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#### Memorandum



То :	SAC, MIAMI (145-0) (P)	Date	10/26/93
From :	SA (FPR	A)	
Subject:	UNSUBS; ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING POSS: CHILD ABUSE & CHILD PORNOGRA STUART, FLORIDA AREA		
ARRY A. ivision, opy of a	POTTS, Assistant Director, Co to dated 9/20	7/21/93, and 1	etter from igative
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alluded to the fact that no one could be trusted in this matter including SA was advised by SA that if he obtained any evidence or witnesses concerning child abuse or any other evidence to substantiate his allegations, he should contact SA To date, he has not done so.	ь6 ь7С
At the time of the contact with no documentation of this meeting occurred by SA due to the fact that SA felt his allegations to be extremely broad, far-fetched and unsubstantiated in any way. It should be noted	
During the Summer of 1993, rumors again surfaced in the Stuart, Florida area concerning Satanic worship and child abuse and thereafter, the attached letter was received.	
On 10/16/93, Fort Pierce, Florida was contacted and advised his office had conducted the investigation and prosecution of sexual abuse case. Since that time, he advised, has maintained contact with him up to the recent past and continued to make allegations of further sexual abuse, none of which are substantiated. According to admitted to him he had found no connection to date between actions and any nationwide organizations or activities. did provide the attached copy of a communication concerning the FINDERS. which had provided to him on 9/14/93. He advised is now claiming a group called the "FINDERS", which was part of the Washington, D.C. Intelligence community, had a splinter group which was involved in child sexual abuse. One of the members of this group supposedly resides in	ь6 ь7с
was provided with a copy of page #2 of a letter to dated 7/21/93, which he read and advised that this was misleading and certain statements made were in fact	b6 b7C

advised the STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE investigation did not uncover others having been involved than were charged.

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located no hard evidence of any organized sexual abuse in the area, but noted there is a similarity in sexual abuse cases that have occurred in different parts of the country.  did not volunteer, but when asked admitted he was looking into a group called the "FINDERS"; however, he did not have any confirmed criminal activity at this time.	
On 10/21/93,  operates a day school from which, during the past year, he advised numerous parents have withdrawn their children. According to	ь6 ь7с
occurring at or being done by individuals at the JENSEN BEACH PRE-SCHOOL. Concerning the JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, where parents also withdrew their children from attendance.	
stated that he himself did extensive checking of the school and found absolutely no indication of any child abuse. He further advised that those espousing	
targeting Martin County.	b6 b7С

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On 10/22/93, JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, was contacted. ladvised that in the past year, three to five families had withdrawn their children from the JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL based on rumors of cult activities and child abuse involving employees at her school. stated she did extensive work to attempt to substantiate these rumors, with negative results. She advised that On 10/22/93, was contacted and advised that he and the school are aware of individuals within the Stuart and Port St. Lucie, Florida areas involved in Satan worship. To date, he advised, neither he nor anyone else to his knowledge has revealed any evidence that these practices are in any way related to sexual child abuse. All individuals contacted above were advised that were they to obtain any information concerning sexual abuse of children, they should immediately report it to the authorities. In view of the lack of any evidence of, or substantiation of, allegations as set forth in the attached letter as they relate to the Stuart, Florida area, no further inquiries are being made concerning this matter at this time.

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September 20, 1993

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Department of Justice Washington, D.C.
Dear
Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1993, in which you forwarded two sets of correspondence dealing with child sex abuse allegations you had received from
A copy of correspondence has been forwarded to our Atlanta Office for review. The Criminal Investigative Division (CID) has thoroughly reviewed and discussed correspondence with the FBI, Macon, Georgia. Resident Agency (RA). The Macon RA is well aware of
From the review of available material to date, there appears to have been medical evidence to indicate that one or more children were molested; however, the joint investigation in this matter by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the Macon Police Department (MPD) did not determine who was responsible. Although the information reviewed to date does not appear to indicate a Federal violation, our Atlanta Office has been instructed to further review reports concerning the joint GBI/MPD investigation to determine if an FBI investigation is warranted.
1 - Atlanta - Enclosures (4) Attention SAC: This matter is referred for appropriate action.  1 - Miami - Enclosures (10) Attention SAC: This matter is referred for appropriate action.  SSEA
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forwarded	A copy of correspondence has been to our Miami Office for review.
	Any future inquiries in this matter can be referred to
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Sincerely yours,

Larry A. Potts Assistant Director Criminal Investigative Division

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In response to Bureau teletype 11/2/93 request for interview of he was interviewed on 11/15/93 with results set forth. As this interview reflects.
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WMFO should note that during interview of he advised he would provide on the following day November 16, 1993, the FINDERS' location in Washington, D.C. To date he has not provided this information. Further, he initially was reluctant to discuss the matter with SA until it was pointed out to him that if he was withholding information concerning child abuse, he himself might have some criminal liability.

