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To: Director's Office

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Title: COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (COP)
SEMI-ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
JULY, 2005 - DECEMBER, 2005

Synopsis: Omaha's semi-annual COP Report submitted.

Reference: 188A-HQ-C1243327 Serial 1535

Enclosure(s): Letter from AO [REDACTED] to SAC Paul C. LaCotti, Jr., Omaha, providing a synopsis of the semi-annual report.

Details: Below is the semi-annual report for the Omaha Division COP covering the time period of July, 2005 through December, 2005:

I. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM INFORMATION

A. Personnel

1) Community Outreach Specialist/Coordinator: The Omaha Division has not had a full-time person in the position of Community Outreach Specialist (COS) since [REDACTED] was promoted to the position of Investigative Analyst on 3/9/2003. There are several individuals in the Omaha Division who participate in the COP, and AO [REDACTED] has been acting as the coordinator.

a) Specialist/Coordinator since: The AO has acted as the coordinator since 3/9/2003.

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b) Percentage of time devoted to Community Outreach Program: 5% for the AO. It is noted, however, that several other individuals, both agent and support, participate in the COP.

c) List other duties assigned: Administrative Officer

d) Specialist/Coordinator Background: AO since [] and has participated in the COP in various aspects since the inception of the program.

e) Have you taken the FBI's Instructor Development Course: No

1. Number of years in the FBI: []

2. Previous significant liaison experience: In the role of AO, [] has had significant liaison experience with other government agencies, businesses, and community service organizations. In addition, she served as the chairman of the AO Advisory Committee for a number of years and had significant liaison experience with the executives at FBIHQ, including Director Freeh.

3. Assistant Specialist/Coordinator: Although Omaha does not have a person who has been designated as the Assistant Specialist/Coordinator, several employees participate in the program. As an example, [] the previous COS, heads the Adopt-A-School Program and receives assistance from several other individuals in the office. The SAC, ASACs, Squad Supervisors, and several agents interact with community leaders in various organizations and conduct presentations and speeches.

4. Other Program Support: In addition to the comments made under Number 3 above, the Human Resource Specialist and the Applicant Coordinator spend a great deal of time recruiting at career fairs.

5. What other programs are being tasked to Special Agents/other personnel without coordination with COS? Since the Omaha Division does not currently have a COS, the Citizens' Academy was assigned to the Chief Division Counsel (CDC) for coordination. As soon as a COS position is established in the Omaha Office, the COS will coordinate the Citizens' Academy.

6. Who does the COS report to? At the time a COS position was active in the Omaha Office, he reported directly to the Administrative Officer.

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a) Will this effort be more effective if the COS works closely with the SAC in this endeavor? This assignment worked well for Omaha inasmuch as the AO had frequent contact with the SAC regarding Community Outreach efforts. In addition, the COS was free to discuss COP matters with the SAC directly.

II. B. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- 1) List, in date order, all meetings your DIVISION has held, sponsored, or actively participated in during the reporting period and ensure the following categories are included:

A. **CITIZENS' ACADEMY:** The Omaha Division held its first Citizens' Academy from September 27, 2005 through November 1, 2005. Eleven community members attended the Academy, including members of the Omaha World Herald Newspaper, a local television station, Christ Community Church, two InfraGard members, and several business leaders. Overall evaluations of the course were very positive.

B. **MINORITY LIAISON OUTREACH:** SAC LaCotti is an Omaha Community Partnership (OCP) executive committee member. OCP works to promote a safe and drug-free community through education and awareness. In his role as an executive committee member, SAC LaCotti regularly attends the committee meetings and ensures the committee reaches out throughout the community. SAC LaCotti ensures that FBI representatives speak out at various minority youth conferences promoting anti-drug and anti-violence/gun messages. During the reporting period, SAC LaCotti spoke to three separate organizations and included the message of the OCP in his presentations.

