMMON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ARE (CAN BE) OWNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. IT WAS POSED THAT EACH MEMBER HAS THE INDEPENDENCE TO COME AND GO FROM THE GROUP (TEMPORARILY OR PERMENANTLY) AT WILL. THE GROUP (TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS) CENTERS UPON AN ON-GOING LOYALTY, DEPENDENCE, DEVOTION, ETC. TO EACH OTHER MUCH LIKE A CONVENTIONAL HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM. THIS LARGER "TEAM" ALSO SHARES MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES. A GROUP LEADER IS CHOSEN, SOMETIMES SEVERAL A DAY, DEPENDING UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE GROUP CHOOSES THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBER IN WHATEVER AREA IS BEING CONSIDERED.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF A VEHICLE WAS HAVING A MECHANICAL PROBLEM, A LEADER WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH VEHICLES WOULD MODERATE CONCERNING HOW BEST TO ACHIEVE REPAIRS.

THE GROUP BELIEVES IN EXPERIENTIAL OR (WHAT THIS INVESTIGATOR TERMS) "HANDS ON" TRAINING. THEY PREFER TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN BY SHOWING THEM BY THE "BEST" MEANS AVAILABLE. GOING TO ZOOS, LIVING IN THE WOODS, ETC. IS A PREFERRED LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO CONVENTIONAL METHODS. AND WHILE CLASSROOM TECHNIQUES ARE APPARENTLY ACCEPTABLE TO

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THE GROUP THEY PREFER AS MUCH DIVERSITY AS POSSIBLE. SEVERAL OF THE MOTHERS QUOTED PHILOSOPHICAL FOLLOWINGS OF REPUTED EDUCATORS AND EXPLAINED HOW THEY (MOTHERS) FEEL THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE BEING GIVEN A BETTER LIFE.

THE PICTURES OF THE CHILDREN WITH SLAUGHTERED GOATS WAS NOT A RITUAL SACRIFICE BUT RATHER AN ATTEMPT AT A "HANDS ON" EXPERIENCE. ONE MOTHER, WHO WASN'T SURE THAT THE ORDEAL WAS NECESSARY OR THAT SHE APPROVED (SHE INDICATED THAT ONLY THE THREE MEN WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME) THOUGHT THAT THE EXPERIENCE WAS WELL INTENTIONED AS A EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN TO LEARN. SHE LIKENED THE SLAUGHTER TO THAT OF WHAT IS DONE IN CONVENTIONAL BIOLOGY CLASSES. SEVERAL MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THE "ROBES" BEING WORN BY THE MEN WERE ACTUALLY SHEETS THE MEN WORE DURING THE SLAUGHTER TO PROTECT THEIR CLOTHING. THE SLAUGHTER OF THE TWO GOATS ON THE VIRGINIA FARM WAS AT THE END OF THE SUMMER AND THE GOATS COULDN'T BE LEFT THERE ALIVE. THE MEAT FROM THE GOATS WAS TAKEN BACK TO WASH. D.C. TO THE GROUP WHERE THEY ATE THE MEAT. THE CHILDREN HAD THE EXPERIENCE TO SEE WHERE MEAT COMES FROM...AN EXPERIENCE THAT MOST CHILDREN DON'T GET WHILE THEY ARE GROWING UP.

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REGARDING EATING, THE MOTHERS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEIR CHILDREN EAT PROPERLY. THE MOTHERS INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF DIET AND NUTRITION. THEY INDICATED THAT THE CHILDREN EAT BALANCED DIETS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THEY GO GET FOOD WHENEVER THEY ARE HUNGRY RATHER THAN DURING PRESCRIBED "MEAL" TIMES. THE GROUP DOES HAVE CONVENTIONAL MEALS UPON OCCASION. THE MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY.

EVIDENCE

CONTENTS OF VAN TAKEN INTO TPD CUSTODY, TO-WIT: BOX OF ASSORTED PAPERS, TABLETS, NOTEBOOKS OF INFORMATION.

1 TRS-80 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FROM [redacted]

1 TRS-80 OBTAIN BY FBI DURING SEARCH OF VAN

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PHOTOS OF VAN TAKEN BY TPD.

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INVESTIGATOR'S SUBJECTIVE NOTES:

THIS CASE BEGAN ON FEB. 4, 1987 WHEN A CITIZEN OBSERVED A GROUP OF UNKEMPT CHILDREN AND TWO MEN IN MYERS PARK. SHE CALLED TALL. POLICE WHO ARRIVED AND OBSERVED SIX DIRTY CHILDREN. IN AN ATTEMPT TO QUESTION THE MEN REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF THE CHILDREN AND THEIR CONDITION THE MEN BEHAVED STRANGELY REGARDING THEIR STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS. BASED UPON THE CONDITION OF THE CHILDREN AND THE INABILITY OF THE MEN TO IDENTIFY THE CHILDREN AND THEMSELVES THE POLICE OFFICERS ARRESTED THE TWO MEN AND TOOK THE SIX CHILDREN INTO CUSTODY PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

MY INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN AS AN ASSISTING INVESTIGATOR FROM THE BEGINNING. I OBSERVED THE CHILDREN THE NIGHT THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS. I SAW THE GENERALLY DIRTY STATE OF THEIR CLOTHES AND BODIES. THEY APPEARED TIRED AND CRANKY.

AS AN ASSISTING INVESTIGATOR I WORKED FULL TIME ON THIS CASE TO ASCERTAIN THE IDENTITY OF THE CHILDREN AND THE MEN. ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11 I WAS MADE LEAD INVESTIGATOR OF THE CASE.

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DURING MY INVESTIGATION I WAS CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN AND THE TWO MEN BEING HELD. I HAVE, 1.), ATTEMPTED TO LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THE CHILDREN, 2.) IF THEY WERE, IN FACT, ABUSED OR NEGLECTED AT THE TIME OF THE ARREST BY THE SUSPECTS, AND 3.), IF THE LIFESTYLE OF THE GROUP ABUSES OR NEGLECTS THE CHILDREN IN ANYWAY.

THE CHILDREN, MOTHERS AND THE TWO SUSPECTS ARE PART OF A GROUP THAT LIVE AN ALTERNATE LIFE STYLE. NO INFORMATION CAME TO ME INDICATING THAT THEIR LIFESTYLE ABUSES OR NEGLECTS THEIR CHILDREN. AT THE TIME OF THE ARREST THE ARRESTING OFFICERS CERTAINLY HAD PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST. IT WAS REASONABLE TO EXPECT A FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO FOLLOW UP ON THE STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE IDENTITIES OF THE CHILDREN STRONGLY APPEARS TO BE ACCURATE THAT THE TRUE MOTHERS HAVE COME FORWARD. THEY HAVE GIVEN PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT SUGGESTS THE CHILDREN ARE THEIRS. THE MOTHERS HAVE CO-OPERATED FULLY WITH THIS INVESTIGATOR. AT THIS TIME THE INFORMATION THEY GAVE ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN AND THEMSELVES IS BEING VERIFIED THROUGH THE F.B.I. WHICH HAS ASSISTED THROUGHOUT THE CASE.

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AS TO WHETHER THE CHILDREN HAD ACTUALLY BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED AT THE TIME OF ARREST SEEMS TO HINGE ON WHETHER THE CHILDREN BEING DIRTY, POSSIBLY HUNGRY, AND LIVING UNDER CAMPING LIKE CONDITIONS (PER THEIR SITUATION) CONSTITUTES ABUSE OR NEGLECT. PROBABLY THE TWO MEN-CARETAKERS COULD HAVE PROVIDED A BETTER ATMOSPHERE FOR THE CHILDREN AND BEEN MORE OPEN DURING INTERVIEWING BY POLICE AT THE SCENE.

REGARDING THE OVERALL LIFESTYLE OF THE GROUP IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMPILE COMPLETE INFORMATION. THE GROUP APPEARS TO BE "ONE FAMILY" WITH ALL MEMBERS HAVING ROLES WHICH INCLUDE WORKING, MAKING DECISIONS, AND HAVING OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. AS TO WHETHER THIS LIFESTYLE IS APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE IS A SUBJECTIVE MATTER. THIS INVESTIGATOR HAS LEARNED OF NO GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS THAT APPEAR ABUSIVE OR NEGLECTFUL.

END OF REPORT

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JUVENILE INVOLVED ☐

Case Number

UCR DISPOSITION

Crime or Incident or Original Report: Child Abuse

Correct Crime or Incident:

Incident: Myers Park

Date of Original Report:

Date of This Report: 2-13-87

Name (Last, First, Middle), Arrestee or Business:

Property Recovered (if yes, enter value):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

I made a neighborhood check of the area around Myers Park on 13 FEB 87 and talked with several people. I talked with [redacted] of the Easter Seal center and she told me that none of her people had seen anything during the time prior to the incident at the park. She said that they did see the police when the arrests were made.

I talked with [redacted] at Parks and Recreation Dept. and she told me that she would ask her workers and playgroudn supervisor's if they had seen anything and would get back to me. I left her a business card to call me if anything came up. I talked to the people in some of the houses along Myers Park Dr. that faced the playground area where the incident occurred. The only person that said she saw anything was [redacted] She is the babysitter there and the phone there is [redacted] Her home address is [redacted] said that she saw the blue van in the park two or three times a week since Decemeber. I asked her if it was the same van and the same children that were involved in the incident and she said that it was. She said that she did not notice any unusual treatment of the kids by the two adult males that were with them.

No one else in the immediate area saw anything.

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Supervisor Approving: Dept ID No: Date

OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

[illegible] INVOLVED ☐	Case Number: 87-3990
Crime of Incident on Original Report: Child Abuse	Correct Crime of Incident:
Incident: [illegible] Myers Park Drive	Date of Original Report: 02/04/87 — Date of This Report: 02/11/87
Name of Last, First, Middle, Arrestee or Business: State of Florida	Property Recovered (If yes, enter value):

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On February 10, 1987 this investigator, Detective [redacted] and Agent [redacted] went to Chattahoochee, Florida to interview [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

This investigator and Detective [redacted] conducted the interview with [redacted], and Detective [redacted] and Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed first.

[redacted] was first shown some pictures that the FBI confiscated from their search on the van. She stated that she did not recognize the pictu[illegible] of the old man in the garden. She stated that she remembers the house, because it had a swimming pool in the house. She could not remember where the house was located.

The picture of the children bathing in the buckets was identified as Hill House. [redacted] stated that Hill House is located in Virginia, where the "goats are". This would be the farm house located in Nethers, Virginia.

The picture of [redacted] and [redacted] playing by a wood structure, were identified as being at "High Fields", where [redacted] lives. [redacted] stated that the structure was being built by [redacted] It was being built in the area labled as "OP", on the hand drawn map. (See case file). b3 b6 b7C

[redacted] also identified two pictures containing [redacted] b3 b6 b7C [redacted] (known to this investigator as [redacted] She stated that these photos were taken at "the white cabin".

When [redacted] was shown the hand drawn map, she described the area labled "white cabin" as the white cabin in the pictures described above. [redacted] described the red cabin as the place where [redacted] stays with [redacted] According to [redacted] "paradise" is the place they play, and camp. It is located on a trail which b3 b6 b7C

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OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

Case Number: 87-3990

Child Abuse

600 Myers Park Drive

State of Florida

Date of Original Report: 02/04/87

Date of This Report: 02/11/87

leads from the white cabin. "Camp Core" is a place that [redacted] has a big fireplace. b3 b6 b7C

and a well. [redacted] described [redacted]

[redacted] also identified [redacted] in the photos depicting adults around a dining table.

This investigator had [redacted] larify several items mentioned in previous interviews. First, the fourth basement is the "junk" basement. The punishment [redacted] received b3 b6 b7C for taking them to the restaurant, was a letter from [redacted] which made her feel bad. [redacted] said the letter told [redacted] bad things about herself. This was the second clarification. [redacted] described the "holes" as holes dug for defecation in the outdoors. The only hole in the basement is in the food basement, and she indicated that was used to put things that aren't used. [redacted] also advised this investigator that [redacted] No other information.

This investigator discussed going on trips. [redacted] stated that she had been on an airplane. She had been twice; once just with [redacted] and once with [redacted] b3 b6 b7C She stated that she had been to Gainesville and Tampa. While in Gainesville, they visited [redacted] would give no other information on the subjects.

[redacted] was allowed to listen to a tape of a phone call to the National Center for Exploited Children. On the tape, an anonymous male caller gave information in regards to the children, to the operator on duty. [redacted] was extremely interested in the tape. She stated that it sounded like [redacted] Detective [redacted] and I had decided b3 b6 b7C earlier to only play part of the tape, but [redacted] was insistatnt about hearing the entire

Inv. [redacted] 2/12/87 wt

OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

Case Number	87-3991
Crime or Incident on Original Report	Child Abuse
Correct Crime or Incident	
Incident	600 Myers Park Drive
Date of Original Report	02/04/87
Date of This Report	02/11/87
Name (Last, First, Middle) Arrestee or Business	State of Florida
Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)	

tape. She stated that [redacted] "covers the phones" at the [redacted] The information on the tape appeared to be known by [redacted]. While listening to the tape, the male asked away from the phone) "which of [redacted] kids?". [redacted] stated taht [redacted]

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When talking about [redacted] said that the reason [redacted] weren't talking, was because [redacted] told them not to.

[redacted] demonstrated how she was able to count to ten in Chinese. She stated that she learned to count in Chinese from a Chinese man who "guested" at the [redacted]

HRS contacted [redacted] for the Chicago area to interview the children from a psychological perspective. His preliminary report was unavailable at the time of this writing.

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JUVENILE INVOLVED

OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

Date Number: 87-3990

UCR DISPOSITION

Crime or Incident or Original Report: CHILD ABUSE

Correct Crime or Incident:

Address: 600 MYERS PARK DR.

