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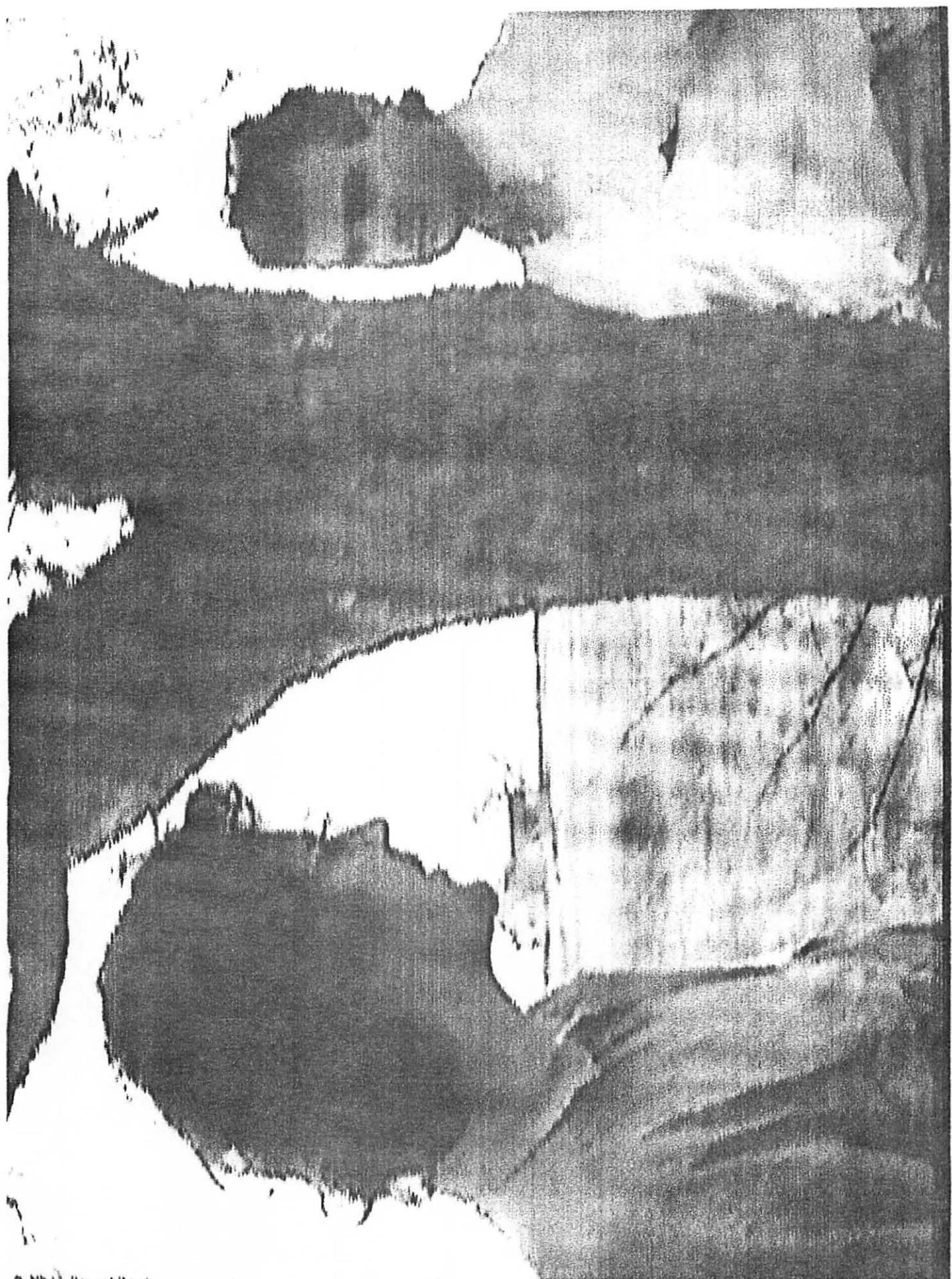
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TO: Chief, Firearms Technology Branch Washington, D.C.			3. MONITORED INVESTIGATION INFORMATION (Number and Branch) CIP: HOUSTON FY-92 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS REPORT 002	
4. OF INVESTIGATION Howell, Vernon Wayne et.al...			5. INVESTIGATION No. (Include Suspect No.) 53110-92-1069-X	
TYPE OF REPORT (Check applicable boxes)			7. BUREAU PROGRAM	
PRELIMINARY	X	COLLATERAL (Request)	X TITLE I X TITLE II	FIREARMS
STATUS		COLLATERAL (Reply)	TITLE VII TITLE II	EXPLOSIVES
FINAL		INTELLIGENCE	X TITLE XI	TOBACCO
SUPPLEMENTAL		REFERRAL (Internal)		ALCOHOL
8. PROJECT(S)				
TARGETED OFFENDER				
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DETAILS: This collateral request relates to an investigation initiated in response to a "Referral" from the McLennan County Sheriff's Department, Waco, Texas, concerning the alleged illegal possession and or illegal conversion/manufacturing of Title II, NFA weapons and explosives by Vernon W. Howell, AKA: David Koresh, Route 7, Box 471-B, Waco, McLennan County, Texas.				
Assorted firearm parts and accessories have been shipped to the "Mag Bag" corporation, addressed to Vernon Howell and Mike Schroeder from March of 1992, to the present. Additional firearm parts currently being shipped to the "Mag Bag" corporation are being closely monitored and documented. It is requested that following documented firearm parts and accessories received by the "Mag Bag" corporation be evaluated, to determine if, that with these parts, the aforementioned subjects are possibly converting or manufacturing Title II weapons:				
Shipped from: Olympic Arms Inc. 624 Old Pacific Hwy., S.E., Olympia, Wa. (206) 456-3471				
1) Four (4) 9mm and .45, ACP upper assemblies/receivers/conversion units. 2) Twenty-three (23) Barrel units and upper receiver assembly. 3) Eighteen (18) heavy match barrel units with assault handguards and upper receiver assembly. 4) Eleven (11) flash suppressors. 5) Twenty-five (25) K-1B 16", with AZFS. 6) Fourteen (14) K-2B with EZ and AZFS.				
SUBMITTED BY (Name) Davy Aguilera		11. TITLE AND OFFICE Special Agent, Austin		12. DATE 07/23/92
VIEWED BY (Name) Larry E. Sparks		14. TITLE AND OFFICE Resident Agent in Charge		15. DATE 7/23/92
APPROVED BY (Name) Phillip J. Chojnacki		17. TITLE AND OFFICE Special Agent in Charge		18. DATE / /

