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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SA Cauthen appeared at 3381 Shadow Tree Dr., Apartment 327, Sacramento, CA on 04/27/2011. SA Cauthen noted that this apartment, which was believed to be occupied by Matthew Keys, appeared to be empty. SA Cauthen could observe through the front door window that there was no furniture in the apartment. The window blinds were open.

The apartment complex managers would not provide any information about Matthew Keys or the occupants of Apartment 327 without court order. The managers provided the name of Cody Marriott, 3334 Smoketree Dr., Sacramento, CA telephone 916-927-2200 as a person who would be in a position to receive a subpoena for information on Apartment 327.

Thereafter SA Cauthen telephoned 916-572-5895 and asked to speak with Matthew Keys. Keys identified himself immediately and SA Cauthen then identified himself and advised that he was working on a criminal computer intrusion case involving the hacking group "Anonymous".

Keys stated that he had information pertaining to this group and that he was willing to provide this information but that it was going to be published anyway as he was a journalist working with a foreign news organization on a story involving Anonymous. Keys desired to fax or e-mail the information he had.

SA Cauthen replied that he did not desire to receive information this way and that he suspected that Keys' computer had been compromised along with his social media accounts by the hacking group. SA Cauthen explained that he was concerned that if his name or the FBI's interest in the group were to be found on Keys computer and/or disseminated through a social networking sites than the subjects of the investigation could be alerted and in a position to destroy evidence. SA Cauthen advised that he preferred a face-to-face meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that the first available time both parties could be available to meet in Sacramento was during the week of 05/10/2011. Keys no longer resided in Sacramento and was currently traveling. SA Cauthen advised that he would contact Keys during that week to schedule a time and place.

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SA Cauthen requested that Keys bring his computer to the meeting and, in particular, any logs or communications he had with members of the group Anonymous.

Keys replied that he was uncertain about what information he would provide insomuch he was a journalist. SA Cauthen then replied that a week or more should provided him ample time to consult with appropriate legal counsel about what information he would be required, or willing, to provide.