During the reporting period, the SAC was a member of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee. The committee is a partnership between officials in public office and non-profit agencies and members of neighborhood association in target areas. The mission of the Omaha Weed and Seed Program is to strengthen and unite neighborhoods by providing and coordinating resources that eliminate drugs and crime in targeted areas. The array of committee members ensures that the diverse needs of the target area are represented at meetings and considered during the decision-making process.

SAC LaCotti maintained regular liaison with [redacted] of the Anti-Defamation League and has visited the Jewish Community Center on more than one occasion. SAC LaCotti also remained in contact with the U.S. Mexican Consulate [redacted] to ensure any issues or problems

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which may arise are dealt with in a timely manner. SA [redacted] Primary Civil Rights Agent for the Omaha Division during the reporting period, also met with the Mexican Consulate on a regular basis. Both SAC LaCotti and SA [redacted] attended semi-annual meetings of the Hate Crimes Coordinating Council.

During the reporting period, SAC LaCotti and ASAC [redacted] met with [redacted] to discuss matters of mutual interest, liaison, and possible recruiting initiatives.

SAC LaCotti regularly attended quarterly meetings of the Omaha Tribe Leaders and the Winnebago Tribe Leaders. These meetings were held on the Indian reservations or at the United States Attorney's Office.

On August 5, 2005, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] Plains State Region, Anti-Defamation League (ADL), at his office located at 333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone number (402) 333-1303, cellular telephone number [redacted]. This was a follow-up contact to maintain liaison with [redacted] and the ADL. [redacted] was extended an invitation to attend the upcoming Citizens' Academy being held in the Omaha Division.

On September 8, 2005, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] member of the Shura Council, at the Islamic Center of Omaha (ICO), 3511 North 73rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone number (402) 571-0720, cellular telephone number [redacted]. This was a follow-up contact to maintain liaison with [redacted] and the Islamic Center of Omaha.

On September 15, 2005, SA [redacted] contacted Captain [redacted] Fire Investigator, City of Omaha Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Investigation, 3126 South 16th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone number (402) 444-3252, to establish liaison. SA [redacted] discussed the FBI's involvement with hate crime investigations and the types of hate crimes Captain [redacted] could encounter as an arson investigator. [redacted] advised that he would contact the writer if he became aware of any possible hate crimes.

On September 21, 2005, SA [redacted] gave a speech at a meeting of the Nebraska Banker's Association. Approximately 55 employees from various banks throughout Nebraska attended the conference which was held at the Holiday Inn in Lincoln. The meeting was put together by Nebraska Banker's Bank (NBB), 260 The Apothecary, 140 N. 8th Street, Lincoln, NE, telephone [redacted]

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(402) 476-1131. [redacted] is the [redacted] of NBB. Topics covered included Financial Institution Fraud, Identity Theft, Check Fraud, and Mortgage Fraud.

On November 11, 2005, SA [redacted] and [redacted] Victim Specialist, gave a speech on the three aspects of bank robbery to the Nebraska Credit Union League. The speech covered being prepared before the robbery, what to expect during a robbery, and what to do after a robbery occurs. There were approximately seventy attendees at the speech. The speech was held at the Mutual First Federal Credit Union, 14510 F Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

C. ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAMS/YOUTH PROGRAMS: The Omaha Division has continued its involvement with the FBI's Junior Special Agent Program (JSAP). During 2005, [redacted] taught the JSAP lessons to students in the 5th Grade classrooms at Central Park Academy, Omaha, Nebraska. The lesson plans focus on improving each student's skill in communication, writing, reading, mathematics, problem solving, and citizenship. During the final week of the program, Omaha Division employees gave the students a tour of the Omaha office, at which time they were presented their own set of Junior Special Agent credentials by the SAC.

The JSAP is well-respected by both teachers and parents of students attending Central Park Academy.