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Four (4) Car-9 units.

ipped from: Sarco Inc.  
 Union Street  
 Stirling, N.J.  
 (908) 647-3800

One (1) set of M-16 parts set kit with sling and magazine.  
 One (1) bolt catch extractor pin and buttcap screw.  
 Three (3) M-16 "A" kits.  
 Two (2) M-261 rifle conversion kits.  
 Four (4) M-203 handguards.

ipped from: Nessard Gun Parts Co.  
 27 W. 990 Industrial Rd.  
 Barrington, Ill.  
 (708) 381-7629

Two (2) M-16 car kits, which contain everything that an M-16 contains, to include a 16" barrel, with out the lower receiver.  
 Two (2) M-16 EZ car kits, which contain everything that an M-16, with the 20" barrel, with out the lower receiver.  
 One (1) flash suppressor.

ipped from: Unknown Company at this time.

Two (2) boxes containing a total of M-16/AR-15 magazines, 30 in each box.

has been recently learned that the "Mag Bag" Corporation have also been receiving other firearm parts and accessories from the following companies at have not yet been identified:

ooters Equipment Co. P. Box 517 chland, S.C. 29765	Center Fire Systems Inc. 102 Fieldview Versailles, Ky. 40383
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tached are copies of invoices for your assistance and information.

ould you have any questions regarding this request, please contact  
 ecial Agent Davy Aguilera at (512) 482-5333. Please submit the results  
 your evaluation to:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
 ATTN: Special Agent Davy Aguilera  
 P.O. Box 20-2828  
 Austin, Texas 78720-2828

