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		CASE NUMBER (b)(2)high	
TITLE: CIRCLE GROUP LIMITED			
CASE STATUS: INTERIM RPT			
REPORT DATE 012502	DATE ASSIGNED 010702	PROGRAM CODE (b)(2)high	REPORT NO. 004
RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ: RACME			
TYPE OF REPORT: INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS COLLATERAL REQUEST / IN			
TOPIC: UPDATE ON COLLATERAL REQUEST INFORMATION			

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 a second attempt by the Bahamas Liaison Officer, to obtain the information from the appropriate Bahamian officials regarding this request.

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 January 9, 2002, the reporting agent traveled to Nassau, Bahamas, and met with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Superintendent, Bahamas Customs Division regarding the information that had been requested from his agency in October 2001. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he has paperwork identifying the shareholders, principal officers, and locations of the corporations. He stated that up until approximately July or August, 2001, no financial related information was allowed to be released from the Bahamas to others agencies due to secrecy laws that had been in place for a number of years. Due to the Bahamas being removed from the world financial "blacklist", secrecy laws had been eased and information was more available.

As a result of this new initiative, a new Bahamas Governmental Task Force had been formed to deal with all financial matters related to banks, corporations, and Bahamian accounts. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that the request for information forwarded by the USCS, had been referred by the Comptroller of Customs to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Director, Bahamas Financial Task Force.

On January 15, 2002, the reporting agent contacted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to inquire as to the status of the request for information. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he had not been contacted by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) saying that the information was available. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he would have Comptroller (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) inquire about the matter.

On January 23, 2002, the reporting agent contacted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and inquired on the matter once again. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that Comptroller (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had placed a call to the Bahamas Police Commissioner regarding the matter but had not yet had a response regarding the issue. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that as soon as (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) receives the information, the reporting agent would be contacted.

As information regarding the issue is received, all facts will be forwarded to the appropriate office. Nothing further to report.

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