In view of the fact that no investigation remains outstanding, Miami is considering this matter in an RUC status.

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The USCS informed the MPD that they were unsure if the six children had been kidnapped from their parents, and that they had attempted unsuccessfully to contact representatives of the Finders at 3918-3920 W. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. They feared that other children were being abused at that address.

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WMFO HAS COMPLETED ALL REQUESTED INTERVIEWS AND FILE REVIEWS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ABOVE CITED MATTERS.

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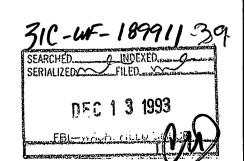
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#### Memorandum



To :	ADIC, WMFO (310	C-WF-189911) (P)	Date 12,	/13/93
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#### PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - ALLEGATIONS OF ORGANIZED CHILD ABUSE BY A GROUP KNOWN AS "FINDERS"

U.S. Customs Service (USCS) Special Agent
has not been interviewed by the FBI as of this date. He has been interviewed by USCS. During interviews with USCS.
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♦ An FBIHQ indices search determined that FBI
Jacksonville and FBI Washington Metropolitan Field Office (WMFO)
had conducted investigation resulting from an arrest of two
individuals associated with the "Finders" in Tallahassee,
Florida, in 1987. On 2/4/87,
were arrested by the Tallahassee Police
Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges resulting
from a complaint that six children playing in a park were unkept
and neglected the two subjects with the
children, could not initially provide sufficient information as
to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative
regarding their identity and the children's identity. As a
result of information developed during these arrests, the TPD
contacted the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD),
Washington, D.C., and provided information concerning and their association with a group known as "Finders,"
based in Washington, D.C. On 2/5/87 and 2/6/87, the MPD executed
search warrants, prepared by the United States Attorney's Office,
District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., on two properties owned by the "Finders" in Washington, D.C. FBI Special Agent (SA)
WMFO case Agent, and USCS SA
participated in these searches.
participated in these searches.
◆ Investigation conducted by the MPD and WMFO, lead to
the identification and interview of the mothers of the six
children, two of the fathers, and several other key members of
the "Finders" group. On 2/18/87, WMFO presented the results of
their investigation to Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office for the District of
Columbia, Washington, D.C., who declined prosection for violation
of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1201 (kidnaping) and 2251 (sexual
exploitation of children).
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◆ In March 1987, the TPD and the State of Florida
◆ On 11/9/93 the MPD provided a copy of the MPD
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investigative case file concerning the FINDERS. The case file did not contain a listing of items which had been seized during

the MPD execution of search warrants on 2/5-6/87 on the two FINDERS properties, 1307 4th Street, NE, and 3918/3920 W Street,

NW, Washington, D.D. In addition, there was no indication of the present status of any items seized at these searches, nor a listing of personnel who had been present during the execution of these search warrants. The MPD Detective that had been assigned to this case was
was interviewed on 11/8/93, and MPD was interviewed on 11/10/93, concerning their knowledge of the "FINDERS investigation, to include any information they might possess concerning child abuse/exploitation by the FINDERS as well as any knowledge concerning the alleged involvement by
the Department of State (DOS) and the FBI. They both denied any direct knowledge of any evidence indicating child abuse/exploitation or interference from any U.S. Intelligence agency. Both advised that they were aware of allegations suggesting child exploitation and associations by the FINDERS
FINDERS property in 1987.
◆ SA was present during the execution of the MPD search warrant at the warehouse owned by the FINDERS. She observed computer equipment, and records, but she observed no evidence of child sexual exploitation, child abuse, or child pornography. Subsequent to the execution of the search warrants, SA had obtained a copy of a memoranda, prepared by USCS the DOS or any other intelligence organization or entity. SA
stated that at no time did any individual or agency intervene or attempt to influence the outcome of her investigation.
A review of the WMFO case file revealed a memo from SA dated 3/9/87 which addressed misstatements and discrepancies contained in an attached 2/7/87 memorandum from USCS SA In this memo, SA documented the fact that she had discussed SA memo with MPD