Date of Original Report: 02-04-87

Date of This Report: 2-08-87

Name, Last, First, Middle, Alias or Business: STATE OF FLORIDA

Property Recovered (if yes, enter value):

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ON THIS DATE THIS INVESTIGATOR REC'D WORD THAT A PART-TIME TALL.POLICE EMPLOYEE (COMMUNICATIONS SECTION), [redacted] LOCATED A SMALL COMPUTER AT A PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH ON FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU) CAMPUS IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY. HE IS A STUDENT AT FSU. AN INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] INDICATED THAT ON THURSDAY, FEB 5, 1987 ABOUT 6:15 PM HE WAS WALKING PAST THE PHONE BOOTH AND SAW THE COMPUTER. HE TOOK IT HOME WITH HIM. ON SATURDAY, FEB 7, HE TOOK IT OUT OF ITS CASE AND ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE WHO THE OWNER WAS. HE FIGURED OUT HOW TO RUN IT AND ATTEMPTED TO LEARN WHO THE OWNER WAS BY READING THE INFORMATION IN IT.

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[redacted] READ INFORMATION CONCERNING TPD POLICE INVESTIGATORS. ON SUNDAY, FEB 8, HE BROUGHT IT TO TPD AND TURNED IT OVER TO MYSELF. AFTER LEARNING HOW IT WORKED THIS INVESTIGATOR COPIED THE MESSAGES FROM THE COMPUTER.

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THE INFORMATION DISCLOSED THAT THE OWNER WAS OBVIOUSLY PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH A GROUP CALLED THE "FINDERS." FRIENDS OF THE OWNERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN TALL. ON FEB 4 AND CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE.

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Crime or Incident or Original Report: CHILD ABUSE	Correct Crime or Incident:	
Incident: 600 MYERS PARK DR.	Date of Original Report: 02-04-87	Date of This Report: 2-08-87
Name (Last, First, Middle, Attention of Business): STATE OF FLORIDA	Property Recovered (if yes, enter value):	

CONTINUED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A TRANSCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION EXISTS IN THE REPORT FILE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

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[illegible] Original Report: -ILD ABUSE	Correct Crime or Incident:	
[illegible]: MYERS PARK DR.	Date of Original Report: 2-4-87	Date of This Report: 2-7-87
[illegible] Business: TATE OF FL	Property Recovered [illegible] Value:	

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Children were located in Myers Park in a dirty condition. Their two guardians were arrested for child abuse.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

About Saturday, Feb. 7, 1987, a [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] talked with this investigator and explained that she had been in Lafayette Park about 10:30AM on Feb. 4, 1987. She talked with one of the men arrested. She saw the six kids and thought they were dirty. She said she thought the man was acting weird as if he was on drugs. She described the man as being the one with the mustache. Caller said that the pants on the boy appeared to be too big for the boy. She talked with the man for 5-7 minutes at the swing set. He asked questions about other parks in the area especially those with a swimming pond or area.

Caller stated that another person who talked with the men was a [redacted] This investigator has not been able to make contact with [redacted] to date.

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FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (31C-WF-189911) (TRA) (RUC)

SUBJECT : "FINDERS" GROUP;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY;
OO: WMFO

Re WMFO teletype to the Bureau, dated 11/10/93.

Enclosed for WMFO are following items received from TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief MELVIN TUCKER:

1. Complete TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT case file concerning the FINDERS;

2. A letter from Congressman CHARLIE ROSE to Tallahassee Police Chief MELVIN TUCKER, dated 9/15/93;

3. Copy of a letter to Chief TUCKER from 48 HOURS, dated 9/16/93;

4. A TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT memorandum to Chief TUCKER from [redacted] concerning being interviewed by a U.S. CUSTOMS Agent concerning an FBI [redacted] the captioned matter;

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5. Two memos purportedly authentic U.S. CUSTOMS' memos concerning the FINDERS case; and

6. A copy of an article from the "city paper" concerning the FINDERS case.

Also enclosed for WMFO is a copy of Jacksonville's complete investigative file regarding this matter, to include copies of the 1A and 1B sections. BLP

On 11/16/93, contact with Tallahassee Police Chief MEL TUCKER revealed that there was never any outside agency either in or outside the United States intelligence community who contacted anyone in his department with an attempt to influence in any way their investigation of the FINDERS GROUP. All evidence in the case that was obtained was either returned to its owners or otherwise destroyed.

Chief TUCKER advised that he has been contacted by a number of individuals recently concerning the FINDERS case. One was Congressman CHARLIE ROSE, Chairman, Committee on House Administration, who both telephonically and in writing expressed an interest in the facts and circumstances surrounding the FINDERS case in Tallahassee, Florida. Additionally, Chief TUCKER was contacted by [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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memorandum to Chief TUCKER, SA [redacted]

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For the information of the Bureau, Tallahassee SSRA

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Tallahassee portion of the investigation, and also resolve whether there was any improper influence by any agency brought to bear on the TPD in the performance and reporting of their investigation. The bottom line was that the Tallahassee investigation was not impeded/influenced in any way by any agency or improper considerations.

This matter is considered RUC by Jacksonville Division.

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On 11/10/93, the following names were searched in WMFO indices at the request of SSA [redacted] FBIHQ, CID, VCU. b6 b7C

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		[redacted]	Information Concerning
190-1-Sub G-503 PL		11-84	
		FOIPA Request of Above	
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Subject FINDERS, FINDERS GROUP (See Att C)

Social Security Account #

Aliases FINDERS (See Att C), TRANSNATIONAL

Address FINDERS TRANSNATIONAL RAGGED MOUNTAIN

Birth Date	Birth Place	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

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		Finders Transnational;	
		Ragged Mountain Research Center	
		[redacted]	b6 b7C
		Extortion	
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Finders Organization 9-5009-1 P2	WMFO	1-83	
		Address	
		3918-3920 W Street, NW	
		Washington D.C	
		Telephone (202) 338-8163 and (202) 333-9696	

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Finders Transnational			
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		DOB [redacted]	
190-BC*	AX	3-85	
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Indexed to Finders, Finders Group, Finders Transnational, and Finders Transnational Ragged Mountain:

9-5009 extortion case opened on 7/14/83 by Alexandria Division against [redacted] as the victim. Subject [redacted] was described as a W/M born approx [redacted] Victim [redacted] advised that he was a member of this cult, headed by [redacted] which was also known as FINDERS. He described the cult as an alternate lifestyle group, and related an incident detailing the death of a member, BARBARA MATEJA. [redacted] WMFO contacted MPD, and was advised that MATEJA had died as a result of refusing medical attention for religious reasons, and that no homicide investigation had been conducted. File reflected that the case was closed as the AUSA for Alexandria would not consider any prosecution.

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9-5009 same as detailed above.

9B-665 file destroyed on 4/2/69.

190-136 FOIPA file that could not be located.

Indexed to Isabelle Pettie:

no references.

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Indexed to Womens Network Service:

no reference.

Indexed to General Scientific Corporation:

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Indexed to Future Enterprises:

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[redacted] were members of his group. The case was closed upon resolution by interview.

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Indexed to General Scientific:

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Indexed to [redacted]

[redacted] same information as detailed above.

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Indexed to [redacted]

[redacted] same information as detailed above.

190-C0000001-E request for FOIPA information by [redacted] concerning an [redacted] dated 9/9/87.

190-Z0000001 FOIPA file that has been destroyed.

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Indexed to Future Enterprises:

[redacted] lead on Philadelphia Division 3/3/88
investigation of [redacted]

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Memorandum

To : SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date 11/23/93

From : SSA [redacted] (C-4)

Subject: FINDERS GROUP;
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OO:WMFO

On 11/23/93, SSA [redacted] VCU-CID advised that based on recent discussions with VCU Unit Chief [redacted] and Section Chief KAHOE, the interview of U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SA [redacted]

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It is noted that as of 11/23/93 the formal written request from FBIHQ to both [redacted] and the USDOS had not been sent out of FBIHQ.

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From: FBI WMMO (31C-WF 189911)(P)(C-4)
(Name of Office)

Subject: FINDERS 001 WMMO

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Memorandum

To : SAC, MIAMI (145-0) (P) Date 10/26/93

From : SA [redacted] (FPRA) b6 b7C

Subject: UNSUBS;
ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE
CHILD ABUSE & CHILD PORNOGRAPHY,
STUART, FLORIDA AREA

Attached to this memo are copies of letter from [redacted] dated 7/21/93, and letter from LARRY A. POTTS, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, to [redacted] dated 9/20/93. Further attached is a copy of a [redacted] dated 9/14/93.

The purpose of this memo is to address allegations or potential allegations concerning child abuse in the Stuart, Florida area.

During the period of August through September, 1992, [redacted] b6 b7C

Subsequent to this request, SA [redacted] at his offices. It should be noted that [redacted] identified as one of those assaulted. [redacted] proceeded to advise SA [redacted] of much of the information as he related in the letter to [redacted] on 7/21/93. While not going into as much detail as is set forth in the letter, [redacted] did allude to U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE not following through on investigation. He did mention allegations of computer chips being planted in children's heads, an organization in Stuart, Florida involved in Satan worship and possibly child abuse, and the fact that individuals involved in such activities were at the highest levels of government. When pushed for any substantive evidence concerning these allegations, [redacted] could not provide any and

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alluded to the fact that no one could be trusted in this matter including SA [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that if he obtained any evidence or witnesses concerning child abuse or any other evidence to substantiate his allegations, he should contact SA [redacted] To date, he has not done so. b6 b7C

At the time of the contact with [redacted] no documentation of this meeting occurred by SA [redacted] due to the fact that SA [redacted] felt his allegations to be extremely broad, far-fetched and unsubstantiated in any way. It should be noted [redacted]

During the Summer of 1993, rumors again surfaced in the Stuart, Florida area concerning Satanic worship and child abuse and thereafter, the attached letter was received.

On 10/16/93, State Attorney [redacted] Fort Pierce, Florida was contacted and advised his office had conducted the investigation and prosecution of [redacted] sexual abuse case. Since that time, he advised, [redacted] has maintained contact with him up to the recent past and continued to make allegations of further sexual abuse, none of which are substantiated. According to [redacted] admitted to him he had found no connection to date between [redacted] actions and any nationwide organizations or activities. [redacted] did provide the attached copy of a communication concerning the FINDERS, which [redacted] had provided to him on 9/14/93. He advised [redacted] is now claiming a group called the "FINDERS", which was part of the Washington, D.C. Intelligence community, had a splinter group which was involved in child sexual abuse. One of the members of this group supposedly resides in [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] was provided with a copy of page #2 of a letter to [redacted] dated 7/21/93, which he read and advised that this was misleading and certain statements [redacted] made were in fact [redacted] advised the STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE investigation did not uncover others having been involved than were charged. b6 b7C

On 10/18/93, Sergeant [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] he stated, has maintained that there is a nationwide conspiracy among individuals involved in Satanic worship and sexual child abuse, with members being located in the Stuart, Florida area. To date, Sergeant [redacted] advised he has located no hard evidence of any organized sexual abuse in the area, but noted there is a similarity in sexual abuse cases that have occurred in different parts of the country. Sergeant [redacted] did not volunteer, but when asked admitted he was looking into a group called the "FINDERS"; however, he did not have any confirmed criminal activity at this time.

On 10/21/93, [redacted] operates a day school from which, during the past year, he advised numerous parents have withdrawn their children. According to [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] occurring at or being done by individuals at the JENSEN BEACH PRE-SCHOOL. [redacted] concerning the JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, where parents also withdrew their children from attendance.

[redacted] stated that he himself did extensive checking of the [redacted] school and found absolutely no indication of any child abuse. He further advised that those espousing [redacted] b6 b7C

On 10/22/93, [redacted] JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, was contacted. [redacted] advised that in the past year, three to five families had withdrawn their children from the JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL based on rumors of cult activities and child abuse involving employees at her school. [redacted] stated she did extensive work to attempt to substantiate these rumors, with negative results. She advised that [redacted]

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On 10/22/93, Lieutenant [redacted] was contacted and advised that he and the school are aware of individuals within the Stuart and Port St. Lucie, Florida areas involved in Satan worship. To date, he advised, neither he nor anyone else to his knowledge has revealed any evidence that these practices are in any way related to sexual child abuse.

All individuals contacted above were advised that were they to obtain any information concerning sexual abuse of children, they should immediately report it to the authorities. In view of the lack of any evidence of, or substantiation of, [redacted] allegations as set forth in the attached letter as they relate to the Stuart, Florida area, no further inquiries are being made concerning this matter at this time.

September 20, 1993

[redacted]
Assistant to the Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1993, in which you forwarded two sets of correspondence dealing with child sex abuse allegations you had received from [redacted] b6 b7C

A copy of [redacted] correspondence has been forwarded to our Atlanta Office for review. The Criminal Investigative Division (CID) has thoroughly reviewed and discussed [redacted] correspondence with the FBI, Macon, Georgia, Resident Agency (RA). The Macon RA is well aware of [redacted] From the review of available material to date, there appears to have been medical evidence to indicate that one or more children were molested; however, the joint investigation in this matter by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the Macon Police Department (MPD) did not determine who was responsible. Although the information reviewed to date does not appear to indicate a Federal violation, our Atlanta Office has been instructed to further review reports concerning the joint GBI/MPD investigation to determine if an FBI investigation is warranted.

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Attention SAC: This matter is referred for appropriate action.
1 - Miami - Enclosures (10)
Attention SAC: This matter is referred for appropriate action.

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SSRA [redacted] 10/9/93 b6 b7C

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A copy of [redacted] correspondence has been forwarded to our Miami Office for review. b6 b7C

Any future inquiries in this matter can be referred to E. Michael Kahoe, Section Chief, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division.

Sincerely yours,

Larry A. Potts
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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Date 11/19/93

TO : SAC, WMFO

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (31C-WF-189911) (FPRA) (RUC)

SUBJECT : "FINDERS GROUP";
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFICK ACT -
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY;
OO: WMFO

Re Bureau teletype to WMFO and Miami on 11/2/93 and WMFO teletype to the Bureau and Miami dated 11/10/93 with lead inadvertently sent to Miami for Jacksonville Division at Tallahassee, Florida.

Enclosed for information of WMFO is one copy of memo of SA [redacted] dated 10/26/93, involving captioned matter with attachments and copy of FD-302 concerning interview of [redacted] on 11/15/93. Attached for the information of Jacksonville is one copy of FD-302 concerning interview of [redacted] on 11/15/93.

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For the information of WMFO, enclosed memo and attached information was investigation conducted prior to Bureau teletype November 2, 1993, which is self-explanatory. This investigation was conducted in response to allegations put forth within the Stuart community by [redacted] and others as to sexual abuse of children within the area.

