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1. AS REPORTED IN THE REFERENCED CCO COMMUNICATIONS, THE CCO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VENEZUELAN GUARDIA NACIONAL (GN) HAS RECENTLY CONDUCTED RAIDS ON NUMEROUS MONEY EXCHANGE HOUSES AND OTHER BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT VENEZUELA, PRINCIPALLY IN SAN ANTONIO DEL TACHIRA ON THE COLOMBIAN BORDER ACROSS FROM CUCUTA, COLOMBIA. THE TARGET OF THESE RAIDS WAS A MONEY LAUNDERING ORGANIZATION HEADED BY (b)(7)(C) AS A RESULT OF THESE RAIDS MORE THAN 100 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON MONEY LAUNDERING RELATED CHARGES. VARIOUS PRINCIPLES OF THE ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED TO INCLUDE: (b)(7)(C)

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OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR SAN ANTONIO DEL TACHIRA AND IS ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL OFFICE IN

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SEVERAL IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ARRESTED, HOWEVER, ARE CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT AFTER BY THE GN. THESE PRINCIPLE ORGANIZATION MEMBERS INCLUDE (b)(7)(C)

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MAIN MONEY EXCHANGE HOUSE (GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DE LA

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FRONTERA) AND (b)(7)(C) ACCOUNTANT.

2. CURRENTLY THE CCO HAS IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY SIX U.S. BANK ACCOUNTS OWNED OR CONTROLLED (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) IN N.Y. AND MIAMI. THE CCO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH DOJ ASSET FORFEITURE ATTORNEY (b)(7)(C) WITH RESPECT TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST THESE ACCOUNTS. THE U.S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF N.Y. HAS ALREADY AGREED TO FREEZE ACCOUNT NUMBER 20001001 (b)(7)(C) IN BANCO DE VENEZUELA INTERNATIONAL AND ARE CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF FREEZING THE ACCOUNT. THIS ACCOUNT IS IN THE NAME OF (b)(7)(C) THE NYFD GRP 31 AND MFD GRP 9 ARE CURRENTLY SERVING SUBPOENAS ON BANKS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS WITH RESPECT TO ACCOUNTS HELD BY (b)(7)(C) GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DE LA FRONTERA, MULTI-EXCHANGE (MEXCO), TRANSFERENCIAS ASTRO CAMBIOS, CABAI AND GRIO FAX INC. ALL OF THESE COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SENDING U.S. DOLLARS FROM THE U.S. TO CABALLERO IN VENEZUELA. THIS MONEY WAS EVENTUALLY SENT BY (b)(7)(C) TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN COLOMBIA. AFTER RECEIVING THE SUBPOENED INFORMATION, THE CCO WILL BE WORKING WITH DOJ ASSET FORFEITURE UNIT IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE TO FREEZE THESE ACCOUNTS.

3. IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS, THE CCO DOCUMENTED THE INVOLVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (NAIB) AND ITS RELATED COMPANIES MULTI-EXCHANGE (MEXCO) AND TRANSFERENCIAS ASTRO CAMBIOS. THESE COMPANIES ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICE COMPANIES ARE EITHER OWNED, OPERATED OR CONTROLLED BY (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) ALL FOUR OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE WELL DOCUMENTED MONEY LAUNDERERS. THIS FINANCIAL GROUP ALSO INCLUDES VENEVAL (CASE DE BOLSA VENEZOLANA DE VALORES), METALKARS (INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF GOLD), PURILAB, (PRECIOUS METAL REFINING COMPANY), EDIPRES (FINANCIAL ADVISOR), MEXCO (MONEY EXCHANGE HOUSE), INFOVEN (TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR FINANCIAL MATTERS), INFOTRADE, NAIB INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.,

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ADVANCED ALGORITHMS (SOFTWARE COMPANY), NAIB TRADING CORP., INC. (NASDAQ TYPE TRADING COMPANY), KARS USA, INC., NORTHSTAR CA, PRIVATE CAPITAL FUTURE MGT. INC., NAIB BROKEARAGE SERVICES, INC., INVERSORA INVERBOND, AND NAIB FINANCIAL SERVICES. ALL OF THESE COMPANIES HAVE OFFICES IN THE SAME BUILDING IN CARACAS.

(b)(7)(C) MOST OF THESE COMPANIES AND NAIB BANK ARE ALSO LOCATED IN THE U.S. WITH THE MAJORITY IN SOUTH FLORIDA. MUCH OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE (b)(7)(C) MONEY STARTED BY ORDER OF MEXCO OR ASTRO CAMBIOS THROUGH NAIB BANK AND EVENTUALLY TO (b)(7)(C) IN VZ. THIS MONEY THEN WAS TRANSFERRED TO COLOMBIA.

4. DURING THE RAID CONDUCTED AT THE BUSINESS OF TRANSFERENCIAS ASTROCAMBIOS DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED BY THE GN THAT SHOWED NUMEROUS PAYMENTS FROM ASTROCAMBIOS TO (b)(7)(C) IT IS CURRENTLY UNCLER TO THE CCO WHAT ROLE (b)(7)(C) PLAYS IN THE OPERATIONS OF ASTROCAMBIOS. THE GN CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE THIS SITUATION AND HAS OTHER INDEPENDENT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO (b)(7)(C) MONEY LAUNDERING ACTIVITIES. IT IS BELIEVED BY THE CCO THAT (b)(7)(C) COULD BE ARRESTED IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN MONEY LAUNDERING OPERATIONS. UPDATES REGARDING THIS SITUATION WILL BE REPORTED AS RECEIVED.

