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Pittsburgh Division Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) investigation has revealed the following information of which your agency may already be aware:

The Thomas Merton Center (TMC), located at 5125 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (PA), telephone 412-361-3022, webpage: www.thomasmertoncenter.org, has been determined to be an organization which is opposed to the United States' war with Iraq. A review of the above website revealed that when the United States begins war with Iraq:

"All who desire peace and an end to war gather at the Federal Building downtown, corner of Liberty and Grant at 12 noon for an interfaith prayer vigil, 5 P.M. for a rally, and possible civil disobedience for those prepared to do this."

Also listed on the website is the date February 15, 2003. This day is a day of international protestors against the war promoted by United for Peace and Justice (www.unitedforpeace.org). The organization hosted the international rally and march against the war in New York City at the United Nations Building. Hundreds of people from the Pittsburgh region were making the trip to New York City for the protest. In addition, thousands more were anticipated in local marches, rallies, and vigils in Youngstown, Ohio (OH), Morgantown, West Virginia (WV), and Butler, Meadville, and Pittsburgh, PA.

Regional events included:

12:00 P.M. North Side Vigil for Peace in Iraq.
Allegheny UU Church, North Avenue and
Resaca Place (North Side)

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12:00 P.M. East End Community Stand for Peace, corner
of Penn and Highland (East Liberty)

12:00 P.M. Regent Square Community Vigil for Peace in
Iraq. Waverly Church corner of Forbes and
Braddock (Regent Square)

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