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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/29/1998

To: Phoenix

Attn: [redacted] Squad 16

From: [redacted]
Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: WILLIAM COOPER;
AOT/DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To open new case.

Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 06/29/1998, set to expire 09/29/1998.

Details: William Cooper, a resident of Eagar, Arizona, is a right wing "patriot", who is nationally known in the militia movement for his controversial broadcasts by means of short wave radio. Cooper was interviewed a couple of times during the fall of 1997 by the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]) because he had made allegations pertaining to Tim McVeigh and the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995.

On 6/19/98 a US Deputy Marshal, [redacted] attempted to serve a criminal summons on Cooper, but Cooper refused to accept the summons, and he ordered [redacted] off his land. The summons was issued as a result of an IRS tax evasion case against Cooper, for which he has been indicted. It is extremely unlikely that Cooper will show up in federal district court in Phoenix as required on July 1. Indeed, Cooper seems to be relishing the role he has created for himself in defying the IRS and federal government. He has written a long explanation entitled "Cooper family targeted by Feds", which has been released on the Internet.

[redacted] Since the unsuccessful attempt to serve Cooper, SA [redacted] has been communicating with several agencies concerning the situation, mostly to "educate" them about Cooper's political beliefs and the risks involved if he is to be arrested. Most importantly, the US Marshals Service is now aware of Cooper's profile, something they did not know when the summons was issued.

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While the US Marshals will probably end up with the unpleasant task of apprehending Cooper, SA [redacted] and the Phoenix Division will most likely be involved in one way or another. Therefore, it is recommended a preliminary inquiry be opened.

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Cooper family targeted by Feds

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Please be patient and check back often.

We (William and Annie Cooper) have been targeted for imprisonment or extermination by the federal government and the Anti Defamation League (ADL) for documenting and sourcing the truth about the tyranny and despotism of the Illuminati's coming socialist totalitarian new world order. We have worked feverishly since 1988 documenting and sourcing the facts of the treason being brought about by the Illuminati's socialist change agents in government, and through the activities of Secret Societies and organizations such as the subversive Anti Defamation League. They picked on the wrong People. We are not afraid. We will not run and hide. We will continue to oppose evil whenever and wherever we find it. We will stand and fight whomever or whatever assault they may mount against us.

I first learned of the treason taking place in this country (and around the world) when I discovered the plan named "MAJESTYTWELVE" while a member of the Intelligence Briefing Team and Petty officer of the watch in the command center of Admiral Bernard Clarey who at that time was the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet. The plan outlined the implementation of all of the planks of the Communist Manifesto which began with the graduated so-called Income Tax administered by the fiction known as the Internal Revenue Service, the disarmament of the American People through laws instigated by a series of "terrorist" acts, the formation of a world police force made up of the United Nations force known as NATO combined with the military forces of the United States and the members of the United Nations force known as the "Warsaw Pact" which plan is outlined in State Department Publication 7277. It documented the intent to demonize and target Patriots and so-called "tax protestors" through "Project Trojan Horse"... and much much more.

We have been documenting and sourcing the facts of this plan since 1988 through my book "Behold A Pale Horse", my radio broadcast "Hour Of The Time," in our full size national newspaper "VERITAS", "Oklahoma City: Day One," and in lectures and speaking engagements throughout the nation and the world. I have made over 150 predictions of coming major world events since 1988 based upon the above information supplemented by many years of research and have only been wrong once.

The Illuminati socialist President of the United States of America, William Jefferson Clinton, wrote in a White House memo that, "William Cooper is the most dangerous radio host in America." The Illuminati's Rush Limbaugh read the memo on his so-called Excellence In Broadcasting Network in 1995 following the bombing of the

Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in an cowardly effort to redirect the socialist attack on so-called "right wing" radio hosts away from himself and onto me while touting himself as "the most dangerous radio host in America."

