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REPORT DATE: 2005-04-06

CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified//FOUO

INCIDENT TYPE: specific threats

STATUS: Closed/unresolved

CONTAINS US PERSON INFO: No

FROM: 902D MI GP

SUBJECT: Weekly Thursday and Friday Atlanta, GA Area Protests

SOURCE: A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

HOMELAND SECURITY, SOURCE IS RELIABLE

SUMMARY: Weekly Thursday and Friday Atlanta, GA Area Protests

DETAILS: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

ArmyTALON 902dMI-04-04-05-004

Agent: [redacted] (b)(7)(C) per ICE

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Report Date: 04 APR 05

Acquisition Date: 04 APR 05

Incident Date: 08 APR 05

Incident Type: Phone/Voice/eMail Threats

Status: Closed/Unresolved

From: 902nd MI Grp/Atlanta JTTF

Subject: Weekly Thursday and Friday Atlanta, GA Area Protests (b)(7)(C) per ICE

Details: Source received an e-mail from [redacted] e-mail address [redacted] dated 2 Apr 2005, subject: Antiwar & Counter-recruitment rallies on Thursdays & Fridays.

per ICE (b)(7)(C)

In the e-mail, [redacted] stated that every two months, the Antiwar & Counter-recruitment rallies would move to a new location. For the Thursday antiwar/peace rallies, so far we have been in five points: Lenox MARTA station, Decatur, and for the next couple months will be in front of North Ave MARTA Station. The GPJC/Atlanta and IAC/Atlanta organized this protest.

On Thursdays, for the months of April and May, we will be 1700 to 1800 at North Ave. MARTA Station, corner of W. Peachtree and North Ave. The GPJC/Atlanta and IAC/Atlanta organized this protest. For more information, contact [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] (b)(7)(C) per ICE [redacted] (b)(7)(C) per ICE

On Fridays, for the months of April and May, counter-recruitment rallies will be at 18:00 - 19:00 at the Ponce de Leon Shopping Center across from Atlanta City Hall

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East, launching weekly antiwar protests to be held at military recruiting offices. For more information, contact [redacted] Also, please bring your own signs and banners.

For next Friday only, 8 April 2005, a counter-recruitment rally is planned for the Ponce de Leon shopping Center across from Atlanta City Hall East, 1700 to 1800. This protest will launch weekly protests to be held at military recruiting offices. From Iraq Veterans Against the War, other members of Veterans for Peace and Military Families Speak Out will hold a news conference as part of the protest.

Finally, the e-mail states, for more information on [redacted] speaking tour go to GPJC website, <http://www.georgiapeace.org>. Also, webpage that lists all rallies in different locations in Atlanta at the GPJC website, <http://www.georgiapeace.org/outreach.html>

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Country: United States (US)/USNORTHCOM
Address: Atlanta, GA
GeoCoords: Latitude: 33.759506; Longitude: -84.403176
Persons Involved: N/A

Coordinating Agencies: Atlanta Recruiting Battalion, FPS, Fort Knox RO, 902d MI Group, Atlanta Police Department, DeKalb and Fulton County Police Department

Agent Notes: 1. This information was from an e-mail sent over the Internet. The source made no effort to validate the credibility of the information. The source shared the information solely for informational purposes.

2. GPJC is the Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition and IAC is the International Action Center. Per an FBI Intelligence Analyst, the IAC can have members that are very radical and on an individual basis, they could conduct civil disobedience.

3. This report expands on information contained in ArmyTALON 902dMI-30-03-05-003.

Updates: N/A

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DETAILS: 1. received 5/27/2005 6:29:00 PM

1. This update is submitted to clarify why the Students for Peace and Justice represent a potential threat to DOD personnel. Per source, in April 2005 nearly 300 University of California-Santa Cruz students and community allies shut down the annual career fair, where recruiters from the Army, Navy and Marines had set up tables. The activists demanded that recruiters leave immediately and turn their tabling spots over to student counter-recruitment activists. Also, two of the recruiter's vehicles were vandalized while parked on the campus. Several local campus groups supported this action including the Students for Peace and Justice. Also, Students for Peace and Justice conducted an impromptu march to the Army recruitment offices in Dobie Mall because in a previous attempt to protest recruitment at Dobie, the offices closed for the day, ending the action. The protesters blocked the entrance to the recruitment office with two coffins, one draped with an American flag and the other covered with an Iraqi flag, taped posters on the window of the office and chanted, 'No more war and occupation. You don't have to die for an education.' Recruitment officers who were on duty during the protest had no comment and told protesters who tried to enter the recruiting office to leave unless they want to enlist. The on-duty manager of Dobie Mall, gave protesters a criminal trespass warning and called police to the scene. The Austin Police Department responded and reiterated the manager's requests to leave or they would be arrested for criminal trespass. The Students for Peace and Justice departed the area.

2. The clear purpose of these civil disobedience actions was to disrupt the recruiting mission of the US Army Recruiting Command by blocking the entrance to the recruiting station and causing the stations to shutdown early.

3. Additionally, per source Students for Peace and Justice and CAN have been involved in 'civil disobedience' in New York City in Feb 05. Per source, in Mar 2005, at least two members of the Atlanta area Students for Peace and Justice have expressed interest in doing more than just protesting and want to be more aggressive in conducting 'civil disobedience.' Also, source, a federal law enforcement officer with 20 years of experience in intelligence collection on domestic groups, stated 'civil disobedience' can range from a sit-in to forcibly removing personnel from the station along with vandalism of the building(s). The source also states that there is an intense debate among the anti-war protest groups concerning whether to be nonviolent or to conduct civil disobedience. While a group may publicly call for nonviolent protests, individually many of the individual may members actually favor civil disobedience and vandalism. Also, many members of these groups view vandalism as 'nonviolent' action.

4. For the Atlanta area, it must be noted that the 'City Hall East Area' is directly across the street from an Army recruitment office. In addition, military personnel use the Metro Atlanta Regional Transportation Authority (MARTA) stations for rail transportation around Atlanta.

5. To date, no reported incidents have occurred at these protests.