For approximately six years [redacted] has been in a mentor/mentee relationship with a minority at-risk student from Central Park Academy. [redacted] continued this relationship with this student during the entire calendar year of 2005 when school was in session and also during the summer. [redacted] has made a very significant impact on this young person's life, and this mentee has improved significantly as a student. Due to [redacted] guidance and continued support, the student has established some goals and is thinking beyond the present time and about what she wants to do with her life. [redacted] counseling of this student is immeasurable as far as the potential this young person has to turn her life around and to make a positive impact on the community.

D. SPORTS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMS: The Omaha Division continues to support schools that request speakers from the FBI, and presentations and speakers for community groups and businesses are also available upon request.

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E. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL COOPERATION/PARTNERSHIPS:

On July 5, 2005, SA [] spoke with [] Lieutenant, Homicide, Omaha Police Department, 505 South 15th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone number (402) 444-5663, to maintain liaison. [] is a lieutenant in the Omaha Police Department homicide unit, and as such, is in charge of conducting investigations of police shootings in which Omaha Police officers are involved. [] is the point of contact for all shootings involving Omaha Police Officers.

On July 5, 2005, SSRA [] along with members of JTTF, met with Sergeant [] at the Des Moines Police Department Intel Bureau to discuss JTTF matters concerning the National Governors' Conference, which was to take place later in July.

On July 7, 2005, a meeting was held between SSRA [] the Central/Western Iowa JTTF, and members of the State Police, regarding the National Governors' Conference.

On July 14, 2005, SSRA [] attended a meeting with various agencies to include the State Police, the State Intel Bureau, and local departments regarding security at the National Governor's Conference which was to begin July 15, 2005, and end July 18, 2005.

On July 20, 2005, SAC LaCotti traveled to Grand Island to attend the monthly meeting of the Police Standards Advisory Council.

On July 21, 2005, a Central/Western JTTF meeting was conducted at the Des Moines Resident Agency, consisting of full- and part-time members. Various JTTF matters and initiatives were discussed to include best practices conducted during the National Governors' Conference which ended on July 18, 2005.

On July 28, 2005, a meeting was conducted between SA [] and Chief Deputy Bill Vaughn at the Polk County Sheriff's Office to discuss various criminal matters.

On August 3, 2005, a meeting between SSRA [] and the Des Moines Police Department Intel Bureau was conducted to discuss various JTTF matters.

On August 3, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., SA [] attended the Project Safe Neighborhood Gangs, Guns, and Drugs meeting held at the United States Attorney's Office.

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On August 4, 2005, SA [] met with Captain [] Acting Administrator, Department of Corrections, Douglas County, Nebraska, work telephone number (402) 444-7400, address 710 South 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. SA [] explained to [] the FBI's interest in civil rights and public corruption matters and the specific areas the FBI targets. SA [] advised [] that SA [] had left the FBI and that SA [] was taking over Omaha case 194D-OM-48608. [] advised that he would continue to provide any assistance required.

On August 4, 2005, SA [] met with Lieutenant [] Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Corrections, Douglas County, Nebraska, work telephone number (402) 444-7400, address 710 South 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. SA [] advised [] of the FBI's interest in public corruption matters and the specific areas the FBI targets. SA [] advised [] that SA [] had left the FBI and that SA [] was taking over Omaha case 194D-OM-48608. [] advised that he would continue to provide any assistance required.

On August 9, 2005, SSRA [] attended the ATAC meeting at the U.S. Attorney's Office and various antiterrorism matters were discussed.

On August 9, 2005, SSRA [] and SSA [] met with [] Counterintelligence Officer, United States Department of Energy, to discuss various JTTF matters to include a JTTF pending matter.

On August 9, 2005, SSRA [] met with Department of Agriculture SA [] to discuss various JTTF matters.

On August 11, 2005, SSRA [] met with [] and [] of the State of Iowa, Department of Public Safety, Intelligence Bureau, to discuss various JTTF matters.

On August 11, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., SAC LaCotti, along with ASAC [] attended a meeting called by Congressman Lee Terry. The meeting was attended by numerous heads of law enforcement agencies.