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Approved: [redacted] Transmitted [redacted] (Number) (Time) Per [redacted]

In response to Bureau teletype 11/2/93 request for interview of [redacted] he was interviewed on 11/15/93 with results set forth. As this interview reflects, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

WMFO should note that during interview of [redacted] he advised he would provide on the following day November 16, 1993, the FINDERS' location in Washington, D.C. To date he has not provided this information. Further, he initially was reluctant to discuss the matter with SA [redacted] until it was pointed out to him that if he was withholding information concerning child abuse, he himself might have some criminal liability.

In view of the fact that no investigation remains outstanding, Miami is considering this matter in an RUC status.

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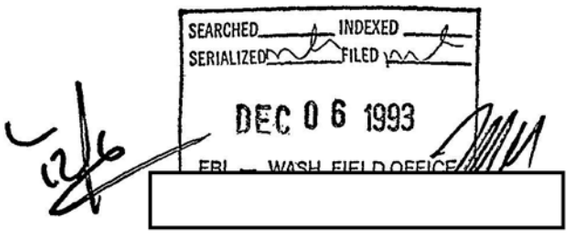

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(Name of Office)
Date: 11/24/93

Facsimile number: 202-863-1786

Attn: SSA [redacted] ext 7844, Squad C-4
(Name / Room / Telephone No.)

From: Director, FBI
(Name of Office)

Subject: "Finders" Group;
WSTTA - Sexual Exploitation of Children;
Obstruction of Justice - Preliminary Inquiry;
00: WMFO

Special Handling Instructions: Please HAND CARRY TO SSA [redacted] Squad C-4, ext 7844

Originator's Name: SSA [redacted] Telephone: 324-4294

Originator's Facsimile Number: 202-324-3089

Approved: LAP/DR

[redacted] - Please see attached DRAFT SYNOPSIS. FBI/DOJ
Please review with SA [redacted] And contact myself or SSA [redacted]. Thanks.

The USCS informed the MPD that they were unsure if the six children had been kidnapped from their parents, and that they had attempted unsuccessfully to contact representatives of the Finders at 3918-3920 W. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. They feared that other children were being abused at that address.

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Based on information received from an MPD source and from the authorities in Florida, the MPD contacted AUSA [redacted] who advised that search warrants for the known Washington, D.C. addresses were appropriate under Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (Kidnapping). Subsequently, a representative of the MPD prepared an affidavit and search warrants were obtained from Magistrate Dwyer in the U.S. District Court for the premises at 3918-3920 W. Street, N.W., and 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. b6 b7C

SEARCH WARRANTS

♦ On 2/5-6/87, search warrants were executed for the premises at 3918-20 W. Street, N.W., and 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. by members of the MPD Intelligence Division. During the execution of the search warrants, no children were found. Large amounts of biographical information concerning the Finders was obtained along with computers, software and photographs. All of this information was subsequently turned over to the Florida authorities for evaluation.

♦ The MPD case file does not contain a copy of the search warrants nor a listing of specific items seized during the execution of search warrants on 2/5/87 and 2/6/87 at the Finders Group properties at 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Although a report dated 2/26/87 indicates that copies of documents seized during the execution of search warrants were provided to authorities in Florida, and that evidence held in the custody of the mobile crime lab would be released to representatives of the Finders, no documentation was found in the file which reflected the present status of any items seized during these searches.

MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS

♦ [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

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MPD INVESTIGATION

♦ The MPD interviewed family members of the six children recovered in Tallahassee, Florida, as well as twenty-one former members of the Finders group. Representatives of the MPD travelled to Tallahassee, Florida to conduct interviews and to obtain information from the Tallahassee Police Department.

An MPD "overview report" dated 4/13/87 reported that the former members of the Finders group indicated that the Finders "organization began as an alternative life style in the 1960's and many of them became disenchanted with the quasi-military order under the direct supervision [redacted] b6 b7C Many of the former members stated that they feared retribution from the Finders organization..."

The overview report also noted that the family members of the six children had been interviewed and they had stated that "..[redacted] had brainwashed their children, and prevented any contact with their children or grandchildren. Members of the Finders, according to family members would stop any contact by sending letters describing explicit sexual acts involving current members, including photographs and drawings..."

The information obtained from the children and the authorities in Tallahassee, Florida reflected that the children had not verbalized any complaints of sexual abuse.

During the interviews conducted by the MPD in this matter, no documented evidence was developed concerning sexual abuse of children by members of the Finders group.

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♦ During an interview on 2/20/87, [redacted] a former member of the Finders Group, stated that "..[redacted] (S)

♦ On 2/8/87 [redacted] b6 b7C had stated that people in the Finders group were a commune type group, with a hard working type of work ethic. He indicated that they had shown that they are willing to work at any project for the benefit of the group. [redacted] stated that the Finders led a somewhat bizarre lifestyle,

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[redacted] indicated b6 b7C
that they felt that the Finders were not in any way involved in child abuse, or devil worship.

♦ On 2/17/87, [redacted] of the Finders, stated that the Finders have been known to send harassing letters and that [redacted] had stated that this is an example of [redacted] He stated that although the Finders behavior was often bizarre, he did not recall ever seeing any children mistreated by the Finders.

FINAL DISPOSITION

♦ During the course of this investigation, the District of Columbia Child Protection Office was advised of this matter by the MPD. Copies of all documents seized during the execution of search warrants relative to child neglect/abuse or suspected neglect/abuse were provided for review by the Child Protection Office. During meetings between the Child Protection Office and representatives of the MPD, it was determined that the children involved in this matter were not under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

The State of Florida dropped all charges in this matter in late March 1987 due to lack of evidence.

REFERENCES TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

♦ The MPD file contains three references to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) located in reports dated 9/15/86, 2/19/87 and 4/13/87. There was no documentation in the file of any direction or interference of the MPD's Finders investigation by the CIA. b1 per CIA b3

♦ An MPD report prepared by Detective [redacted] and dated 9/15/86, documents a meeting with an MPD source who [redacted] (S) This report indicates that [redacted] was introduced to the Finders organization in 1980 at a party in Washington, D.C. by [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D

♦ An MPD report prepared by Sergeant J. H. Stitcher (deceased), dated 2/19/87, and captioned "Finders involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency," indicated that on 2/18/87, Detective [redacted] spoke with S/A [redacted] (believed to be an abbreviation for Special Agent) Central Intelligence Agency b3 per CIA b6 b7C

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(CIA) concerning any contact that members of the Finders may have had with the CIA. [redacted] confirmed that [redacted] Isabelle (deceased at the time of the report), was a CIA employee from 1950 until 1971. [redacted] had asked S/A [redacted] "...if our investigation was treading on anyone's toes out there..." [redacted] had replied "Sort of...He acknowledged that they have had someone working on the case since it first broke on the news media.. [redacted] (S) [redacted] Future Enterprises operates out of the warehouse at 1307 4th St NE..." S/A [redacted] had indicated that the CIA had been aware that during the period 1969-1971, [redacted] had traveled to Moscow, North Korea and North Vietnam.

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This report stated that the CIA "apparently has a vested interest in [redacted] and/or the group. They have not contacted any of the investigating agencies while they have been working on the case...In summary, [redacted] (S) (S) [redacted] there will be no justification for the way the children have been treated, and the matter will be addressed in Family Division, Superior Court."

The report was marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and "DO NOT DISSEMINATE," and was signed by MPD Sergeant (Sgt.) J.H. Stitcher. It is noted that throughout this report, the name [redacted] had been lined out, and the name [redacted] had been penciled in above the lined out name.

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◊ An "overview report" prepared by Detective [redacted] and dated 4/13/87, indicated that [redacted] was a former employee of the agency; that the CIA had been monitoring the MPD investigation from the beginning; and [redacted] (S) [redacted] with the Finders group. This report stated that "It is the writers belief that the Finders organization is and has been utilized by the CIA as a disinformation service spreading nonessential, non-critical information to various organizations throughout the United States and overseas. This group to the most part is made up of overeducated non-achievers who lacked the inborn initiative to succeed on their own. Therefore they fell in with a charismatic leader who gave them direction and self importance. To the most part this organization individually is harmless...As to the abuse of the children, I do not think that child abuse was a planned tactic of this group..."

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U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE DOCUMENTS

♦ The MPD file contained three documents which appear to be reports prepared by an unidentified U.S. Customs Service (USCS) Special Agent (SA). These documents include a memo dated 2/7/87, a memo dated 4/13/87, and an undated document captioned "Finders/Chronology." The names of the USCS SA and the MPD Detective are not contained in these documents as they were deleted prior to review by the FBI.

♦ The memo dated 2/7/87 and captioned "Customs cooperation/interest in Tallahassee/Washington MPD child abuse investigation is addressed to the Resident Agent in Charge and is from an unidentified USCS SA. The memo indicates that the USCS duty Agent received a call on 2/5/87 from USCS, Tallahassee, Florida, who had been contacted by the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) concerning a child abuse investigation. The TPD had contacted USCS to obtain assistance in identifying six children and two adults taken into custody by the TPD. The USCS Agent conducted computer checks on the Customs Child Pornography data base with negative results. Subsequently, the USCS SA was contacted by an MPD Detective who advised that he was interested in the information concerning the TPD investigation and that he would be conducting "search warrants in the area later in the day..." The Detective advised the USCS SA that the USCS was invited to participate due to the continuing possibility of violations of law enforced by the Customs Service.

The USCS SA accompanied the MPD on the execution of search warrants at 3918/20 W. Street, Washington, D.C. at which time he was able to observe and access the entire building. No children were located during the search. The memo notes that during the execution of the search warrants by the MPD, the USCS SA reports having observed large quantities of children's clothing and toys, several computers, and numerous documents. "...Cursory examination of the documents revealed detailed instructions for obtaining children for unspecified purposes. The instructions included the impregnation of female members of the community known as Finders, purchasing children, trading, and kidnapping..."

The memo notes that on 2/6/87, the USCS SA had met an MPD Detective at the warehouse on 4th Street, NE. He was granted unlimited access to the premises and he was able to observe numerous documents which described explicit sexual conduct between the members of the community known as Finders. The memo reports that the USCS SA saw a large collection of photographs of unidentified persons, some of which were nude, and believed to be members of the Finders. [redacted] b3

"...Further examination of the premises disclosed numerous files

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relating to activities of the organization in different parts of the world..." The memo concluded by noting that it would take three to five days for all the information to be sorted, reviewed and logged by the MPD, and that the USCS SA would maintain contact with the MPD Detective.

♦ The MPD file contained a memo dated 4/13/87, captioned "Finders." The memo, marked "Confidential," was addressed to the Resident Agent in Charge, Washington, D.C. and was from an unidentified USCS SA. This memo reports that on 3/31/87, the USCS SA had contacted an MPD Detective and arranged a meeting to review the documents seized pursuant to two search warrants executed in "January 1987." On 4/2/87, the USCS SA went to meet the MPD Detective who was not available, and the USCS SA spoke to "...a third party who was willing to discuss the case with me on a strictly 'off the record' basis..." The memo reports that the USCS SA "...was advised that all the passport data had been turned over to the State Department for their investigation. The State Department in turn advised MDP that all travel and use of the passports by the holders of the passports was within the law and no action would be taken. This included travel to Moscow, North Korea, and North Vietnam from the late 1950's to mid 1970's. The individual further advised me of circumstances which indicated that the investigation into the activity of the FINDERS had become a CIA internal matter. The MPD report has been classified Secret and was not available for review. I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired. No further information will be available. No further action will be taken."

♦ The MPD file contained an undated document captioned "Finders/Chronology (see previous material for dates)." This document listed an undated chronology of events, and the first entry is as follows: "Contact of U.S. Customs by Tallahassee PD regarding discovery of unidentified children and adult male "guardians in city park." Subsequent entries report the MPD obtaining search warrants, the execution of those search warrants by the MPD and two USCS SAs, and the seizure of numerous documents to include passports, telexes, computer/electronic media, and correspondence. The chronology included the following entries:

"Based on observed documents, Customs agent unsuccessfully attempts to gain access to evidence for detailed analysis for use in investigating possible export, neutrality act, mann act, and child pornography violations."

"U. S. Passport showing travel by subject to North Korea, North Vietnam, and Soviet Union from 1956(?) through

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1975(?) was turned over to State Department Security for investigation, but investigators were advised that travel was 'legitimate' and to terminate further investigation."

"As investigation proceded, CIA made one contact and [redacted] (S) CIA defers all further contacts to FCIA (Foreign Counter Intelligence Agency). FCIA is distinct and autonomous organization within FBI."

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"FCIA contacts MPD intelligence and advised that all reports regarding Finders are to be classified at the Secret level. FCIA also advised that no information was to be turned over to the FBI WFO for investigation, and that the WFO would not be advised of the CIA or FCIA involvement/contact."

"Children discovered in Tallahassee were eventually turned over to individuals claiming to be parents or guardians. No further MPD, FBI or Customs involvement."

"As far as is known, no details of CIA or FCIA involvement ever became public."

◆ The MPD file did not contain documentation corroborating the chronology of events listed in the document captioned "Finders/Chronology (see previous material for dates)."

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SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.

RE WMFO TELETYPE TO FBIHQ DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1993, WMFO FACSIMILE TO FBIHQ ON NOVEMBER 24, 1993, BOTH CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, AND TELCALL BETWEEN SSA [redacted] FBIHQ AND SSA [redacted] WMFO NOVEMBER 23, 1993.

REFERENCED WMFO TELETYPE OUTLINED THE RESULTS OF WMFO'S PRELIMINARY INQUIRY CONCERNING CAPTIONED GROUP.

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(Name of Office)

Subject: Finders;
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Memorandum

To : ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date 12/13/93

From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo is material provided to WMFO by SSA [redacted] VCU, CID, FBIHQ at a December 10, 1993 meeting concerning captioned matter. This meeting took place at The Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Unit, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The following individuals were present at this meeting:

SSA [redacted] FBIHQ
SSA [redacted] WMFO
SA [redacted] WMFO
MR. [redacted] DOJ
MR. GEORGE BURGASSER, DOJ

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SSA [redacted] provided an update on the above captioned matter to the DOJ representatives.

