

5. We were fully briefed by F/A [REDACTED] who stated he believed that their operation had been internally compromised. The AFP was very interested in what evidence we could provide to assist their prosecution of MOKBEL and others which we agreed to provide. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2005 at 1357 hours I briefed Assistant Commissioner Overland with respect to the AFP interest and compromise concerning Mokbel and the likely timeframes for brief preparation.
  
6. <sup>Mr Bickley</sup> What is also of interest is that around the time of the AFP compromise, according to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have since co-operated with Victoria Police and made statements is that MOKBEL had RADII clear out the entire tablet making equipment from [REDACTED] Coburg North because he had got word that a <sup>Mr Bickley</sup> chemical company was going to be raided. A week or so later he speaks to [REDACTED] and states that it was actually him that was being looked at. We don't know specific dates as to when this occurred but it was definitely around this time, most likely within the same week.
  
7. On 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2005 I commenced Operation POSSE from the Purana Task Force. This operation targeted the entire Mokbel family criminal enterprise and has involved the use of many high profile human sources. Since this date on approximately three occasions during 2006 Human Source information has been provided to the AFP Melbourne office relating to serious drug matters involving importations into Australia. Due to the sensitivity of the situation the information has been passed verbally by telephone usually via our TIO staff. On each of these occasions usually within 48 to 72 hours information was coming back to a registered human source via the principal target Rabi KARAM that someone was talking to police. On each occasion this occurred I briefed Assistant Commissioner Overland who advised he would make the appropriate notification at the appropriate level. I then advised my staff of this and that no further intelligence was to be disseminated direct to AFP Melbourne Office. Further information that has been forthcoming relative to importation matters has been disseminated to Australian Customs Service which has resulted in seizures with no compromise. In order to safeguard the compromise of our human sources the ACS were asked not to declare any Victoria Police involvement. The alternative was to not pass any information on and allow importations to take place.
  
8. The details provided above I believe are sufficient to raise genuine concerns as to the ethical health of a person or persons within the Melbourne Office of the AFP. The investigation of which is a matter for the Australian Federal Police. I believe that I have taken the appropriate action at the appropriate time and briefed up in relation to these matters. The "Shoot the Messenger" mentality of the Manager of the AFP Melbourne Office I believe is short sighted and unprofessional.