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DETAILS (continued)		
<p>Shipped from: Olympic Arms Inc. 624 Old Pacific Hwy., S.E. Olympia, Washington (206) 456-3471</p>		
<p>The following items were shipped to: "The Mag Bag" ATTN: Mike Schroeder Route 7, Box 555, Waco, Texas, 76705</p>		
<p>Shipped on 3/26/92: Fifteen (15) barrel unit and upper receiver, assembled and test-fired.</p>		
<p>Shipped on 3/30/92: Five (5) barrel unit and upper receiver, assembled and test-fired, with Five (5) flash suppressors.</p>		
<p>Special Agent Aguilera subsequently asked Inspector Souza if he came across any invoices and or purchases made by Henry S. McMahon Jr., an FFL in Hewitt, Texas. Inspector [redacted] stated that he did come across an invoice with McMahon's name, reflecting the purchase of fifteen (15), AR- 15 lower receivers with the following serial numbers:</p>		
<p>Shipped on 3/25/92: Fifteen (15), AR-15 lower receivers with the following serial numbers: T7720 - T7706 - T7525 - T7681 - T7704 - T7605 - T7665 - T7702 - T7601 - T7505 - T7541 - T7692 - T7709 - T7724 - T7703.</p>		
<p>On June 30, 1992, Special Agent Aguilera learned that the "Mag Bag" Corporation, Waco, Texas, had received the following additional items from the following companies:</p>		
<p>Shipped from: Tipco Inc. P.O. Box 646 Smyrna, Ga.</p>		
<p>Shipped on 6/16/92: 1) Two (2), 37mm flare launchers.</p>		
<p>Shipped from: Sarco Inc. Union Street Stirling, N.J. (908) 647-3800</p>		
<p>Shipped on 6/18/92: 1) Three (3) M-16 "A" Kits. 2) Two (2) M-261 rifle conversion kits. 3) Four (4) M-203 handguards.</p>		
<p>Shipped from: Unknown company name 13814 Inglewood, Ave. Hawthorne, Calif.</p>		

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DETAILS (Continued)		
Shipped on 6/18/92: Chemicals, instruments and glassware.		
Shipped from:	Nesard Gun Parts Co. 27 W. 990 Industrial Rd. Barrington, Ill. (708) 381-7629	
Shipped on 6/19/92: 1) One M-76 grenade launcher.		
From correspondence addressed to Route 7, Box 471-B, Waco, Texas, the following names have been obtained and identified as people residing on the compound:		
Margaret Lawson Shelia J. Martin Trudy Mayers R. Koresh Karen Doyle Perry Jones Novelette Hipsman Douglas Wayne Martin Jennifer Andrade Mary B. Jones Pablo Cohan James Lawtan Lorraine J. Sylvia Raymond Friesen Paul Fatta Concepcion Acuna David Thibodeau	Greg A. Summers Catherine Matterwn Judy Schnider Julie Martinez Jim Riddle Woodrow W. Kindrick Michael D. Schroeder Kathryn Schroeder Ruth Riddle Mark H. Wendel Vernon W. Hovell, AKA: David Koresh Mike Edwards Scott Sonobe Julie Friesen Miss S. C. Murray Graeme Craddock Donald E. Bundis	
A collateral request to Firearms Tech will be initiated, upon receiving additional invoices from UPS, Waco, Texas, to determine if in fact these parts could be used to manufacture machineguns.		
On June 30, 1992, Special Agent Aguilera initiated a referral to ATF Compliance Supervisor, Dallas, Texas, to conduct an audit on Henry S. McMahon Jr., and FFL dba: Hewitt Hand Guns, 909 Rosedale, Hewitt, Texas.		
This investigation will be conducted by both Special Agent Davy Aguilera and Larry E. Sparks, RAC, Austin, Texas, who will assume undercover capacity, as warranted. Additionally, Special Agent Wayne Appelt will assist as needed, per RAC direction.		
Investigation Continues.....  [REDACTED]		

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TO: Special Agent in Charge Houston Field Division Office		3. MONITORED INVESTIGATION INFORMATION (Number and Branch) CIP: HOUSTON FY-93 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS REPORT 009 MONITOR # PS1192-09		
4. TITLE OF INVESTIGATION HOWELL, Vernon Wayne et.al...		5. INVESTIGATION No. (Include Suspect No.) 53110-92-1069-X		
6. TYPE OF REPORT (Check applicable boxes)		7. BUREAU PROGRAM	8. PROJECT(S)	
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	ALCOHOL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) GENERAL		

## 9. DETAILS

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| (x) MONTHLY STATUS<br>DATE OF LAST REPORT: 11-11-92                                     | ( ) US ATTORNEY ACTION<br>PENDING |
| ( ) 90-DAY STATUS<br>DATE OF LAST REPORT:                                               | ( ) TRIAL PENDING                 |
| ( ) PROPERTY IN CUSTODY:                                                                | ( ) SENTENCE PENDING              |
| ( ) CASE REPORT SUBMITTED:                                                              | ( ) APPEAL PENDING                |
| ( ) THIS FILE SHOULD BE CLOSED -- ALL ACTIONS INCLUDING PROPERTY<br>HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED |                                   |

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On November 13, 1992, Special Agent Davy Aguilera learned through Lt. Coy Jones, McLennan County Sheriff's Department, that an individual, who is employed with UPS, in Waco, Texas, informed him that a Marshall Keith Butler, a known machinist, occasionally does work for Howell. That Butler is also a known convicted felon in the Waco, Texas area. Lt. Jones further stated that the UPS employee did not want to reveal his name, unless it was absolutely necessary.

A Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal History reveals the following arrests/convictions concerning Marshall K. Butler:

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11. SUBMITTED BY (Name): Davy Aguilera	12. TITLE AND OFFICE: Special Agent, Austin	13. DATE 12/09/
14. REVIEWED BY (Name): Larry E. Sparks	15. TITLE AND OFFICE: Resident Agent in Charge	16. DATE 1/7/93
17. APPROVED BY (Name):	18. TITLE AND OFFICE	19. DATE

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<u>DETAILS (Continued)</u>		
05-17-84	Waco Police Department - Possession of Marijuana -- No disposition.	
04-08-86	Waco Police Department - Possession of Methamphetamine - No Bill.	
10-03-86	Waco Police Department - Possession of Methamphetamine - No disposition.	
05-02-89	Waco Police Department - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Two counts of possession of controlled substance - No disposition.	
07-15-89	Waco Police Department - Possession of Marijuana - Possession of Methamphetamine - Court disposition, convicted on 04-12-90, received 3 years probation.	
01-30-92	Waco Police Department - Possession of controlled substance - Convicted, sentenced to three (3) years to the Texas Department of Corrections.	
04-27-92	Paroled to McLennan County until 08-03-94.	
<p>On November 13, 1992, Special Agent Davy Aguilera met with Deputy Terry Fuller, McLennan County Sheriff's Department, who stated that on 11-6-92, at approximately 1:25 P.M., while on routine patrol near the above described compound, located at Route 7, Box 471-B, Waco, McLennan County, Texas, he heard a loud explosion coming from the north end of the compound. That while driving back to where he thought the explosion may have occurred, he saw a large cloud of grey smoke dissipating in the air on the north end of the compound. Due to the distance of the pole camera from the compound, it is very difficult to determine or distinguish the explosion which occurred on the compound from reviewing the video tape.</p> <p>Also on this same date, Special Agent Aguilera learned that Randy Cervenka, the adjacent neighboring rancher next to the Howell compound, while working on his ranch on 11-8-92, at approximately 2:45 P.M., heard spurts of rifle gun fire coming from the compound.</p> <p>On November 24, 1992, Special Agent Aguilera received a telephone call from a SGT. John Hackworth, Police Officer, Laverne Police Department, Laverne, California. Officer Hackworth stated that he was contacted by Robin Bunds, Laverne, California, who stated that she had some information concerning Vernon W. Howell. That she was an active member of Howell's Cult Group located in Waco, Texas, approximately two (2) years ago. That she gave birth to Howell's daughter, who is currently three years of age. That she is attempting to pursue a paternity suit on Howell for child support. That Howell is a "Mad Man", who also owns a residence at 2707 White Ave., Laverne, California. That the residence is occupied by at least five (5) of his followers. That while at the compound in Waco, Texas, Howell, would have some of his followers purchase weapons for him.</p> <p>SGT. Hackworth subsequently provided Special Agent Aguilera with the following list of names of people who currently reside at the Howell</p>		

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b: Special Agent in Charge Houston Field Division Office			3. MONITORED INVESTIGATION INFORMATION (Number and Branch) CIP: HOUSTON FY-92 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS REPORT 011	
4. TITLE OF INVESTIGATION HOWELL, Vernon Wayne et.al			5. INVESTIGATION No. (Include Suspect No.) 53110-92-1069-X	
6. TYPE OF REPORT (Check applicable boxes)			7. BUREAU PROGRAM	
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This sensitive criminal investigation involves Vernon Wayne Howell and several others who are suspected of a variety of violations including 26 U.S.C. 5861, manufacture of destructive devices.

This group of people have been living in a commune type of setting in a rural part of Texas. In the last few years they have been involved in enough disturbances to warrant the attention of the local sheriff's department, McClellan County Sheriff's Department in Waco, Texas. The information obtained by them and recent information obtained by ATF agents indicates this group of people has accumulated automatic weapons, built underground shooting ranges, and acquired raw materials that can be used to build handgrenades and bombs. The below list is included in this report in response to a request for a report listing the persons identified as subjects of this investigation. This list is still growing as more persons are identified as part of this group and additional identifying information is obtained on people already on the list.

