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[Situation Room](#); (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: 9:30 - Component Meeting on (b) (7)(E)

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If there are any questions, please contact (b) (6)

Requester:
A/Secretary Wolf

Front Office Lead:
(b) (6)

Attendees:
A/Secretary Wolf
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Todd Owen on behalf of A/Commissioner Morgan, CBP
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Objective:
Component meeting on Iran

Briefing Materials:
No

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Monday) LIVE at 8:15am EST
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2020 7:56:17 PM

Will note one mistake with apologies. Talking point says 86 miles of wall, but as you know it's over 101. I was just hyper focused on the rest and forgot to update the number, just calling out the mistake for awareness. The rest is squared away. V/r (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2020, at 8:36 PM, MORGAN, MARK A
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2020, at 8:34 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Sir, see TPs attached. The info on Honduras is cleared by INA. Sorry for the late send, have been working this through the evening. That said, FNF likely to talk about wall and stats as we discussed and not on the Honduras issue w/ the Iranians. If they do bring it up, will be in the context of the ongoing national security crisis. TPs are included just in case. Let me know if you have questions. V/r (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 5:52 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Re: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Monday) LIVE at 8:15am EST

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - please call me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2020, at 3:29 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] wrote:

Sir, sending fysa. Working TPs now. They'll keep you very high level on Honduras unless you have objections. We'll hit from dc studios. They want to cover wall and National security crisis, but will bring up the Iranians we recently got. If I need to walk that back, let me know. Sending direct for times sake. V/r (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent from my iPhone

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From: (b) (6)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: January 12, 2020 at 3:19:29 PM EST
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Cc: (b) (6)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
**Subject: Details for "Fox & Friends"
Tomorrow (Monday) LIVE at 8:15am EST**

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Here are the details for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Monday) LIVE at 8:15am ET in our DC bureau. I am copying producer (b) (6) [REDACTED] who is working on the segment and will be in touch with pre-interview questions. Additional details are below.

"Fox & Friends"

DATE: Monday, January 13th

ARRIVAL TIME: 8:00am ET

LIVE INTERVIEW: 8:15am ET with (b) (6)
[REDACTED]

TOPICS:

1) THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION MARKS A MILESTONE WITH 100 MILES OF THE BORDER WALL BUILT! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ENFORCEMENT AT THE BORDER?

<https://www.fox23.com/news/national/administration-touts/5DYIR6RZRQOJADAJ76IHZEJ3ZY/>

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/border-patrol-san-diego-border-wall-rescue-stuck-smugglers>

2) U.S. TO SEND POLICE TO HONDURAS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN IMMIGRATION CONTROL

((DC BUREAU)) (b) (6)

BOOKED/(b) (6) PRODUCES

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/01/10/world/americas/09reuters-honduras-usa.html>

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Thanks in advance,

(b) (6)

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From: Glawe, David (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 9:16 PM
To: PEREZ, ROBERT E;MORGAN, MARK A
Subject: Re:

Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)

David J. Glawe
Under Secretary &
Chief Intelligence Officer
Department of Homeland Security

From: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 7:47:59 AM
To: Glawe, David (b) (6); MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE:

Good morning (b) (6) – I believe Canada has a very large Ukrainian population throughout the country – maybe only less than Russia and Ukraine itself.

Nonetheless, not certain as to what other options are available for commercial flights connecting to Ukraine, in lieu of Tehran.

REP

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

From: Glawe, David (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:26 PM
To: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject:

(b) (5)

Thanks- (b) (6)

David J. Glawe
Under Secretary &
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: AS2KTC (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Glawe, David (b) (6); MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Iran mtg update

All,

AS1 would like us to meet, ideally in person, Monday morning at 8am to discuss DHS next steps re Iran. Please plan accordingly.

I will call each of the component heads individually with more details.

(b) (6)
Acting Deputy Secretary
Department of Homeland Security

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 7:28 AM
To: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: CBP Daily News Brief: Jan. 10, 2020

10-4, we'll get you a couple together quickly.

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From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 8:22:45 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: CBP Daily News Brief: Jan. 10, 2020

Please ruling Ruling re: Fisher. We need to have a couple of talking points how this could impact us as we build further from water ways.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: January 10, 2020 at 6:53:54 AM EST
Subject: CBP Daily News Brief: Jan. 10, 2020



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January 10, 2020

Executive Summary

The Associated Press reported that DHS Secretary Chad Wolf said Thursday on a visit to Honduras that the countries had finalized the steps on implementing an agreement that would send third country asylum seekers from the United States to Honduras. Secretary Wolf said implementation would begin in the coming weeks.

