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PASS: TSA FOR FEDERAL AIR MARSHALS; DHS FOR IAIP; FBINY FOR SQUAD CT-1, SSA NIAL BRENAN AND SA ANTHONY BIVONA.

SUBJECT: SOURCE DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL AIR MARSHALS.

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO YOUR AGENCY AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE COORDINATION THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY OCCURRED AT THE FBI NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE. THERE IS NO THREAT INFORMATION TO THE FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE AND/OR ANY FEDERAL AVIATION ENTITIES. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY IS STRICTLY OPINION PROVIDED BY A SOURCE FOR THE FBI. THIS INFORMATION MAY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO INFLUENCE AS WELL AS INFORM.

2. ON 10 MAR 2006, THE FBI MET WITH A SOURCE OF KNOWN RELIABILITY WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST. SOURCE HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THIS SOURCE HAS PREVIOUS TIES TO AL QAEDA AND TO USAMA BIN LADEN.

3. SOURCE PROVIDED THE FBI WITH DOCUMENTS S/HE HAD WRITTEN. SOURCE HAD TITLED ONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS, "AIR MARSHAL - REVELATIONS OF METHODS AND OPERATIONS." SOURCE INDICATED THAT ON 07 JAN 2006 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:25AM ON FOX NEWS CHANNEL, S/HE OBSERVED A STORY REGARDING THE FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE (FAMS).

4. AFTER VIEWING THE PROGRAM ON FOX NEWS, SOURCE WROTE ABOUT WHAT S/HE LEARNED FROM THE PROGRAM, AND AS A CONVICTED TERRORIST, ADVISED WHAT OTHER TERRORISTS MIGHT HAVE GLEANED FROM THAT PROGRAM.

5. THE DOCUMENT IS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

6. THE NEWS STORY DEPICTED VARIOUS FIRING EXERCISES STAGED INSIDE AN AIRCRAFT. BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT WAS SHOWN, SOURCE'S OPINION IS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL COULD DETERMINE THAT THE AIR MARSHAL WOULD SIT IN AN AISLE SEAT AS THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY THE MARSHAL CAN FIRE UPON A POTENTIAL HIJACKER WITHOUT HITTING A PASSENGER.

7. THE PROGRAM SHOWED THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF TRAINING:

A) FIRING POSITIONS INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT, FIRING AT A HIJACKER WHO WAS STANDING, FIRING AT A HIJACKER WHO WAS HOLDING A HOSTAGE ETC.

B) FIRING AT A LARGE SCREEN DEPICTING DIFFERENT SCENARIOS

C) FIRING AT AN OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE.

D) WRESTLING AND HAND TO HAND COMBAT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME A HIJACKER.

8. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE FOLLOWING IS HOW A TERRORIST GROUP COULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM:

A) IN THE FUTURE, A TERRORIST GROUP CAN DO RECONNAISSANCE TO SEE WHERE AN AIR MARSHAL WOULD LIKELY SIT (THE AISLE SEAT ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT, FIRST CLASS, OR THE LEFT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT, FIRST ROW OF COACH.

B) AMONG THE HIJACKING TEAM WOULD BE AN EXTRA PERSON OR TWO

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WHO'S MISSION IS TO ELIMINATE THE AIR MARSHAL BEFORE THE REST OF THE TEAM BEGINS THE OPERATION.

C) AFTER THE ELIMINATION OF THE MARSHAL, THE HIJACKING TEAM COULD START THE ACTUAL OPERATION.

9. SOURCE NOTED THAT ON A SEPARATE PROGRAM, ALSO ON FOX NEWS, AN AIR MARSHAL SHOT A PASSENGER ON A FLIGHT TO FLORIDA. A GUEST ON THIS PROGRAM STATED THAT EVERY TIME SHE BOARDS AN AIRCRAFT THERE WOULD BE A PERSON SITTING INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT WHO WAS NOT AMONG THE FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS IN THE TERMINAL.

NOTE: THIS COULD THEREFORE INDICATE WHO THE FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL COULD BE.

10. THE FBI WRITER REITERATES THAT THERE IS NO THREAT INFORMATION TO THE FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE AND/OR ANY FEDERAL AVIATION ENTITIES. THE INFORMATION IS STRICTLY OPINION PROVIDED BY AN FBI SOURCE. THIS SOURCE IS AVAILABLE FOR RECONTACT.

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