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LOUIS PEREZ, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am presently incarcerated in F.C.I. Lewisburg, serving a life sentence. I was convicted on my guilty plea in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania of conspiracy to distribute heroin in case No. 91-00301-03.

2. The conspiracy to which I plead guilty involved at its head one Jesus Vargas Morales and a heroin distribution ring referred to as IFO or "Iron First."

3. I first joined the organization in 1990. Among my duties was accompanying Vargas to Queens, New York to make wholesale purchases of heroin for distribution in Philadelphia. I originally accompanied Vargas primarily as an interpreter, since he spoke very little English and his suppliers spoke no Spanish. When Vargas went to prison on a state conviction, I took over and began making trips to New York and taking deliveries on my own.

JP. 4. There were two men who sold heroin to us in Queens in 1990. The one that we or I always met was known to me as ~~Dave~~ David. He was in his mid-thirties, was quite tall, about 6'2" and had a dark or olive complexion. He appeared to be Indian or Pakistani. He spoke perfect English, however, without any foreign accent. He drove a light-blue Oldsmobile two-door, 1988 or 1989. He always delivered the heroin in a blue sports bag with grey stripes. Deliveries were made on the street or in parking lots, in Queens, in the general vicinity of LaGuardia airport. Frequently, we exchanged drugs for money in plain view of strangers.

JP. 5. On one occasion, we met ~~Dave~~ David in front of a hospital in Queens. He was with another man whom he introduced as ~~Mike~~ Michael. Mike was also in his mid-thirties but was short, about 5'8" or Michael Michael

5'9" and weighed over 200 pounds. He had a pot belly and appeared to be Italian or Jewish. He had dark hair that was balding.

J.P. 6. In October, 1990, ~~Dave~~ ^{DAVID} told me he had 20 kilos of heroin in Pakistan and needed someone to go get it and bring it back. He said he needed two people over 50 to go as tourists. They would go by boat, the trip would take about 30 days, he would make all arrangements and would pay them \$50,000 for the trip. I said I would see if I knew somebody for the job. I never followed up on it because I feared a set up of some kind.

J.P. 7. I suspected that ~~Dave~~ ^{DAVID} and ~~Mike~~ ^{Michael} were police when I was dealing with them. I am now pretty sure that they were law enforcement agents. They moved and acted like police (I am myself a former policeman) and were brazen and open in making deals, as if they had no fear of getting caught. I believe I can identify them if I see them.

James P. [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of December 1995.

Notary Seal
Jeffrey E. Fromm, Notary Public
Lewisburg Borough
My Commission Expires Jan. 6, 1997

JEF [Signature]

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RE: U.S. V. PEREZ CASE # 91-00301-03

DEAR: Mrs. HOFFA

I AM writing ONCE AGAIN to bring to your attention information that may have slipped your mind.

There was a meeting that took place in our office the last week of August of 1991. It could have been the first week of September 1991. In attendance were HORNEY AARON DENKER, Special Agent BRIAN DONGA, you and myself. It was at this meeting that I gave you a description of "DAVID". I told you he was 6'1" or 6'2", weight about 210, DARK SKINNED, looked CRAB.

It is my belief that they are Agents. My reason for saying this is because every persons whose photo number is in the book that you showed me, has been ARRESTED. Only "DAVID" remains at large. you have description AND photo number. I would like to know if you located him.

Respectfully yours
Louis Perez

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PRESS RELEASE

Michael M. Baylson, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and S.B. Billbrough, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, announced today that Louis Perez was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment and fined \$10,000 by United States District Court Judge Franklin S. Van Antwerpen for his role as a leader in the "Iron Fist" drug conspiracy that distributed over sixteen kilograms of heroin at 4th and Cambria Streets in North Philadelphia. Perez was indicted with twenty-nine other individuals on July 17, 1991 and pled guilty to conspiring to distribute heroin on December 16, 1991. Perez, an ex-Puerto Rico police officer, was a District of Columbia policeman on disability status at the time of his participation in the "Iron Fist Organization" (the "IFO"). His employment was terminated by the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department in January, 1992.

The eighty-nine count Indictment stemmed from a nine-month investigation into drug trafficking organizations in the 4th and Cambria area of Philadelphia. The leaders and members of

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the IFO were charged with various crimes, including conspiring to distribute heroin; distributing heroin; possessing with intent to distribute heroin; distributing heroin within 1,000 feet of the Academio De Timoteo, a private elementary and junior high school located at 2637 N. Fourth Street in Philadelphia; employing juveniles to commit drug trafficking crimes; and maintaining a stash house.

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The "Iron Fist" Indictment returned by the grand jury alleged that Vargas-Morales and Louis Perez, a/k/a "Alberto Sanchez," supplied the IFO with heroin. Perez was arrested on July 9, 1991 after DEA agents seized quantities of heroin and related paraphernalia from his apartment in Philadelphia.

The Indictment alleged that, from July, 1990 through July, 1991, the IFO distributed "Iron Fist" heroin near the corner of 4th and Cambria Streets in Philadelphia. "Iron Fist" heroin, sold seven days a week from early in the morning until late in the evening, was packaged in glassine bags stamped with a picture of a fist or with red stripes. A bag sold for \$10.00. The indictment alleged that 1,500, and as many as 5,000 bags, were sold daily by a team of three shift workers: a seller, a