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Re: Freedom of Information Request Number 2014-05065
MASON, Marie; Register No. 04672-061

Dear Ms. Tipograph:

This is in response to your request for a copy of specific Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) records pertaining to federal inmate Marie Mason and the BOP's Counterterrorism Unit. You requested a copy of the following:

1. Records located at the BOP's Counterterrorism Unit.
2. Communications (including emails and other written correspondence) to and from Leslie Smith, director of the Counterterrorism Unit.
3. Communications (including emails and other written correspondence) between officials at the FBI or any Joint Terrorism Task Force and officials of the BOP's Counterterrorism Unit.
4. Communications (including emails and other written correspondence) to and from regional directors and their staff.
5. Communications (including emails and other written correspondence) to and from the individual who was Ms. Mason's case manager just before her transfer to FMC Carswell.
6. Counterterrorism Unit's Intelligence Summaries.
7. Records relating to Ms. Mason's transfer to FMC Carswell, including Notices of Transfer.

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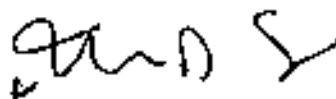
8. Records that refer or relate to whether Ms. Mason was nominated, discussed, or recommended for CMU designation.

A total of four (4) pages were located in response to your request. These documents have been reviewed and one (1) page is being released in its entirety, and three (3) pages are being released with certain information excised. The aforementioned withholding and/or excision of information is pursuant to:

Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(b)(7)(F), because release of the information which is compiled for law enforcement purposes could endanger the physical safety of individuals.

Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, this action may be appealed to the Attorney General by writing to the Office of Information Policy (OIP), Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Suite 11050, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Both the letter and envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA Request Appeal." Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Sickler
Regional Counsel

Enclosure: 4 pages

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**U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Correctional Programs Division**

Counter Terrorism Unit

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June 30, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR JOSE A. SANTANA CHIEF,
DESIGNATION AND SENTENCE COMPUTATION CENTER

lsl/l
FROM: Leslie S. Smith, Chief
SUBJECT: Administrative Unit (CRW) Referral
MASON, Marie, Reg. No. 04672-061

1. Rationale for Designation:

The following recommendation has the concurrence of the Assistant Director,
Correctional Programs Division, Central Office.

Inmate Mason, who has a nexus to domestic terrorism, has been determined to be radicalizing and recruiting other inmates at her current institution. Through communication monitoring it has been learned that inmate Mason is attempting to establish direct communication between anarchist groups and other environmental extremists with the inmate population. Inmate Mason has stated she has collected like minded anarchist and activist inmates into social groups and book clubs for the purpose of discussing ideology and action.

In order to facilitate this redesignation, (b)(7)(F)

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Offense Conduct:

Inmate Mason was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Arson; Aggravated Arson; and Arson, and was sentenced to 262 months incarceration with lifetime supervised release.

Inmate Mason is a member of the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), a group considered a domestic terrorist organization.

According to the United States Attorneys Office, Inmate Mason participated in the December 31, 1999, arson of Agriculture Hall on Michigan State University's (MSU) main campus in East Lansing, Michigan, and the January 1, 2000, arson of commercial lumbering equipment near Mesick, Michigan. Along with these two incidents, inmate Mason admitted guilt in 11 other acts of arson, sabotage and property destruction on behalf of ELF.

In targeting Agriculture Hall, Mason and her criminal associates sought to destroy or disrupt federally funded research which was being conducted into genetic modification of crops for the purpose of feeding Third World populations.

ELF remains a loosely organized movement of individuals who are committed to the cessation of commercial research and other activities which its adherents consider harmful to the natural environment. ELF espouses a philosophy referred to as "direct action" and "monkey-wrenching," terms which denote acts of politically motivated violence designed to intimidate or coerce segments of society, including the general civilian population, private business, and government, into changing their attitudes about environmental issues and/or ceasing activities considered by the movement to have a negative impact on the natural environment. ELF direct actions include acts which violate criminal laws of the United States or of individual states and are dangerous to human life. Arson is one of the most frequently employed forms of ELF direct action and monkeywrenching.

Inmate Mason was considered to be a manager/supervisor of at least three other participants in an extensive criminal enterprise. Her sentencing was enhanced as it was viewed as an offense felony which involved or was intended to promote a federal act of terrorism.