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Sergeant John Stitcher (deceased) had contacted concerning the FINDERS and had obtained this information.  had nothing to do with the children or his investigation into the alleged child abuse.  stated that he was never instructed by anyone from FBI< State Department, or any other organization to end the FINDERS investigation, and that his investigation ran its normal course without interference.	
related that his investigation was not able to develop any evidence that the children associated with the FINDERS had been abused in any way.	
♦ On 11/12/93, WMFO interviewed USCS SA  who provided information concerning the USCS 1993 response to  on USCS's child exploitation investigations. He had interviewed USCS SA  on 9/3/93 and 9/16/93 during which	b6 b7С b7Е
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♦ On 11/19/93, WMFO obtained a copy of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) investigative file concerning FINDERS.

#### Memorandum

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To :	ADIC, WMFO (31C-	WF-189911) (P)	Date	12/14/93
From :	SA	(C-4)		
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Attached to this memo are photocopies of two UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT search warrants and returns made by SA on 12/14/93 at the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

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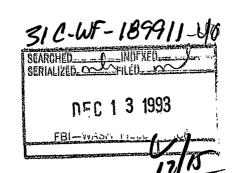
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Lastly, the source in this investigation told your affiant that information concerning this "cult" is kept in computers stored at the addresses listed in this affidavit. The Tallahasse police advised that they recovered a computer in the van that was seized in Florida along with disk's. The Florida authorities are attempting to obtain a search warrant for the information on the disk's and in the computer. The two defendants are currently being held on \$50,000.00 cash bond under the direction of Florida States attorney Fordham.	
Based on the information contained in this affidavit your affiant requests the issuance of two search warrants for the entire premises known as 3918-20 W Street N.W. Washington, D.C. and 1307 4th Street N.E. Washington D.C. so that we may go forth and seize all evidence of kidnapping which is a violation of the United States Code Title 18 section 1201, including but not limited to records, files, computer software and hardware and any instrumentalites of a criminal offense.	
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# CIA tied to cult accused of abuse

# Justice probes links to Finders

By Paul M. Rodriguez

A Justice Department special task force is investigating whether the CIA used a cult called the Finders as a front organization to provide computer training to intelligence agents in the 1980s.

The task force is also trying to determine whether the CIA — in an effort to hide any links with the Finders — impeded local law enforcement probes of the Washington-area communal group for child abuse in 1007

"The central question being asked is: Did the CIA have an association with this group and did it try to shut down their [state and local officials'] investigations of child abuse for purposes of protecting one or more of its operations?" said a senior federal law enforcement official familiar with the probe.

A senior CIA official yesterday denied that the agency was involved with the Finders or tried to impede police probes of the cult.

"Most days we expect our share of unusual questions, but this one is clear off the wall," a CIA spokesman told The Washington Times.

"Any claim that we obstructed justice in this case is nuts," the spokesman said.

"In fact," he said, reading from a prepared statement, "we cooperated with law enforcement authorities when questions arose in 1987."

A Washington computer-training company that employed Finders members said it trained CIA personnel, but the firm's president denied it was owned by the Finders. He said he was unaware of any use of the training for covert activities.

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Justice Department officials have declined to discuss what, if anything, their probe has uncovered. "We are still in the review process," a senior official said.

The Finders, a group that has dwindled from about 40 members to fewer than a dozen, made front-page

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news in February 1987 when two of its members were arrested in Tallahassee, Fla., on charges of child abuse.

The case received close media scrutiny partly because of accusations that the group was involved in satanic rituals, but the charges were dismissed by a Florida judge.

The Justice Department formed the task force in mid-November after several members of Congress received copies of previously confidential U.S. Customs Service records suggesting a cover-up in the Finders case to protect the CIA.

The Times has obtained these customs records and documents from both federal and local law enforcement agencies and the intelligence community that chronicle the investigation of the Finders.

One of the key documents that have prompted the Justice Department and members of Congress to question what happened six years ago is a report dated April 13, 1987, that was written by a junior Customs Service agent who was on the original team that raided Finders property in Washington and Virginia.