On Wednesday, August 17, 2005, SAC LaCotti traveled to Grand Island to attend the monthly meeting of the Police Standards Advisory Council.

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On August 17, 2005, SA [] met with [] City Prosecutor, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone number (402) 444-5290, to maintain liaison regarding public corruption related matters. [] provided information regarding case 194B-OM-50495.

On August 16, 2005, SA [] gave a presentation to a women's community group in Waukee, Iowa, on the topic of Personal Safety and Avoiding Fraud. Approximately 35 people were in attendance for the 45-minute presentation.

On August 23, 2005, SA [] gave a 90-minute presentation to a group of 50 attendees on the topic of Health Care Fraud. The attendees were State fraud investigators attending the United Council on Welfare Fraud's National Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

On August 24, 2005, SA [] facilitated a 90-minute panel discussion on the FBI's role in health care fraud and how the FBI interacts with state investigative agencies. Approximately 75 people were in attendance.

On August 30, 2005, SSRA [] met with Department of Public Safety, Intelligence Bureau, Agent [] and [] to discuss JTTF matters.

On September 9, 2005, SSRA [] and SA [] met with [] of the Des Moines Area Community College and [] of DCI to discuss the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. [] requested guidance as to how to request federal funding for training. SSRA [] advised [] that he would contact the FBI Headquarters to get further guidance to provide Singer to enable him to request federal funding.

On September 9, 2005, SSRA [] met with [] regarding his security clearance and JTTF matters. Detective [] is a member of the Des Moines Police Department, Intelligence Bureau.

On September 12-13, 2005, SSRA [] attended the United States Attorney's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC) training which included legal presentations. Approximately 75 members of federal, state, and local law enforcement attended.

On September 29, 2005, SSRA [] held the monthly Central/Western Iowa JTTF meeting which included full- and part-

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time members. Various JTTF matters and initiatives were discussed.

On September 30, 2005, SSRA [] met with Major (Assistant Chief) [] to discuss matters concerning the Central/Western Iowa JTTF.

On October 4, 2005, SSRA [] met with Detectives [] and [] of the Des Moines Police Department, Intel Bureau, to discuss JTTF matters.

On October 5, 2005, SSRA [] met with [] Analyst for the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Intel Bureau, and discussed various JTTF matters.

On October 17, 2005, SAC LaCotti and SSRA [] along with Department of Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Techau, Assistant Director Russ Porter of the State of Iowa, Department of Public Safety, Intel Bureau, and State of Iowa Homeland Security Director David Miller, met with Governor Tom Vilsack at the Iowa State Capitol Building. Various FBI initiatives were discussed in an unclassified manner with Governor Vilsack to include the Central/Western Iowa JTTF.

On October 19, 2005, SSRA [] met with Colonel Garrison of the Iowa State Patrol and discussed various JTTF matters.

On October 20, 2005, SSRA [] conducted a speech regarding FBI priorities to include an unclassified overview of what the Joint Terrorism Task Force is to members of the American Society of Industrial Security for Central Iowa. Approximately 45 members were present.

On November 8, 2005, SSRA [] attended the ATAC meeting at the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. Approximately 25 members were present.

On several occasions during the months of September and October, 2005, SSRA [] contacted Senator Harkin's staff member [] and discussed various law enforcement issues concerning Senator Harkin and his staff.

On November 9, 2005, SSRA [] met with AUSA [] to discuss a pending JTTF criminal matter.

On November 10, 2005, SSRA [] attended the National Academy (NA) luncheon at Iowa city, Iowa, during which

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SSRA [REDACTED] commended President Dobson, Chief of Keokuk Police Department, who was retiring. Approximately 55 members of the NA attended.

On November 10, 2005, SSRA [REDACTED] contacted Senator Chuck Grassley's staff member [REDACTED] regarding various matters to include the assault on Senator Grassley's staff member in Washington, D.C. SSRA [REDACTED] explained to [REDACTED] that the FBI in Central Iowa would provide whatever assistance was needed regarding any potential threat made against Senator Grassley, his family or staff. [REDACTED] was advised by SSRA [REDACTED] that in the event that any staff member or family member encounters anything suspicious that they should first notify the local police department then contact SSRA [REDACTED] immediately.