Bloomberg reported that a federal judge on Thursday cleared the way for a crowdfunded effort to build a section of President Trump's Mexico border wall on private property along the Rio Grande, rejecting concerns that the project may violate an international treaty and endanger a butterfly habitat. The ruling is seen as a victory for Build the Wall.

The Washington Post, ABC News, NBC News and other outlets reported that December marked the seventh straight month of decline in border crossings and month-to-month differences have shrunk significantly since September. In a statement, Commissioner Morgan said: "This seven month decline is a direct result of President Trump's network of policy initiatives and our ability to effectively enforce the law, enhance our border security posture and properly care for those in custody."

The Associated Press reported that the White House said construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall will move forward after a federal appeals court ruling that frees up construction money. The 2-1 ruling on Wednesday halted a federal judge's ruling in December that had prevented the government from spending \$3.6 billion diverted from 127 military construction projects to pay for 175 miles of border wall. Newsweek and ABC News among other outlets, reported on the court ruling.

Top News

[A.1] US-Honduras finalize implementation steps on asylum deal

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

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[A.2] Butterflies, Treaty Can't Stop Private Push for Trump Wall

January 9, 2020 (Bloomberg - Tom Korosec) Reach: 23.5m

A federal judge cleared the way for a crowdfunded effort to build a section of President Trump's Mexico border wall on private property along the Rio Grande, rejecting concerns that the project may violate an international treaty and endanger a butterfly habitat.

[A.3] Border crossings start to plateau as U.S. officials report continued decline in immigration apprehensions

January 9, 2020 (The Washington Post) Reach: 53.0m

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[A.4] White House welcomes court ruling on border wall spending

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

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NEWS INDEX

Border Security (Along U.S. Borders)

[B.1] U.S. side of a binational garden at Mexico border bulldozed

January 9, 2020 (Los Angeles Times - Alexandra MendozaReporter) Reach: 22.0m

San Diego Sector Chief Patrol Agent Douglas Harrison said the decision to bulldoze the U.S. side of a binational garden planted more than 10 years ago on the border between Tijuana and San Diego was in response to smugglers exploiting the area.

[B.2] Southern border arrests continue to decline, challenges remain for immigration authorities

January 9, 2020 (ABC News - Go.com - Quinn Owen) Reach: 18.6m

The number of migrants stopped by authorities along the southern border continued to fall into the final month of 2019, according to CBP data released on Thursday. "Despite these recent successes we still have a border crisis," a CBP official said Thursday. "It's not over."

[B.3] CBP says U.S.-Mexico border apprehensions continue to decline

January 9, 2020 (NBCNEWS.com - Daniella Silva) Reach: 32.2m

CBP said in a post on Twitter that December's enforcement statistics, which include both apprehensions and those deemed inadmissible, were a 5 percent decrease compared to November and more than 70 percent lower than the peak of 144,000 combined in May of 2019.

[B.4] Border apprehensions drop again in December

January 9, 2020 (The Hill - Rafael Bernal) Reach: 16.6m

While apprehensions of undocumented migrants at the southern border dipped slightly in December compared to the previous month, CBP Deputy Commissioner Robert Perez said Thursday that, "The volume of drugs seized is a sober reminder that we are in the midst of a national security crisis on the Southwest Border."

[B.5] Apprehensions continue rising despite crackdown on asylum at the Arizona border

January 9, 2020 (The Arizona Republic - Rafael Carranza) Reach: 4.6m

The number of migrants encountered by border agents along the Arizona-Mexico border rose again last month despite new efforts by President Trump's administration to crack down on asylum by returning migrants directly across the border to Nogales, Sonora.

[B.6] EXCLUSIVE: Mexican military rushes to help Border Patrol stop illegal border crossings

January 9, 2020 (Fox News - Matt London) Reach: 57.4m

[Video] Fox Nation captured exclusive new video of the Mexican military rushing to help the Border Patrol capture a group of suspected illegal border crossers in Texas' Rio Grande Valley. It's something that the Border Patrol says is happening more and more often in recent months.

[B.7] Britons detained at US border control may need to hand over DNA or face arrest - new rules

January 9, 2020 (Express.co.uk - Leah Sinclair) Reach: 59.4m

A new memo published by DHS said travelers with a green card could be "subject to DNA testing, as well as asylum seekers and people entering the country without authorisation." The 90-day pilot program will begin testing on Jan. 13 at the Canadian border near Detroit and Mexican border at Texas.