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10. SUBMITTED BY (Name) Davy Aquilera	11. TITLE AND OFFICE Special Agent, Austin	12. DATE 12/31/92
13. REVIEWED BY (Name) Earl K. Dunagan	14. TITLE AND OFFICE Acting RAIC, Austin	15. DATE 12/31/92
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BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

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<b>DETAILS (Continued)</b>	

**LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS FULLY IDENTIFIED**

Bunds, Donald, Elliot: white, male, 6', DOB: 10-26-30, Texas DL# 00870347, address: Rt 7, Box 471B, Waco, Tx, 76705

Occupation/Position in relation to the group: Certified pilot-owner of private FAA registered piper aircraft, Serial number 24-3617. Mechanical Engineer.

Fatta, Paul Gordon: white, male, 5'8", 155#, brown hair, green eyes, DOB: 2-28-58, born in California, SS# 569-17-9109, FBI# 665653HA6.

Occupation/Position: One of Howell's close associates - Extremely wealthy - Rumor had it in the cult commune, that Paul and the family made their money through drug trafficking. Financial institution reporting negotiable instruments or wire transfers of \$15,000.

Criminal History: 11-03-87 - Arrested - McLennan County Sheriff's Office, Waco, Texas - Charged with attempted murder - Disposition - 04-25-88 - found not guilty by a jury trial.

Friesen, Raymond: White, male, DOB: 06-12-52.

Occupation/Position: Unknown.

Criminal History: United States Customs Service (USCS), Pembina, N.D., alleged general smuggling - stolen merchandise/alleged smuggling marijuana and pornography. Subject was passenger in motor home seized at POE Pembina on 9/20/89 - subject was traveling with "Los Bravos Gang Members"

Hipsman, Peter James: white, male, 5'10", 155#, brown hair, green eyes, DOB: 3-15-65, born in California, SS# 071-62-7992, FBI# 664692HA0, address: POB 154081 Rt 7, Waco, Tx, 76705,

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DETAILS (Continued)		
Occupation/Position:	One of Howell's close associates - Occupation is unknown at this time.	
Criminal History:	11-03-87 - Arrested McLennan County Sheriff's Department - Charged with attempted murder - Disposition: 04-25-88 - found not guilty by a jury trial.	
<u>Houtman, Floyd Leon:</u>	black, male, 5'11", 175#, brown hair, brown eyes, DOB: 11-26-31, born in Massachusetts, Texas DL# 03221199, SS# [REDACTED] FBI# [REDACTED]	
Occupation/Position:	One of Howell's close associates. Houtman was a cook in the U.S. Army. Houtman is also a former boxer, who is believed to have worked in a bomb factory, responsible mainly for lifting items. Houtman's wife Judy left the commune in 1986, along with her three children.	
Criminal History:	11-03-87 - Arrested McLennan County Sheriff's Department - Charged with attempted murder - Disposition: 04-25-88 - found not guilty by a jury trial.	
<u>Howell, Vernon Wayne:</u>	AKA David Koresh, white, male, 5'11", 165#, brown hair, brown eyes, DOB: 8-17-59, born in Houston, Texas, Texas DL# 06328661, address: Route 7 box 471B, Waco, Tx. 76705, and Rt. 3 box 125B, Wylie, Texas, 75098.	
Occupation/Position:	Leader of the Cult Group "Branch Davidian" movement, Route 7, Box 471B, Waco, Texas.	
Criminal History:	11-03-87 - Arrested McLennan County Sheriff's Department - Charged with attempted murder - Disposition: 04-25-88 - found not guilty by a jury trial.	
<u>Lawson, Margaret:</u>	White, female; DOB: 11-12-35.	
Occupation/Position:	Unknown.	

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Criminal History:	USCS - Los Angeles, Ca., subject arrested for possession of 4,970 grams of cocaine and failure to declare monetary instruments in excess of \$5,000, 11/12/88. FAA records indicate that this subject is a certified pilot, flight engineer or
<u>Martin, Shelia:</u>	White/female; DOB: 06-12-34.
Occupation/Position:	Unknown
Criminal History:	USCS - non-suspect, private aircraft inspection, entry date: 5/11/84.
<u>Jones, David Michael:</u>	white, male, 5'11", 155#, DOB: 10-18-54, born in Texas, blue eyes, Texas DL# 02523933, SS# [REDACTED], FBI# [REDACTED]
Occupation/Position:	One of Howell's close associates. Jones served in the U.S. Air Force and currently a U.S. Postal Service employee (mail man). From information received, Jones is a fanatic and considered extremely dangerous.
Criminal History:	11-03-87 - Arrested McLennan County Sheriff's Department - Charged with attempted murder - Disposition: 04-25-88 - found not guilty by a jury trial.
<u>Jones, Paul James:</u>	white, male, 5'11", 190#, grey hair, blue eyes, DOB: 12-13-39, SS# [REDACTED], address: [REDACTED], Other address: [REDACTED]
Occupation/Position:	Jones is related to David Michael Jones, but is not and has never been a cult member. Paul is also a mail man in Redding, California, who is allegedly a firearms and explosives expert. Information received indicated that Paul, at one time, visited the commune in Waco, Texas, specifically to teach the group how to manufacture explosives and firearms.
Criminal History:	No prior criminal history.

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Kendrick, W. Woodrow: white, male, DOB: 4-4-30, address: Route 7, P.O. Box 471-B, Waco, Texas.

Occupation/Position: Unknown at this time.

Criminal History: No ~~any~~ criminal history.

Riddle, James Loya: Riddle, James Loya, white, male, 5'11", 140#, Brown hair, blue eyes, DOB: 4-25-60, born in North Carolina, Texas DL# 12755787, FBI# [REDACTED], address: Rt. 7 Box 471B, Waco, Tx. 76705.

Occupation/Position: One Howell's close associates. Riddle's position in Howell's organizational structure is unknown at this time.

Criminal History: 11-03-87 - Arrested - McLennan County Sheriff's Department - Charged with attempted murder - Disposition - found not guilty by a jury trial.

Schroeder, Michael: White/male; DOB: 07-17-48.

Occupation/Position: Unknown

Criminal History: USCS - Bellechasse, La., subject of current investigation, entry date: 12/6/90. Subject arrested for possession of 467 grams of cocaine, miami, Fl., entry date: 4/3/82.

Schoroeder, Kathryn: White/female; DOB: 03-08-57.

Occupation/Position: Unknown

Criminal History: USCS - El Paso, Texas, subject arrested for possession of 5/10 grams of marijuana, 6/10 grams of cocaine, and 4 tablets of dangerous drugs, entry date: 9/20/90. USCS - Pembina, N.D., prohibited importation of alcoholic beverages.

Summers, Gregory Allen: white, male, 6', blue eyes, DOB: 1-9-65, SS# [REDACTED] address: Rt. Box 471B, Waco, Tx. 76705

Occupation/Position: One of Howell's close associates. From

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information obtained, Summers is a former drug user, originally from New York. He joined the commune in 1987, while in Hawaii.

Criminal History:

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Sylvia, Stanley Carl:

white, male, brown hair, brown eyes, 5'6", 155#, DOB: 12-14-37, born in Massachusetts, SS# [REDACTED], FBI# [REDACTED]; Texas DL# 08231293, address: [REDACTED].

Occupation/Position:

Sylvia served in the U.S. Air Force as a radio operator during the 1950's. His position in Howell's organizational structure is unknown.

Criminal History:

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**SUBJECTS NOT FULLY IDENTIFIED**

Wendel, Jaydeen:

white female, DOB: unknown.

Occupation/Position: From information obtained, Jaydeen, is a former Police Officer, who was employed by the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu, Hawaii. Jaydeen's maiden name is Cornwell. Jaydeen's job at the commune, was to provide physical training and conduct target practice for all of the women at the commune. Jaydeen attempted to seek employment with the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, (INS) but was declined employment. It is alleged, that Howell wanted a group member to work for INS.

Criminal History:

Unknown

Wendel, Mark:

white male, DOB: unknown.

Occupation/Position: Mark is Jaydeen's husband, who is also a former drug user. It is alleged, that Mark is trained in the Martial Arts, and hold a degree in Karate.

