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Reference teletype to all FBI field offices dated 7/29/93, captioned "GAO Review of FBI."

This communication is to reiterate for all recipients the procedures to be followed in regard to captioned matter and to advise all recipients that the initial point of contact for GAO audits, interviews, or general contacts within the FBI is the Research Unit, Office of Public and Congressional Affairs (OPCA), FBIHQ. In the past, GAO has attempted to make direct contact with various Field Office, Legat, and FBIHQ personnel without coordination or approval of FBIHQ. Interviews of personnel, disclosure of information, or dissemination of documentation should not take place until the proper notification from GAO has been submitted to and coordinated by OPCA at FBIHQ.

GAO is presently conducting several different audits that directly or indirectly involve the FBI. While each of these audits has been approved and coordinated by FBIHQ, each subsequent audit must also be approved and coordinated by OPCA, even if the same GAO staff and FBI personnel are involved in the new audit. No documentation or additional interviews are to be given to GAO without coordination and authorization by FBIHQ.

Despite instruction from FBIHQ, GAO often will ask for documentation and more information than they are authorized to receive. For example, there have been a number of requests from GAO for information relating to pending investigations. As a matter of longstanding policy, FBIHQ will continue to deny GAO access to any information that will identify pending cases. GAO is not to be given direct and unlimited access to our files, nor are they to be given the identities of informants or sources of information.

Any questions concerning GAO and FBI liaison matters should be directed to Unit Chief [redacted] extension [redacted] or [redacted] extension [redacted] OPCA, FBIHQ.

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SUBJECT: GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) REVIEW OF FBI.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL RECIPIENTS, GAO PERIODICALLY CONDUCTS REVIEWS OF FBI PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS. THESE REVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) DATED MAY 21, 1976. THIS MOU REMAINS IN EFFECT AND MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ANY REVIEW OF FBI PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY GAO.

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APPROVAL OF FBIHQ. ALL REVIEWS AND CONTACTS BY GAO MUST BE APPROVED AND COORDINATED IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS (OPCA).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE, THE GAO IS CONTINUING ITS REVIEW OF HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, VARIOUS COMPONENT AGENCIES, AND THE U.S. ATTORNEYS ESTABLISH PROSECUTORIAL AND INVESTIGATIVE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO THEM (CODES 181973 AND 181978). THIS REVIEW WILL INITIALLY INCLUDE OFFICES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN. (HOWEVER, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS REVIEW WILL BE EXPANDED BY GAO, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS AND FBI FIELD OFFICES.) THEY HAVE ASKED THAT POINTS OF CONTACT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN FBI OFFICES COVERING THOSE DISTRICTS. IT IS RECOMMENDED BY OPCA THAT THE INTERVIEWS BE AT LEAST AT THE ASAC LEVEL. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO ALLOW GAO TO INQUIRE ABOUT DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES, INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS AND CLOSED CASES, AS WELL AS OTHER PRIORITIZATION-RELATED ISSUES. PENDING CASES ARE NOT TO BE DISCUSSED AND NO DOCUMENTATION IS TO BE PROVIDED TO GAO WITHOUT FBIHQ NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL.

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SCHEDULED, ALL OFFICES ARE TO NOTIFY THE FBIHQ LIAISON FOR GAO, SSA [REDACTED], OPCA, FTS NUMBER [REDACTED] ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT AN OFFICE HAS, AT ANY POINT DURING THIS GAO REVIEW, SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE OPCA. EACH OFFICE VISITED BY GAO IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH OPCA WITH A SUMMARY OF THE BRIEFING PROVIDED TO THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH GAO EXPRESSES INTEREST OR CONCERN. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION PROVIDED FROM VISITS OCCURRING IN THE FIRST REVIEW WILL BE PROVIDED TO OFFICES TO BE VISITED BY GAO IN THE FUTURE.

PRIOR TO THE VISITS SCHEDULED ABOVE, GAO HAS REQUESTED THAT ANY FBI OFFICES WITH CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS PROVIDE SAME TO THEM, VIA OPCA, FBIHQ. ANY AVAILABLE ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA COVER AIRTEL, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, NO LATER THAN 8/6/93, TO SSA [REDACTED] OR BY FACSIMILE, EXT. [REDACTED]

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