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		CASE NUMBER (b)(2)high	
TITLE: CIRCLE GROUP LIMITED			
CASE STATUS: CLOSING RPT			
REPORT DATE 052902	DATE ASSIGNED 010702	PROGRAM CODE (b)(2)high	REPORT NO. 007
RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ:			
TYPE OF REPORT: INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS			
TOPIC: CLOSING REPORT OF INVESTIGATION DUE TO NONDISCLOSURE BY BAHAMAS			

SYNOPSIS:

On March 16, 2001, at the FEDEX International Hub in Memphis, Tennessee, a FEDEX parcel containing three negotiable checks totaling \$1,515,523.13 going from Alpharetta, Georgia, to Nassau, Bahamas, was seized. A collateral request was sent to the SAIC Miami, Florida, Bahamas Liaison Officer to identify and interview the shipper of the unreported monetary instruments.

This report serves to document the closing of the investigation by the Bahamas Liaison Officer due to the nondisclosure of information by Bahamian government officials regarding financial information.

DISTRIBUTION: SACMI RACME SACNO	SIGNATURE: _____ (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SENIOR SPEC AGENT
	APPROVED: _____ (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) OI GRP SUPERVISOR
	ORIGIN OFFICE: MI MIAMI - SAC
	TELEPHONE: 305 597 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
	TYPIST: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On May 16, 2002, the reporting agent spoke with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Officer in Charge of the Commercial Crimes Division, Nassau, Bahamas, (242) 322 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the request of information sent on Harborside Atlantis. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that office had misplaced the request made to his office regarding information on HARBORSIDE ATLANTIS. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he was not in a position to provide the information requested. He stated that there is certain protocol regarding financial information and that the type of information requested can't be forwarded or obtained without an MLAT request from a foreign government. He stated that he conferred with his immediate supervisor, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding this request and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) recommended contacting the Police Commissioner, to obtain a final declination from him.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was informed that the Police Commissioner instructed the reporting agent to contact the Financial Crimes Division for help in obtaining the information, which is under the direction of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and directed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he must receive direction from the Police Commissioner before proceeding.

On May 23, 2002, contact was established with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of the RAIC Memphis, Tennessee, Office of Investigations, and he was briefed concerning the lack of cooperation and lack of information being received from the Bahamian government. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he was not concerned with whether or not the Bahamian government cooperated or not. He stated that the USCS would just keep the monies in question and proceed with the forfeiture. He stated that due to the negative response from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), that his office would no longer require the reporting agent to proceed with trying to obtain the information.

No further investigative attempts are anticipated. This investigation is terminated.

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