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APPENDIX D Data Source Descriptions

D.1 VGTOF: Violent Gang and Terrorist Organizations File

Since September 11, 2001, Director Mueller has directed field offices of the FBI to place the subjects of open terrorism related investigations into the FBI's Terrorism Watch List which is part of the Violent Gangs and Terrorist Organization File (VGTOF) maintained by the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC). The Terrorism Watch List is currently the Counterterrorism Division's integrated listing of lone terrorists, or terrorist groups, of investigative interest to the FBI.

The subjects of counterterrorism investigations are being added to the file daily and are accessed by other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies whenever these agencies access the system for the purpose of running criminal history checks on individuals of interest to their own investigations (i.e., during routine traffic stops). When accessed by an officer, an application used with the database is capable of automatically notifying the officer that the name is of interest to the FBI and should be treated with caution. The system can provide further instructions such as requesting the officer to notify the FBI of the reason for the inquiry.

The purpose of the data base is to share pertinent biographical information with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies for officer safety and mutual investigative interest.

The Terrorism Watch List (VGTOF) is in the process of being consolidated into a single data base managed by the Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) and the recently announced Terrorist Screening Center (TSC).

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provides the ability within various criteria and provides statistical reports.

D.5 VCF: Virtual Case File

provided to the FBI by FINCEN.

This will be the central repository for FBI investigations. It is currently under development and is expected to become operational by the end of 2004. The VCF system will be a structured central database supporting investigative activities enterprise-wide. The database will contain relevant data to all cases opened for investigation including court files and related law-enforcement information from state and local field office sources. Due to security and access control challenges and programmatic constraints, current plans are for the IDW system to use a subset of the entire VCF content. This subset of VCF content will be consistent with the case classification restrictions, and other (Federal Grand Jury, Federal Taxpayer Information, Bank Secrecy Act Information) restrictions which are currently on ACS documents being copied into the IDW.

D.6. SAMNET: Secure Automated Message Network

This system is used to transmit and receive messages from the Intelligence Community and other agencies. SAMNET is also used by Legat Offices, and Field and Headquarters Divisions to exchange messages up to the TS/SCI level. The system is being modernized to include a migration to the Defense Message System (DMS), and replacement of an existing manual method of printing and delivering paper, with electronic delivery to the

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appropriate desktop, based on functional profile. SAMNET information can be from DoD and other Intelligence Community sources.

D.7 JICI: Joint Intelligence Community Inquiry

This a static collection of anti-terrorist files collected from FBI field office files offices following 9/11. The collection represents a historical record of field office files and is not currently updated on a regular basis. The files are searched for target words usually in conjunction with other associated databases.

D.8 IntelPlus: Intelligence Plus

This is an application which allows the users to view "Table of Contents" lists from large collections of records in various formats. The user is able to display the document whether it is in text form or one of several graphic formats and then print, copy or store the information. The application allows researchers in tracking associated documents by assisting the user on going to related topics and provides a convenient search capability. The Intel Plus application is currently organized around six separate counterterrorism collections:

