

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/22/2005

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From: Little Rock

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Case ID #: 92D-LR-42851-ZETAS (Pending)

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Title: LOS ZETAS;
ITAR - VIOLENT GANGS

Synopsis: Request opening of ^{sub}control file to maintain information pertaining to the Los Zetas organization.

Details: The purpose of this EC is to request that the captioned control file be opened to administratively capture information about the Los Zetas organization.

Recent reporting along the U.S./Mexico border indicates the possibility that the Zetas and their spinoff cells, called Zetitas, may eventually attempt to establish a presence in the U.S., possibly to support or expand their criminal operations. The control file will facilitate investigative efforts should a substantive matter be opened in the Little Rock Division.

Los Zetas is a violent, heavily armed and highly structured Hispanic gang that operates in the fashion of a paramilitary organization. The original Zetas are former members-turned-deserters of Mexico's elite Airmobile Special Forces Group (GAFE), trained in the U.S. at the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, GA. The Zetas' organizational structure includes counterintelligence, intelligence and tactical enforcement units.

The [Redacted] has identified the Zetas as the official military/enforcement arm of the Osiel Cardenas-Guillen Mexican Drug Trafficking

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Organization (the Gulf Cartel), which is a known supplier to numerous drug trafficking organizations in the U.S. [redacted] [redacted] have also alleged that members of Los Zetas are responsible for numerous murders along the Nuevo Leon-Tamaulipas/U.S. border over the last two years. There are numerous other crimes the Zetas are likely involved in, to include money laundering, racketeering and public corruption.

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SSAs, SRAs and SSRAs are requested that all agents, task force members and intelligence analysts who receive information relating to gangs, security threat groups, drug trafficking and alien/weapons smuggling issues be notified of the opening of this control file.

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