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Subject:

Elephants

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Tentatively, on 08/21/2003 at appx. 2030, eleven (11) African elephants from Swaziland, Africa will be imported and transported to the Lowry Park Zoo (4 elephants), and the San Diego Zoo Wild Animal Park (7 elephants). The elephants will be crated and flown via CargoLux cargo 747 to the Tampa International Airport where they will all clear Customs, Agriculture, and Fish and Wildlife requirements. Four will be off-loaded and transported to the Lowry Park Zoo. The aircraft will be refueled and continue on to San Diego, California, arriving at either March GlobalPort, March AFB, California (preferred), or San Diego Lindbergh International Airport, San Diego, California, and the remaining seven elephants transported to the Wild Animal Park, Escondido, California. Arrival dates and times continue to be fluid, and could change. It is known that PETA has informants in various zoos and other wildlife organizations.

Last week, there was an incident at the Lowry Park Zoo in which three PETA activists were arrested after they caused a ruckus at the zoo. They went into a building where they were not authorized access and started screaming "Born Free, Live Free!" They were arrested and charged with burglary but most likely, the charges will be reduced to trespassing. FIs revealed that several of the PETA protestors traveled from out of town. One of those arrested was actually employed by PETA as an "organizer" from Norfolk. There was also a minor disturbance at Lowry last Saturday.

Intell indicates that the PETA out of towners have left, however, TPD is taking the transport and security of the elephants very seriously. TPD will have a special responses team at the zoo to deal with any civil disturbance issues, i.e. chaining self to fences, bicycle locking necks to stationary objects etc. There will be a TPD escort of the elephants from TIA to the zoo. If the plane lands on time at 2030, my best guess is a midnight convoy movement. The TIA police will also be stepping up security measures during this operation. [Redacted] TPD is a member of the JTTF and is the POC for TPD. SA [Redacted] airport liaison, will be on hand when they arrive. Yesterday, there was a meeting involving FBI, TPD and TIA POCs at TPD HQ, and we hashed out all the issues. We will continue to coordinate with San Diego regarding any new threats.

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The SD zoo received a threatening call from an unknown caller who threatened to burn down the zoo and SD has also had some civil disturbance issues. Hopefully, all of our efforts will prevent elephants on the tarmac.

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