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## FBI denies charge that agen was used questionable technique

Thursday, November 17, 1988

MIDLAND (AP) — An FBI agent who secured a grand-jury subpoena of telephone records in an adminis-Miller, an agent in the Los Antrative probe of another agent is known for using imaginative investigative techniques, an assistant FBI director testified to a federal judge.

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The FBI maintains it did nothing wrong in its probe of agent Ber-nardo "Matt" Perez, though grand jury subpoenas of phone records are supposed to be used only in criminal not administrative - investigations.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton cal instability. requested the hearings this week so he can determine whether the FBI illegally secured the subpoena for a non-criminal matter to retaliate against Perez for his successful classaction racial discrimination suit against the agency and for contradicting his boss' testimony in an es-

pionage trial. W.A. Galvin, assistant director of the FBI's investigations division, tes-Bretzing insisted during the esthe FBI's investigations division, tes-tified Tuesday that inspector Gary Hart — who has investigated Perez since 1986 with no findings of wrongdoing — is a dogged and tena-cious investigator who uses "imaginative techniques" in solving cases. The administrative probe of Perez

- the No. 2 man in the FBI's El Paso office — began in the midst of the discrimination suit and after he had uary 1987 — the same month that

geles office, was convicted in 1986 of passing secrets to the Soviets. At the time of Miller's arrest, Perez was the No. 2 agent in the Los Angeles office under agent-in-charge Richard Bretzing.

Perez testified at Miller's trial in Los Angeles that he had warned Bretzing that Miller should be fired or forced into disability retirement because of his emotional and physi-

Bretzing, who was a leader of Los Angeles' Mormon community, never took action against Miller, also a Mormon, until Miller's arrest. Perez and other Hispanic agents in the Los Angeles FBI office have contended that Bretzing led a "Mormon Mafia" in the office that protected errant

pionage trial and ever since that Perez never talked to him about Miller. After Miller's trial, Bretzing accused Perez of perjury and launched a criminal investigation, according to testimony in the classaction discrimination suit heard last August in El Paso.

## Stiffer drug laws centerpiece of bill

AUSTIN (AP) - Proposals to increase punishment for drug-related offenses will be the centerpiece of the 1989 House anti-crime legislative package, a state lawmaker said Wednesday.

The sale and abuse of illegal drugs represents quite possibly the greatest threat to the welfare, safety and future of our citizens," Rep. Dan Morales, D-San Antonio, told a news conference.

Morales, who said he is coordinat-ing bills that will make up the anti-crime package at the request of House Speaker Gib Lewis, an-

nounced proposals to: • Expand the capital punishment statute to include drug-related murders.

This would allow the death penalty to be imposed when a murder is committed during an aggravated vi-olation of the Controlled Substances Act. As a practical matter, Morales said, this would cover the manufacture and delivery of the "more harmful" substances, such as heroin.

• Create the sanction of life in prison without parole for repeat narcotics traffickers.

• Set up a state law patterned after the federal Racketeer Influenced, Corrupt Organizations Act to facilitate prosecution of those zed crim

said. It would provide for the forfeiture of any property derived from the income of organized criminal ac-

"If the state is given the authority to seize houses, office buildings, real estate, corporate stock, airplanes, boats and other property derived from illegal income, then it becomes very difficult for the criminal enterprise to continue its operation," he said

The Governor's Task Force on Drug Abuse also has called for such a state statute, saying the present state law places too heavy a burden on the law enforcement agency to prove money or property seized in a drug-related investigation is directly

linked to a drug-related crime. "The proposed RICO statute would create a mechanism to effectively detect and prosecute those individuals who may be profiting immensely from a criminal enterprise, yet are adept at insulating themselves from actual hands-on criminal involvement," Morales said.

A state law is needed in addition to the federal act because federal authorities "are simply overburdened," he said.

Capital punishment and life imprisonment are "harsh and tragic sanctions," Morales added.

