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Dear MCOP Invitee:

On behalf of the Oklahoma City Field Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I thank you for your desire to participate in the quarterly meeting of the Muslim Community Outreach Program (MCOP) to have been held on October 16th, 2008. Regrettably, due to circumstances beyond my control, the meeting will be postponed until further notice as a result of the planned participation by the Oklahoma chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR).

This event was to have been hosted by Saleem Quraishi and the Islamic Center of Oklahoma City at their new mosque located at 3201 NW 48th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The FBI deeply appreciates their gracious offer to host the event. We apologize for any inconvenience caused to the hosts or any of the attendees by the short notice of this cancellation.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation sincerely appreciates the importance of this event in that it brings together the Muslim community and Law Enforcement, allowing both groups a better understanding of the other. This meeting also empowers American Muslims by ensuring they understand their civil rights as guaranteed by our Constitution.

As you know, members of the United States Government, especially those serving in a law enforcement capacity, have a duty to be judicious in our activities as representatives of the Federal Government. As a result, if CAIR wishes to pursue an outreach relationship with the FBI, certain issues must be addressed to the satisfaction of the FBI. Unfortunately, these issues can not be addressed at the local level and must be addressed by the CAIR-National Office in Washington, D.C.

The FBI continues to be an ardent supporter of maintaining valuable dialogue with American Muslim communities and its leaders to forge new and enhanced relationships at both the local and the national level. The goal of the FBI's outreach efforts is to eliminate retaliatory, hate-motivated crimes against Arab/Muslim-American individuals and to enlist the American Muslim communities' cooperation in the global war on terrorism.

It is hoped the issues with CAIR can be resolved in a expeditious manner. In the near future the FBI will be contacting you to reschedule this important event.

Sincerely, James & Smith

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