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PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS
OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

♦ U.S. Customs Service (USCS) Special Agent [redacted] has not been interviewed by the FBI as of this date. He has been interviewed by USCS. During interviews with USCS, [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

♦ An FBIHQ indices search determined that FBI Jacksonville and FBI Washington Metropolitan Field Office (WMFO) had conducted investigation resulting from an arrest of two individuals associated with the "Finders" in Tallahassee, Florida, in 1987. On 2/4/87, [redacted] were arrested by the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges resulting from a complaint that six children playing in a park were unkept and neglected. [redacted] the two subjects with the children, could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity and the children's identity. As a result of information developed during these arrests, the TPD contacted the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C., and provided information concerning [redacted] and their association with a group known as "Finders," based in Washington, D.C. On 2/5/87 and 2/6/87, the MPD executed search warrants, prepared by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., on two properties owned by the "Finders" in Washington, D.C. FBI Special Agent (SA) [redacted] WMFO case Agent, and USCS SA [redacted] participated in these searches. b6 b7C

♦ Investigation conducted by the MPD and WMFO, lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "Finders" group. On 2/18/87, WMFO presented the results of their investigation to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., who declined prosection for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (kidnaping) and 2251 (sexual exploitation of children). b6 b7C

♦ In March 1987, the TPD and the State of Florida [redacted]

♦ On 11/9/93 the MPD provided a copy of the MPD investigative case file concerning the FINDERS. The case file did not contain a listing of items which had been seized during the MPD execution of search warrants on 2/5-6/87 on the two FINDERS properties, 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W Street,

NW, Washington, D.D. In addition, there was no indication of the present status of any items seized at these searches, nor a listing of personnel who had been present during the execution of these search warrants. The MPD Detective that had been assigned to this case was Detective [redacted]

♦ WMFO SA [redacted] was interviewed on 11/8/93, and MPD Detective [redacted] was interviewed on 11/10/93, concerning their knowledge of the "FINDERS investigation, to include any information they might possess concerning child abuse/exploitation by the FINDERS as well as any knowledge concerning the alleged involvement by [redacted] b6 b7C b7E the Department of State (DOS) and the FBI. They both denied any direct knowledge of any evidence indicating child abuse/exploitation or interference from any U.S. Intelligence agency. Both advised that they were aware of allegations suggesting child exploitation and associations by the FINDERS [redacted] FINDERS property in 1987.

♦ SA [redacted] was present during the execution of the MPD search warrant at the warehouse owned by the FINDERS. She observed computer equipment, and records, but she observed no evidence of child sexual exploitation, child abuse, or child pornography. Subsequent to the execution of the search warrants, SA [redacted] had obtained a copy of a memoranda, prepared by USCS [redacted] b6 b7C b7E the DOS or any other intelligence organization or entity. SA [redacted] stated that at no time did any individual or agency intervene or attempt to influence the outcome of her investigation.

♦ A review of the WMFO case file revealed a memo from SA [redacted] dated 3/9/87 which addressed misstatements and discrepancies contained in an attached 2/7/87 memorandum from USCS SA [redacted] In this memo, SA [redacted] documented the fact that she had discussed SA [redacted] memo with MPD Detective [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

♦ Detective [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Sergeant John Stitcher (deceased) had contacted [redacted] concerning the FINDERS and had obtained this information. [redacted] had nothing to do with the children or his investigation into the alleged child abuse. [redacted] stated that he was never instructed by anyone from [redacted] FBI< State Department, or any other organization to end the FINDERS investigation, and that his investigation ran its normal course without interference.

[redacted] related that his investigation was not able to develop any evidence that the children associated with the FINDERS had been abused in any way.

♦ On 11/12/93, WMFO interviewed USCS SA [redacted] who provided information concerning the USCS 1993 response to [redacted] on USCS's child exploitation investigations. He had interviewed USCS SA [redacted] on 9/3/93 and 9/16/93 during which b6 b7C b7E

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had reviewed USCS files and interviewed USCS Agents and Supervisors concerning the FINDERS investigation. [redacted] related that the Customs file on the FINDERS case in 1987 consisted of only one report, that of SA [redacted] indicated that his review of USCS files revealed no evidence of any FINDERS involvement with child abuse, child sexual exploitation, or child pornography. He indicated that he could find no evidence of any Customs violation of any kind located within the file. b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] related that his review of USCS files located no references to [redacted] or any other intelligence organization have been involved for making inquiries concerning the FINDERS investigation. He advised that his review of the MPD files on the FINDERS did reveal two references to [redacted] one in a report written by a Sergeant Stitcher, and the other in a report written by Detective [redacted]

♦ On 11/19/93, WMFO obtained a copy of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) investigative file concerning FINDERS.

Memorandum

To : ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date 12/14/93

From : SA [redacted] (C-4) b6 b7C

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo are photocopies of two UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT search warrants and returns made by SA [redacted] on 12/14/93 at the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

These documents are further described as follows:

Search warrant case number 87-0077M-01, executed on 2/5/87 at 3918-20 W Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Search warrant case number 87-0076M-01, executed on 2/5/-2/6/87 at 1307 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C.

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LT [redacted] WAS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER MPD HAS ANY RECORDS FURTHER DESCRIBING THE PROPERTY OR SETTING FORTH DISPOSITION OF SAME. LT [redacted] OPINIONED THAT RECORDS ARE NORMALLY DESTROYED.
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AO 93 (Rev. 5/85) Search Warrant ⊕

United States District Court

DISTRICT OF Columbia

In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

1307 4th Street, N.E., described as a warehouse

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 87-0076M-01

TO: Chief of Police and any Authorized Officer of the United States

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by [redacted] (Affiant) who has reason to b6 b7C

believe that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)

1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., described as a warehouse.

in the District of Columbia there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

any and all minor children present who not under direct parental or legal guardianship supervision or who being kept under unsafe circumstances and all documents, papers, tapes, films, photographs, computers, computer data, clothing and any items related to or evidence of kidnapping or any related offenses as described in attached affidavit.

I am satisfied that the affidavit(s) and any recorded testimony establish probable cause to believe that the person or property so described is now concealed on the person or premises above-described and establish grounds for the issuance of this warrant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before 24 hours (Date)

(not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the person or property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime — 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) (at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established) and if the person or property be found there to seize same, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the person or property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the person or property seized and promptly return this warrant to _____ (U.S. Judge or Magistrate) as required by law.

FEB 05 1987 4:02 p at Washington, D.C.
Date and Time Issued City and State

U.S. MAGISTRATE

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

AO 93 (Rev. 5/85) Search Warrant

RETURN

DATE WARRANT RECEIVED	DATE AND TIME WARRANT EXECUTED	COPY OF WARRANT AND RECEIPT FOR ITEMS LEFT WITH
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Def [redacted]

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INVENTORY OF PERSON OR PROPERTY TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE WARRANT

IBM COMPT. COMPUTER (OMNICRON X TURBO ROM)
MONITOR X TRON
MACINTOSH + COMPUTER
COMPAQ COMPUTER 286
ASSORTED SOFTWARE + manuels
ASSURTED personal papers
DATA FAX DATA Transfer machine

> VAULT

ASSORTED papers + photos KITCHEN CLOSET

ASSORTED Papers, photo's & Documents throughout the warehouse

CERTIFICATION

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of the person or property taken by me on the warrant.

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Subscribed, sworn [redacted]

U.S. Judge or Magistrate

6 FEB 1987
Date

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
Room No. 1476
U.S. District Court Building
Washington, D.C.

Please issue ~~(arrest)~~ (search)

warrant for 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

Violation: ~~Xxxxx~~; U.S.C.; Title 18

Sections: 1201 :

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[redacted]
Assistant United States Attorney

2/5/87
DATE

Bond: _____

AO 106 (Rev. 5/85) Affidavit for Search War

United States District Court

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

1307 4th St. N.E.
Washington, D.C.

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 87-0076M-01

I [redacted] being duly sworn depose and say: b6 b7C

I am a(n) DETECTIVE, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT, WASHINGTON, DC, and have reason to believe
Official Title

that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)

1307 4th St. NE
Washington, DC.

in the _____ District of COLUMBIA
there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

SEE ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT & AFFIDAVIT

which is (give alleged grounds for search and seizure under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 201
The facts to support the issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part he [redacted] b6 b7C

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

FEB 05 1987
Date

at
City and State

JEAN F. DWYER
U. S. MAGISTRATE FOR D. C.
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

87-0076H-01

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATES SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE ENTIRE PREMISES (2) KNOWN AS 3918-20 W STREET NORTHWEST WASHINGTON D.C., DESCRIBED AS TWO 2 STORY BRICK STRUCTURES WITH A ENTRANCE BETWEEN THE ADDRESSES CONNECTING THE TWO STRUCTURES. THESE PREMISES ARE OCCUPIED BY NUMEROUS SUBJECTS WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE FINDERS. THE SECOND ADDRESS, ENTIRE PREMISES IS KNOWN AS 1307 4TH STREET N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C., DESCRIBED AS A WAREHOUSE UTILIZED BY MEMBERS OF THE FINDERS.

Prior to February 5th, 1987 your affiant, Detective [redacted] received information from a confidential source of information. This source [redacted]

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On February 5,1987 Your affiant received information from the United States Custom Service that the Tallahasse, Florida police department had received a call from a unidentified woman in Tallahasse who stated that two (2) men were keeping six(6) children in the back of a van in a specific location in Tallahasse, Florida. The police in Tallahasse responded to the location of the van in the evening hours of February 4,1987 and located the children and arrested two male subjects later identified as [redacted] and another subject who refused to give his name to the police in Florida. Both subjects were charged with child abuse and according [redacted] Tallahasse P.D. Juvenile/Sex Branch, recommendations will be made to the States Attorney to charge the subjects with aggravated child abuse due to the condition of the children. Investigator [redacted] were all dirty, unkept, hungry, disturbed and agitated and had been living in the rear of the van for sometime. [redacted] also stated that the children were all examined for sexual abuse at a hospital in Tallahasse, but the results of the examination were not available at this time. When the children were interviewed they were unable to tell investigators who thier parents were, where they lived or where they had come from. One of the children stated that they wereon thier way to Mexico. On February 5,1987 Investigator [redacted] an investigator with the Tallahasse police who is the case agent stated that she interviewed the children who stated that [redacted]

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Lastly, the source in this investigation told your affiant that information concerning this "cult" is kept in computers stored at the addresses listed in this affidavit. The Tallahasse police advised that they recovered a computer in the van that was seized in Florida along with disk's. The Florida authorities are attempting to obtain a search warrant for the information on the disk's and in the computer. The two defendants are currently being held on $50,000.00 cash bond under the direction of Florida States attorney Fordham.

Based on the information contained in this affidavit your affiant requests the issuance of two search warrants for the entire premises known as 3918-20 W Street N.W. Washington, D.C. and 1307 4th Street N.E. Washington D.C. so that we may go forth and seize all evidence of kidnaping which is a violation of the United States Code Title 18 section 1201, including but not limited to records, files, computer software and hardware and any instrumentalites of a criminal offense.

On December 15, 1986, Dectective [redacted] responded to the area of Glover Park in the rear of the 3900 Block of W Street, N.W. Det. [redacted] observed a clearing approximately seventy yards behind the house and several stumps surrounding the open area. Several round stones had been gathered near the circle, this practice is sometimes used in Satanic rituals, and evidence that several persons had gathered in the clearing recently. The rear of the residence is covered from the alley by heavy bamboo growth, save a small entrance to the rear yard. In the rear yeard was a small very ornate gravestone propped up against the support pillar for the porch. b6 b7C

[redacted]

Metropolitan Police Department

United States Magistrate

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Sworn before me this 5th day of February 1987

[redacted]

AO 93 (Rev. 5/85) Search Warrant ⊕

United States District Court

DISTRICT OF Columbia

In the Matter of the Search of

(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

3918-20 W Street, NW, known as 2 2-story brick structures with an entrance between the addresses connecting the two structures

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 87-0077M-01

TO: Chief of Police and any Authorized Officer of the United States

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by [redacted] Affiant who has reason to b6 b7C

believe that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)

3918-20 W Street, N.W., known as two two-story brick structures with an entrance between the addresses connecting the two structures.

in the [redacted] District of Columbia there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before 24 hours Date

(not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the person or property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime — 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) (at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established) and if the person or property be found there to seize same, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the person or property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the person or property seized and promptly return this warrant to [redacted] U.S. Judge or Magistrate as required by law.

FEB 05 1987 4:05 pm at Washington, D.C.

Date and Time Issued City and State

JEAN F. DWYER
U. S. MAGISTRATE FOR D. C.

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

AO 93 (Rev. 5/85) Search Warrant

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4) MAintosh Plus computer - printer & Disc
5) Xtron Computer printer & Disc
6) Assorted papers
7) Telephone Answering machine & Tapes
8) Assorted papers & note books
9) photographs

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3920 - 44 Street NW.

1) Documents
2) Notes
3) Documents & papers
4) Documents portfolio
5) Metal can gray cont. papers

CERTIFICATION

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of the person or property taken by me on the warrant. [redacted]

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Subscribed, swor[redacted]

U.S. Judge or Magistrate

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Date

87-0077M-01

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
Room No. 1476
U.S. District Court Building
Washington, D.C.

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Please issue (~~arrest~~) XXXXXXX (search)

warrant for 3918-20 W Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Violation: XXXXXX.; U.S.C.; Title 18

Sections: 1201

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Assistant U[redacted]orney

2/5/87
DATE

Bond:

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United States District Court

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Search of

(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

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WASHINGTON D.C.

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 87-0077M-01

I [redacted] being duly sworn depose and say: b6 b7C

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3918-20 WST NW, WASHINGTON DC

in the _____ District of Columbia

there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

(SEE ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT & AFFIDAVIT

which is (give alleged grounds for search and seizure under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

in violation of Title 18- United States Code, Section(s) 1201

The facts to support the issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

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Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my pres

FEB 05 1987 at

Date City and State

JEAN T. DWYER
U. S. MAGISTRATE FOR D. C.

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

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(Name of Office)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP

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ATTACHED ARE THE INFAMOUS RESULTS OF THE FINDERS SEARCH WARRANTS

Originator's Name: SA [redacted]

Telephone: (202) 252-7792

Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 863-1786

Approved: [signature]

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CIA tied to cult accused of abuse

Justice probes links to Finders

By Paul M. Rodriguez
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A Justice Department special task force is investigating whether the CIA used a cult called the Finders as a front organization to provide computer training to intelligence agents in the 1980s.

