

To: Counterterrorism From: Minneapolis
Re: 266A-MP-NEW, 02/14/2005

April 2, 2003 - 28 protesters arrested for attempting to deliver letter to corporate officials, 19 acquitted by jury.

October 18, 2003 - Six protesters arrested for attempting to deliver letter to corporate officials, city declines charges.

May 31, 2004 - 300 protesters gathered at company door, no arrests, company closed for holiday.

At a weekly protest on February 2, 2005, at corporate headquarters in Edina, Minnesota, a source who is in a position to testify stated that he heard the group members [redacted] [redacted] discuss the need for direct action to create more attention for their cause. The discussion included ideas about taking over and occupying offices within the corporate headquarters. Minneapolis is concerned that this information may be indicative of the group's intention to commit further violence to achieve its objectives.

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Alliant Techsystems [redacted] has concerns about the recent comments made by ALLIANT ACTION. There have been younger protesters appearing at the recent protests. There also have been [redacted] that have unidentified individuals wearing black ALF/ELF shirts. During one particular protest, individuals were spotted wearing black masks. The cause for concern is that ALLIANT ACTION is attracting younger more radical members. Additionally, Alliant Techsystems has had a theft [redacted] [redacted] from one of their facilities. At this time, the fact is unknown if any member of this group is responsible for the theft of property. The [redacted] case is ongoing and separate from this investigation.

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[redacted] is based on the following factors. The leaders of ALLIANT ACTION have been arrested for direct action in the past, the highest conviction being a felony. The group has openly and publically called for direct action against Alliant Techsystems. Finally, there appears to be younger and more radical members who may also have Anarchy or ALF/ELF affiliations appearing at demonstrations.

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The Minneapolis CDC has reviewed this [redacted]
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