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based on information provided by the Denver FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) to the COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (CDLE).

The CDLE, at the direction of the AG-SPU and with the assistance of the FBI, has vigorously pursued this prosecution.

One subject, VINCENTE RAPHAEL PIERRE, has separated himself from other FUQRA groups and recently pled guilty to reduced charges offered for his cooperation in this matter.

The trials of the other members are expected to take place in September 1993.

All trials will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, State court.

LEADS:

ALBUQUERQUE AND PHOENIX DIVISION

Set forth below are the identities of those persons at each of the above Divisions who are to be interviewed. Each individual should be questioned as to the following:

1. The sale of the Trout Creek, Colorado property to JAMES D. WILLIAMS in 1987 and any information relative to any attempt by SHEIK JILANI to purchase this property in 1985.
2. In regard to both the actual purchase and any previous attempts to purchase by FUQRA members, were any threats made to a member of the ALBERT family. If so, obtain specifics concerning same. In this regard, it was alleged that the ALBERTS may have initially refused to sell this land. If this is true, obtain specifics. Regarding BETH MEYERS, interview her concerning any and all real estate transactions between she, SHAH, and/or other FUQRA members.
3. Obtain all information concerning any interaction between the ALBERTS, BETH MEYERS, and FUQRA members.
4. Using photo line-ups provided as enclosures to this airtel, attempt to effect any identifications the ALBERTS or MEYERS might be

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able to make of FUQRA members and, again, obtain specifics.

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT CHAMA, NEW MEXICO

Interview WILLIAM ALBERT, who can be located through telephone number (505) 756-2129.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT METAIRIE, LOUISIANA

Will interview Mr. FRED RIHNER, 614 Phosphor Avenue, RIHNER, who has no telephone. He can be located through his sister, JANET RALSTON, work telephone number (504) 349-5317; home telephone number (504) 835-4657.

RIHNER should be thoroughly interviewed concerning his alleged two meetings with SHEIKH JILANI, as follows:

In August, 1983, when JILANI moved on to tract #2 in W 1/2, SW 1/2, Chaffee County, Colorado, and RIHNER greeted JILANI in late August, 1983, when JILANI and CYNTHIA RUBEN SHAW, believed to be JILANI's wife or paramour, came to the RIHNER's home to apologize for placing "no trespassing, no hunting," etc., signs on the property.

A photo line-up should be shown to RIHNER in an effort to identify any FUQRA members he might have encountered.

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT CAVE CITY, ARIZONA

Interview BETH MEYERS, 6838 Rocking Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, telephone number (602) 991-6873.

AT SUN CITY, ARIZONA

Interview Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH ALBERT, 9401 N. 111th Drive, (602) 933-7639.

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WILLIAM H. ALBERT, Chama, New Mexico telephone number (505) 756-2129 was interviewed at his place of employment, Metes and Bounds, a surveying and engineering firm. He furnished the following information:

He did not sell Trout Creek to JAMES WILLIAMS in 1987. ALBERT's parents were the owners of Trout Creek, and sold it to WILLIAMS in 1987. ALBERT said he has never met or seen WILLIAMS.

ALBERT went to Trout Creek last summer with his father since the purchaser of the property was behind on payments, and had not paid taxes on the land. ALBERT and his father encountered two black males and approximately fifteen kids. The males were initially hostile as they did not hear them come on to the property. However, one of the males recognized his father and the hostility ceased. After this visit, ALBERT said the taxes on the land were paid.

One of the males said he was from Philadelphia, and wanted to raise his kids outside of the violent, drug atmosphere. The other male was the one who recognized his father. ALBERT said he perhaps could recognize these individuals if he were shown photographs.

ALBERT said no one was introduced by a Muslim name or as Sheik. He said the name SHEIK JILANI did not mean anything to him. He had no information regarding any attempt by SHEIK JILANI to purchase Trout Creek in 1985. He was not aware of any attempts by anyone to buy Trout Creek in 1985.

ALBERT advised that he did not know of any threats made to any member of the ALBERT family in regard to both the actual purchase and any previous attempts to purchase Trout Creek. He was not aware of any offers or refusal of sales on Trout Creek.

ALBERT said his first involvement with the people who purchased Trout Creek was last summer. He has not been back to Trout Creek since last summer. He has had no contact with any of these people except for last summer. ALBERT said that he does not know BETH MEYERS.

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INITIALS

ALBERT was initially shown photospread number nine. ALBERT stated that he believed photographs three and four depicted the two individuals he met at Trout Creek last summer. ALBERT said he believed these to be the individuals based on recognition. He said the individual depicted in photograph three was the one who recognized his father. He said the individual depicted in photograph four was the individual who talked about Philadelphia. ALBERT placed his initials and date on the backside of photographs three and four.

ALBERT was then shown photospreads eight and ten. He was unable to identify any of the photographs. He was then shown photographs one through seven. Again, he was unable to identify any of the photographs.