The task force is also trying to determine whether the CIA — in an effort to hide any links with the Finders — impeded local law enforcement probes of the Washington-area communal group for child abuse in 1987.

"The central question being asked is: Did the CIA have an association with this group and did it try to shut down their [state and local officials'] investigations of child abuse for purposes of protecting one or more of its operations?" said a senior federal law enforcement official familiar with the probe.

A senior CIA official yesterday denied that the agency was involved with the Finders or tried to impede police probes of the cult.

"Most days we expect our share of unusual questions, but this one is clear off the wall," a CIA spokesman told The Washington Times.

"Any claim that we obstructed justice in this case is nuts," the spokesman said.

"In fact," he said, reading from a prepared statement, "we cooperated with law enforcement authorities when questions arose in 1987."

A Washington computer-training company that employed Finders members said it trained CIA personnel, but the firm's president denied it was owned by the Finders. He said he was unaware of any use of the training for covert activities.

Justice Department officials have declined to discuss what, if anything, their probe has uncovered. "We are still in the review process," a senior official said.

The Finders, a group that has dwindled from about 40 members to fewer than a dozen, made front-page

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news in February 1987 when two of its members were arrested in Tallahassee, Fla., on charges of child abuse.

The case received close media scrutiny partly because of accusations that the group was involved in satanic rituals, but the charges were dismissed by a Florida judge.

The Justice Department formed the task force in mid-November after several members of Congress received copies of previously confidential U.S. Customs Service records suggesting a cover-up in the Finders case to protect the CIA.

The Times has obtained these customs records and documents from both federal and local law enforcement agencies and the intelligence community that chronicle the investigation of the Finders.

One of the key documents that have prompted the Justice Department and members of Congress to question what happened six years ago is a report dated April 13, 1987, that was written by a junior Customs Service agent who was on the original team that raided Finders property in Washington and Virginia.

"The investigation into the activity of the Finders had become a CIA internal matter. . . . [The Metropolitan Police Department] report has been classified Secret and not available for review," the agent wrote in his memo to superiors.

"I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired," the memo says.

"No further information will be available. No further action will be taken."

Other Customs Service documents and records from the FBI and Metropolitan Police provide indications that the CIA had links to the Finders or at least to some of the group's members.

A Metropolitan Police document dated Feb. 19, 1987, quotes a CIA agent as confirming that his agency was sending its personnel to "a Finders Corp., Future Enterprises, for training in computer operations."

And a later Customs Service report says that the CIA "admitted to owning the Finders organization as a front for a domestic computer training operation but that it had 'gone bad.' "

A senior Customs Service official confirmed the content of the memos and said the agency "only had a small role in the case."

A CIA official who asked not to be named confirmed that the agency had sent personnel for computer training to a company called Future Enterprises Inc.

But he cautioned, "I'm not sure if that was a Finders organization" as suggested by the Metropolitan Police and Customs Service reports.

Joseph Marinich, the president of Future Enterprises Inc., said he once had a contract to train CIA employees in computers.

But he denied that he or his firm had any involvement with the Finders or acted as a front company for the cult on behalf of the CIA. "I'm shocked and appalled that our company's name exists in any" law enforcement files.

Mr. Marinich said that when the news reoprts on the Finders broke in February 1987, he discovered that his tax accountant, R. Gardner Terrell, was a member of the group.

"It was a total surprise to us," and Mr. Terrell's employment was ended, Mr. Marinich said.

Mr. Terrell, who left the Finders a few years ago and no longer lives in the Washington area, could not be reached. But a friend confirmed that he worked for Future Enterprises while a member of the Finders.

Current and former members of the group said Mr. Terrell's work for Future Enterprises was separate from the group's other activities.

Current members of the Finders said they did not have any interest in Future Enterprises and denied working for the CIA or any other intelligence organization.

"I guess you could say we're odd," said Steve Usdin, a free-lance writer associated with the Finders. "But we're not criminal."

Memorandum

To : ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date 12/20/93

From : SA [redacted] (C-4) b6 b7C

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

On 12/14/93, writer was advised by Senior Special Agent [redacted] of the U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE Headquarters that on that date a meeting had transpired between [redacted] a [redacted] and the Public Affairs office at Customs Headquarters.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was inquiring into captioned matter, and stated that he knew the FBI was conducting an investigation into the "FINDERS" Group. [redacted] stated that he provided writer's name to [redacted] as the FBI point of contact for this investigation.

Writer briefed SA [redacted] WMFO media representative, SSA [redacted] WMFO C-4, and SSA [redacted] FBIHQ, CID, VCU concerning this.

On 12/15/93, writer was telephonically contacted by [redacted] who inquired as to the status of captioned investigation. Writer referred [redacted] to the WMFO media representative, and provided him with no information.

On 12/15/93, writer briefed SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] concerning this media inquiry. b6 b7C

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Through a glass, very darkly

Cops, spies and a very odd investigation

The case is almost seven years old now, but matters surrounding a mysterious group known as the Finders keep growing curiouser and curiouser.

In early February 1987, an anonymous tipster in Tallahassee, Fla., made a phone call to police. Two "well-dressed men" seemed to be "supervising" six dishevelled and hungry children in a local park, the caller said. The cops went after the case like bloodhounds – at least at first. The two men were identified as members of the Finders. They were charged with child abuse in Florida. In Washington, D.C., police and U.S. Customs Service agents raided a duplex apartment building and a warehouse connected to the group. Among the evidence seized: detailed instructions on obtaining children for unknown purposes and several photographs of nude children. According to a Customs Service memorandum obtained by *U.S. News*, one photo appeared "to accent the child's genitals."

The more the police learned about the Finders, the more bizarre they seemed. There were suggestions of child abuse, Satanism, dealing in pornography and ritualistic animal slaughter.

None of the allegations was ever proved, however. The child abuse charges against the two men in Tallahassee were dropped; all six of the children were eventually returned to their mothers, though in the case of two, conditions were attached by a court. In Washington, D.C., police began backing away from the Finders investigation. The group's practices, the police said, were eccentric – not illegal.

Questions. Today, things appear to have changed yet again. The Justice Department has begun a new investigation into the Finders and into the group's activities. It is also reviewing the 1987 investigation into the group to determine whether that probe was closed improperly. Justice officials will not elaborate, except to say the investigation is "ongoing" and that it involves "unresolved matters" in relation to the Finders.

One of the unresolved questions involves allegations that the Finders are somehow linked to the Central Intelligence Agency. Customs Service documents reveal that in 1987, when Customs agents sought to examine the evidence gathered by Washington, D.C., police, they were told that the Finders investigation "had become a CIA internal matter." The police report on the case had been classified secret. Even now, Tallahassee police complain about the handling of the Finders investigation by D.C. police. "They dropped this case," one Tallahassee investigator says, "like a hot rock." D.C. police will not comment on the matter. As for the CIA, ranking officials describe allegations about links between the intelligence agency and the Finders as "hogwash" – perhaps the result of a simple mix-up with D.C. police. The only connection, according to the CIA: A firm that provided computer training to CIA officers also employed several members of the Finders.

JAMES A. PARCELL—THE WASHINGTON POST



February 1987. *D.C. police seize evidence.*

The many unanswered questions about the Finders case now have Democratic Rep. Charlie Rose of North Carolina, chairman of the House Administration Committee, and Florida's Rep. Tom Lewis, a Republican, more than a little exercised. "Could our own government have something to do with this Finders organization and turned their backs on these children? That's what all the evidence points to," says Lewis. "And there's a lot of evidence. I can tell you this: We've got a lot of people scrambling, and that wouldn't be happening if there was nothing here."

Perhaps. But the Finders say there is nothing there – at least nothing illegal. The Finders have never been involved in child abuse, pornography, Satanism, animal slaughter or anything of the kind, says the group's leader, Marion David Pettie. Pettie, too, says the group has never been connected to the CIA. In an interview with *U.S. News*, Pettie described the Finders as a communal, holistic-living and learning arrangement. The group numbers some 20 members, Pettie says; they do freelance journalism, research and "competitor intelligence" for a variety of mostly foreign clients. The Finders work for no foreign governments, Pettie says. Their duplex, in a residential Northwest Washington neighborhood, is decorated with global maps and bulletin boards. Residents of Culpeper, Va., 90 minutes from Washington, say the Finders have operated an office there, too, from time to time. That office contained computer terminals and clocks reflecting different time zones around the world.

CIA officials say they referred all matters concerning the Finders and the police investigation to the FBI's Foreign Counterintelligence Division. FBI officials will not comment. Law enforcement sources say some of the Finders are listed in the FBI's classified counterintelligence files.

None of this fazes Pettie. He says the CIA's interest in the Finders may stem from the fact that his late wife once worked for the agency and that his son worked for a CIA proprietary firm, Air America. Overall, says Pettie, "we're a zero security threat. When you don't do much of anything, and you don't explain, people start rumors about you." To judge from the latest case, some of the rumors can last an awfully long time. ■

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: VCU-CID FOR SSA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT BRUSSELS, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS REQUESTED THE FBI CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY A [redacted] CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "FINDERS", AND WHICH ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF SAME.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND FOR LEGAT BRUSSELS:

IN 1987, [redacted]

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THE CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED THE SCHOOL DURING THE TIME OF ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE WAS [redacted]

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THE "FINDERS" GROUP CAME TO PUBLIC LIGHT IN FEBRUARY 1987 WHEN TWO MEMBERS, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] WERE ARRESTED BY THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD) ON MISDEMEANOR CHILD ABUSE CHARGES RESULTING FROM A COMPLAINT THAT SIX CHILDREN UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION WERE UNKEMPT AND NEGLECTED. INFORMATION DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ARRESTS LINKED THESE INDIVIDUALS TO TWO LOCATIONS IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA. THE TPD CONTACTED THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD), WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PASSED ON THIS INFORMATION.

ON 2/5/87, MPD EXECUTED SEARCH WARRANTS ON TWO PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE "FINDERS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] USCS WAS ALONG AS AN OBSERVER DURING ONE OF THESE SEARCHES.

A JOINT INVESTIGATION, CONDUCTED BY MPD AND FBI, WMFO LED TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW OF THE MOTHERS OF THE SIX CHILDREN, TWO OF THE FATHERS, AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF THE "FINDERS" GROUP. THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION WAS

PRESENTED TO THE USAO, FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ON 2/18/87, WITH PROSECUTION DECLINED FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC SECTION 1201 (KIDNAPPING) AND 2251 (SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN). THE "FINDERS" WERE DETERMINED TO BE AN ALTERNATE LIFESTYLE GROUP, BUT GUILTY OF NO VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW.

DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE SEARCH WARRANTS BY MPD AT THE TWO "FINDERS" PROPERTIES, USCS SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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WMFO HAS INTERVIEWED MPD AND FBI PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE "FINDERS" INVESTIGATION AND TO DATE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOCUMENTS [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN OR, EVIDENCE OF ANY OUTSIDE INQUIRIES/ INTERFERENCE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 1987 FINDERS INVESTIGATION.

THE WMFO INVESTIGATION DID REVEAL THAT [redacted] WAS CONFRONTED BY THE WMFO CASE AGENT ON 2/19/87, CONCERNING THE ITEMS HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN. [redacted] CONTENDED THAT HE BELIEVED HE DID SEE THE ITEMS, AND STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT MPD CONCERNING THEM. THE WMFO CASE AGENT CONTACTED THE MPD DETECTIVE ASSIGNED THE CASE, WHO ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE ITEMS MENTIONED BY [redacted] EXISTED IN THE ITEMS SEIZED BY MPD. THE DETECTIVE RELATED THAT [redacted] WAS WITH HIM AT THE SEARCH SITES, AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE THAT SUCH ITEMS WERE MISSED. THE DETECTIVE ALSO ADVISED THAT [redacted] HAD NOT CONTACTED MPD IN AN ATTEMPT TO VIEW THE SEIZED ITEMS.

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[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED BY WMFO ON 12/20/93 AT USCS HEADQUARTERS. [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT AT THE TIME HE WAS ASSISTING MPD ON THE "FINDERS" INVESTIGATION HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE USCS OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT IN RESTON, VIRGINIA. HE INDICATED THAT USCS NEVER OPENED A CASE ON "FINDERS" AND THAT HIS INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS WERE CONTAINED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE FILE. b6 b7C

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FORWARDED TO CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS, WITH NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

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LEGAT BRUSSELS AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, [redacted]

CONTACT [redacted] AMERICAN EMBASSY, [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] SUTEL RESULTS TO FBIHQ, CID, VCU, ATTN: SSA [redacted] AND WMFO. FORWARD FD-302'S TO WMFO VIA FACSIMILE AT (202) 863-1786.

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PASS: VCU-CID FOR SSA [redacted]

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-SEXUAL EXPLORATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO:WMFO.

RE: MIAMI AIRTEL TO WMFO DATED 11/19/93. Gna

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ROLE, IF ANY, WAS PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND FOR SAN DIEGO:

IN 1987, IN STUART, FLORIDA, [redacted]

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THE CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED THE SCHOOL DURING THE TIME OF ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE WAS [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

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[redacted] HAS ATTEMPTED TO INTEREST CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (USCS) IN HIS EFFORT TO ENHANCE EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, AND INVESTIGATING CLAIMS OF ORGANIZED SEXUAL ABUSE.

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DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE SEARCH WARRANTS BY MPD AT THE TWO "FINDERS" PROPERTIES, USCS SA [redacted]. b6 b7C b7E

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[redacted] THAT USCS AGENT [redacted] WAS PRESENT AT ONE OF THE SEARCH LOCATIONS, AND COULD POSSIBLY CORROBORATE THE EXISTENCE OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTIONS. b6 b7C

WMFO HAS INTERVIEWED MPD AND FBI PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE "FINDERS" INVESTIGATION AND TO DATE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOCUMENTS [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN OR, EVIDENCE OF ANY OUTSIDE INQUIRIES/INTERFERENCE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 1987 FINDERS INVESTIGATION.

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CONTACTED MPD IN AN ATTEMPT TO VIEW THE SEIZED ITEMS.