"The investigation into the activity of the Finders had become a CIA internal matter. ... [The Metropolitan Police Department] report has been classified Secret and not available for review," the agent wrote in his memo to superiors.

"I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of

anything that had transpired," the memo says.

"No further information will be available. No further action will be taken."

Other Customs Service documents and records from the FBI and Metropolitan Police provide indications that the CIA had links to the Finders or at least to some of the group's members.

A Metropolitan Police document dated Feb. 19, 1987, quotes a CIA agent as confirming that his agency was sending its personnel to "a Finders Corp., Future Enterprises, for training in computer operations.

And a later Customs Service report says that the CIA "admitted to owning the Finders organization as a front for a domestic computer

training operation but that it had 'gone bad.'

A senior Customs Service official confirmed the content of the memos and said the agency "only had a small role in the case."

A CIA official who asked not to be named confirmed that the agency had sent personnel for computer training to a company called Future Enterprises Inc.

But he cautioned, "I'm not sure if that was a Finders organization" as suggested by the Metropolitan Police and Customs Service reports.

Joseph Marinich, the president of Future Enterprises Inc., said he once had a contract to train CIA emplovees in computers.

But he denied that he or his firm had any involvement with the Finders or acted as a front company for the cult on behalf of the CIA. "I'm shocked and appalled that our company's name exists in any" law enforcement files.

Mr. Marinich said that when the news reoprts on the Finders broke in February 1987, he discovered that his tax accountant, R. Gardner Terrell, was a member of the group.

"It was a total surprise to us," and Mr. Terrell's employment was

ended, Mr. Marinich said. Mr. Terrell, who left the Finders a few years ago and no longer lives in the Washington area, could not be reached. But a friend confirmed that he worked for Future Enterprises while a member of the Finders.

Current and former members of the group said Mr. Terrell's work for Future Enterprises was separate from the group's other activities.

Current members of the Finders said they did not have any interest i Future Enterprises and denie working for the CIA or any oth intelligence organization.

"I guess you could say we're odd," said Steve Usdin, a free-lance writer associated with the Finders. "But we're not criminal."

## Memorandum



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# Through a glass, very darkly

Cops, spies and a very odd investigation

he case is almost seven years old [ now, but matters surrounding a mysterious group known as the Finders keep growing curiouser and

In early February 1987, an anonymous tipster in Tallahassee, Fla., made a phone call to police. Two "welldressed men" seemed to be "supervising" six disheveled and hungry children in a local park, the caller said. The cops went after the case like bloodhounds at least at first. The two men were identified as members of the Finders. They were charged with child abuse in Florida. In Washington, D.C., police and U.S. Customs Service agents raided a duplex apartment building and a warehouse connected to the group. Among the evidence seized: detailed instructions on obtaining children for unknown purposes and several photographs of nude children. According to a Customs Service memorandum obtained by U.S. News, one photo appeared "to accent the child's genitals."

The more the police learned about the Finders, the more bizarre they seemed. There were suggestions of child abuse, Satanism, dealing in pornography and ritualistic animal slaughter.

None of the allegations was ever proved, however. The child abuse charges against the two men in Tallahassee were dropped; all six of the children were eventually returned to their mothers, though in the case of two, conditions were attached by a court. In Washington, D.C., police began backing away from the Finders investigation. The group's practices, the police said,

were eccentric—not illegal.

Questions. Today, things appear to have changed yet again. The Justice Department has begun a new investigation into the Finders and into the group's activities. It is also reviewing the 1987 investigation into the group to determine whether that probe was closed improperly. Justice officials will not elaborate, except to say the investigation is "ongoing" and that it involves "unresolved matters" in relation to the Finders.

One of the unresolved questions in-

volves allegations that the Finders are somehow linked to the Central Intelligence Agency. Customs Service documents reveal that in 1987, when Customs agents sought to examine the evidence gathered by Washington, D.C., police, they were told that the Finders investigation "had become a CIA internal matter." The police report on the case had I



February 1987. D.C. police seize evidence.

been classified secret. Even now, Tallahassee police complain about the handling of the Finders investigation by D.C. police. "They dropped this case," one Tallahassee investigator says, "like a hot rock." D.C. police will not comment on the matter. As for the CIA, ranking officials describe allegations about links between the intelligence agency and the Finders as "hogwash" - perhaps the result of a simple mix-up with D.C. police. The only connection, according to the CIA: A firm that provided computer training to CIA officers also employed several members of the Finders.