Criminal History:

Unknown

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<u>Little, Jeff:</u>	white male, DOB: unknown.	
Occupation/Position:	Jeff is a computer programmer, who holds a green belt in Karate. Jeff is originally from the State of Michigan, who attended high school in Battle Creek, Michigan and college in Barrien Springs, Michigan.	
Criminal History:	Unknown	
<u>Whitecliff, Kevin:</u>	white male, DOB: unknown.	
Occupation/Position:	Kevin is allegedly a former prison guard, who joined the group in 1987. Kevin allegedly left the group in 1990 and recently rejoined.	
Criminal History:	Unknown	
<u>Gyarfas, Oliver Sr.:</u>	white male, DOB: unknown.	
Occupation/Position:	It is alleged that Oliver has connections to the Australian underworld. That he is very unpredictable, quite hostile and a heavy drug user.	
Criminal History:	Unknown	
<u>Gant, Peter:</u>	White male, DOB: 06-28-68 - Australian citizen.	
Occupation/Position:	It is alleged that Peter is a former drug user, who is highly unstable. He tends to feel very strongly for whatever he does. It is feared that if Howell orders him to kill, that he will do it without hesitation.	
Criminal History:	No prior criminal history in the United States.	
<u>Jewell, Sherri:</u>	White female, DOB: 03-10-50.	
Occupation/Position:	Sherri is a certified school teacher, who conducts classes for the children at the commune.	
Criminal History:	No prior criminal history.	
<u>Jones, Michele:</u>	White female, DOB: 07-04-74.	

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Occupation/Position: Unknown

Criminal History: No prior criminal history.

On December 28, 1992, Special Agent Davy Aguilera received some information via computer ... via Mail, from Marc Breault, Melbourne, Australia, concerning the cult and persons who has left the commune in Waco, Texas. It is alleged, that a one, Doreen Saipaia, citizen of New Zealand was an active member of the commune from the Spring of 1990 to the Fall of 1991. That while at the commune, she (Doreen), was held against her own free will. That she was repeatedly assaulted, abused and raped. That Stan Sylvia, a long time identified cult member, was the chief culprit, although, Howell at times physically abused her. Doreen, prior to leaving the United States, allegedly lodged a complaint with the San Francisco Police Department, against Howell, and forwarded a copy to the McLennan County Sheriff's Department.

A copy of this complaint will be obtained from the McLennan County Sheriff's Department. RAC Bill Buford, Little Rock, Arkansas, will attempt to contact Doreen in New Zealand through her sister, Poia Vaega, who is also a former member of the group. This will enable ATF Agents to obtain current information, concerning Howell, and his illegal activities. This will further enable SRT team leaders to obtain tactical information, concerning the existing structures on the compound.

Also on this same date, December 28, 1992, Special Agent Aguilera received a Report of Technical Examination from Firearms Technology Branch, Washington, D.C., concerning firearm parts and components that have been shipped to Howell. Based on the list of described items forwarded to Firearms Technology Branch, the items are consistent with component parts and accessories for AR-15 rifles or M16 machineguns. That the described parts and accessories are not firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44, or 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

On December 29, 1992, a list of all of the aforementioned identified subjects, were forwarded to Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, (FinCen), Arlington, Va., so that these names could be entered in the appropriate commercial and law enforcement databases.

Investigation Continues....

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Houston, Texas

January 5, 1993

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BACKGROUND

This investigation was opened during June of 1992 on a referral of information from the McLennan County, Texas Sheriff's Department. The information related to the possession and manufacture of Title I, Title II firearms and explosives by Vernon W. Howell, aka: David Koresh, Route 7, Box 471-B, Waco, Texas. This address consists of a massive compound on 70 acres of land. The compound is occupied by approximately 70 - 80 individuals of which 20 - 30 are adult males, 20 - 30 adult females and 20 - 30 children. These individuals are members of an active cult known as the "Branch Dividian" and Vernon Howell is their leader.

This land has been in the possession of the "Branch Dividian" for numerous years, however, according to statements of ex-members, over the last few years, the

violence associated with the cult has dramatically increased. Vernon Howell became the leader in November of 1987 when he and seven other armed individuals got into a 45 minute gun battle with the previous leader. The eight were indicted for attempted murder, but later found not guilty during a jury trial. As a result of the gun fight, Vernon Howell succeeded in taking over the leadership of the cult. The ex-leader later killed two people and is currently in the custody of the Texas Department of Corrections.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Records from the United Postal Service (UPS) from March 1992 through June 1992, reveal that Howell has received in excess of \$44,000.00 in firearms parts and or explosive parts and materials, to include, various chemicals, ignitor cord, large quantities of black powder, aluminum metal powder, numerous M-16 kits, 200 practice (M-31) rifle grenades, an M-76 grenade launcher, approximately 200 lower or upper receivers for AR-15's, AK1's, K5A's, K5B's, K1B's and K2B's with AZFS and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Howell has been receiving shipments from UPS for four years. Information from those shipments are know being obtained. Firearms Technology and Explosives

Technology has received a list of the shipments Howell has received between March and June and will try to determine what components are missing to classify the firearms as Title II or what components are needed to construct a destructive device and identify a source Howell may be using to obtain those components.

