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INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD (IOB) MATTER

[REDACTED] FIELD OFFICE b2
IOB MATTER 2006-305 (U) b7E

(U) ~~(S)~~ By electronic communication dated April 18, 2006, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [REDACTED] Field Office reported that on three separate occasions, during the time period of [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] Field Office inappropriately utilized a National Security Letter (NSL). The [REDACTED] Field Office drafted an NSL requesting transactional records and all images uploaded. [REDACTED] b2 b7E

[REDACTED] However, because the information that is allowed to be obtained pursuant to an NSL is very specific, and "all images uploaded" is not specifically allowed pursuant to an NSL, the [REDACTED] Field Office erroneously utilized the NSL. The information that was obtained beyond the scope of the NSL shall be sequestered. The inappropriate utilization of the NSL was in violation of V.12. of The Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI National Security Investigations and Foreign Intelligence Collection.¹ Thus, the matter is being reported to the IOB.

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~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~ Section V.12. authorizes use of National Security Letters in conformity with 18 U.S.C. 2709 (relating to subscriber information, toll billing records, and electronic communication transactional records). The statute requires that information sought is relevant to an authorized national security investigation.

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