Institution Conduct:

Communication monitoring has identified repeated attempts by inmate Mason to recruit and radicalize inmates. Specifically, inmate Mason has solicited the participation of anarchist and extremist individuals in the community to correspond through social and books clubs she would organize with inmates in the institution. Inmate Mason claimed she was "having fun" conveying anarchist ideology and beliefs to other inmates, and excitedly stated it would be productive if radical anarchists in the movement and currently in the community, could communicate with these inmates, as well.

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Inmate Mason has described herself as an "action oriented anarchist," and has maintained or attempted to maintain contact with other activists, anarchists, extremists and even other convicted felons involved in the radical environmental movement.

Inmate Mason continues to be a figurehead in the radical environmental movement, drawing attention from many individuals in the community. Through social correspondence and articles written for radical publications, inmate Mason continues to be an outspoken supporter of the radical environmental ideals and as well continues to advocate for the use of criminal actions in support of the movement's goals and objectives.

Inmate Mason communicates ideas which demonstrate support and continued leadership in the radical environmental movement regarding the future of the movement, prisoner support, politics tactics, methodology and organizations associated with environmental movements.

Inmate Mason's communications warrant heightened controls and review not available in a typical general population.

2. **Proposed Transfer Code:** 323. Closer Supervision

3. **CIM Assignment:** (b)(7)(F)

4. **STG Assignment:** Arson History, Communication Category 3, Domestic Terrorist A, Earth Liberation Front, (b)(7)(F)

5. **Release Destination:** Western District of Michigan

6. **Medical Status:** Inmate Mason is a Care Level 1 / Care Level 1 - Mental Health. There are no indications of known medical or dental concerns which would preclude her placement in the Administrative Unit.

7. **Does Inmate Concur With Transfer:** The inmate's opinion was not solicited.

8. **Additional Pertinent Information:** Inmate Mason is a 48 year old, white, female. She is a United States citizen with residence in Stanwood, Michigan. She is an IN custody inmate with LOW security level. She has no BOP disciplinary history. She is listed in the Victim/Witness Notification Program.

NAME.....: MASON, MARIE JEANETTE
 REGISTER NO: 04672-061
 RACE / SEX.: WHITE / FEMALE
 RESIDENCE.: STANWOOD, MI 49346
 DOB (AGE): 03-26-1962 (48)
 ETHNIC...: OTHER THAN HISP
 RSP OF...: WAS A-DES
 DESTINATION: CRW ADM *Jan* LEVEL/CUSTODY: LOW /IN
 PROJ REL. DATE: 09-18-2027
 ESCAPE.....: NONE DETAINERS.....: NO
 VIOLENCE...: NONE NOTIFICATIONS: NO
 HGT.: 502 HAIR: BN PSYCH ALERT...: NO
 WGT.: 140 EYES: BL
 OFFM/CHG RMKS: CONSP TO COMMIT ARSON, AGGRAVATED ARSON & ARSON 18:944;
 262 MONTHS & LIFE SRT: 1:08-CR-47-01

NOTE SENSITIVE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CMC AND SEPARATE HARD COPY DATA ATTACHED

See above information

GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE (COMMENTS):

Box 77F1



NAS

LIST ANY NON-ROUTINE SECURITY NEEDS:

NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE OF INMATE: Ken Mason/Mother
 CITY AND STATE OF RELATIVE.....: Stanwood, Michigan

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Inmate Mason is serving a 262 month sentence for Conspiracy to Commit Arson, Aggravated Arson, Arson, Count 1, 2, & 4. There is no history of escape or violence. She has a PRO of 03-18-2027 via GCT REL. She has maintained clear conduct at FCI Wasco. She is affiliated with Earth Liberation Front (ELF), a terrorist organization. At this time she is suspected of recruiting for this organization via mail. She has a CIM assignment of separation and special supervision.

NOTE: STATEMENT TO TRANSPORTING OFFICER:
 "SENSITIVE - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DOCUMENT - SECURITY MUST BE MAINTAINED."

TRANSPORTING OFFICER: _____ AGENCY: _____

PREPARED BY: G. HILLER *Gphiller* TITLE: CASE MANAGER DATE: 7/7/10