[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED BY WMFO ON 12/20/93 AT USCS HEADQUARTERS. [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

[redacted] THE ~~PENDENT~~ RESIDENT AGENT IN CHARGE (RAC) OF THE USCS FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA OFFICE, [redacted]

[redacted]

LEADS:

AT: MIAMI DIVISION, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

CONTACT [redacted] RAC USCS WEST PALM BEACH, 100 S. DIXIE HWY, RM 300, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] b6 b7C REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FINDERS, [redacted] SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS ANY ROLE [redacted] MIGHT HAVE HAD (IF ANY) IN THE USCS INVESTIGATION OF FINDERS, HIS CONTACTS WITH [redacted]

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CONTACT [redacted] SUTEL RESULTS TO FBIHQ, CID, VCU ATTN: SSA [redacted] AND WMFO. FORWARD FD-302S TO WMFO VIA FACSIMILE AT (202) 863-1786. b6 b7C

AT:SAN DIEGO DIVISION, EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

CONTACT [redacted] USCS AGENT [redacted] USCS HEADQUARTERS COULD PROVIDE ONLY THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT ADVISED THE USCS INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE LOCATED AT 1681 W. MAIN ST., EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] COULD LOCATE [redacted] SPECIFICALLY ASCERTAIN [redacted] ROLE IN THE 1987 FINDERS INVESTIGATION, THE CONDUCT OF THE TWO MPD SEARCHES, WHAT SPECIFICALLY WAS SEEN BY [redacted] AT THE SITES, WHAT EFFORTS [redacted] MADE TO OPEN A USCS CASE ON FINDERS, AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE [redacted] FORWARD RESULTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. b6 b7C b7E

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CLASSIFICATION: _____ DATE: 12/27/93

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: AD, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (C-4)

"FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT -
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY
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Re WMFO teletype to Bureau dated 11/8/93.

Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [redacted] has been assigned to the Behavioral Science Services Unit (BSSU), FBI Academy, Quanitco, Virginia, [redacted] and specializes in training, research and case consultation in the area of sexual victimization of children. b6 b7C

The following are the best recollections of SSA [redacted] concerning his involvement in captioned matter:

From 2/9-13/87, the BSSU sponsored an Advanced Sexual Exploitation of Children Seminar held at the Xerox Training Center in Leesburg, Virginia, for approximately 50 state and federal investigators. SSA [redacted] Special Agent (SA) [redacted] U.S. Customs, Reston, Virginia, was one of several U.S. Customs Agents who attended.

SA [redacted] b6 b7C
discussing the role of U.S. Customs in the investigation of sexual exploitation of children. Because one of the topics discussed during the seminar was allegations of ritual child abuse, SA [redacted] and other law enforcement attendees, his recent involvement with the execution of a search warrant on property in Washington, D.C., occupied by a group called the Finders. SA [redacted]

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Shortly thereafter, SSA [redacted] was telephonically contacted on several occasions by FBI agents and supervisors from FBIHQ, WMFO and the Tallahassee Resident Agency seeking advice and guidance concerning the FBI's involvement in the investigation of the Finders. The primary guidance sought concerned the interview of the children identified in Tallahassee, Florida, as potential victims of members of the Finders. Eventually it was decided that because the children in question did not appear to have been kidnapped in violation of federal statutes, the interviews of the children would be conducted by local police from Washington, D.C. and Florida. b6 b7C

Sometime in the months after the investigation began in February 1987, during an unrelated conversation, SA [redacted] mentioned to SSA [redacted] that the investigative reports on the Finders case [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

On another occasion in the same general time frame SA [redacted] WMFO, briefed SSA [redacted] at Quantico, Virginia, concerning the FBI investigation of the Finders. At no time during this discussion did SA [redacted] indicate that her investigation was hindered or disrupted in anyway by any alleged connection between the Finders [redacted] briefly discussed the fact that SA [redacted] seemed to be the only investigator who observed certain items of alleged evidence discussed in his memo.

During the years following the to time February 1987, investigation, SSA [redacted] has from time heard rumors from the media and others that there was some connection between the Finders and [redacted] SSA [redacted] has no first hand knowledge of such a connection. More importantly, SSA [redacted] is aware of no evidence to indicate that allegations of sexual exploitation of children in the Finders case were not thoroughly and properly investigated in spite of alleged connections to [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

In summary because of his expertise concerning sexual victimization of children, SSA [redacted] briefly consulted with investigators involved in the Finders case back in 1987. He himself, however, conducted no investigation in captioned case.

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PASS: FBIHQ FOR VCU-CID, SSA [redacted]

SUBJECT: "FINDERS" GROUP; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PRELIMINARY INQUIRY; OO: WMFO.

RE WMFO TELETYPE 12/22/93.

IN CONTACT WITH U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ATTACHE, [redacted] U.S. EMBASSY, THE HAGUE, 12/28 AND 12/30, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE VAGUELY REMEMBERED THE CASE INVOLVING CAPTIONED GROUP BUT, GIVEN THE TIME LAPSE, WAS UNCLEAR ON ANY

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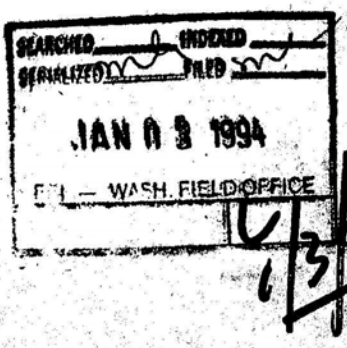

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SPECIFIC DETAILS.

[redacted] ADVISED HOWEVER THAT HE DID NOT RECALL ANY ALLEGATIONS OF [redacted] OR FBI INVOLVEMENT IN ANY COVER UP OF THE INVESTIGATION. b6 b7C b7E

A MORE DETAILED INTERVIEW OF [redacted] WILL OCCUR ON HIS RETURN FROM LEAVE IN MID-JANUARY, 1994.

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Attn: SSA [redacted] (Name Room Telephone)

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From: FBI, WMFO (Name of Office)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP

Special Handling Instructions: PLS HAND CARRY TO SSA [redacted]
ATTACHED IS SAN DIEGO DIVISIONS FD 302 REFLECTING INTERVIEW OF RETIRED USCS AGENT [redacted]

Originator's Name: SA [redacted]

Telephone: X 7844

Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 863-1786

Approved: AED/JKD

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Memorandum

To : ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) Date 1/7/94

From : SSA [redacted] (C-4)

Subject: FINDERS GROUP;
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OO:WMFO

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On 1/7/94, Deputy Chief [redacted] Property Division, MPD-DC telephone [redacted] was advised of the ongoing effort by WMFO to ascertain the disposition of evidence seized by MPD in February, 1987. [redacted] advised he would attempt to determine from a review of all property receipts for 1987 whether any information remains within MPD records. He expected this effort to take one week.

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Date 1/6/94

TO : SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911)

WE/~~FROM~~ : SAC, SAN DIEGO (31C-WF-189911)(P)

SUBJECT : "FINDERS" GROUP;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT-
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-PRELIMINARY INQUIRY;
OO: WMFO

Reference the January 3, 1994 teletype from WMFO to the Director, Miami, and San Diego; and the January 5, 1994 teletype from San Diego to the Director and WMFO.

Enclosed for WMFO are the original and one copy of one FD-302 detailing the results of the interview of [redacted] and one 1A envelope containing the original interview notes.

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As requested in the January 3, 1994 teletype from WMFO, [redacted] United States Customs Service (USCS) Agent [redacted] was interviewed on January 3, 1994. The results of the interview were provided to WMFO via teletype on January 5, 1994. The FD-302 recording the interview of [redacted] was telefaxed to WMFO, as requested, on January 6, 1994. The original and one copy of the FD-302 recording the interview of [redacted] and the original interview notes are enclosed.

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San Diego will recontact [redacted] on January 28, 1994 to determine if he has located any personal notes concerning captioned matter.

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Memorandum

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From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;
OO: WMFO

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Attached to this memo are the following items provided to writer by SSA [redacted]

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2. AD POTT'S 12/22/93 request [redacted] and USDS to query their records for references to captioned matter.

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2. Interview of [redacted] - lead sent to Miami Division.

3. Interview of [redacted] WMFO.

4. Interviews with MPD concerning evidence disposition.

5. Review of [redacted] USDS files. - FBIHQ request made.

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12/15/93

To: Unit Chief [redacted] b6 b7C

From: SSA [redacted]

Subject: Finders

A search of FBIHQ indices was conducted for [redacted] File reviews were conducted on indices references identified by the indices search as follows:

1. 7-20191-this is a main file concerning the investigation in 1987 wherein [redacted] were arrested by the Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee, Florida and charged with misdemeanor child abuse. A review of this file is as follows:

On 2/4/87, [redacted] were arrested by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D. C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D. C. in an effort to further identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnaped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was registered to a [redacted] b6 b7C

A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type life style made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosection in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.

Subjects [redacted] were released from the custody of the TPD on 3/17/87, and all charges against them were dropped.

References of FBIHQ File 7-20191:

Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children

" #9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re [redacted] of "Finders", allegedly a [redacted] Also, results of search warrants of property owned by [redacted] in Washington, D. C. b6 b7C

Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.

" #16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by [redacted] Virginia by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.

Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.

" #24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of [redacted] provides info pertaining to "finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

" #26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising that AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution in this matter stating that their is no evidence of a Federal violation. No additional investigation in this case. b6 b7C

2. 190-HQ-60055-serial # 3 is an airtel dated 2/20/92 from Director, FBI to SAC, Jacksonville. This airtel enclosed original Jacksonville files sent to FBIHQ for duplication and FOIPA processing. The subject was "The Finders" and the requestor was [redacted] There is no other information concerning [redacted]

3. 190-2-122278 (section 1253)-serial 122278 is an FBIHQ Records Management Division response dated 5/19/87 to [redacted] in response to an FOIPA request from [redacted] This response "revealed no information in addition to that furnished to you by letters dated September 11, 1985, and November 6, 1985."

4. 190-HQ-6932

This file deals with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from [redacted]

-Serial #1 is a letter from Isabelle M. Pettie [redacted] to the Records Management Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation. This letter notes that Isabelle Pettie [redacted] The letter notes that her [redacted] had made an FOIA request to [redacted] for any information concerning him in their files.

-Serial #2 is a letter from [redacted] to Mr. Clarence Kelly, Director, FBI concerning his FOIA request. This letter noted that [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

-Serial #4x2 is an undated letter from [redacted] concerning a FOIA request. This letter notes that he was born [redacted] Virginia, and that he was retired from the [redacted] This letter noted that he was currently [redacted] Washington, D.C. This document is undated, however, it is block stamped 2/15/85.

-Serial #11 is a letter dated 9/19/85 from the USAF concerning an attached record concerning [redacted] This serial had attached a copy of an airtel dated 7/8/83, and marked SECRET, from SAC, Alexandria (file #9B-665) to Director, FBI. This airtel noted that subject [redacted] is a white male. [redacted] This location initially drew the interest of local police authorities and military intelligence agencies due to the subject's alleged narcotic activities and his self proclaimed connection with [redacted] A number of surveillances were conducted jointly by Virginia State Police and the military intelligence agencies, however, no arrests were made."

-Serial #16 is a communication dated 8/26/87 to [redacted] thru [redacted] The communication is five pages in length and contains various data on personal, political and economic information on individuals and organizations as described by [redacted] The letter opens with the remark [redacted] A copy of this communication is attached. b6 b7C b7E

5. 9-HQ-67521

This file contains two serials and the subject of the file is [redacted] Finders; Finders Transnational; Ragged Mountain Research Center; [redacted] - Victim; Extortion;

OO: Alexandria," and concerns a complaint by [redacted] that [redacted] b6 b7C

An airtel dated 5/12/83 from SAC, Alexandria to Director, FBI enclosed an LHM which provided information received from an attorney in Culpepper, Virginia that "a cultist group, known as the Finders and [redacted] is presently headquartered at 3918 W. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The group maintains a warehouse at 1307-4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. and a 600-acre farm near Nethers, Virginia..."

An airtel dated 7/8/83 from SAC, Alexandria to Director, FBI noted that the AUSA, Alexandria, Virginia would not consider prosecution and no further investigation was conducted.

6. 100-HQ-458429-serial # 17 is a memorandum dated 10/29/71 from SAC, Richmond to Director, FBI. The subject of this file was [redacted] Security Matter-Anarchist; OO: Baltimore." This communication reported that [redacted] which may in be part both in Madison County and Rappahannock County, Virginia, in that [redacted] VA..." There is no other reference to [redacted] b6 b7C

7. 62-0-83025 (section 372)-

8. 62-HQ-115530-serial 31X is a memorandum dated 3/31/75 from Director, FBI to the "Director of Special Operations, Headquarters Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C." concerning a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from the U.S. Air Force who were attempting to respond to a FOIA that they had received from [redacted]

BY LIAISON

Date: December 22, 1993

To: Secretary of State
Attention: Office of the Legal Advisor

From: Larry A. Potts, Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division
FBI Headquarters

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP

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The FBI therefore requests that you search all records of your agency regarding the following individuals and/or entities:

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4. General Scientific Corporation, Rockville, Maryland
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6. Future Enterprises
7. Women's Networking Service
8. [redacted]

Secretary of State
Attention: Office of the Legal Advisor

9. Isabelle Pettie, aka, Isabelle M. Pettie
10. [redacted]
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16. Diane Sherwood
17. Barbara Sylvester

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Should you identify records or files containing information, please notify the FBI and arrangements will be made to review this information. In the event that there is no record of the "Finders," please advise as soon as possible.

Your point of contact is Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [redacted] FBI Headquarters, telephone: (202) 324-4634.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: During the week of November 1, 1993, SSA [redacted] Violent Crimes Section, conferred with SSAs [redacted] Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA), Domestic Liaison Unit (DLU), regarding the appropriate method of approach to the U.S. Department of State (USDS) and the [redacted] was advised that due to the nature of the request, the proper entities within the USDS [redacted] to process this request is the Office of General Counsel and that the FBI's request should be in letterhead memorandum format.

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The OLIA, DLU, volunteered to reduce the documentation provided by SSA [redacted] to LHM format suitable for dissemination to the USDS [redacted] and are to be delivered by liaison.

On 12/8/93, Unit Chief [redacted] Violent Crimes Unit, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division, discussed with Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG) John Keeney the FBI's concern in requesting the [redacted] Department of State (DOS) to conduct a search of their records for the "FINDERS" when they could potentially be

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subjects in the preliminary inquiry concerning the "FINDERS." DAAG Keeney stated words to the effect that "...we must rely on the integrity of [redacted] and the DOS to conduct a thorough records check...," and he stated that he concurred with the submission of these letters by the FBI to [redacted] the DOS. b6 b7C b7E

This matter was coordinated between SSAs [redacted] OLIA, and SSAs [redacted] and [redacted] CID.