The many unanswered questions about the Finders case now have Democratic Rep. Charlie Rose of North Carolina, chairman of the House Administration Committee, and Florida's Rep. Tom Lewis, a Republican, more than a little exercised. "Could our own government have something to do with this Finders organization and turned their backs on these children? That's what all the evidence points to," says Lewis. "And there's a lot of evidence. I can tell you this: We've got a lot of people scrambling, and that wouldn't be happening if there was nothing here."

Perhaps. But the Finders say there is nothing there—at least nothing illegal. The Finders have never been involved in child abuse, pornography. Satanism, animal slaughter or anything of the kind, says the group's leader, Marion David Pettie. Pettie, too, says the group has

never been connected to the CIA. In an interview with U.S. News, Pettie described the Finders as a communal, holistic-living and learning arrangement. The group numbers some 20 members, Pettie says; they do freelance journalism, research and "competitor intelligence" for a variety of mostly foreign clients. The Finders work for no foreign governments, Pettie says. Their duplex, in a residential Northwest Washington neighborhood, is decorated with global maps and bulletin boards. Residents of Culpeper, Va., 90 minutes from Washington, say the Finders have operated an office there, too, from time to time. That office contained computer terminals and clocks reflecting different time zones around the world.

CIA officials say they referred all matters concerning the Finders and the police investigation to the FBI's Foreign Counterintelligence Division. FBI officials will not comment. Law enforcement sources say some of the Finders are listed in the FBI's classified counterintelligence files.

None of this fazes Pettie. He says the CIA's interest in the Finders may stem from the fact that his late wife once worked for the agency and that his son worked for a CIA proprietary firm, Air America. Overall, says Pettie, "we're a zero security threat. When you don't do much of anything, and

you don't explain, people start rumors about you." To judge from the latest case, some of the rumors can last an awfully long time.

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^PAGE 7 WMFO 31C-WF-189911/PRIORITY/ CONTACT SUTEL RESULTS TO FBIHQ, CID, VCU ATTN: SSA AND WMFO. FORWARD FD-302S TO WMFO VIA FACSIMILE AT AT: SAN DIEGO DIVISION, EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA CONTACT USCS AGENT USCS HEADQUARTERS COULD PROVIDE ONLY THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT ADVISED THE USCS INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE LOCATED AT 1681 W. MAIN ST., EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER COULD LOCATE SPECIFICALLY ASCERTAIN ROLE IN THE 1987 FINDERS INVESTIGATION, THE CONDUCT OF THE TWO MPD SEARCHES, WHAT b6 SPECIFICALLY WAS SEEN BY AT THE SITES, WHAT EFFORTS b7C b7E MADE TO OPEN A USCS CASE ON FINDERS, AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FORWARD RESULTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. ВT

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TO ANOMAR AND A TOMET
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FROM: Director, FBI
TO: AD, WMFO $(31C-WF-189911)$ $(C-4)$
"FINDERS" GROUP, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY 00:WMFO
Re WMFO teletype to Bureau dated 11/8/93.
Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) has been assigned to the Behavioral Science Services Unit (BSSU), FBI Academy, Quanitco, Virginia, and specializes in training, research and case consultation in the area of sexual victimization of children.
The following are the best recollections of SSA concerning his involvement in captioned matter:
From 2/9-13/87, the BSSU sponsored an Advanced Sexual Exploitation of Children Seminar held at the Xerox Training Center in Leesburg, Virginia, for approximately 50 state and federal investigators. SSA  Special Agent (SA)  U.S. Customs, Reston, Virginia, was one of several U.S. Customs Agents who attended.
discussing the role of U.S. Customs in the investigation of sexual exploitation of children. Because one of the topics discussed during the seminar was allegations of ritual child abuse, SA and other law enforcement attendees, his recent involvement with the execution of a search warrant on property in Washington, D.C., occupied by a group called the Finders. SA
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"Finders" Group, White Slave Traffic Act -Sexual Exploitation of Children; Obstruction of Justice Preliminary Inquiry 00:WMFO Shortly thereafter, SSA was telephonically contacted on several occasions by FBI agents and supervisors from FBIHQ, WMFO and the Tallahassee Resident Agency seeking advice and guidance concerning the FBI's involvement in the investigation of the Finders. The primary guidance sought concerned the interview of the children identified in Tallahassee, Florida, as potential victims of members of the Finders. Eventually it was decided that because the children in question did not appear to have been kidnapped in violation of federal statutes, the interviews of the children would be conducted by local police from Washington, D.C. and Florida. Sometime in the months after the investigation began in February 1987, during an unrelated conversation, SA mentioned to SSA that the investigative reports on the Finders case On another occasion in the same general time frame SA lat Quantico, Virginia, WMFO, briefed SSA concerning the FBI investigation of the Finders. At no time during this discussion did SA \_\_\_\_\_ indicate that her investigation was hindered or disrupted in anyway by any alleged briefly connection between the Finders seemed to be the only discussed the fact that SA investigator who observed certain items of alleged evidence discussed in his memo. During the vears following the to time February 1987, investigation, SSA has from time heard rumors from the media and others that there was some connection between the has no f<u>irst han</u>d knowledge of Finders and such a connection. More importantly, SSA is aware of no evidence to indicate that allegations of sexual exploitation of children in the Finders case were not thoroughly and properly investigated in spite of alleged connections to In summary because of his expertise concerning sexual victimization of children, SSA briefly consulted with investigators involved in the Finders case back in 1987. He himself, however, conducted no investigation in captioned case.