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On November 14, 2005, SSRA [REDACTED] met with Story County Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald and Chief Deputy [REDACTED] at their office in Story County to discuss various JTTF matters.

On November 15, 2005, SSRA [REDACTED] met with Iowa State Patrol Senior Trooper [REDACTED] who was recently made a state agent assigned to the State of Iowa, Intelligence Bureau.

On November 16, 2005, ASAC [REDACTED] and SSRA [REDACTED] attended the Annual Meeting of the Iowa InfraGard during which approximately 50 members attended. Various InfraGard issues were discussed to include a planning meeting for upcoming events. Presentations were made regarding the cyber computer intrusion threat.

On November 17, 2005, a Central/Western Iowa JTTF meeting was conducted at the Des Moines Resident Agency office consisting of full- and part-time members. Various JTTF matters and initiatives were discussed.

On December 19, 2005, a press conference was held at the Omaha Police Department (OPD) Headquarters Building, 505 South 15th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of publicizing the ongoing cooperative efforts between the OPD and the FBI in the investigation of the disappearance of twelve-year-old Amber Harris.

In addition, it was announced that the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) has been tasked to review all investigation to date, including interviews, victim family profiles, and videotapes showing the missing girl exiting her school bus. The BAU has provided both investigative and media suggestions as a result of their review and based on their extensive experience in similar investigations. These "suggestions" have been provided

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to OPD via conference call and face-to-face meetings with FBI personnel.

OPD Chief Thomas Warren provided a chronology of events regarding the disappearance of twelve-year-old Amber Harris at the news conference. Omaha SAC LaCotti followed Chief Warren and informed the public of the FBI's BAU now being involved and that the Omaha field office was also providing all requested assistance to OPD. It was made clear at this press conference that OPD was the lead law enforcement entity investigating this case, but the FBI had and would continue to provide assistance as requested.

Questions were taken from the media and fielded by both OPD Chief Warren and SAC LaCotti. Omaha has opened an investigation into this matter and is documenting our participation.

F. BUDGET EXPENDITURES: During the reporting period, Omaha had the following expenses in the Community Outreach area. It is noted that the overage of [] was taken from Omaha's supply budget.

[] Office Depot, Supplies for the Citizens' Academy
[] Gull Associates Incorporated, T-shirts for
[] Adopt-A-School Program
[] Roberts Advertising, Pencils and rulers for various
youth and school programs

[]

G. MISCELLANEOUS: SAC LaCotti nominated Sergeant [] [] Nebraska State Patrol, for the Director's Community Leadership Award for 2005. SAC LaCotti presented the award to Sergeant [] during a ceremony at the Nebraska State Patrol.

On August 17, 2005, SA [] met with the office staff of [] F.A.C.O.G., of Women's Services P.C., 201 South 46th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone number (402) 554-0110 to continue liaison efforts. SA [] provided the office with a copy of the "Resource Booklet for Reproductive Health Care Providers and Their Staffs", which was produced by the FBI. The staff was advised to contact the FBI if they become aware of a criminal violation of the FACE Act.

On October 5, 2005, Fillmore Central High School, Fillmore, Nebraska, hosted a Transition Fair or Career Fair for approximately eight high schools in the immediate area. SA [] [] represented the FBI and presented the Special Agent

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career to the groups totaling approximately one hundred and fifty students. Topics discussed included the application process, training requirements, areas of study, and the day to day realities of being an FBI Agent. Various support positions were discussed including Linguist, Intelligence Analyst, and laboratory.

On October 13, 2005, SA [] participated in a speech panel at Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska, as part of a Social Science job fair. This portion of the event focused specifically on criminal justice and those who serve their community and/or country in that capacity. Approximately 60 to 70 students attended the event which lasted for approximately one hour.