Border Security (Ports of Entry)

[C.1] Two Accused Sex Offenders, Half-Million in Drugs Stopped at Texas Border

January 9, 2020 (Breitbart - Bob Price) Reach: 5.6m

[Audio] CBP officers arrested two men wanted for sex offenses in the U.S. and seized nearly a half-million dollars in cocaine at a Texas port of entry over the weekend.

[C.2] Canadian man wanted in North Dakota killing arrested

January 9, 2020 (The Washington Times) Reach: 3.9m

A Canadian man wanted in the killing of a man who was found fatally shot after a house fire in North Dakota has been arrested, authorities said. CBP officers arrested the man without incident early Thursday on the Blue Water Bridge connecting Port Huron, Michigan, with Ontario.

[C.3] Mexican man kills self on border bridge

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

A Mexican man killed himself on a bridge connecting Reynosa, Mexico and Pharr, Texas, temporarily shutting down a portion of the bridge, Mexican officials said Thursday. CBP confirmed only that a man had collapsed and died on the Mexican side of the bridge on Wednesday evening.

Border Wall

[D.1] Trump administration plans to announce 100-mile mark on border wall construction

January 9, 2020 (The Washington Post) Reach: 57.1m

Trump administration officials plan to announce Friday that they have completed 100 miles of new barriers along the border with Mexico. DHS Secretary Chad Wolf is traveling to Yuma, Arizona, to make the announcement, according to DHS officials.

[D.2] Private Border Wall Gets Go-Ahead From Judge—Despite Trump Administration Objection

January 9, 2020 (Time Magazine - Kevin Freking) Reach: 20.6m

While the White House on Thursday celebrated an appeals court's ruling that lifted a restraining order against a private border wall project, the judge's ruling actually went against the U.S. government's position.

[D.3] Appeals Court Gives Trump Green Light To Use Military Funds To Build Border Wall Despite Judge Branding Bid Unlawful

January 9, 2020 (Newsweek - Chantal Silva) Reach: 25.3m

A federal appeals court ruled on Wednesday to put a hold on a nationwide injunction barring President Trump and his administration from using \$3.6 billion in military construction funds to build a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

[D.4] Trump praises appeals court decision that military funds can be used for border wall

January 9, 2020 (ABC News - Go.com - Lauren Lantry) Reach: 18.6m

President Trump declared victory on Thursday following a federal appeals court ruling that allows his administration to use \$3.6 billion in military construction funds to build a wall along the southern border. Trump tweeted Thursday morning that the "Entire Wall is under construction or getting ready to start!"

Travel

[E.1] Man arrested at airport, extradited to Stamford over Purdue wire transfer

January 9, 2020 (NewsTimes.com - John Nickerson) Reach: 166k

A Georgia man caught trying to catch a West Coast flight home to his native Nigeria was extradited to Stamford over the weekend where he is facing charges that he illegally intercepted a \$30,000 wire transfer from Purdue Pharma. Seeing there was a felony warrant in his name, CBP officers detained him until police arrived at Seattle-Tac Airport.

[E.2] Airport joins fight against human trafficking

January 9, 2020 (El Paso Inc. - El Paso) Reach: 25.8k

The El Paso International Airport has announced its support of the Blue Lightning Initiative, part of the DHS' Blue Campaign led jointly by the DOT and CBP. The airport has partnered with the departments to align its airline partners, concessionaires and key city departments to recognize and respond to suspected incidents of human trafficking.

[E.3] Amazon, eBay, Carriers to Help Feds ID Illicit and Dangerous Imports

January 9, 2020 (EcommerceBytes.com - Ina Steiner) Reach: 139k

Amazon, eBay and shipping carriers will send data about small, low-value packages arriving from abroad to CBP as part of a pilot program.

Trade

[F.1] Trump's tariffs cost U.S. companies \$46 billion to date, data shows

January 9, 2020 (Reuters) Reach: 22.2m

Tariffs imposed by President Trump to restructure top trade relationships have cost American companies \$46 billion since February 2018, and U.S. exports of goods hit by retaliatory tariffs have fallen sharply, according to an analysis of Commerce Department data.

[F.2] U.S., China Dust Off Corporate Deals Before Trade Pact Signing

January 9, 2020 (Bloomberg) Reach: 23.5m

The U.S. and China are finalizing a bevy of long-running corporate deals ahead of a high-profile ceremony to sign a trade deal next week that the world's largest economies seek to cast as a major breakthrough and a marked warming in the relationship.