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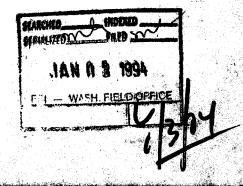
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SPECIFIC DETAILS.

ADVISED HOWEVER THAT HE DID NOT RECALL ANY
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Subject: FINDERS GROUP;

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On 1/7/94,	Property Division,
MPD-DC telephone	was advised of the ongoing effort by
WMFO to ascertain the disp	osition of evidence seized by MPD in
	dvised he would attempt to determine
from a review of all prope	erty receipts for 1987 whether any
information remains within	MPD records. He expected this effort
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CI	D, FBIH	On 1/13/94, writer met with SSA VCU, concerning the status of captioned investigation.	
to	writer	Attached to this memo are the following items provided by SSA	
re	sults o	1. SSA memo dated 12/21/93 detailing the fBIHQ indices checks.	
th	eir reco	2. AD POTT'S 12/22/93 request and USDS to query ords for references to captioned matter.	
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re	sults of	4. FBIHQ routing slip dated 1/13/94 detailing the fBIHQ informant file searches.	
fo	llowing	Writer briefed SSA concerning the status of vestigation. SSA and writer concurred that the represented the balance of outstanding leads concerning matter:	
		1. Interview of lead sent to Legat Brussells. b6	! •
		2. Interview of - lead sent to Miami Division.	
		3. Interview of WMFO.	
		4. Interviews with MPD concerning evidence disposition.	
		5. Review of USDS files FBIHQ request made.	
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To: Unit Chief
From: SSA
Subject: Finders
A search of FBIHQ indices was conducted for File reviews were conducted on indices references identified by the indices search as follows:
1. this is a main file concerning the investigation in 1987 wherein were arrested by the Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee, Florida and charged with misdemeanor child abuse. A review of this file is as follows:
On 2/4/87,  were arrested by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D. C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D. C. in an effort to further identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnaped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was registered to a

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A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type life style made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.

On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosection in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.

Subjects were released from the custody of the TPD on 3/17/87, and all charges against them were dropped.	
References of FBIHQ File	
Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children	
#9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ re of "Finders", allegedly a Also, results of search warrants of property owned by	b6 b7С
in Washington, D. C.  Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.	
#16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.	
Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.	
<pre>#24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of</pre>	
<pre>#26 - Airtel from WMFO to FBIHQ dated 4/1/87, advising</pre>	b6 b7
2. 190-HQ-60055-serial # 3 is an airtel dated 2/20/92 from Director, FBI to SAC, Jacksonville. This airtel enclosed original Jacksonville files sent to FBIHQ for duplication and FOIPA processing. The subject was "The Finders" and the requestor was There is no other information concerning	
3. 190-2-122278 (section 1253)-serial 122278 is an FBIHQ Records  Management Division response dated 5/19/87 to  in response to an FOIPA request from  This response "revealed no information in addition to that furnished to you by letters dated September 11, 1985, and November 6, 1985."	