My FBI record, which was initiated by the investigation required by my Secret security clearance while in the U.S. Air Force, and my Top Secret Q (SI) security clearance while in the U.S. Navy, was one of those found in possession of the White House during the scandal known as "Filegate". President Clinton ordered that all agencies of government begin an investigation naming us enemies of the administration and "domestic terrorists". Since when is telling the truth terrorism in this country?

After 14 issues of VERITAS which exposed, documented, and sourced the facts of the treason and the fraud of the so-called income tax administered by the so-called IRS, a series of 8 broadcasts exposing the Anti Defamation League as a criminal and subversive organization, and our publication of the scathing expose "Oklahoma City: Day One" by Michele Marie Moore, the government and the ADL ordered their puppets to go after us with the intent of shutting us up for good. U.S. Attorney Janet Reno, the butcher of Waco, ordered the Nazi Gestapo to go after us which immediately launched investigations by the FBI, IRS, Financial Crimes Network, and many others. Reno also ordered her Phoenix based puppet U.S. Attorney Janet Napolitano to shut us up. Our investigation demonstrates that Janet Reno, Phoenix based United States Attorney Janet Napolitano, Assistant United States Attorney Winerip and Special Agent Frank Shupnik, and possibly Judge Irwin are members of the ADL. Shupnik and Winrip have been the most persistent and subversive of the Law in their relentless persecution of this family.

When the government began its investigation (persecution) of this family we began a series of Freedom Of Information Requests (FOIA) which, along with our and other's legal research, revealed that they had no authority whatsoever to conduct such an investigation. In fact it once again confirmed that the federal government has no authority or federal jurisdiction within the territorial boundaries of any state of the union whatsoever except on property purchased by the government where jurisdiction has been ceded to the federal government by the state's legislature and over only those specific crimes enumerated in the Constitution for the united States of America. There is only one exception and that is extraterritorial jurisdiction brought about by treaties with foreign nations such as the Crown of England. We are not citizens of any foreign government. We are not subjects of the Crown of England or Great Britain. We are not subjects of the Queen of England or Great Britain. If you think this is far fetched be forewarned that these people are noted in the Internal Revenue Manual as being subject to the Tax.

My research was confirmed when I found the following quote by Supreme Court Justice Fields:

"The power of the United States to tax is limited to persons, property, and business within their jurisdiction, as much as that of a state is limited to the same subjects within its jurisdiction."

Years ago I discovered that the Internal Revenue Service is NOT an agency of the Department of the Treasury or the federal government. It is not listed as required by law in the United States Code under the organization of the Department of the Treasury nor is the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, or the Secret Service, nor are any of these bogus agencies listed in the United States Code as agencies of any other branch of government. These agencies are in fact fictions.

And then I discovered the reason why. The United States Supreme Court in Brushaber v. Union Pacific Railroad Company had already ruled the federal income tax VOID because Congress had unconstitutionally delegated legislative power to the Secretary of the Treasury to write the Law concerning the administrative and enforcement procedures. It was a blatant and unconstitutional breach of the separation of powers and in any case the Constitution does not grant Congress the ability to delegate its powers to anyone or anything or any entity. That is why there are so many lies and so much subterfuge involved in the administration and enforcement of the tax by the so-called Internal Revenue Service.

We published several stories revealing the results of our research into the history of, and the Law concerning, the IRS. We also published a lawful "Public Notice" in issues #14, 15, and 16 of VERITAS national newspaper which enumerated certain facts discovered in Dan Meador's and my research. The law allows us to presume the content of the Public Notice to be "presumed facts" since neither IRS or the United States government has ever denied any of the facts thus presented.

In light of the above we filed FOIA requests asking the IRS for specific documents which specifically require us to file and pay the so-called income tax... they could not and did not produce any such documentation but sent me a copy of an old 1040 which I had filed before I mustered the guts to stop filing based upon the information I had seen in MAJESTYTWELVE and from my research which verified that the tax is a criminal fraud. The implication was that the 1040s which I had filed in the past was their only authority. In other words I had signed the form stating that I was a "taxpayer". The interpretation of the IRS was that since I had filed previously it was an admission that I was required to file. Hitler would have loved their reasoning.