THE FINDERS

The following excerpts include information contained in an undated memorandum from Acting Chief George C. Burgasser to Acting Assistant Attorney General John C. Keeney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. and information obtained from the records of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and the U.S. Customs Service (USCS). These excerpts provide the details of this investigation and are the basis of the Department of Justice's request that the FBI conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if more comprehensive investigation is warranted.

On February 4, 1987, the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD), Tallahassee, Florida, responded to a complaint that a well-dressed white male was seen in a park with several unkempt children. The TPD spoke with the adult male who told them that he was a Washington, D.C., school teacher who together with another adult male was in the process of taking the children to Mexico. The purpose of the trip was to set up a school for brilliant children in Mexico. The male refused to provide additional information about the children, and the second male refused to provide any information about himself. The Police arrested the two men after they determined that the children seemed neglected and the two men could not provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children. The two men were subsequently identified as

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The TPD contacted U.S. Customs (USC) and continued their investigation by attempting to ascertain whether a van in which the two men and children were travelling could provide any additional leads as to the identities of the men or children. On February 5, 1987, a U.S Customs Special Agent (USCSA) in Tallahassee, Florida, called USC Headquarters (USCHQ) asking if they could assist in contacting an appropriate local police agency to coordinate a child abuse investigation with the TPD. Additionally, several names, addresses, and a vehicle identification number were checked through the USC child pornography database, as there was some suspicion of the two males being involved in supplying children for the production of child pornography. The computer checks by USC were negative.

Subsequently, USCHQ, Washington, D.C., contacted Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and determined that they were interested in the information, and that search warrants were being considered for two addresses in the District of Columbia. MPD invited the USC to observe the execution of the search warrants in the event that evidence of USC violations was recovered.

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Search warrants were prepared by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, for both the warehouse and residence. A USCSA participated in the execution of the search warrant at the 3918/3920 W Street address, where he claims to have seen the following:

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On February 6, 1987, the USCSA met with representatives of the MPD at the 4th Street address and examined the warehouse. During

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On March 31, 1987, the USCSA contacted representatives of the MPD to review the evidence seized during the February search warrants. A meeting was scheduled for the second or third of April. On April 2, 1987, when the USCSA arrived to meet with MPD, the MPD Detective was not available. A "third party" MPD Officer advised the USCSA that he was willing to talk to him "off the record." The USCSA claims that the MPD officer told him that all

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During a USC review of the "Finders" investigation, USC representatives noted that an MPD report, dated February 19, 1987,

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[redacted] Future Enterprises operates out of the warehouse at 1307 4th Street N.E..."

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

MPD investigation revealed that the "Finders" had at one time attempted to infiltrate General Scientific Corporation, Rockville, Maryland, [redacted] the "Finders." During an interview, [redacted]

Investigation determined that the "Finders" has, at one time been known as the "Women's Networking Service," "the Information Bank (located at 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.); "Finders Transnational; and Finders Transnational Ragged Mountain Research Center. Investigation also indicated that [redacted] Diane Sherwood, and Barbara Sylvester had been the original founders of the "Finders;" and that [redacted] b6 b7C

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Memorandum

To : ADIC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) (P) Date 1/13/94

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5. Review [redacted] USDS files. - FBIHQ request made.

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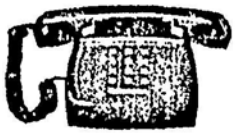

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12/21/93

To: Unit Chief [redacted]

From: SSA [redacted]

Subject: Finders

A search of FBIHQ indices was conducted for the following:

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2. Diane Sherwood
3. Barbara Sylvester
4. [redacted]
5. The Information Bank, 1307 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C.
6. Sergeant John H. Stitcher, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Police Department
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File reviews were conducted on indices references identified by the indices search as follows:

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Diane Sherwood; [redacted] Information Concerning."

190-39048- Serial #1 is a FOIA request form dated 12/21/82 from Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, DOB 12/2/36 at Chicago, Illinois. Sherwood listed a passport number of 23458000.

-Serial #3 is a form 4-824 dated 2/2/83 from FBIHQ Records Management Division to Ms. Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, 3918 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

190-2-87621 (section 905)-this serial is a letter dated 2/24/83 from FBIHQ Records Management Division to Ms. Diane Elizabeth

Sherwood, 3918 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 and is a response to Ms. Sherwood's FOIA request concerning Barbara F. Sylvester.

3. Barbara Sylvester
190-2-87619 (section 905)-this serial is a 4-837 FOIA request dated 2/3/83 from Ms. Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, 3918 W S., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. This form listed the subject of the request as Barbara Sylvester, Date of birth 12/9/36 at Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted]-not identifiable as Barabara Sylvester DOB 12/9/36. This serial is a memo dated 3/8/60 to Director, FBI from SAC, New York and is captioned [redacted] Security Matter; IS-PO; Miscellaneous Information Concerning." b3 b6 b7C b7E

4. [redacted]
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serial #29-this is a teletype dated 2/7/87 from FBI, Jacksonville to Director, FBI and summarizes investigation to date. The information concerning [redacted] is the same as information contained in serials #11 and #15.

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serial #15-Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date. This teletype repeats information concerning [redacted] as found in serial #11.

serial #11-this is a teletype dated 2/9/87 from SAC, Tampa to Director, FBI and reported that a [redacted] associated with two women was [redacted]

serial #9-this is a teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re [redacted]
reported results of search warrants of property owned by [redacted] in Washington, D. C. [redacted] was identified as having been [redacted] b6 b7C

serial #1-this is an airtel dated 2/13/87 from SAC, Jacksonville to Director, FBI which enclosed a list of names which had been recovered from subjects [redacted] when arrested in Tallahassee, Florida by the Tallahassee Police Department. [redacted] name was listed along with the remarks "Redirect phone line Hold on for 5 seconds till you hear the message [redacted]

5. The Information Bank, 1307 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C. - there was no record in indices.

6. Sergeant John H. Stitcher, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Police Department

1-HQ-30106-This file is captioned "John Henry Stitcher, Jr., Sergeant, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.; Applicant 51st Session, FBI National Academy" and concerns his nomination to attend the FBI National Academy.

7. [redacted]-there were no indices references to [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

8. Future Enterprises, Inc.-there were two indices references.

7-HQ-20191-serial #1, page 3-this is an airtel dated 2/13/87 to Director, FBI from SAC Jacksonville, which enclosed a two page list of names and addresses which had been recovered from subjects [redacted] time they were arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail, Tallahassee, Florida by the Tallahassee Police Department. The listing contained the notation "Future Enterprises, Inc. 662-7676 662-7616 night." There was no further description or information concerning Future Enterprises, Inc. in this serial.

63-0-81116- this is a memorandum dated 2/27/87 from [redacted] to the Director, FBI.

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for WMFO (2)

BY LIAISON

Date: December 22, 1993

To: [redacted] b7E
Attention: Office of the General Counsel

From: Larry A. Potts, Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division
FBI Headquarters

Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP

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2. Finders Transnational
3. Finders Transnational Ragged Mountain Ranch Research Center
4. General Scientific Corporation, Rockville, Maryland
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6. Future Enterprises
7. Women's Networking Service
8. [redacted]

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Attention: Office of the General Counsel

9. Isabelle Pettie, aka, Isabelle M. Pettie
10. [redacted] b6 b7C
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16. Diane Sherwood
17. Barbara Sylvester

Should you identify records or files containing information, please notify the FBI and arrangements will be made to review this information. In the event that there is no record of the "Finders," please advise as soon as possible.

Your point of contact is Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [redacted] FBI Headquarters, telephone: (202) 324-4643.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Enclosures (2)

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1 - Mr. Potts
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 31C-WF-189911
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1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]

(See Note on Pages 2-3)

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NOTE: During the week of November 1, 1993, SSA [redacted] Violent Crimes Section, conferred with SSAs [redacted] and [redacted] Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA), Domestic Liaison Unit (DLU), regarding the appropriate method of approach to the U.S. Department of State (USDS) and the [redacted] was advised that due to the nature of the request, the proper entities within the USDS and [redacted] to process this request is the Office of General Counsel and that the FBI's request should be in letterhead memorandum format. b6 b7C b7E

The OLIA, DLU, volunteered to reduce the documentation provided by SSA [redacted] to LHM format suitable for dissemination to the USDS and [redacted] and are to be delivered by liaison. b6 b7C b7E

On 12/8/93, Unit Chief [redacted] Violent Crimes Unit, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division, discussed with Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG) John Keeney the FBI's concern in requesting the [redacted] Department of State (DOS) to conduct a search of their records for the "FINDERS" when they could potentially be

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Attention: Office of the General Counsel

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subjects in the preliminary inquiry concerning the "FINDERS." DAAG Keeney stated words to the effect that "...we must rely on the integrity of the [redacted] DOS to conduct a thorough records check...," and he stated that he concurred with the submission of these letters by the FBI to [redacted] DOS.

This matter was coordinated between SSAs [redacted] b6
[redacted] OLIA, and SSAs [redacted] b7C
and [redacted] CID.

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REF: 589#08
UPD-DT: 10AUG87
UPD-TYPE: AREF1 AREF2
[illegible]
NAME: [redacted]
DESC-CODES: DEPARTMENT OF STATE - EMPLOYEES
IDENT-NAME: DOS
FILE-NUM: [redacted]

REF: 1034#05
UPD-DT: 16SEP87
UPD-TYPE: AREF1
UPD-BY: WRTRKS
UPD-DT: 27JUN86
UPD-TYPE: CREF1 AMVREF
UPD-BY: WETKAB WETKAE
NAME: [redacted]
DESC-CODES: OTHER CIVILIANS BUDAPEST
COMMENTS: SUPPOSEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH US INTELLIGENCE, [redacted] USED HIS REGI
DENCE WHILE ON VACATION.
ADDR-NO: 01
CITY: BUDAPEST
COUNTRY: HU
FO-COVERING: L3
ADDR-PTR: FR
LOC-NO: 01
FILE-NUM: [redacted]

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REF: 18*01
UPD-DT: 04DEC85
UPD-TYPE: AREF1 AREF2 AREF3
UPD-BY: WFTKPW WFTKPW WFTKPW
NAME: [redacted]
INTERVIEWED: X
DESC-CODES: POLLARD, JONATHAN JAY - ASSOCIATES
COMMENTS: SUPPLIED EVIDENCE PACKAGE ON [redacted]
IDENT-NAME: [redacted]
PHONE: 351-6009
PHONE-PTR: ID
FILE-NUM: [redacted]

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FBI COMPUTER ID: 53052

ORG-NAME	TYPE
FUTURE ENTERPRISES AT WASHINGTON DC	TRUE

THE DATES OF OPERATION ARE UNKNOWN FOR THIS ORG
OPERATING STATUS OF THIS ORG IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE

CASES LINKED TO ORG

SUBJ/REF	FILE NUMBER	CAS-NO
R	[redacted]	77915

SA

PLACES LINKED TO ORG

ADDRESS	ROLE	PLA-NO
[redacted]	SITE	207721

PHONES LINKED TO ORG

PHONE	ROLE	PHN-NO
[redacted]	USER	55913

PEOPLE LINKED TO ORG

[redacted]

[redacted]

ACTIVE/HISTORY: A

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COMPLETED 23680.000          CTIME=14:55     STATUS 5121,1


ROUTE   HQPRTA/U #
STMT=  23698.000  DATE=12/21/93  TIME=14:55  USER=[redacted]    DB=POWCURV
ROUTE LIST ESTABLISHED.


COMPLETED 23698.000          CTIME=14:55


ROUTE   HQPRTA#
STMT=  23708.000  DATE=12/21/93  TIME=14:55  USER=[redacted]    DB=IIB4
ROUTE LIST ESTABLISHED.

COMPLETED 23708.000          CTIME=14:55


[redacted]
STMT=  23712.000  DATE=12/21/93  TIME=14:55  USER=[redacted]    DB=IIB4


SOLSO:  BOBILEV*ANDREY*471207*001
UPDATE-DATE:  SEDEC90
STATUS:  ACTIVE
USC-LAST: [redacted]
USC-FIRST: [redacted]
USC-STREET:  1307 FOURTH ST
USC-CITY:  WASHINGTON
USC-STATE:  DC
USC-ZIP:  20002
USC-AREA-PROF:  GRAPHICS NEWS SERVICE
RECORD-DATE:  [illegible]
  USC-PHONE: [redacted]
USC-CABLE:  D90361025
USC-CABLE-POST:  MOSCOW


COMPLETED 23712.000          CTIME=14:55     STATUS 8,1,1,1,8


E HEADING FOR REF WITH LAST-NAME [redacted] AND WITH FIRST-NAME [redacted] LIST#
STMT=  23707.000  DATE=12/21/93  TIME=14:55  USER=[redacted]    DB=POWCURV
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TARLOC: WF*TR*7917811*1
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IO-FIRST:
IO-MIDDLE:
INTEL: SIS----
DATE-INFO: 15MAY79
FILE-NO: [redacted]
(S) OFF-ORGN:
INDEX-CODE: --TRAVEL WITHIN U.S.
(S) ASSET-SYMB: [redacted]
ITEM-DESC:
TAR-LAST:
TAR-FIRST:
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NARRATIVE: [redacted]

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TARLOC: WF*TR*7919022*1
(S) IO-LAST: [redacted]
IO-FIRST:
IO-MIDDLE
INTEL: SIS-KGB-S-PR-S
DATE-INFO: 16MAY79
(S) FILE-NO: [redacted]
OFF-ORGN:
(S) INDEX-CODE: --TRAVEL TO CRITERIA COUNTRY
ASSET-SYM [redacted]
ITEM-DESC
TAR-LAST:
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NARRATIVE: [redacted]

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DIS-NO: 13587

FACILITY: GENERAL SCIENTIFIC CORP
DIVISION:
COMPANY TYPE: UNK

FACILITY CODE: 3S344
HOME OFFICE: 3S344
FIELD OFFICE: BA

STREET ADDRESS: 1684 EAST GUDE DRIVE
CITY: ROCKVILLE STATE: MD ZIP: 20850

PHONE NUMBER: 301 340-2773
ZIP EXT: COUNTRY: US

DCASR CODE: 9999 STATUS CODE: 1 CLEARANCE: 1

ESTABLISH DATE: 07/27/83 LAST ACTION DATE: 09/01/87 CLEARANCE DATE: 07/26/83
REINSTATE DATE: TERMINATION DATE: VALIDATION DATE: 09/01/87
CREATION DATE: 11/18/92 DELETION DATE: 03/22/93 ACT/HIST FLAG: H

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
CITY: ZIP: ZIP EXT:

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CONTACT INFORMATION 1

DATE: 10/28/83 TYPE: INITIAL NO BRIEFED: 1

NAME: [redacted]

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POSITION: SO PHONE NUMBER: [redacted]

AGENT NAME: [redacted]

AGENT FO: BA AGENT SQUAD: 3

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CLASS: [redacted] CASE: [redacted] SERIAL NO: 0000

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CONTACT INFORMATION 3

DATE: 01/12/87 TYPE: INITIAL NO BRIEFED: 1

NAME: [redacted]

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POSITION: SECURITY PHONE NUMBER: [redacted]

AGENT NAME: [redacted]

AGENT FO: BA AGENT SQUAD: 13

CLASS: [redacted] CASE: [redacted] SERIAL NO: [redacted]

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GENERAL SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION, ROCKVILLE, MD- [redacted] of the Finders, who described the firm as a "computer security firm [redacted] (S) [redacted] According to the MPD investigation, "the Finders had at one time attempted to infiltrate General Scientific Corporation... [redacted] stated that on several instances, members of the Finders [redacted] (#3)

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190-HQ-61577-1p1: On 10/4/88, attorney [redacted] requested information contained in Bureau files on Advanced Cybernetic Technology, Inc., and **General Scientific Corporation.** [redacted] indicated that he was representing three people involved in a civil proceeding who were investigated by the Silver Spring RA in 1987-88. He requested copies of statements made by the following:

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On 1/24/91, [redacted] telephonically withdrew the request.