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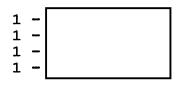
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DAAG Keeney stated words to the effect that "...we must rely on the integrity of and the DOS to conduct a thorough records check...," and he stated that he concurred with the submission of these letters by the FBI to the DOS.

This matter was coordinated between SSAs

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#### THE FINDERS

The following excerpts include information contained in an undated memorandum from Acting Chief George C. Burgasser to Acting Assistant Attorney General John C. Keeney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. and information obtained from the records of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and the U.S. Customs Service (USCS). These excerpts provide the details of this investigation and are the basis of the Department of Justice's request that the FBI conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if more comprehensive investigation is warranted.

On February 4, 1987, the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD), Tallahassee, Florida, responded to a complaint that a well-dressed white male was seen in a park with several unkempt children. The TPD spoke with the adult male who told them that he was a Washington, D.C., school teacher who together with another adult male was in the process of taking the children to Mexico. The purpose of the trip was to set up a school for brilliant children in Mexico. The male refused to provide additional information about the children, and the second male refused to provide any information about himself. The Police arrested the two men after they determined that the children seemed neglected and the two men could not provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children. The two men were subsequently identified as

The TPD contacted U.S. Customs (USC) and continued their investigation by attempting to ascertain whether a van in which the two men and children were travelling could provide any additional leads as to the identities of the men or children. On February 5, 1987, a U.S Customs Special Agent (USCSA) in Tallahassee, Florida, called USC Headquarters (USCHQ) asking if they could assist in contacting an appropriate local police agency to coordinate a child abuse investigation with the TPD. Additionally, several names, addresses, and a vehicle identification number were checked through the USC child pornography database, as there was some suspicion of the two males being involved in supplying children for the production of child pornography. The computer checks by USC were negative.

Subsequently, USCHQ, Washington, D.C., contacted Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and determined that they were interested in the information, and that search warrants were being considered for two addresses in the District of Columbia. MPD invited the USC to observe the execution of the search warrants in the event that evidence of USC violations was recovered. Search warrants were prepared by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, for both the warehouse and residence. A USCSA participated in the execution of the search warrant at the 3918/3920 W Street address, where he claims to have seen the following:

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On February 6, 1987, the USCSA met with representatives of the MPD at the 4th Street address and examined the warehouse. During
On March 31, 1987, the USCSA contacted representatives of the MPD to review the evidence seized during the February search warrants. A meeting was scheduled for the second or third of April. On April 2, 1987, when the USCSA arrived to meet with MPD, the MPD Detective was not available. A "third party" MPD Officer advised the USCSA that he was willing to talk to him "off the record." The USCSA claims that the MPD officer told him that all
During a USC review of the "Finders" investigation, USC representatives noted that an MPD report, dated February 19, 1987,

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Future Enterprises operates out of the warehouse at 1307 4th Street N.E"
MPD investigation revealed that the "Finders" had at one time attempted to infiltrate General Scientific Corporation, Rockville,
Maryland
the "Finders." During an interview,
Investigation determined that the "Finders" has, at one time
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the original founders of the "Finders:" and that

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4. FBIHQ routing slip dated 1/13/94 detailing the results of FBIHQ informant file searches.								
Writer briefed SSA concerning the status of WMFO'S investigation. SSA and writer concurred that the following represented the balance of outstanding leads concerning captioned matter:								
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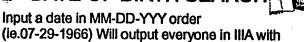
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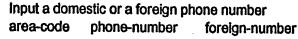
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190-2-87621 (section 905)-this serial is a letter dated 2/24/83 from FBIHQ Records Management Division to Ms. Diane Elizabeth

Sherwood, 3918 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 and is a response to Ms. Sherwood's FOIA request concerning Barbara F. Sylvester.