On October 31, 2005, SA [] and Iowa Department of Public Safety Intel Bureau Assistant Director [] and Analyst [] gave a presentation to the security staff and research staff at the Great Ape Trust, 4200 Southeast 44th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. SA [] briefed the attendees on tactics of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and other animal rights organizations. The attendees were also provided precautionary measures that can be taken to reduce their exposure to possible attack by ALF and other groups.

On November 2, 2005, Norris School District, Norris, Nebraska, hosted a Career Fair for its high school students. SA [] represented the FBI and presented the Special Agent career to approximately seventy-five students. Topics discussed included the application process and educational and career backgrounds that are currently desired by the FBI. Also discussed were the support career paths that are currently available. Norris High School Counselors [] and [] organized the event.

On November 7, 2005, SA [] gave a speech at Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, Iowa, to an Introduction to Criminal Justice class. The topic of the speech was a career in the FBI. SA [] discussed the qualifications, duties, hiring process, and pay/benefits for FBI Special Agents. SA [] also answered a variety of questions from the class. The class had approximately fifty students.

On November 10, 2005, SA [] gave a non-classified, non-law enforcement sensitive presentation to a Midwest Crop Dusters conference, sponsored by the Iowa/Illinois Agricultural Aviation Association and the National Agricultural Aviation Association. SA [] utilized information from the FBI internet web sites and a PowerPoint presentation provided by the

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Civil Aviation Security Program, Special Events Management Unit, CTD, WMD/DT Section, to illustrate the terrorist interest in exploiting aviation. The audience was reminded that terrorists continue to be interested in all types of aircraft. Although the threat level for crop dusters is low, the potential for terrorists to use aircraft or equipment to deliver a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) remains a viable threat. Approximately 75 crop dusters from Iowa, Illinois, and surrounding Midwest states attended this conference held at The Lodge, Bettendorf, Iowa. SA [] gave about a 40-minute presentation and provided FBI/JTTF contact numbers as well as the TSA General Aviation Hotline 866-GA-SECUR, which is monitored 24/7.

- 2) Briefly describe your program's two most significant events and/or accomplishments during the reporting period:
 - A. Omaha's first Citizen's Academy
 - B. Continuation of Adopt-A-School and Jr. Special Agent Program in Omaha
- 3) Please answer the following regarding your Citizens' Academy meetings:
 - a) How often held? First academy held in the Fall of 2005.
 - b) How many students? 11
 - c) Does your Division have a CA Foundation or Alumni Association? If so, did the CA class join the Alumni Association Foundation? No
- 4) What statistical accomplishments have you claimed on behalf of the Citizens' Academy? Although the Omaha Division has not claimed any statistics on behalf of the Citizens' Academy, a number of business relationships were established between the attendees and the agents of the Omaha Division.
 - a) Who is the current CA Alumni/Foundation President?
N/A
- 5) What does the membership/representation consist of? The first Citizen's Academy in Omaha was attended by three females and 2 InfraGard members.
- 6) List any instances where information provided by COP was shared with another law enforcement or public sector entity? How is this documented?
None documented in the rating period.

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7) List instances where CA members have provided significant information that enhanced on-going investigations. Although none of the CA members have specifically provided significant information regarding an ongoing investigation, they have been encouraged to do so, and two members are leaders in the banking community in Omaha and are working closely with the white collar crime squad.

8) Have any of your liaison contacts/efforts contributed to leads, case or intelligence base developments? No specific statistics have been recorded.

III. C. MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

1) ADIC Support: N/A

2) SAC Support: SAC LaCotti has been instrumental in establishing the first Citizens' Academy in the Omaha Division and has been very supportive of the entire Community Outreach Program.

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3) ASAC Support: Both ASACs in the Omaha Division have been extremely supportive of the Community Outreach efforts. ASAC [redacted] participated in the first Citizens' Academy.

