FACT SHEET RE ACTIONS OF SEATTLE FBI OFFICE AND STATEMENT OF CONCERN

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF FACTS (in addition to those contained in the attached documents)
2. According to documents shared with this office and which you have been provided, Levane Malvison Forsythe was being used as an FBI informant in a loan shark investigation by the Seattle FBI office at the same time as the Marcos-initiated and financed murders of anti-Marcos union activists Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes occurred.
3. The FBI’s informant, Forsythe, was also present at the scene of the Domingo and Viernes murders on June 1, 1981. Forsythe then later testified in the state court murder prosecution that the accused - and then convicted - “hit men” were not present on the scene, despite the fact that SFD medics heard the mortally wounded Silme Domingo name the two “hit men.”
4. The FBI opened a related Hobbs Act investigation in the wake of the Domingo and Viernes murders. This investigation had the FBI File No. 195B-23 and was headed by Special Agent Hector Lee Zavala and involved as many as 42 FBI agents.
5. The FBI’s foreign counter-intelligence operatives in many cities including Seattle were engaged in a national investigation of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP). See FBI File No. 1-105-9034 and 1-105-10262 (Seattle File). That investigation targeted local KDP leaders, including Domingo and Viernes, and the results of this questionable investigation were provided to the Marcos intelligence apparatus. A fuller description of this operation is contained in the August 9, 2018 letter submitted to your offices.
6. This counter-intelligence investigation was being conducted at the same time that the loan shark investigation used Forsythe as an informant, and FBI/Seattle Hobbs Act investigation related to the Domingo and Viernes murders. At least two of these investigations and perhaps all three involved Forsythe.
7. As the *Estates of Domingo and Viernes vs. Republic of the Philippines* civil suit established, the Marcos regime initiated and operated an illegal intelligence operation in the United States that targeted anti-Marcos organizations such as the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP).
8. That operation resulted in the 1981 murders of Domingo and Viernes , and the August 1983 murder of former Philippine Senator Benigno Aquino .
9. These murders were political assassinations of leading opponents of the Marcos regime and were overt acts of the conspiracy which the Estates of Domingo and Viernes proved in federal court, resulting in a jury verdict and a federal judge’s ruling against those involved. You have also been provided with the background of these murders and the related criminal and civil cases.
10. CONCERNS:
11. The confluence of these three investigations by the same FBI office raises questions that your investigation should examine including those posed by Requestors Withey and Maeda in their July 23rd and August 9 letters to you. The fact the FBI cooperated with a foreign intelligence operation directed at affecting US public opinion about the Marcos regime, with tragic results, is good reason to actively pursue your investigation into these FBI actions .
12. Why did the FBI Office in Seattle never question Forsythe about his testimony or, if it did so, why those documents have not been provided to Withey?.
13. There remain many unanswered questions about the intersection of these three investigations, Forsythe’s presence at the scene, why he was there, and whether those tasked with the Hobbs Act investigation investigated the presence of the FBI-informant at the scene or his role in providing what may have been perjured testimony.