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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 13, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1347755-000
Subject: Burning Man

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 16 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", is positioned above the typed name.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/19/2010

To: ✓ CIRG

Attn: Special Events Management Unit
SSA [redacted]

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All Field Offices

Attn: ADIC; SAC
Domestic Terrorism Squads
JTTF
Special Events Coordinator
Field Intelligence Group
FBIHQ, Manuals Desk

From: Las Vegas
Squad 7 / Reno RA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted] edd *SP*

Case ID #: 300A-LV-~~NEW~~ (Pending)

Title: 14th Annual Burning Man, 2010;
08/30 - 09/06/2010;
CT PREPAREDNESS - SPECIAL EVENT

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Synopsis: To open case, request a [redacted] and request field offices canvass logical sources to provide positive threat and/or intelligence information regarding the event.

Enclosure(s): A completed DHS 2010 Special Events Data Call Questionnaire regarding the event.

Details: The Burning Man, 2010 event on a playa known as the Black Rock Desert. The closet town is Gerlach, Nevada, which is twelve miles from the event location. Gerlach is located seventy-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada. Most of the participants in the event pass through Reno on the way to the event. The event is a nationally known event, wherein participants pay a fee to reside in a city that is built on the above noted playa for the length of the event. This city is called "Black Rock City." The event is considered a cultural and artisan event, which promote free expression by the participants. The estimated attendance for the event week will be approximately

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To: CIRG From: Las Vegas
Re: 300A-LV-NEW, 08/19/2010

50,000 participants, who will reside in the "Black Rock City" for the duration of the event. It is noted that it will be held over the Labor Day Weekend.

The Pershing County Sheriffs Office, maintains primary responsibility for the security of the event. Their department

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[REDACTED] Communication and emergency procedures were reviewed by all involved law enforcement agencies involved prior to the event.

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Las Vegas FBI will work with the Pershing County Sheriffs Office and all other applicable law enforcement agencies during the course of the event to aid in the prevention of terrorist activities and intelligence collection. It is additionally noted that in the past [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This case will serve as a platform to address such matters if they arise at this event.

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To: CIRG From: Las Vegas
Re: 300A-LV-NEW, 08/19/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

CIRG

AT SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT UNIT

SEMÚ is requested to provide a [] for this event.

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Receiving offices are requested to provide Las Vegas
with []

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[] Please provide information obtained
to SA []

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DHS 2010 Special Event Data Call Questionnaire

* - Denotes a required field

Event Name* - 14th Annual Burning Man, 2010

City* - Gerlach (closet town)

County - Pershing

State* - Nevada

Zip Code* - 89412

Start Date* - August 30, 2010

End Date* - September 6, 2010

Start and End Date Comments - The event occurs on a playa known as the Black Rock Desert. The closet town is Gerlach, Nevada, which is twelve miles from the event location. Gerlach is located seventy-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada. Most of the participants in the event pass through Reno on the way to the event. The event is a nationally known event, wherein participants pay a fee to reside in a city that is built on the above noted playa for the length of the event. This city is called "Black Rock City." The event is considered a cultural and artisan event, which promote free expression by the participants.

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Series of events - This is a yearly event in the above noted community.

Event Coordinator - Burning Man, Inc, 3450 3rd Street, San Francisco, California. Official website for event is www.burningman.com.

Law Enforcement POC - Primary LE POC is Sheriff [redacted] Pershing County Sheriffs Office, Lovelock, Nevada. The secondary LE POC is Lt. [redacted] Washoe County Sheriffs Office, Reno, Nevada.

Law Enforcement POC Phone - Pershing County Sheriffs Office: 775-538-7373
Washoe County Sheriffs Office: 775-328-3350

Law Enforcement POC E-mail - Washoe County Sheriffs Office:
[redacted]

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Law Enforcement POC comments - N/A

Emergency Management POC -

Emergency Management POC Phone -

Emergency Management POC E-mail -

Emergency Management POC comments -

Public Health POC -

Public Health POC Phone -

Public Health POC E-Mail -

Public Health POC comments -

Pandemic Community Mitigation Strategy -

Venue Type* - An "Open-Air" event takes place outdoors and involves large crowds gathered for a particular attraction. Events that take place in multiple smaller buildings or structures are considered "open-air" due to the large crowds that move between and congregate near the building area. Examples included fairs, film festivals, outdoor concerts, fireworks displays, and political rallies.

Venue Type Comments - The event occurs on a playa known as the Black Rock Desert. The closest town is Gerlach, Nevada, which is twelve miles from the event location. Gerlach is located seventy-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada. Most of the participants in the event pass through Reno on the way to the event. The event is a nationally known event, wherein participants pay a fee to reside in a city that is built on the above noted playa for the length of the event. This city is called "Black Rock City." The event is considered a cultural and artisan event, which promote free expression by the participants.