We also filed FOIA requests asking the IRS for specific documents which gave the IRS the authority to conduct an investigation of a Citizen of Arizona. The IRS could not, and did not, produce any such documentation. We noticed Special Agent Shupnik and Assistant U.S. Attorney Winerip to produce their credentials and documentation of their authority to conduct such an investigation... they refused because they could not as no such documents exists.

We learned of an secret agreement between the individual states of the union and the IRS. We obtained an unredacted copy and found that it is an agreement granting jurisdiction to the IRS to require federal employees who are state Citizens and residents of the states to file and pay the so-called federal income tax. No cession of jurisdiction over these people was granted by the state legislature as required by Law. If the so-called Internal Revenue Service has the jurisdiction and authority to

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require Citizens and residents of the states to file and pay the so-called income tax why do they have to have an special secret agreement between the IRS and the states to tax their federal employees who live and work outside the jurisdiction and authority of the United States government?

We filed suit against the United States government, the IRS, Attorney General Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona Janet Napolitano, and others, demanding the court simply order the defendants to either produce the documentation that allows the IRS to tax and/or investigate a Citizen of any state of the union or admit that no such documentation exists, and several other points of Law. The suit has been active for almost three years and the federal judge has refused to order the defendants to obey the law and produce their authority or admit that it does not exist. The attorney for defendants, Katz (another ADL member) has slipped up and admitted in documents that he/she filed in this case that no such documentation (thus no such authority) exists in the Phoenix District. This suit is still awaiting adjudication in United States District Court in Phoenix, Arizona. The government and the ADL wants us in prison or dead before the judge is forced to rule in our favor as he must if he obeys the Law. Recent experience tells us that the courts have been corrupted and the law is frequently ignored. Pro Se litigants are all but ignored by federal judges who pass the cases to clerks to handle.

We have not committed any crime; but on June 18, 1998 a United States Marshall came to the Trust Headquarters in Eagar, Arizona to serve a summons for criminal trial in U.S. District Court in Phoenix Arizona on "legal fictions". We told him that we are not the legal fictions named in the summons and ordered him off the Trust property. I told him he was trespassing and that he had no federal jurisdiction or authority within the territorial boundaries of the state of Arizona. He knew I was right and obeyed me without serving the papers. If he had authority and/or jurisdiction why did he not serve the papers and why did he obey my order that he get off Trust property immediately?

Since no service was made the Court can take no action if the Court obeys the Law. As we discovered with Waco, Ruby Ridge, and other federal atrocities the federal Courts seldom obey the Law. The Marshall told me that if we did not appear in federal Court in Phoenix, Arizona on July 1, 1998 a warrant will be issued for our arrest. We will not appear as the court has no jurisdiction or authority over us as Citizens of Arizona and we will not allow an arrest to occur. We will stand and fight their Gestapo with all the means at our disposal any assault which may be mounted upon our property or persons.

Our children will remain with us. They are not shields, as our enemies will claim, any more than children have been shields for families which have been attacked by despotism throughout history. Allowing our children to disappear into the immoral and destructive government child care and foster home industry run by the mind controlling bogus Psychology profession only to be abused and sexually assaulted for many years is a fate worse than death, and we simply will not allow such a thing to happen to our precious little girls.

These people are morally bankrupt and in fact are Nazi jack booted thugs of the

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worst SS Hitler storm trooper type. They have no ethics, morals, or respect for life, property, religion, or the Law. The Nazis were socialists and socialists are Nazis. Socialists are in complete control of the government of the united States of America today.

Please remember that we are not anti-government, radical, fundamentalist, crazy, suicidal, or anything else we may be called. We are intelligent law abiding reasonable People who have drawn our line in the sand. Our enemy will attempt to demonize us in order to obtain the public's permission to murder our whole family just as they did the Weaver family and the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas. I never thought I would hear so-called Christians whose ancestors fled the old world to escape religious persecution say, "The Branch Davidians deserved what they got... they were just a bunch of religious fanatics," but I heard so-called Christians say it over and over and over again.

