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Date: 10/24/2018

Case ID #: [Redacted]

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UNAFFILIATED BOMBING MATTER;

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Drafted By: [Redacted]

Date/Time Received: 10/24/2018 03:07 PM EDT

Details:

On 10/24/2018, at 3:07 p.m. Eastern Time, [Redacted] email
address [Redacted] telephone number [Redacted] home
address [Redacted] Internet

Protocol (IP) address [Redacted] which resolves to [Redacted]

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[Redacted] submitted an online tip to the FBI Public Access Line (PAL)
Unit via tips.fbi.gov, to report information regarding a cult that may
be related to the bombs.

Date Submitted: 10/24/2018 03:07:17 PM

Transaction Number: [Redacted]

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Submitted Text:

I felt compelled to call about the bombing devices found today in New
York. The cult known as QANON [Redacted] posted in their
rabbit hole that there would be bombs coming to take down the "Deep
State" players [Redacted] and the "lying media" and that is
exactly what we are seeing today. [Redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Basic Records Checks on Qanon
Cult [Redacted]

Date: 10/24/2018

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From: NEW YORK
NY-ID03

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]
Drafted By: [Redacted]

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Case ID #: [Redacted]

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) To document the results of database checks and open source research on facilities and identifiers associated with Qanon Cult [Redacted]

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Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 09 October 2018, writer conducted a variety of database checks and open source research on the QANON group

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(U) According to an open source website, Qanon is a right-wing conspiracy group that began with an October 2017 post on the anonymous imageboard 4chan by someone using the handle Q claiming to have access to classified information involving the Trump administration and its opponents in the United States. The theory details a supposed secret conspiracy by an alleged "deep state" against U.S. President Donald Trump and his supporters. The account has accused numerous liberal Hollywood actors, politicians, and high-ranking officials of engaging in an international child sex trafficking ring, [Redacted]

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Basic Records Checks on Qanon Cult [Redacted]

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Re: [Redacted] 10/24/2018

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[Redacted] Qanon adherents began appearing at Trump rallies during the summer of 2018.

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(U) The conspiracy theory, mainly popularized by supporters of President Trump under the names The Storm and The Great Awakening, has been widely characterized as "baseless", "unhinged" and "evidence-free". Its proponents have been called "a deranged conspiracy cult" and "some of the Internet's most *outré* Trump fans".

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Date: 10/27/2018

Case ID #: [Redacted]

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Drafted By: [Redacted]

Date/Time Received: 10/27/2018 09:04 AM EDT

Details:

PAL2018 [Redacted] Suspicious Package (NY)

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Date Submitted: 10/27/2018 09:04:14 AM

Transaction Number: [Redacted]

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Submitted Text:

[Redacted] lives in [Redacted] and promotes a group called Qanon.

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[Redacted] He's just an avid follower of Qanon [Redacted]

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Dissemination of Information to Other Agencies

Title: (U) LHM Closing Dissemination to
Department of Justice//Public Integrity
Section

Date: 02/13/2019

Approved By:
Drafted By:

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Case ID #: 58A-NY-2969119 (U) QANON; False Personation of a
Federal Official

Responsible Organization: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

Agency Contacted: Department of Justice on 02/13/2019 via Note

POC: Chief -

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Disseminated On: 02/13/2019 (Once)

Dissemination Details: (U) Disseminated this serial in weekly
package for DOJ Public Integrity Section.

Method: Written

Follow-up Required (SSTF): No

Disseminated Serials:
58A-NY-2969119, Serial 3, (U) Closing EC

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Opening EC for Preliminary Investigation

Date: 08/13/2018

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From: NEW YORK
NY-C14

Contact:

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Approved By: A/SSA

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Drafted By:

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Case ID #: 58A-NY-2969119 (U) QANON; False Personation of a Federal Official

Synopsis: (U) To obtain approval for the opening of a Preliminary Investigation and notify the Public Corruption Unit (PCU) of the case opening.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U) QANON Opening EC

Details:

On August 2, 2018, FBI New York Field Office received information that QANON, an unidentified internet figure(s), was asserting to be a high level federal official with a security clearance and disseminating purportedly classified information on the websites 4Chan and 8Chan.

QANON purports to be a highly placed federal official with a "Q Clearance" and access to the President. QANON purports that there is a conspiracy amongst various law enforcement agencies to overthrow the President. QANON further states that many current and former members

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of the government, along with various specifically and generally named celebrities and other U.S. persons are involved in pedophilia and child kidnapping rings.

QANON supporters have shown up to rallies wearing commercially available QANON themed clothing. QANON posted pictures of locations associated with various people implied to be part of the conspiracy against the president including [redacted]

[redacted] At least two people stating to have been influenced by QANON have been involved in armed standoffs with local police officers.

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QANON has not publicly revealed their identity. It is unknown whether QANON is actually affiliated with the U.S. Government. It is also unknown whether QANON is profiting off of the assertion that they are a government employee.

Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] concurred with the opening of this investigation [redacted]

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Based on the information supplied in this EC, there is an articulable factual basis to believe that an activity constituting a federal crime has or may have occurred, is or may be occurring, or will or may occur, and the investigation may obtain information of intelligence relating to the activity or the involvement or role of an individual, group, or organization in such activity. Therefore, it is requested that a Preliminary Investigation be approved.

The investigative strategy includes issuing grand jury subpoenas, conducting interviews, review of financial records, and employing other investigative methods, as appropriate.

