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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Denial of Re-registration R. W. Strassenburgh, Lockport,
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Intelligence information obtained from Regions 3, 4, 5 and 11 show Bifetamina (an Amphetamine product produced by Laboratorios Strassenburgh de Mexico S.A. de C.V., Mexico 21 D.F., Mexico) is readily available at numerous locations throughout New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, and Colorado. The terms "Black Beauties," "Black Moilies," "Black Widows," and "Van's Coast Twin Arsenals" are common among truck drivers obtaining the Bifetaminas throughout these states.

An intelligence survey conducted by MEA shows since April 1, 1971, BNDD has made purchases and seizures of Bifetamina totaling over 175,000 d.u. These purchases and seizures have been made from thirteen separate cases. A summary of these cases is attached. The Louisville, Kentucky District Office of Region 3 has submitted a secondary system consisting of the illicit distribution of Bifetamina. This secondary system documents an illicit distribution of 240,000 d.u. monthly. Region 5 has proposed a secondary system concerning the illicit distribution of Bifetamina. This proposed secondary system documents a weekly diversion of 40,000 d.u.

In the above mentioned cases the sources of these Bifetamina capsules has been determined to be pharmacies across the U.S.-Mexico border. There appears to be little or no restriction of Bifetamina in Mexico. The capsules are entering the United States through El Paso, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, McAllen and Brownsville, Texas.

The Bifetamina purchased and seized to date have for the most part been in original forty capsule bottles with the label showing production in Mexico City.