Venue Access* - Event is described as "Restricted" event.

Venue Access Comments - This is classified as a "Restricted" event due to the fact that all participants may only enter the "Black Rock City" area through one common entry. The participants must have a ticket (paid for) to enter this area. Once inside, the participants access to the venues is unrestricted.

Venue Address - Noted above in Venue Type

Water Borne - N/A

Iconic/Symbolic Venue* - No

Iconic/Symbolic Venue Comments -

Daily Attendance* - Average of 50,000 per day.

Daily Attendance Comments - The same 50,000 people will attend the event for it's entire length.

Attendance Concentration* - Category B - An event where a large portion of attendees are present at the same time but includes several attractions that may distribute the crowds such that they are not all together at once. These events typically last one or more days, with attendees showing up at different times throughout the day. The event has a main focus, a key note speaker at an industry conference, or the main act at a music festival, but is not the only significant attraction at the event. Music festivals, industry conferences, rodeos, and golf tournaments are examples of this event: 65%-90% of the daily attendance is present at any given moment.

Attendance Concentration Comments -

Head of State Participation* - No

Head of State Participation Comments -

Dignitary Participation* - No

Dignitary Participation Comments -

Annual Event - Yes

Related Event - No

Additional Event Comments - The greatest known threat in this event is crowd control issues and use of illegal drugs by the participants.

Event Capabilities* - Event requirements met by capabilities.

Event Capabilities Gap Comments - All law enforcement issues are met and addressed by the Pershing County Sheriffs Office maintains primary responsibility for the security of the event.

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_____ Their department's force is supplemented by sworn officers of the _____



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/26/2010

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 7 / Reno RA

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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✓ Case ID #: 300A-LV-42474 (Pending)

Title: 14th Annual Burning Man, 2010;
08/30 - 09/06/2010;
CT PREPAREDNESS - SPECIAL EVENT

Synopsis: To document contact with private security firm on captioned event.

Details: On 08/26/2010, the writer made telephonic contact with [redacted] Hillard Heinzte Security Firm, Washington D.C., telephone number (202) 306-7301. The writer had called [redacted] in response to his call and query on 08/24/2010. [redacted] advised that his firm had been requested by the company running the 14th Annual Burning Man, 2010 to conduct a threat assessment on the event. The name of that company is Black Rock, LLC. [redacted] had already been in contact with other local law enforcement agencies as part of his assessment. [redacted] noted that he would be attending the event as part of the security team.

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In response to his query, the writer advised [redacted] that the FBI had no intelligence indicating any outside threats, domestic or international, to this event.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/02/2010

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [redacted]
Supervisor,
Field Intelligence Group

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From: CIRG
Special Events Management Unit (SEMU)
Contact: CMS [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted] lmm

Case ID #: 300A-IR-8320-LV (Pending)
300A-LV-42474 (Pending)

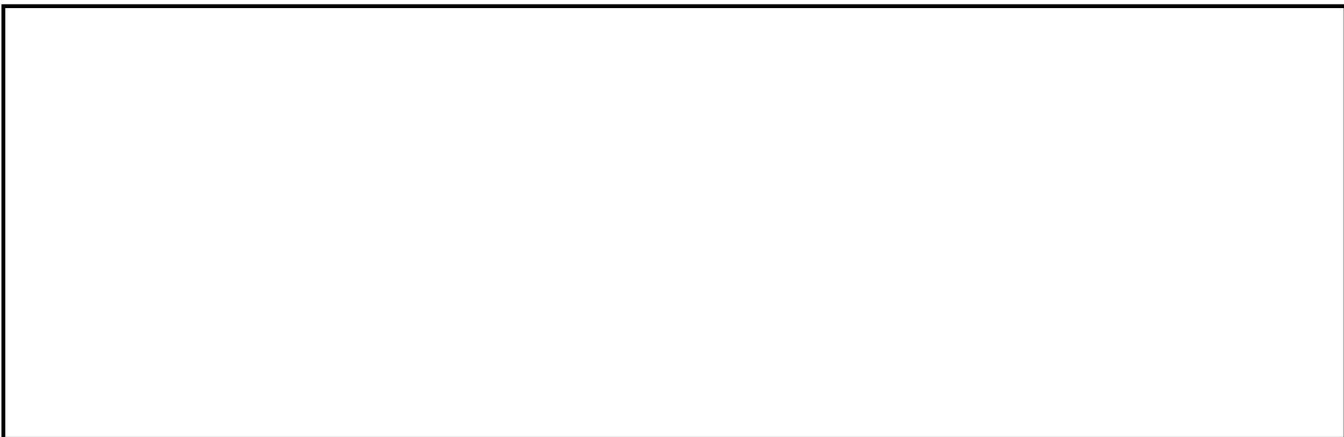
Title: 14TH ANNUAL BURNING MAN, 2010;
08/30 - 09/06/2010;
CT PREPAREDNESS - SPECIAL EVENT

