



**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY**

PR-GJ-00-0144

Operation CALI-MAN
Miami Division Group 43

- Approved June 12, 1997
 - Sensitive Activity Review Committee (SARC) operation
- Approved August 6, 1997
 - Attorney General Exempted Under Cover Money Laundering Operation (AGEO)



Operation CALI-MAN

- Entitlements
 - Authorization to launder drug proceeds at the direction of drug traffickers
 - Utilize commission account to further investigative efforts
 - Exempted from standard government contracting requirements



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Initiated March 22, 2000



**Origin of the "Corruption Scheme"
FBI Operation GAMBIT**

In an effort to gather intelligence in 1987, a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent (SA) was introduced as a corrupt FBI Agent to Colombian Cartel traffickers by FBI Confidential Source (CS) Baruch Vega.

The intent was to convince Cartel leadership that the "corrupt" Agent could effect the early release of key Cartel members who would be incarcerated in the U.S.



FBI Operation GAMBIT

Vega was allowed by FBI agents to keep "corruption scheme" fees that were collected from the traffickers.

An important feature of this operation was that Vega's expenses were funded by the traffickers, which defrayed the FBI's investigative expenses.

According to Vega, the element of substantial bribes enhanced the credibility of the "corruption scheme."