We are not criminals or child molesters, or bank robbers, or child abusers, or wife beaters, or husband beaters, or any other label that may be applied. If we are found dead it will never be because we committed suicide... it will be cold blooded murder... just as they have done in the past... just as they did at Ruby Ridge, The World Trade Center, Waco, and Oklahoma City.

We are pro-government, lawful government, lawful Constitutional Republican government as guaranteed to us in the Constitution for the United States of America. We know what the government is and what it is not. We know that the Constitution for the united States of America constitutes the lawful government and anything or anyone outside its strictures, limits, and powers is operating unlawfully and are in fact outlaws.

We know that the Constitution was not penned by a bunch of dottering old men who did not understand the complexities of the modern age over two hundred years ago. The Constitution was produced by the greatest collection of geniuses who have ever lived. It is the LIVING Supreme Law of our country. It provides within the document itself the provisions for us to make any changes that we may deem necessary. Only a very few changes (Amendments) have ever been made. Those changes or deletions wished for by the socialist/communist Illuminati have been rejected by the American People. That last fact necessitates the demonization of the Constitution and all who support it.

I have served my government all my life. I have been a member of the United States Air Force and the United States Navy. I am a combat veteran of the Vietnam war. I fought as a River Patrol Boat Captain in Vietnam earning medals with the "V" for Valor. I took an Oath to, "support and defend the Constitution for the united States of America against all enemies foreign and DOMESTIC." I intent to fulfill that Oath until the day I die... and after, if that is possible.

What we have included here is by no means the entirety of our legal position. It is barely the beginning, only a few facts and questions that should get you thinking. We will attempt to include much more through links from our WebPages.

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We hope to win this battle although the odds and history tell us that we won't. If we win then all America wins... if we lose the subversive Illuminati socialists in government and the ADL will LOSE big time. We are not afraid. I have engaged and fought better troops than any of the techno-spoiled brats they can or will ever field against us. In any case whatever happens we as a family will be Free... and due to the sheer volume of our work that is in public hands we will never be forgotten. It makes me very sad to know that all of you will still be enslaved by tyrants and despotism in a totalitarian socialist new world odor (really stinks)... unless you also draw your line and take your stand to fight the last battle for Liberty and Freedom.

Oh... I almost forgot. If they need a negotiator to resolve the situation send Lieutenant Colonel James "Bo" Gritz... I would love to see him coming up the hill to talk us down. Please... oh please... send Gritz.

Please pray for us and keep coming back to our WebPages <http://harvest-trust.org/targeted.htm>. We will keep it updated adding information, documenting, and sourcing our position within the Law, and the corrupted Illuminati puppets despotic and tyrannical disregard and contempt for the Law. Who knows... you may even become awakened and join the fight for Liberty and Freedom for all People regardless of race, religion, or place of ancestral origin.

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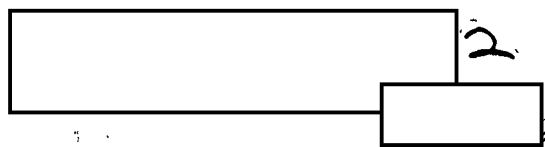
Today July 1, 1998, U. S. District Court Judge Irwin (ADL) issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Bill and Annie Cooper for not appearing in "his" court on a summons which was NEVER served. The United States has no jurisdiction or venue within the territorial boundaries of the State of Arizona except over land that was ceded to the United States by the Legislature of the State of Arizona.

WARNING !! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants issued by Judge Irwin will be met with armed resistance. Any person who attempts to kidnap our children will be shot on sight.

We are, and have always been, formed as the Constitutional and lawful unorganized Militia of the State of Arizona. We will be Free under the Constitutional Republican government guaranteed to us by the Constitution for the united States of America or we will be dead. We have drawn our line in the sand. Cross it at your own risk.