FREDERICK H. RIHNER, date of birth - January 23, 1953, Social Security Number 437-92-1113, home address - 614 Phosphor Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, home telephone number 504/835-4657, white, male, was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, RIHNER provided the following information:

RIHNER advised that he lived with his father at 27045 County Road, 342, Buena Vista, Colorado, from 1981 to 1983. During August 1983, RIHNER met the individual who had purchased the property next to his father's property. RIHNER met this individual while he was conducting a land survey of his property. RIHNER advised that this individual appeared to be of Middle Eastern origin and spoke only a few words during their conversation. During this conversation, RIHNER advised that the individual stated he was from the city. RIHNER advised that during this short conversation there were three other young males present. These three males also appeared to be of Middle Eastern origin.

During the end of August 1993, RIHNER advised that the Middle Eastern male he had met earlier arrived at his father's residence along with a female who also appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent. The nature of their visit was to apologize for placing for "No Hunting" and "No Trespassing" signs on their property. During this visit, the Middle Eastern female advised that she and her husband were from the city and were not aware of the customs of that area. RIHNER advised that the Middle Eastern male did not speak one word during his visit. RIHNER advised that the couple left and that was the last time that he saw either one of them.

RIHNER was shown three photographic line-ups in an effort to identify any Fuqra members. RIHNER was unable to make any identifications.

RIHNER described the unknown male that came to his father's residence as follows:

Height:	5'7" to 5'9"
Weight:	200 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Ethnic Background:	Middle Eastern
Age:	Mid 40's

RIHNER described the unknown female that arrived at his father's residence as follows:

Height:	5'6"
Weight:	135 pounds
Ethnic Background:	Middle Eastern
Age:	Mid 30's

ALBERTS for their property, a check was offered for earnest money. MYERS advised that her company sent a contract to the ALBERTS along with a note asking the ALBERTS to call back if they decided to accept the offer. MYERS advised that the ALBERTS did call back and spoke to her husband JASON about the offer, and made a counteroffer. MYERS advised she does not recall the exact details of the counteroffer. MYERS advised her company did eventually list the ALBERT'S property for sale, but did not sell it. She advised that she later became aware that the property belonging to the ALBERTS had sold to SHAH, by seeing the sale in the real estate transaction section of the local newspaper.

MYERS advised she did recall that the counteroffer made by the ALBERTS regarding SHAH'S initial offer for the property was \$125,000 net, after sale.

MYERS advised that during her entire transaction with SHAH she met him approximately four times out of the office. She advised that the first time he came to her office he was with a female named CYNTHIA RUBIN.

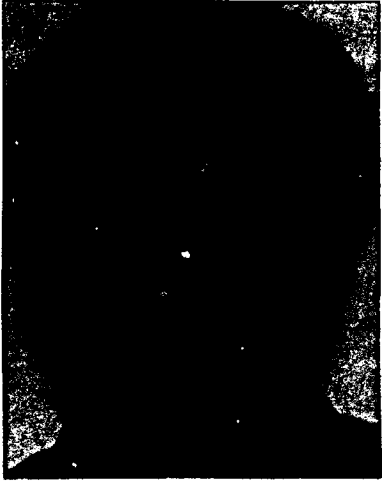
A photographic line-up was shown to MYERS. On the photograph marked number nine, MYERS identified picture number four, WALTER IVAN BANKS, JR. as a possible individual who was with SHAH when MYERS went out to the GROSCH property to show it to SHAH.

On the photograph marked number 10, MYERS identified photograph number five, DARYL WOODS, as a possible individual who she may have seen with SHAH.

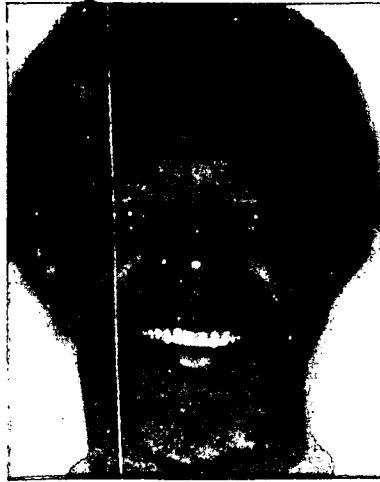
MYERS identified photograph number three, which was in the 1A (FD-340), as possibly being the female CYNTHIA RUBIN who was with SHAH when SHAH initially came to her office.

In photograph number four, MYERS identified the eighth person standing from the left, who has glasses and a copy, as an individual who was possibly with SHAH on the GROSCH property.