4) Have you participated in regular Management meetings? Yes

5) Is a COP presentation part of the Division's Annual Conference for all employees? If yes, please provide date of event. If not, why not? The last All Employee's Conference was held in December, 2005. Due to a very heavy schedule, there was no COP presentation. However, there has been a COP presentation prior to that, and there will be at future annual conferences.

IV. D. CITIZENS' ACADEMY

1) Is the CA Foundation Incorporated? If not, why not? If yes, what is its corporate name? No. The first CA in Omaha was completed in November, 2005, and neither a foundation or a board has been established to date. Omaha does plan to establish an Alumni/Foundation and has contacted an individual to lead in this organization.

2) Do you have a CA local board? If not, describe your efforts to form one. If none, what are the mitigating circumstances? See Number 1.

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- 3) If yes, describe its composition by name, occupation, and duration of service. N/A
- 4) Describe the participation of CA Alumni/Foundation in helping you run and provide events for your COP. N/A
- 5) What is the most frequent complaint you hear from your Division concerning COP? Although there were no complaints regarding the first Citizens' Academy, it is obviously very time consuming.
- 6) What is the most significant complaint you have about your CA members? None
- 7) How often does your CA Foundation/Alumni meet? N/A
- 8) Does your CA/Foundation have local by-laws? N/A
- 9) How often does your CA have elections for board members and is this in compliance with your by-laws? N/A
- 10) Does your chapter have a website? If yes, please answer the following: N/A
 - a) Provide url.
 - b) Who is the Webmaster for it?
 - c) How often (approximately) is it checked for needed updates?

V. CRITIQUE OF HQ PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- A. Training: Adequate
- B. Guidance: Excellent
- C. Facilitation: Excellent
- D. Open Comment: [redacted] has been extremely helpful to the Omaha Division in all Community Outreach areas, but especially in the establishment and organization of the first Citizens' Academy.



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February 22, 2006

Mr. Paul C. LaCotti, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Paul:

For your review, enclosed is the Omaha Division's Community Outreach Program (COP) Semiannual Report for July, 2005 through December, 2005. Since the Omaha Division does not currently have a Community Outreach Specialist assigned, I have been acting as the coordinator for the program. As you know, we have participated in the following activities: Citizens' Academy (CA); Minority Liaison Outreach; Adopt-A-School and Youth Programs; Law Enforcement Partnerships; and many miscellaneous liaison-type contacts with the community.

Included in this semiannual report is statistical information required during inspection periods, along with budget information. During the six-month reporting period, Omaha held, sponsored, and/or actively participated in 67 liaison/outreach activities. With your support, Omaha held its first Citizens' Academy during the reporting period, with 11 participants from the community graduating from this program. Two graduates were members of InfraGard, and all participants were very positive about the CA. Several have established liaison contacts with the white collar crime squad. We are attempted to establish an Alumni Foundation for the graduates.

Along with providing assistance and useful information to the communities we serve, our outreach efforts have resulted in a great number of liaison contacts being established. For instance, contacts have been established in the Muslim community and with several minority groups.

Traditionally, Community Outreach Program has been an established network of resources. However, as outlined in the semiannual report, the program has also facilitated information sharing and collaborative operations between the community and the FBI's investigative programs. Moreover, Omaha Division's Community Outreach Program supports the FBI's mission and investigative priorities.

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As you and I have discussed, one of our goals in the next few months is to establish a Community Outreach Specialist position in Omaha in order to give even more attention to this valuable program. With your support, 11 employees, both agent and support, have volunteered to help [redacted] with the Adopt-A-School and Junior Special Agent Program, and a SWAT team member and Safe Streets Agent have offered to give one-day presentations to the students. Another support employee has volunteered to coordinate a chess club at an at-risk school, to not only teach students how to play chess, but mentor them at the same time. As you know, we are continuing our efforts to recruit additional Citizens' Academy students, and establish a Citizens' Academy in the Des Moines, Iowa, RA territory.

After your review and approval, the semiannual report will be submitted to the Office of Public Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Administrative Officer

Enclosure