

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

(U//~~LES~~) The Operational Technology Division's UAV program primarily fills an aerial surveillance capability gap [redacted]

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(U//~~LES~~) There are a number of benefits realized by using UAVs for FBI aerial surveillance missions. The UAVs are virtually undetectable² at operating altitudes.

[redacted] Each FBI UAV has a total weight of less than 55 pounds.

(U) (~~S//NF~~) Currently [redacted]

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[redacted] OTD is conducting on-going evaluation of additional UAV systems,

¹ (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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² (U//~~LES~~) At operating altitude, [redacted] and are difficult to locate visually, [redacted]