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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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MS02PR26MS0003

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CURRENT CASE TITLE
Operation Puppet Master

REPORT TITLE
Case Opening

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SYNOPSIS

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This report of investigation (ROI) details the purpose of the opening of this case.

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HSI St. Paul is actively conducting a thorough financial investigation to uncover the funding sources used by these groups and to detect any illicit transactions enabling further criminal acts. HSI St. Paul will use the results of this financial investigation to identify those responsible, disrupt ongoing and future unlawful activities, and pursue prosecution of the individuals involved.

This case is opened to document the integration of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Undercover Agents (UCAs) into groups, organizations, or other gatherings identified by intelligence information and other sources as potentially threatening to law enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties.

Any individual and/or organization identified for further investigatory action will be documented in their own case file.

AUSA Kristian Weir has accepted this investigation for Federal Prosecution in the District of Minnesota.

This case has also been accepted under CUC Op Keyhole.

The investigation continues.

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