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Subject: Possible Protests over Elephants, FBI Tampa

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I don't know if this rises to the level of the daily brief, but I wanted to pass it on for information:

SA [redacted] FBI Tampa, called me today (8/20/2003) to tell me that Tampa is monitoring the arrival of some elephants from Swaziland (a small nation near South Africa). Swaziland is exporting 11 elephants to the United States. The elephants are being loaded onto a 747 jumbo jet and arriving in Tampa at 8:30 p.m. on 8/21. Four of the elephants will be off-loaded in Tampa, and the rest of the elephants (7) will continue on to San Diego, where they will be housed in the San Diego Zoo. The four in Tampa will be driven by police escort to the Lowry Park Zoo (LPZ) in Tampa. Extra security will be provided.

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According to SA [redacted] some PETA/eco-terrorist types have been arrested recently at the LPZ for criminal trespassing. PETA is aware of the elephant import and is not pleased. Tampa is not aware of any threats, but they are taking extra security precautions with LPZ officials, local law enforcement, etc. The contact in Tampa is airport liaison SA [redacted] mobile telephone number [redacted]

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According to SA [redacted] FBI San Diego has a case on this matter, 266A-SD-65895, and has send Tampa a lead, which Tampa is covering. Again, Tampa has no intel the elephants' arrival in Tampa on 8/21 will attract any violent protest, but they are taking precautions nevertheless.

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Let me know if you need more info. FYI. SJP

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