[redacted] of the Finders. (#1, etc.)

[redacted] Identical. [redacted] contacted WFO to advise that [redacted] was engaged in "peculiar activity." At the time, [redacted]

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Upon receipt of WFO's airtel, FBIHQ contacted ACSI and determined that [redacted] There is also a hand-written note on the incoming "Not employed at CIA." Copies of the LHM were disseminated to CIA and OSI on 6/3/59. There was no previous record of [redacted] in Bureau files, and it does not appear that any further action was taken on [redacted] allegations. b6 b7C

62-115530-1378X32: Identical. In March 1975, [redacted] requested permission*/ to review FBI files on him. He was provided copies of Bureau files 173-239 and 173-2169. One was a civil rights investigation dating from 1964, in which [redacted] The FOIA response also noted that information from file # 100-458429 could not be released to him.

[redacted] According to the USCS, a CIA Special Agent with whom the USCS consulted during its initial 1987 investigation, and who had confirmed that Isabelle Pettie had been a CIA employee between 1950 and 1971. (#3)

67-HQ-1031630: Not identical. b3 per CIA b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] Not enough info to identify/not pertinent.

260-HQ-1-702-361: Not enough info to identify/not pertinent.

161-HQ-20330: Not identical.

[redacted] Probably not identical. [redacted]

[redacted] Not identical. [redacted]

[redacted] Probably not identical. [redacted]

[redacted] -Per the MPD investigation, [redacted] General Scientific Corporation and a former Finders member who claimed that other Finders members [redacted] b6 b7C

(S) [redacted]

(S) [redacted] Possibly identical. On 9/19/90, FBIHQ forwarded to Charlotte a request from U.S. Navy Intelligence (classified Secret/Specat/Noforn) for controlled contact coordination for [redacted] date and place of birth unknown. At the time [redacted]

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[redacted] (The incoming teletype from Navy was also addressed to CIA and DIA.)

(S) [redacted] Possibly identical [redacted] /not pertinent. (S)

Not identical [redacted].

Not enough info to identify/not pertinent.

Not identical [redacted].

Not enough info to identify.

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100-769-35802. Not identical.

62-33413-6404X1: Same as [redacted] (S)

[redacted]-Per 62-119517, in 1981, was the President of Investors Fiduciary Service Corp, Panama City, Panama. He contacted Legat, Panama to report what he considered a suspicious approach by [redacted] Diane Sherwood, and [redacted] who were interested in producing a newsletter about financial matters in Panama.

(S) [redacted] On 10/6/80, Miami asked Legat, Panama to determine the citizenship of and interview [redacted]

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On 10/10/80, Legat, Panama, advised that [redacted]

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advised (confidentially) that [redacted] renounced his U.S. citizenship and took up Panamanian citizenship. He owned the [redacted] and was well connected with the Panamanian National Guard. According to [redacted] in late 1979, [redacted] was involved in the purchase of [redacted] Legat,

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Panama subsequently determined that [redacted] born [redacted] had renounced his U.S. citizenship on 7/19/78 at the U.S. Consulate in Panama. Furthermore, he was the [redacted] manager of Investors Fiduciary Service Corporation, a management [redacted] was also president and founder of the World Investment Corporation ("registered under Rollo 3388, Imagen 0230 and Ficha 50762"), whose secretary was Argelis Migdalia Ortega. b6 b7C

On 12/19/80, Miami produced a summary report of its [redacted] b6 b7C

On 6/9/81, CIA requested a name check on [redacted] (S) [redacted] furnished the portion of [redacted] that discussed [redacted] (Apparently, the entire report had previously been furnished to CIA at an unknown date.) b1 b3 b6 b7C b7D

(S) [redacted] (S) b1 per CIA b3 b6 b7C

On 7/20/84, CIA requested permission to approach [redacted] to discuss his activities in circumventing the U.S. trade embargo. b6 b7C

(S) [redacted] (S)

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[redacted] Identical. On 10/22/84, Miami advised that in response to a request from the [redacted] it had provided information about [redacted] Panama International Trust Corporation, Panama.

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[redacted] Probably not identical [redacted].

[redacted] (S)

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[redacted]--Per 62-119517, circa 1982, [redacted] was listed to [redacted] and Women's Traveler's Court, (202) 333-9696.

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(S) [redacted] Probably not identical. [redacted]

[redacted] Not identical. [redacted] is identified as a Lebonese terrorist group, 1986.)

[redacted] Not identical. [redacted]

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[redacted]--Per 7-2011, one of the two men apprehended by police in Tallahassee in February 1987 on possible child abuse charges. At the time, he was using the name [redacted] was a member of Finders.

[redacted] Not identical. [redacted]

[redacted]-Per 7-2011, Finders members claimed that [redacted] who resided in Chevy Chase, MD, had agreed to finance their "New Hope" retirement community.

[redacted] Possibly identical. [redacted]

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[redacted]-Per 7-2011, a Finders member, [redacted]

100-456850-5: Probably not identical. [redacted]

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[redacted]-Per 7-2011, a Finders member who accompanied group on February 1987 trip to Florida.

[redacted] Probably not identical. (Employed by University of Wisconsin, Department of Geology and Geophysics. Hosted Russian scientific visitors in 1989.)

[redacted] Probably not identical. (U.S. businessman--mining marble and granite--in Amsterdam, Soviet Union, 1990.)

[redacted] Probably not identical. [redacted]

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[redacted]-Per 7-2017 1. Finders member, aka [redacted]

(S) [redacted] Possibly identical. [redacted]

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(Although WMFO interviewed [redacted] it did not provide his DOB or other identifying information in its airtel to FBIHQ.)

[redacted]-Per 7-2017 1, [redacted] helped in "child care" during the Finders members' travel to Florida.

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[redacted] Identical. In 1966, a "concerned citizen" sent Hoover a newspaper clipping that identified the members of the Tuscon Committee of Conscience on Vietnam. Included on the list (and index into Bureau files) were [redacted] (Hoover sent the citizen a letter of thanks for his support.)

[redacted]-Per 7-2017 1, Finders member, [redacted] one of the children taken to Florida.

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[redacted] Probably not identical. [redacted]

[redacted]-A Finders member. [redacted]

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190-38953: Identical. [redacted] has made numerous FOIA requests on several different names. On one request (dated 1983), he noted that he needed the information for a book he was researching. (Need Sections 1-4.)

[redacted]--Per the Finders' press release in February 1987, a Finders member, [redacted]

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100-351585-6000ep7: Not identical. [redacted]

[redacted]--Name listed in computerized address book found on [redacted] during their detention in Florida in February 1987. Full entry as follows: [redacted]

[redacted]--Name listed in computerized address book found on [redacted] during their detention in Florida in February 1987. Full entry as follows: [redacted]

100-426761-903p3: Probably identical. In 1964, [redacted] was one of several individuals [redacted]

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100-43190-127 p26, 29: Probably identical. The investigation of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, circa 1964; by its own description, the SNCC was "an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements." The FBI was investigating the organization because of numerous (although tenuous) connections to the Communist Party. One of [redacted] an organization which sponsored such groups as 'Fair Play for Cuba.'" The Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was later described as a pro-Castro organization that had sponsored pro-Castro street rallies and

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mass picket lines and run a propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. However, it was only active a short time, because "ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin Lee H. Oswald" led to its demise.

100-440150-13p6: Probably identical. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] The conference was organized by the Italian Council of Peace, a "crypto-communist organization." One of the primary decisions of the conference was to "condemn the aggression of the United States in North Vietnam."

62-109384-6: Probably identical. Same information as above on [redacted] (this time, under the caption "Council of Federated Organizations"). Apparently, the group was detained several times during their travel through the south, always for minor traffic violations. In one report (Serial 5), it was noted that [redacted] was in the United States on a three-month visa.

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To: Unit Chief [redacted] b6 b7C

From: SSA [redacted]

Subject: Finders

The attached items were received from [redacted] Special Staff, Division #5 on 1/7/94 in response to a request related to the Finders preliminary inquiry.

A review of these materials and discussion with [redacted] to date found no documentation indicating that any agency interfered with or covered up the FINDERS investigation.

TO WMFO (3)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Future Enterprises, Inc., ~~(C)~~

1. On 18 February 1987 Detective [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., Intelligence Division, [redacted] contacted the Office of Security as a matter of routine follow-up in the much publicized "Finder's Organization" investigation. Detective [redacted] advised that [redacted] frequently traveled overseas and had several passports. As a courtesy Detective [redacted] wished to determine any association with the Agency by [redacted] or the Finder's Organization. Apparently numerous businesses have surfaced and materials relevant to these businesses are in the police department's possession. One company Detective [redacted] mentioned is Future Enterprises, Inc. Detective [redacted] invited a representative of the Agency to review these materials, but the Agency declined considering this more in your Bureau's purview. ~~(S)~~

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2. Detective [redacted] also advised that a [redacted] a former member of the Finder's, had been interviewed and believed that he was the target of retribution by the Finder's. [redacted] inferred that he had done work involving security protection for this Agency, NSA and other government agencies. Detective [redacted] was requested to refer this information to your Bureau. ~~(S)~~

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3. Search of Agency indices revealed the following:

a. [redacted] was never an employee of this Agency, nor was the organization Finder's associated with the Agency. [redacted] Isabelle was an Agency employee from 1952-1961 and voluntarily resigned. According to Detective [redacted] Isabelle Pettie is deceased. (S)

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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1. "Finders" or "Finders" Group.

2. Finders Transnational

3. Finders Transnational Ragged Mountain Ranch Research Center

4. General Scientific Corporation, Rockville, Maryland

5. The Information Bank, 1307 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

6. Future Enterprises

7. Women's Networking Service

★ 8. [redacted]

9. Isabelle Pettie, AKA, Isabelle M. Pettie, Christine Isabell Pettie, [redacted] and she was allegedly a staff employee of the CIA from August 1952 until August 1961, no further description available.

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16. Diane Sherwood, AKA, Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, female, DOB 12/2/36, U.S. Passport number 23458000.

17. Barbara Sylvester, AKA, Barbara F. Sylvester, white female, DOB 12/9/36.

18. JOHN H. STITCHER, JR. (now deceased), W/M, DOB 8/27/43, SSAN 220-38-0629, SERGEANT, WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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12/10/93

To: Unit Chief [redacted]

From: SSA [redacted] b6 b7C

Subject: Finders

A search of FBIHQ indices was conducted for [redacted] File reviews were conducted on indices references identified by the indices search as follows:

1. [redacted]

100-456757-serial 3
Serial 3 is an investigative report from SAC, Baltimore dated 10/26/70 and concerns [redacted] The case involves the "SM-SDS;RM-BPP" which stands for "Security Matter-Students for a Democrat Society; Racial Matter-Black Panther Party." This indices reference does not appear to be identical with [redacted]

190-HQ-60055, Serial 3, page 1
This serial is an airtel dated 2/20/92 from Director, FBI to SAC, Jacksonville. This airtel enclosed original Jacksonville files sent to FBIHQ for duplication and FOIPA processing. The subject was "The Finders" and the requestor was [redacted] There is no other information concerning [redacted] b6 b7C

7-20191
This is a main file captioned [redacted] Kidnapping; OO: Jacksonville." The file consists of 31 serials and concerns the investigation of two individuals who had been arrested in Tallahassee, Florida in 1987 and charged with child abuse. These two individuals were identified as belonging to a group based in Washington, D.C. known as the FINDERS.

On 2/4/87, [redacted] were arrested by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity. b6 b7C

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D. C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D. C. in an effort to further

identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnaped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was registered to a [redacted] b6 b7C

A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type life style made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosection in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.

Subjects [redacted] were released from the custody of the TPD on 3/17/87, and all charges against them were dropped. b6 b7C

Included in this file are the following:

Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children

" #9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re [redacted] in Washington, D. C.

Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.

" #16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by [redacted] Virginia by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.

Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.

" #24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of [redacted] provides info pertaining to b6 b7C

"finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida.

" #26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising that AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution in this matter stating that their is no evidence of a Federal violation. No additional investigation in this case.

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2. [redacted]

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Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;
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Re BL tel dated 1/3/94.

Enclosed for WMFO is an FD - 302 which reflects interview of U.S. Customs Attache office Customs Agent [redacted]

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In view of the fact that no additional investigation remains, Brussels considers this matter RUC.

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