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FBI Atlanta

Intelligence Note from Domain Management Intelligence Related to the Black Separatist Threat
October 07, 2009 b6
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Subject: (U/FOUO) Black Separatist Threat within the Atlanta Division Area of Responsibility

Summary:

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Scope:
(UHFOU0) This domain intelligence note identifies and assesses the black separatist presence and threat to the Atlanta Division's area of responsibility (AOR). Information is current as of 25 September 2009.

(U) The following information was utilized for this domain note: FBI Atlanta information
on black separatists, to include source reporting, assessments, and case files; interviews of FBI Atlanta agents and analysts; FBI reporting on black separatists; and open source data to include US Census Data, Southern Poverty Law Center information, and additional Internet searches.
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(U/FOUO) This information addresses requirements contained in
The Atlanta Domain Team submitted Intelligence Information Needs (TIM) identified in

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Key Judgments1

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Background:

(U//FOU0) The Atlanta Division encompasses the State of Georgia and is home to over nine million diverse residents. The chart below depicts the population increases among the white and black/African American populations in Georgia from 2000 to 2005-2007, according to US Census data; it also includes estimated population percentages for 2015.1 Historically, black separatist groups have maintained a presence within Atlanta's area of responsibility (AOR). From 1998 to 2001, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a former leader within Nation of Islam, operated in Atlanta and was the national leader of the New Black Panther Party (NBPP), leading it in a more radical and potentially more violent direction. Georgia
NBPP members have been and continue to be active in the NBPP organization.2

2000 census
data

% of total
GA pop
(2000 data)

2007 census
data

% of total
GA pop
(2007 data)

2015 Estimate

% of total pop

White 5,327,281 65.1 5,918,880 62.0 59 Black 2,349,542 28.7 2,855,189 29.9 28 Other 509,630 6.2 770,681

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groups, there is also the potential for an individual with similar ideology to conduct extremist activity within Atlanta's AOR.

(U) New Black Panther Party (NBPP)

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media that individuals dressed in NBPP uniforms assaulted reporters when they

approached McKinney for comrnents.8 In addition, in November 2006, NBPP initiated a protest and rally following the shooting death by Atlanta police officers
of an elderly African American woman, which was covered by the media.9

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(U) Recruitment: Between 2005 — 2007, reporting from multiple offices indicated that

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Intelligence Gaps:

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Recommendations:

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(U) Domain Management Threat Assessment Methodology

Capability Low Medium High

Physical Means/Tools

Knowledge

Sophistication

Associations

Has identified tools
and/or needs

Actors rarely exhibit
a specialized skill
set and do not seek
training

Actors have little or
no organizational
structure, exhibit a
limited if not absent
ability to adapt
and/or modify their
techniques

Actors have no
connections to

persons of concern
to the FBI or
Intelligence
Community

Has the ability to
readily obtain
materials or already
has some materials
Actors occasionally
exhibit a specialized
skill set but are
actively seeking
training related to
that skill set

Actors occasionally
employ hi gy hl
structured, long
term plans, rarely
exhibit an ability to
adapt and/or modify
their techniques as
appropriate

Actors have
connections to

persons of concern
to th e FBI or
Intelligence
Community within
Domain

Possesses requisite
materials and tools

Actors routinely
exhibit a specialized
skill set and actively
seek training related
to skill set

Actors routinely
employ highly
structured, long-
term plans, regularly
exhibiting an ability
to adapt, modify
their techniques as
appropriate and
avoid detection
Actors have
multiple
connections to

persons of concern
to th e FBI or
Intelligence
Community within
and outside domain

Intent

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Activity
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Acceptance of Risk

Actors have
vocalized desires
but has taken little
or no action to

achieve goal

Avoids Risk

Actors have
occasionally taken
some action to

achieve goal

Willingness to
accept minimal risk

Actors have made
continuous and
dedicated actions to
achieve goal

Willing to accept
substantial risk

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Criticality Low Medium High

Violence

Economic Impact

National Security

Public Trust

Aggression and
violent actions
rarely result in death
or psychological
trauma

Actor(s) poses to
exact thousands of
dollars in loses to
US entities

Actor(s) specifically
targets US entities,
potentially resulting
in damage to US
national security,
regional
infrastructure or the
nation's critical
infrastructure
Actions affect local
levels of public trust
only

Aggression and
violent actions
typically result in
moderate loss of life
or bodily harm or is
expected to result in
severe

psychological
trauma

Actor(s) poses to
exact millions to
tens of millions of
dollars in losses to
US entities

Actor(s) specifically
targets US entities,
potentially resulting
in serious damage to
US national security
or the nation's
critical
infrastructure

Actions affect
regional levels of
public trust only

Aggression and
violent actions
typically result in
substantial loss of
life or severe bodily
ha nn and often
include collateral
damage

Actor(s) poses to
exact hundreds of
millions to billions
of dollars in losses
to US entities

Actor(s) specifically
targets US entities,
potentially resulting
in grave damage to
US national security
or the nation's
critical
infrastructure

Actions affect
national levels of
public trust

Vulnerability Low Medium High

Target Richness

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Defenses

Access

Traditional singular
targets

Well-protected and
difficult to exploit

Actor(s) do not have
access to target

Traditional type pf
target but many
them in domain

Simple security that
requires threat to
have a plan and
basic level of skill
to overcome

Actor(s) have
indiredt access or
the potential to
obtain direct access
to target

Non-traditional
targets, many
potential targets in
domain

No defenses, target
easily attacked or
compromised

Actor(s) have direct
access to target

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Appendix B: Common Operational Pictures (COM

(U/FOUO) The Atlanta Domain Team produced a COP comparing the

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