

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/17/2000

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: DT/CPS
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All Field Offices

Attn: ADIC/SAC/DT Supervisor

From: Memphis

Squad 8

Contact: SA [redacted] (901) 747-9683

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 300A-ME-54720 (Pending)

Title: VISIT OF NELSON MANDELA TO
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE TO ACCEPT
"FREEDOM AWARD" - 11/20-22/2000

Synopsis: Request to all offices to report any positive information concerning specific threats to captioned visit of Nelson Mandela to Memphis, TN.

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Details: On 10/13/2000, Chief Chuck Cook, Memphis Police Department (MPD), Memphis, TN; [redacted] Regional Public Affairs, International Paper (IP), Little Rock, AR; and various MPD personnel met with the writer to discuss the details of, and planned security for, captioned event.

[redacted] advised that IP, a long-time sponsor of the annual National Freedom Award banquet, will be providing a six-man, unarmed escort/security team throughout Mandela's visit to Memphis. He said tentative plans call for Mr. Mandela to fly in from Los Angeles, CA, via a private jet owned by [redacted] and [redacted] renowned Memphis philanthropists. He should arrive at/around 3:00PM on Monday, November 20, 2000, in Memphis, TN, where he will be staying at the Peabody Hotel. He is expected to tour the Civil Rights Museum that evening.

[redacted] said Mr. Mandela was scheduled to speak at the Temple of Deliverance, Memphis, TN, sometime during the afternoon of Tuesday, November 21, 2000, before resting later that day. (A large crowd is anticipated at the public forum.) At 7:00 that evening, Mr. Mandela will accept the "Freedom Award" at the banquet to be held at the Peabody Hotel.

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[redacted] advised Mr. Mandela was expected to depart from the Peabody Hotel, and the Memphis area by plane, sometime during the early afternoon of Wednesday, November 22, 2000. [redacted] will be furnishing the writer with additional details of Mandela's itinerary as they become available.

[redacted] also said it is rumored that several African-American dignitaries, including Michael Jordan, may travel to Memphis to witness Mandela's visit.

In view of Mr. Mandela's high profile, the tumultuous events currently transpiring in the Middle East, and the tragic history associated with Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN, a potential threat exists for discord/violence throughout Mandela's stay in the area. [redacted] advised that media coverage, to this point, has been almost nonexistent. However, that invariably will change as Mandela's visit approaches.

Any positive information should be reported to SA [redacted]
[redacted] Memphis Division, at (901) 747-9683.

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Accomplishment Information:

Number: 1

Type: WMD - ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY

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Claimed By:

SSN: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

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ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

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