5. AS A RESULT OF THE SEARCH OF GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DE LA FRONTERA OWNED BY (b)(7)(C) NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS WERE DISCOVERED WHICH REVEALED MONEY TRANSFERS FROM (b)(7)(C) THESE TRANSFERS WERE FROM VZ. IN BOLIVARES TO COLOMBIA AND CONVERTED INTO PESOS. ALSO DISCOVERED IN TNE PHONE BOOK OF (b)(7)(C) WAS THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF (b)(7)(C) A COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WITH STRONG TIES TO (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) DOCUMENTS FROM THIS SITE ALSO REVEALED NUMEROUS TRANSFERS FROM (b)(7)(C) VZ ACCOUNTS TO ACCOUNTS IN CB IN THE NAME (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(7)(C) IS A KNOWN COCAINE TRAFFICKER ASSOCIATED WITH PABLO ESCOBAR. OTHER DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO SEIZED REVEALING TRANSFERS OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO ZURICH, SZ. THESE TRANSFERS WILL BE DETAILED IN A LATER CABLE. THERE ARE OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH INDICATE THAT (b)(7)(C) WAS ATTEMPTING TO EXTEND HIS OPERATION TO MADRID, SPAIN. THIS WILL ALSO BE DETAILED IN A SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION. THIS DOCUMENT SEARCH FURTHER REVEALED FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN (b)(7)(C)

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6. AGENTS OF THE MFD AND NYFD WILL BE SERVING SUBPOENAS ON MEXCO AND ASTROCAMBIO AT NAIB BANK. THE CCO HOPES TO DETERMINE THE METHOD BY WHICH THE MONEY WAS PLACED INTO THE ACCOUNTS AND FROM WHOM IT WAS RECEIVED. SEIZED DOCUMENTS FURTHER REVEALED THAT THE ACCOUNT THAT IS BEING FROZEN IN N.Y. RECEIVED SEVERAL LARGE DEPOSITS FROM VIGO REMITTANCE WHICH IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE WASH FD GRP. 11.

7. THE CCO HAS FOUND ITSELF IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO BE ABLE TO SEE MONEY LAUNDERING TRANSACTIONS FROM A TRANSFER POINT. THIS POSITION SHOULD ALLOW INVESTIGATIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE U.S. (WHERE THE MONEY ENTERS THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM) AND IN COLOMBIA (WHERE THE MONEY TERMINATES). THE CCO IN CONJUNCTION WITH HQS WILL PROVIDE THE LOAD INFORMATION TO DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES AS AVAILABLE.

8. INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO C/A (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(C) OR S/A (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) AT COMMERCIAL PHONE NUMBER (b)(7)(C)

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10. GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DE LA FRONTERA - NADDIS 3259306

11. (b)(7)(C)

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13. NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (NAIB) - 2224725/2818377/3189076, REGISTERED IN PLYMOUTH, MONSERRAT, WEST INDIES.

14. NAIB FINANCIAL SERVICES - NADDIS NEGATIVE, REGISTERED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

15. NAIB TRADING CORP. - NADDIS 2782631/2815377

16. MULTI-EXCHANGE CORP. (MEXCO) - NADDIS 3385567

17. (b)(7)(C)

18. VENEVAL - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN MARACAIBO, VZ

19. METALKAES - NADDIS NEGATIVE

20. PURILAB - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN CARACAS, VZ

21. EDIPRES, XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN CARACAS, VZ

22. INFOVEN, XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA

23. INFOTRADE XR, - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA

24. NAIB INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC., XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN N.Y.

25. ADVANCED ALGORITHMS - NADDIS NEGATIVE

26. KAES USA, INC., XR - NADDIS LOCATED IN MIAMI, FL

27. NORTHSTAR C.A., XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN PANAMA

28. PRIVATE CAPITAL FUTUR MGT., INC., XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN N.Y.

29. NAIB BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC., XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

30. INVERSORA INVERBOND, XR - NADDIS NEGATIVE, LOCATED

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IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA

31. VIGO REMITTANCE - NADDIS 2321704

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33. PABLO ESCOBAR - NADDIS 102052B

34. TRANSFERENCIAS ASTRO CAMBIOS - NADDIS 2742531

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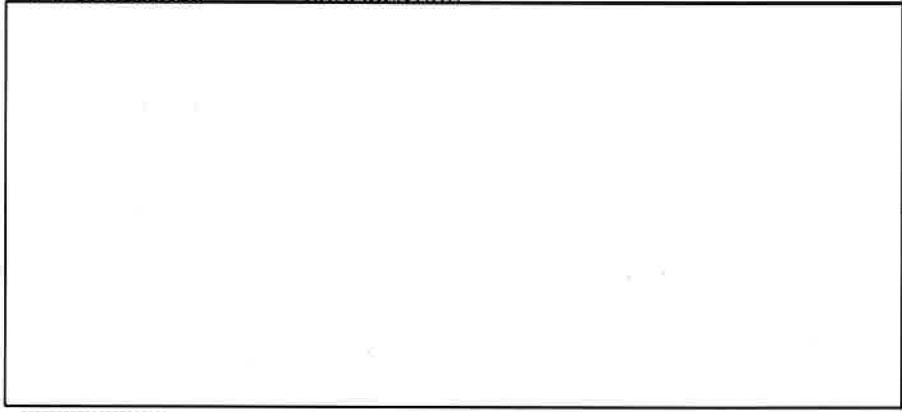
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38. CHENCO ENTERPRISES, S.A. - NADDIS 2204530

39. GALTEX, INC. - NADDIS 3101842

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