Sources within local "policing agencies" have informed us that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been put on notice by several ranking local law enforcement personnel that. "We will absolutely not allow another 'Ruben' 'Waco' to occur in Apache County, Arizona " Glenn Jacobs, owner.

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and publisher of the Round Valley Paper, spoke personally last night to the Apache County Sheriff. The Sheriff told Glenn, "I have put the FBI on notice that they are not welcome to come into this County and harass the Cooper family."



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Militiaman refuses to recognize warrant

By Jerry Kammer
The Arizona Republic

An eastern Arizona militiaman is vowing to defy an arrest warrant issued in Phoenix on Wednesday after he failed to appear in federal court on charges that he evaded income taxes and defrauded a bank.

William Cooper, 54, a media-savvy foe of the federal government who claims to belong to the "Second Continental Army of the Republic," posted a defiant message in big red letters Thursday on his Internet site:

"WARNING!! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants will be met with armed resistance."

Federal authorities in Phoenix are responding with calculated calm to Cooper, who warned a 1994 conven-

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Militiaman taking on authorities

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tion in Mesa of a coming battle against one-world government.

"Blood will be spilled in the streets of America — it's inevitable," Cooper declared then, even as he stressed that he didn't endorse violence. He has broadcast the same message around the world in his daily short-wave radio program. He also publishes a newspaper.

The U.S. attorney for Arizona, José de Jesus Rivera, said federal agents would move carefully to arrest Cooper, who faces a four-count indictment on charges that he failed to pay taxes from 1992 to 1994 and submitted false information to a bank to obtain a loan.

"We are going to proceed with prudence and caution and handle the matter in due course," Rivera said, declining to comment further.

Apache County Sheriff Art Lee said he has advised federal authorities to move cautiously against Cooper, who lives in a hilltop house in Eagar.

After talking with Cooper, Lee said, he cautioned federal authorities that "it could deteriorate into an incident" if they moved in to arrest Cooper and his wife, Annie Mordhorst, who was indicted on the same charges.

"I felt like he meant what he said when he told me he would defend his property with everything at his disposal," Lee said.

The sheriff said Cooper owns weapons, but he did not know how many or what kind.

Lee said Cooper moved to Eagar two or three years ago from St. Johns, where he had once spoken of opening a library where residents could research the U.S. Constitution. Militia members believe that the federal government has flagrantly usurped the Constitution by asserting a range of powers, including the power to tax.

"He sent me a lot of literature when he lived in St. Johns," Lee said. "It was the regular right-wing stuff — militia-type literature on the black, unmarked helicopters and the takeover of the United States by United Nations forces."

Asked whether Cooper had a broad following in the county, Lee said, "Not that I'm aware."

One sympathizer is Glenn Jacobs, publisher of a small weekly newspaper, who said he spoke to Cooper early this week.

"He told me he is not going to submit to arrest by the feds," Jacobs said. "He said if they're going to murder him, they're going to have to do it in the house, that this is where he has drawn his line in the sand, and he's not going to retreat from it. I think he is expecting to be murdered by the FBI."

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Lee disputed Cooper's Web site report that "several ranking local law-enforcement personnel" had informed the FBI that they would "absolutely not allow another Ruby Ridge or Waco to occur in Apache County, Arizona."

Lee said, however, that both Cooper and Jacobs had spoken of Ruby Ridge and Waco, scenes of bloody confrontations that in the militia movement have become symbolic of federal government brutality and arbitrary power.

In Phoenix, Tom Nixon of the U.S. Marshal's Office said authorities intend to act cautiously as they enforce the arrest warrant "because no federal agency wants any copies of Ruby Ridge or Waco."

But Nixon added, "Obviously, at some point, we'll effect the arrest."

Nixon said a federal marshal last month was unable to serve a summons on Cooper. He said the marshal visited Cooper's home but was unable to establish that the man who met him there was Cooper.