Perez filed the discrimination suit before Bunton. Two weeks after he filed the suit, Perez was summoned to Washington and interrogated by agent Hart. Perez was asked whether he had made a phone call to Hart while Hart was pursuing the crimi-nal investigation into Perez.

quiry." During the discrimination discovered l Perez' attorneys discovered th In his testimony in August, Perez said he told Hart he had made the had obtained a grand jury sub of phone records to deten whether Perez had made the p phone call, but that Hart was not in. Hart said Perez never made the call, and the FBI launched the adminiscall.

Victim received polite treatment from kidnappers

HOUSTON (AP) — An oil company executive kidnapped by Colombian guerrillas say he lived a primivite existence during his

138 days of captivity, but he wasn't harmed by his captors. Iacopo "Jake" Gambini, a for-mer Texas resident, was released from captivity last week and is spending some time with friends at an undisclosed location in the United States, the *Houston Post* reported Tuesday. Gambini was abducted at gun-

point from his office in the small town of Sabana de Torres on June 24 by five members of a leftwing guerrilla group.

"Everyone expects it to happen to their friends," he said in a tele-phone interview. "But you never expect it would happen to you." Gambini, a petroleum engi-neer and major shareholder in

General Pipe Services Inc. of Bo-gota, was released after weeks of negotiations between his captors and family members.

The 56-year-old Gambini is one of an estimated 300 business executives kidnapped in Colom-bia this year. The identity of his captors, who were paid an undisclosed ransom, remains a mys-

"I feel fine," he said. "I feel good. The only thing I missed

## was my family. Right now it feels good to be back with family."

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4:30 a.m. "They never threatened me any way," he said. "They treat me with all the courtesy and n spect you could imagine. The just said, "Come along." I know they meant business.

He was put in a car and dri deep into the countryside where he soon lost track of his where bouts

"We moved around quite afer times," he recalled. "I never know where we were or where we were going

But his captors, he said, were friendly and considerate. Wash grou 155

"I spent most of my days real ing books they provided me, pla-ing solitaire or checkers and card with them," he said.

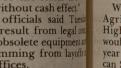
lion Gambini said he didn't know metr about any negotiations and wash told in advance that he would be poun released.

Despite his ordeal, Gam said he would consider goin back to Colombia. He is married to a Colombian woman.

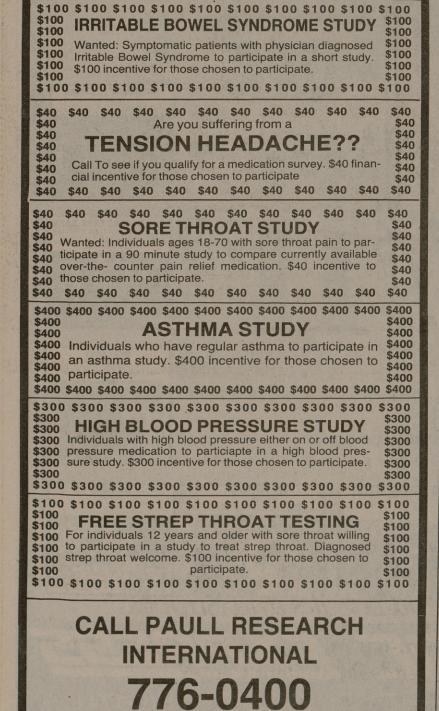
Indicted firm may lose H \$18 million in loans h

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mate businessmen who profit from must be sent to those who would narcotics trafficking, prostitution, seek to profit through the exploita-gambling, weapons-dealing, bribery or other illegal activities," Morales said.

Such a law would allow state pros-ecutors to go after "so-called legiti- lative responses. A clear message

"(The company does) not expect these losses to impact the company's ability to service its customers or meet its financial obligations," Thomas Ringer, REI chairman and borrowings from U.S. banks. chief executive officer said. "A sub-



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