Synopsis: To confirm receipt of Las Vegas electronic communication (EC) as captioned above; to advise Las Vegas of the [redacted] for captioned event - event designated [redacted] to provide guidance on planning and preparation activities; to provide guidance in preparing a threat assessment; and to identify the SEMU point of contact for captioned event.

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Reference: 300A-LV-42474 serial 1

Details: The Special Events Management Unit (SEMU) received an EC from Las Vegas advising of the captioned special event. Las Vegas provided background information about the upcoming event, captioned above.



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To: LAS VEGAS File #: CIRG
Re: 300A-IR-8320-LV, 09/02/2010

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Scheduled overtime for special agents assigned to work special events will be approved under certain very limited and relatively rare circumstances. In accordance with a memorandum to all SACs, dated January 1, 1999 (referenced EC: 66F-HQ-A1240026-PA, Serial 72) all requests for scheduled overtime for special agents must be submitted as far in advance as possible to the Deputy Director for approval. If scheduled overtime is contemplated, affected field offices or LEGATs must notify FBIHQ/SEMU immediately for guidance.

To: LAS VEGAS From: CIRG
Re: 300A-IR-8320-LV, 09/02/2010

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Las Vegas is asked to closely plan and coordinate its critical incident management activities with local, state, and federal agencies that are providing security and consequence management support for the captioned event. This should be the standard practice for any special event but it is even more critical in light of the ongoing war on terrorism and the potential for additional acts of terrorism being committed in the United States.

Las Vegas should also forward a copy of any security/response/operational plans for this event to CIRG/SEMU,

To: LAS VEGAS From: CIRG
Re: 300A-IR-8320-LV, 09/02/2010

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FBI Academy, Quantico, VA, 22135, to the attention of SSA

To: LAS VEGAS From: CIRG
Re: 300A-IR-8320-LV, 09/02/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT LAS VEGAS, NV



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Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT LAS VEGAS, NV

1. Las Vegas' Special Event Coordinator is requested to promptly submit any requests for FBIHQ resource augmentation required for this event with full justification.

2. Las Vegas' Special Event Coordinator is requested to forward a copy of any interagency crisis management/operations plans for this event to CMS [redacted] CIRG/SEMU, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA, 22135, and to submit a closing EC to SEMU within 30 days of conclusion of captioned event.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/27/2010

To: CIRG

Attn: Special Events Management Unit
SSA [redacted]

From: Las Vegas
Squad 7/Reno RA
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] A

Drafted By: [redacted] edd ED

✓ Case ID #: 300A-LV-42474 (Closed)

Title: 14th Annual Burning Man, 2010;
08/30 - 09/06/2010;
CT PREPAREDNESS - SPECIAL EVENT

Synopsis: To claim statistical accomplishments. To cover leads.
To advise that case is considered closed.

Reference: 300A-LV-42474 Serial 5

Details: On August 30, 2010 - September 6, 2010, the 14th Annual Burning Man, 2010 was held on a playa known as the Black Rock Desert. The closet town is Gerlach, Nevada, which is twelve miles from the event location. Gerlach is located seventy-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada.

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This event took place with no adverse threats or actions. The Las Vegas Division, Reno RA, provided liaison with the Pershing County sheriffs Office, the Washoe County Sheriffs Office, and the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Most contact and updates were conducted via the two Fusion Centers for Northern Nevada.

Leads set in referenced EC are considered covered. It is requested this matter be closed.

~~Close Case 9/29/2010
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300A-LV-42474-6

To: CIRG From: Las Vegas
Re: 300A-LV-42474, 09/27/2010

Accomplishment Information:

Number: 1
Type: SPEC EVENTS-LOCAL AGENCY LIAISON ESTABLISHED/UTILIZED
ITU: 300A-SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM
Claimed By:
SSN: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Squad: 7

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Number: 1
Type: SPEC EVENTS [REDACTED]
ITU: 300A-SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM
Claimed By:
SSN: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Squad: 7

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To: CIRG From: Las Vegas
Re: 300A-LV-42474, 09/27/2010

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

CIRG

AT WASHINGTON D.C.

Read and clear.

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