Reached by phone Thursday, Cooper refused to answer questions, responding to a reporter's inquiry with a stream of obscenities before hanging up.

In his Web site, however, he calls the summons that the marshal attempted to serve "unconstitutional" and "unlawful." He said the federal government has no jurisdiction in Arizona "except over land that was ceded to the United States by the State Legislature."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 07/02/1998

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: DTOU

SSA [redacted]

From: Phoenix

Squad 13/ Lakeside RA

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: [redacted]

(Pending)

Title: ~~CHANGED~~

MILTON WILLIAM COOPER, aka Bill Cooper-
FUGITIVE;

[redacted] FUGITIVE;

AOT-DT

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To describe activities underway in Arizona to bring captioned fugitives to justice.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect the fact that Bill Cooper and [redacted] have both been charged with tax evasion by the federal district court in Arizona. Title previously carried as: "WILLIAM COOPER; AOT-DT."

Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 06/29/1998, set to expire 09/29/1998.

Details: On 7/01/1998 federal bench warrants were issued for Bill Cooper and [redacted] because [redacted] refused to appear in district court in Phoenix in response to charges of income tax evasion. A Deputy U.S. Marshal had attempted to serve Cooper with a summons on 06/19/1998, but Cooper threw the Deputy Marshal off his property without receiving the summons.

Bill Cooper, a resident of the small eastern Arizona town of Eagar, is nationally known among militia members and other right wing zealots. Cooper hosts a talk show by means of short wave radio, and he frequently condemns the federal government, Justice Department, and the FBI for the "atrocities" at Waco and Ruby Ridge. He is convinced there is a government-sponsored socialist conspiracy to establish a "new world order."

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To: Criminal Investigative From: Phoenix
Re: [redacted] 07/02/1998

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Cooper is a prolific writer on the Internet, and much information about him and his beliefs can be accessed at his website: www.harvest-trust.org. Cooper has written defiantly on the Internet of the bench warrant issued in Phoenix and of his intention to go to war with the federal government. An example of his statements includes: "Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants issued by Judge Irwin will be met with armed resistance. Any person who attempts to kidnap our children will be shot on sight."

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On 7/01/1998 a meeting was held in Phoenix to coordinate federal enforcement efforts to bring Cooper and [redacted] to justice. Among those attending were ASAC Ray Churay of the Phoenix Division; Criminal Chief Tom Hannis; Deputy Criminal Chief Mary Murguia, AUSAs [redacted] of the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), District of Arizona; Chief Deputy Tom Nixon, U.S. Marshals Service (USMS); Supervisory Deputy [redacted] and Acting Supervisory Deputy [redacted] of the USMS; and Chief of Criminal Investigations James B. Collie of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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A consensus was reached that there would be no immediate action taken to arrest Cooper and [redacted]. It should be noted that Cooper has brought one or more armed militia "soldiers or bodyguards" to his home in Eagar, and Cooper seems to be spoiling for a fight. A local reporter who attempted to contact Cooper shortly after this initial summons service attempt was made, advised USM Chief Deputy [redacted] that when he visited the Cooper residence, the house was surrounded by five pick-up trucks with several men holding rifles in the truck beds. In a recent conversation with the Lakeside Resident Agent (SA [redacted]), Cooper said he was at war with the federal government, and "he has drawn a line in the sand."

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Given this mind set and the fact that Cooper's house sits on a high ridge overlooking a quiet residential area, the participants in the meeting concluded there is no hurry to effect an arrest. The USAO stated that federal agents "could wait for a year and half, if necessary." Another factor to consider is the presence of Cooper's [redacted]. The USMS, which ordinarily would be responsible for executing the warrants, has requested a joint FBI/IRS/USMS approach to the problem.

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The present strategy for dealing with Cooper is to not initiate any overt or provocative action, including surveillance, for some time, perhaps two or three months. Not only will this give Cooper time "to cool off," but it will probably discourage his bodyguards and supporters who may tire of sitting around with