Barbara Sylvester 190-2-87619 (section 905)-this serial is a 4-837 FOIA request dated 2/3/83 from Ms. Diane Elizabeth Sherwood, 3918 W S., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. This form listed the subject of the request as Barbara Sylvester, Date of birth 12/9/36 at Chicago, Illinois. 105-0-7171 (section 139)-not identifiable as Barabara Sylvester DOB 12/9/36. This serial is a memo dated 3/8/60 to Director, FBI from SAC, New York and is captioned Matter; IS-PO; Miscellaneous Information Concerning." serial #29-this is a teletype dated 2/7/87 from FBI, Jacksonville to Director, FBI and summarizes investigation to date. information concerning is the same as information contained in serials #11 and #15. <u>serial #24-Teletype from WMFO to FBIHO, re</u> interview of This communication provides information pertaining to "Finders" group and explanation of incident in Florida. serial #15-Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date. This teletype repeats information concerning as found in serial #11. serial #11-this is a teletype dated 2/9/87 from SAC, Tampa to Director, FBI and reported that a associated with two women was serial #9-this is a teletype from WMFO to FBIHO re reported results of search warrants of property owned by in Washington, D. C. was identified as having been serial #1-this is an airtel dated 2/13/87 from SAC, Jacksonville to Director, FBI which enclosed a list of names which had been recovered from subjects when arrested in Tallahassee, Florida by the Tallahassee Police Department. name was listed along with the remarks "Redirect phone <u>line Hold</u> on for 5 seconds till you hear the message

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Sergeant John H. Stitcher, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Police Department 1-HQ-30106-This file is captioned "John Henry Stitcher, Jr., Sergeant, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.; Applicant 51st Session, FBI National Academy" and concerns his nomination to attend the FBI National Academy. there were no indices references to 7. Future Enterprises, Inc.-there were two indices references. page 3-this is an airtel dated 2/13/87 to Director, FBI from SAC Jacksonville, which enclosed a two page list of names and addresses which had been recovered from subjects| time they were arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail, Tallahassee, Florida by the Tallahassee Police Department. listing contained the notation "Future Enterprises, Inc. 662-7676 662-7616 night." There was no further description or information concerning Future Enterprises, Inc. in this serial. this is a memorandum dated 2/27/87 from the to the Director, FBI.

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DIVISION:

COMPANY TYPE: UNK

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FIELD OFFICE: BA

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CITY: ROCKVILLE

STATE: MD ZIP: 20850

PHONE NUMBER: 301 340-2773 ZIP EXT:

COUNTRY: US

DCASR CODE: 9999

STATUS CODE: 1

CLEARANCE: 1

CLEARANCE DATE: 07/26/83 VALIDATION DATE: 09/01/87

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ESTABLISH DATE: 07/27/83

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To: Unit Chief
From: SSA
Subject: Finders
The attached items were received from Special Staff, Division #5 on 1/7/94 in response to a request related to the Finders preliminary inquiry.
A review of these materials and discussion with

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on 2/4/87, were arrested by Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) on misdemeanor child abuse charges. The two subjects were arrested after a complaint was made that six children were playing in a park seemed to be unkept and neglected. The two subjects with the children could not initially provide sufficient information as to their legal custody of the children and were uncooperative regarding their identity or the children identity.	b6 b7C		

After the subjects were arrested TPD obtained information from the children that they were from the Washington, D. C. area. TPD and FBI Jacksonville contacted the Youth Services Division in Washington, D. C. in an effort to further

identify the children. The FBI got involved in the investigation at this time due to the possibility that the children had been kidnaped. The vehicle registration records for a van the men had in their possession when arrested reflected that it was registered to a
A joint investigation by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lead to the identification and interview of the mothers of the six children in question, two of the fathers, and several other key members of the "finders" group. All persons interviewed claimed their group consisted of an alternate communal type life style made up of intellectuals who have chosen to live the way they do. The mothers were all aware that the children had been taken to Florida on a trip, they were familiar with and thoroughly trusted the men in whose care the children had been placed, and all insisted the children were well cared for.
On 2/18/87, The United States Attorneys Office, WDC, declined prosection in this matter for the violation of USC, Title 18, Sections 1201 and 1251.
Subjects were released from the custody of the TPD on 3/17/87, and all charges against them were dropped.
Included in this file are the following:
Serial #2 - Photos of subjects and children
#9 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHO re
in Washington, D. C.
Serial #15 - Teletype from Jk to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, synopsis of investigation to date.
#16 - Teletype from FBI Richmond (166C-841) to FBIHQ dated 2/7/87, re results of search warrants on property owned by Virginia State Police. Search warrants did not produce evidence of Federal or State violations of the law concerning sexual exploitation of children, however it appears that the children found in Florida had lived at this location.
Serial #20 - Airtel from FBIHQ to Jacksonville dated 3/10/87, responding to indices check request.
#24 - Teletype from WMFO to FBIHQ, re interview of

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