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Mr. Henry W. Newton  
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Dear Mr. Newton,

It has been brought to my attention that InfraGard is a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) program that began in 1996 with national program responsibility assigned to the Cyber Division in 2003. InfraGard South East Louisiana Members Alliance (ISELAMA) is the New Orleans Chapter, and there are two other chapters in Louisiana located in Lafayette and Baton Rouge.

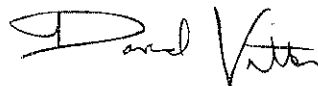
It is my understanding that InfraGard and the FBI have developed a relationship of trust and credibility in the exchange of information concerning various terrorism, intelligence, IT, criminal, and security matters. This relationship supports information sharing at national and local levels. Each FBI Field Office has a Special Agent that is a Coordinator for InfraGard chapters. Local chapter executive boards govern and share information within the membership.

InfraGard provides members with a secure website and promotes ongoing dialogue and timely communication between members and the FBI. Its members also gain access to information that enables them to protect their assets and, in turn, give information to the government that facilitates its responsibilities to prevent and address terrorism and other crimes.

I am told that ISELAMA does not impose dues on its membership or receive government funding. At the present time, ISELAMA depends on the generosity of the University of New Orleans and Tulane University to host your meetings and provide the audio-visual equipment needed. I understand that ISELAMA is currently searching for funding for operating expenses and office equipment.

I commend ISELAMA for its efforts to improve the safety of our country and wish you the best in your search for funding. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in your endeavors.

Sincerely,



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