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] are the assigned case agents.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 58A-NY-NEW

New York, New York
August 13, 2018

QANON, FALSE PERSONATION OF A FEDERAL OFFICIAL

New York Office is opening a Preliminary Investigation into QANON, an online persona purporting to be a high placed public official.

On August 2, 2018, FBI New York Field Office received a referral QANON was purporting to be a highly placed government employee disseminating classified information.

Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] concurred with the opening of this investigation [redacted]

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The point of contact for this investigation is Special Agent [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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Date of entry 09/11/2018

On August 14, 2018, FBI New York received open source information that

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Searches were conducted with open-source resources [Redacted]

[Redacted] The following information was obtained via searches:

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Social Security Number (SSN): [Redacted]

Date of Birth (DOB): [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

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Phone numbers: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Investigation on 09/10/2018 at New York, New York, United States (In Person)

File # 58A-NY-2969119 Date drafted 09/10/2018

by [Redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Closing EC

Date: 01/28/2019

From: NEW YORK

NY-C14

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: SSA [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: 58A-NY-2969119 (U) QANON; False Personation of a Federal Official

Synopsis: (U) To close a preliminary investigation and notify the Public Corruption Unit (PCU) of the case closing.

Package Copy: (U) Letterhead memorandum for dissemination.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U) Closing LHM

Details:

I. FBI New York attempted to identify the person(s) behind the online persona QANON by subpoenaing [Redacted]

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Title: (U) Closing EC
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II. Sufficient personnel and financial resources were available for the investigation.

III. A logical and reasonable investigation was completed.

IV. All investigative techniques and methods have been completed /discontinued.

V. No leads were set during the course of this investigation.

VI. No evidence was collected during the course of this investigation.

VII. C4 Administrative Closing, no criminal subject was identified after logical and reasonable preliminary investigation. AUSA [redacted] [redacted] of the Southern District of New York concurred with closing.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 58A-NY-2969119

New York, New York
January 24, 2019

CASE: QANON

The preliminary investigation was opened on August 13, 2018, based on allegations that an unknown person was posing as a federal government official on internet messageboards using the name QANON and potentially profiting off and/or inciting violence by use of their false personation. FBI New York has taken all logical and reasonable investigative steps warranted by the situation.

FBI New York attempted to identify the person(s) behind the online persona QANON by subpoenaing [REDACTED]



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FBI New York is requesting to close the preliminary investigation with AUSA concurrence. FBI New York will reopen the investigation should new, actionable information present itself.

The point of contact for this investigation is Special Agent [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

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Title: (U) Subfile Opening Document

Date: 11/16/2018

From: NEW YORK

NY-C14

Contact:

Approved By: SSA

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 58A-NY-2969119- (U) QANON; False Personation of a
INTELPRODS Federal Official

Synopsis: (U) To open Intelligence Products sub-file.

Details:

To open Intelligence Products sub-file.

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 04-27-2023 BY: [redacted]

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Form Type: IntelProd-IN - Intelligence Note

Date: 08/12/2019

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Radicalized Followers of QAnon Likely Pose a Threat to NY
AOR Residents Targeted by Conspiracy

Approved By: SIA [redacted]
A/SSIA [redacted]
[redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58A-NY-2969119- (U) QANON; False Personation of a Federal
INTELPRODS Official

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) FBI New York assesses [redacted]
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Title: (U) Subfile Opening Document

Date: 10/29/2018

From: NEW YORK

NY-C14

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 58A-NY-2969119-TEL (U) QANON; False Personation of a
Federal Official

Synopsis: (U) Request to open TEL subfile

Details:

Request to open TEL subfile for telephone pen register data.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) [redacted]

Date: 01/16/2019

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Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 62F-BS-3049693

(U) NTOC2019 [redacted] Reported Concern That [redacted] Involved in the Conspiracy Group QAnon [redacted] (BS)

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Synopsis: (U) NTOC2019 [redacted] Reported Concern That [redacted] Involved in the Conspiracy Group QAnon [redacted] (BS)

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Assessment Initiated: 01/16/2019, set to expire 02/15/2019

Details: On 01/13/2019, at 4:17 p.m. Eastern Time, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] address [redacted] called the FBI National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) to report concerns that [redacted] [redacted] has become involved in the conspiracy group, QAnon [redacted]

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NOTE: This information is being sent for situational awareness or any action deemed appropriate by the Boston Division.

[redacted] provided the following information:

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Form Type: FD-71A

Date: 01/24/2019

Title: U NTOC2019 [redacted] Reported Concern That [redacted] Involved in the Conspiracy Group QAnon [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 62F-BS-3049693

(U) NTOC2019 [redacted] Reported Concern That [redacted] Involved in the Conspiracy Group QAnon [redacted] (BS)

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On 01/13/2019, at 4:17 p.m. Eastern Time, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] address [redacted] [redacted] called the FBI National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) to report concerns that [redacted] [redacted] has become involved in the conspiracy group, QAnon [redacted]

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Form Type: IntelProd-TIR - Tactical Intelligence Report

Date: 01/02/2019

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Interstate Threatening Communications By [redacted]
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Approved By: SIA [redacted]
SSRA [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 9E-SU-3008380 (U) PAL2018 [redacted] E-Tip: Interstate Threatening Communciations By [redacted]
[redacted] (SU)
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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
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Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
- 2. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
- 3. (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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