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To the Chief of the FOIA and Privacy Act Section:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Officials at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst have recently acknowledged that one of its campus police officers, Barry Flanders, has been assigned to work with, and under the supervision of, the FBI's Anti-Terrorism Task Force. It is our understanding that Officer Flanders, while designated as a campus police "liaison" with the FBI and paid by the University, in fact works under the direction and control of the FBI for several days each week and is not permitted to inform his commanding officer about the nature of his activities, as she does not have the required security clearance. The FBI's arrangement with Officer Flanders and the University of Massachusetts police came to light after FBI agents, apparently acting on the basis of information provided by Flanders, questioned a faculty member and an organizer for a campus union about their political views and organizations in which they may have been involved.

Even apart from the specific information that was sought by the FBI agents in their interviews at the University of Massachusetts, the enlistment of campus security officers to serve the intelligence interests of the FBI within the academic community raises concerns for First Amendment freedoms. In the interests of public disclosure of the nature and scope of this program, the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts hereby requests that you provide it with the opportunity to inspect and, if requested, with a copy of each of the following records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including records of its regional offices.

1. All records created after September 11, 2001 authorizing, describing the

nature and purpose of or setting guidelines for FBI cooperation or liaison with campus police or security officers at colleges and universities in the United States for the purposes of gathering intelligence and/or investigating students, faculty and/or employees of the college or university;

2. All records created after September 11, 2001 of (a) communications from the FBI to any college or university in the United States soliciting, proposing or discussing cooperation or liaison between the FBI and the college or university police or security officers for the purposes of gathering intelligence and/or investigating students, faculty and/or employees of the college or university, and (b) communications from any college or university in the United States to the FBI responding thereto;

3. Records sufficient to show the names and locations of each and every college or university that has cooperated and/or is cooperating with the FBI in gathering intelligence and/or investigating students, faculty and/or employees of the college or university through the use of college or university campus police or security officers since September 11, 2001;

4. Records sufficient to show the name of each and every college or university campus police or security officer who has been and/or is under the direction and control of the FBI, in whole or in part, and/or who has reported and/or reports directly to the FBI since September 11, 2001;

5. Records sufficient to show the name of each and every college or university campus police or security officer who has received security clearance for work in cooperation with the FBI since September 11, 2001; and

6. Any records received by the FBI from Officer Barry Flanders of the University of Massachusetts police and any records of communications between Officer Barry Flanders of the University of Massachusetts police and the FBI.

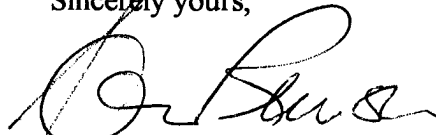
The purpose of this request is to allow the requester to assess the nature and scope of FBI activities at U.S. colleges and universities. To the extent that a response to the foregoing request would require the copying of large volumes of essentially duplicative materials, I would certainly be willing to consider narrowing specific categories of records which have been requested. If you wish to discuss the request, I may be reached by telephone at (617) 482-3170, ext. 324.

As noted above, I have requested access to the original documents rather than having copies made in order to minimize the expense of obtaining the information they

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contain. To the extent that there are fees for the production of the requested documents, I hereby request a waiver of all applicable fees. The information contained in the requested documents is being sought by a public interest organization, and its disclosure would contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations and activities of the government. The request is not made for any commercial purpose.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Reinstein", written in a cursive style.

John Reinstein