

To: [REDACTED] ICE - OI; [REDACTED]  
CC: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thu Sep 27 18:52:16 2007  
Subject: FW: Northern District of Iowa Crim Chief

Looks like the boss would like to have a conference call on this matter. Can you guys set it up?

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From: Forman, Marcy  
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 5:49 PM  
To: Arnold, Claude P  
Subject: RE: Northern District of Iowa Crim Chief

Claude,

Lets discuss this. When [REDACTED] was here he showed me an article on this company. So I'm vaguely familiar with them. Call [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and arrange for us all to discuss.

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From: Arnold, Claude P  
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 6:18 PM  
To: Forman, Marcy  
Subject: Northern District of Iowa Crim Chief

Marcy,

Today I spoke to the Criminal Chief you met in New York. He name is Rich Murphy and he is the Crim Chief for the Northern District of Iowa. Of the two Districts in Iowa, we definately have fewer cases (Worksite and other) prosecuted out of his District. That being said, the recent operation we did at Decoster Farms is in his District.

My conversation with him was pleasant and he was very complimentary of the wide variety of cases being brought by RAC Cedar Rapids. He expressed an interest in doing a worksite case against Agri Processors, Inc. which owns and runs a Kosher meat processing plant in Postville, IA that employs 800 people. There are allegations that the company employs illegal Hispanic aliens and out of status Eastern European Hasidic Jews who are smuggled from New York. The company is owned by a Hasidic Jewish family from New York.

Like other towns with meat processing plants, there are complaints that a lot of the crime is a result of the immigrant population. Rich Murphy says that the plant is the source of many criminal prosecutions, doc. fraud, etc. being handled by the USAO.

INS had a criminal case on the plant and obtained a criminal search warrant in August 2000. I am told that the day before the search warrant was to be executed, INS HQ told the field to stand down and not execute the search warrant because the owner of Agri Processors was a friend of Senator Joe Lieberman and they did not want to effect the political process on the eve of the elections.

RAC Cedar Rapids has confirmed that the plant has continued to employ unauthorized aliens. I have asked him to provide me an assessment of what kind of resources would be required to re-open a case and conduct an operation against Agri Processors.

Claude