Of the 30 plus people who have been identified in the compound, no one has an FFL and or a manufacturers license. No one has any NFA weapons registered to them. The address is also clear for both, however, PFL, Henry S. McMahon, frequents the compound and supplies both Howell and other members with firearms.

During the last 15 months, Howell has purchased over 50 firearms many of them are AK's and AKS's. During a recent inspection of the FFL, records revealed that 73 SGW lower receivers and 26 firearms had been sold to Howell, but not logged in his records nor was a 4473 executed. At the request of the FFL, Howell went back to the FFL and completed a 4473, listing the above. There were numerous other violations discovered, but the inspection was terminated in order to keep the investigation from being jeopardized once the FFL brought up Howell.

Statements have been obtained from 2 neighbors who are familiar with automatic weapons and have military backgrounds and have heard automatic gunfire on numerous occasions over the years coming from the compound. The last automatic gunfire was heard approximately February of 1992.

During 1992, an underground firing range was built on the compound. This was observed by a Department of Human Services worker in December of 1992 when a child on the compound spoke to her about the men on the compound carrying guns and shooting them.

Statements from 5 previous members who lived on the compound at various times reveal that all of the men on the compound are always armed, the compound has guards 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This has been corroborated by surveillance and other sources. At this time one high ranking member of the cult has been identified as a convicted felon. Several other possibilities are being checked to confirm convictions and as new people are being identified, they are being checked for criminal records.

In addition, individual members from this group can testify that they have observed Howell shoot an AK-47 on the compound. That during a gathering of all members, an AK-47 fully automatic firearm was passed around for everyone to familiarize themselves with it. That Howell instructed 3 members to go to California to pick up a conversion kit which was given to them and then taken back to the compound. None of these people have been on the compound during the last year and none of them will go back.

One previous member identified another current member who worked in a bomb factory before joining the cult. On November 13, 1992, Deputy Terry Fuller from the Sheriff's Office heard a loud explosion on the compound while driving by and saw a big cloud of gray smoke. An ATF pole camera was in operation at that time but was pointed in a different direction.

This investigation was discussed by the case agent and the ARAC with the AUSA in Waco when we had only about half of the probable cause that we have now. The AUSA felt that we had more than enough probable cause to get a historical search warrant for the compound and an arrest warrant for Howell. We should now be able to get an additional arrest warrant for the convicted

felon that we have identified. The case agent and ARAC are now preparing a draft affidavit which will go into much more detail and document the exact times and places that the events listed in this document occurred. The draft affidavit will continually be updated as new probable cause is developed.

#### PLANS

##### A. INVESTIGATIVELY:

We continue to further develop our probable cause. We currently have a pole camera in operation on the compound. We have an affidavit prepared for a pen register which has been approved by the AUSA and as soon as the phone company can identify all of the telephone numbers at the compound the pen register will be in operation. We have an undercover/ surveillance house next to the compound which will go into operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on January 11, 1993. This will enable us to identify everyone that comes and goes from the compound. It is hoped that we will be able to get undercover agents on to the compound and into some of the buildings. We have identified some new ex-members that want to talk

to us. They will be interviewed and we will also be re-interviewing some other ex-members. As mentioned earlier in this report, we will be working with UPS, Firearms Technology and Explosives Technology, following up all potential leads. We also hope to identify more convicted felons who live at the compound.

B. TACTICALLY:

We continue to analyze the compound, the buildings, the people, develop intelligence, discuss alternatives, develop a list of equipment, and resources that would be needed and where we could get them. We are also discussing our strategy, should we decide to recommend the execution of a search warrant. We are also trying to estimate the potential cost.

CONCLUSION

On January 22, 1993, a meeting of the effected individuals is scheduled in Houston, Texas to discuss what we have learned or developed from our listed plans. The following week depending on what occurs, we may be in a position to come to headquarters

(SAC/ASAC/Case Agent) to present a proposal for some type of activity in February or we will prepare an additional briefing paper discussing our progress and future plans at that time if we feel further work is needed to be done.