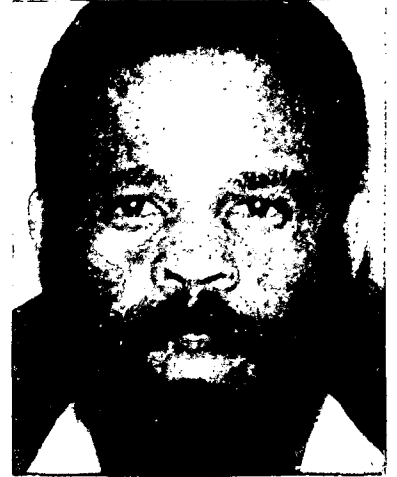
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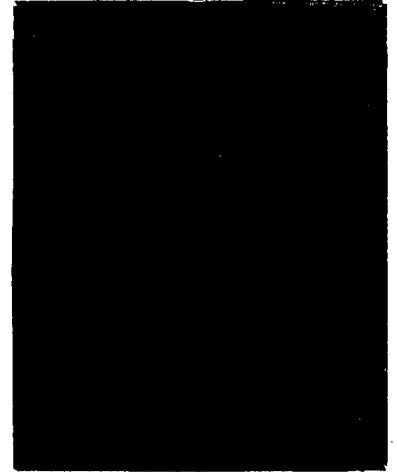
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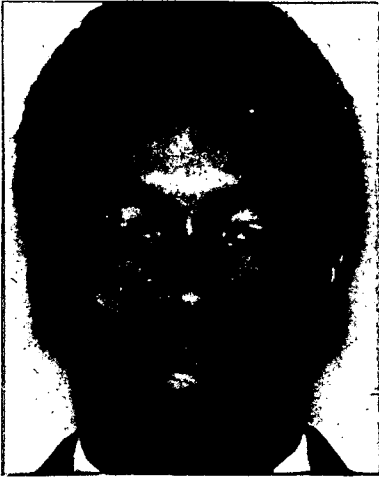
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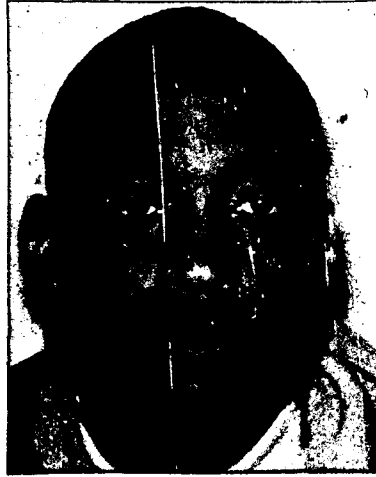
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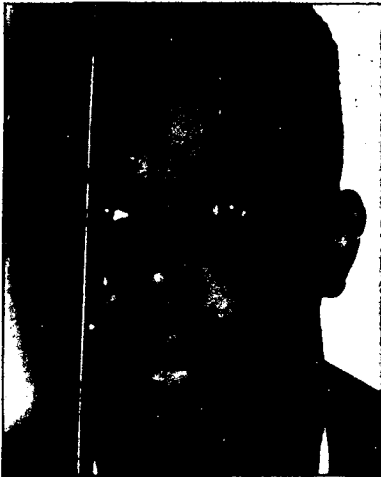
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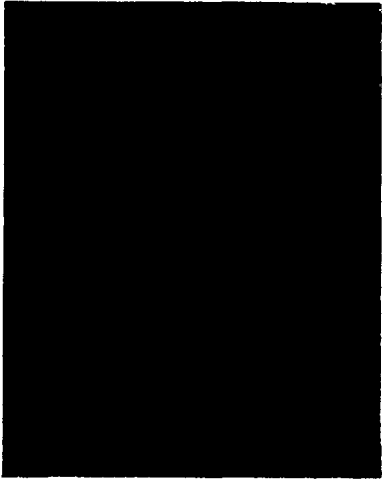
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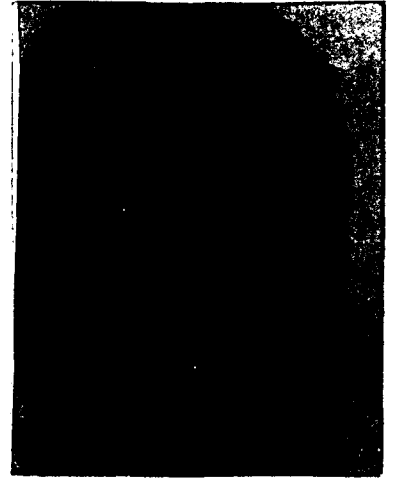
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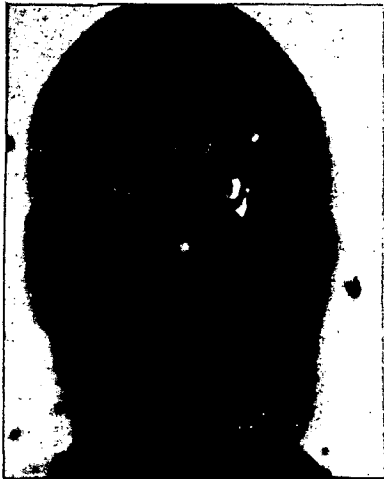
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Full Field DS/T investigation authorized 3/13/90, extended to expire 10/28/93.

Enclosed for the Bureau and each receiving office is a copy of a LHM concerning investigation underway at Denver and leads for receiving offices, all of which is self-explanatory. Also enclosed are photographs necessary for lead coverage, set forth herein.

For information of recipients, the office of the COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, Special Prosecutions Unit (AG-SPU) is prosecuting certain FUQRA members from the Colorado area

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Albany (Enc. 2)
- 3 - Albuquerque (Enc. 2)
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