[F.3] Hopes for spike in U.S. farm exports to China dim ahead of trade deal signing

January 9, 2020 (Reuters) Reach: 22.2m

Days before a U.S.-China trade deal is due to be signed, large Chinese purchases of Brazilian soybeans and a pair of unexpected policy moves by Beijing have dimmed U.S. hopes that China would double its imports of American farm products this year.

[F.4] Poloz Says Canada Gain from U.S.-China Trade Deal is Uncertain

January 9, 2020 (Bloomberg - Theophilos Argitis) Reach: 23.5m

Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz said it's too early to tell whether recent improvements on the global trade front will lead to stronger trade and investment. In opening remarks he gave in Vancouver, Poloz said "remains to be seen" how Canadian business will respond to the preliminary U.S.-China trade pact.

[F.5] Pimco's Cantrill Calls Phase-One China Deal a 'Fragile Reprieve'

January 9, 2020 (Bloomberg) Reach: 23.5m

[Video] Libby Cantrill, head of public policy at Pacific Investment Management Co., discussed the state of U.S.-China trade relations and the prospects for a phase-two deal during an interview on "Balance of Power."

[F.6] Trump says he may wait to finish Phase 2 China trade deal until after November

January 9, 2020 (Reuters) Reach: 22.2m

President Trump on Thursday said his administration will start negotiating the Phase 2 U.S.-China trade agreement soon but that he might wait to complete any agreement until after November's U.S. presidential election.

[F.7] Trump wants NATO expanded to Mideast and renamed NATOME

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

President Trump thinks NATO should be expanded to include nations in the Middle East. He even suggested a new name for the 70-year-old alliance: "NATOME" short for NATO-Middle East.

[F.8] U.K. to 'Hold the Line' in U.S. Trade Talks on Food, Environment Secretary Says

January 9, 2020 (Bloomberg - Stuart Biggs) Reach: 23.5m

Environment Secretary Theresa Villiers said the British government will "hold the line" in post-Brexit trade talks with the U.S. and refuse to allow chlorinated chicken and hormone-treated beef into the U.K.

[F.9] Airbus increases production of US-made planes as tariffs threaten prices for customers

January 9, 2020 (CNBC) Reach: 39.9m

Airbus said Thursday that it will ramp up production of U.S.-made A320 narrow-body jetliners at its Mobile, Ala. plant from five a month to seven a month by the start of 2021, a move that comes after tariffs on Europe-made planes threatened to drive up costs for U.S. customers who have purchased planes from the European manufacturer.

[F.10] Senate vote on Trump's new NAFTA held up by committee review

January 9, 2020 (The Hill - Sylvan Lane) Reach: 16.6m

The Senate will not be able to approve President Trump's new North American trade deal for at least another week, said Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) on Thursday. Grassley said Trump's revamp of the trade deal must be approved by several other panels before the full chamber can vote to cement the agreement.

[F.11] Chinese State Media Touts Trade Deal as Sign of Coexistence

January 9, 2020 (Bloomberg) Reach: 23.5m

China and the U.S. agreeing to the phase-one trade deal showed the "spirit of modus vivendi," a commitment that should be carried into future negotiations, according to the Communist Party's flagship English newspaper.

[F.12] Senate Republicans work to get USMCA trade deal ready before Trump impeachment trial

January 9, 2020 (The Washington Times - Tom Howell) Reach: 3.9m

Senate Republicans are working to approve President Trump's North American trade deal so it is ready for floor vote, especially if House Democrats prolong a pending impeachment trial.

Workforce

[G.1] Tunnel to Towers sets 2020 goal to pay off mortgages of all fallen officers with kids

January 9, 2020 (Fox News - Joshua Nelson) Reach: 57.4m

Tunnel to Towers CEO Frank Siller announced Thursday a 2020 initiative to pay off the mortgages of all fallen law enforcement officers who left children behind. Siller made clear that border patrol agents, police and other officers in America will be supported by Tunnel to Towers.

Opinion

[I.1] Don't Pick And Choose: Give Everyone An Exemption From Trump Tariffs

January 9, 2020 (Forbes - Art Carden) Reach: 77.5m

In this opinion piece, Art Carden wrote that an op-ed by Allegheny Technologies CEO Robert S. Wetherbee which he asked for special privileges--an exemption from tariffs--is "simply an illustration of a larger systemic problem."

Immigration

[J.1] Trump administration asks 9th Circuit to lift court order limiting asylum ban

January 9, 2020 (Los Angeles Times - Kristina Davis) Reach: 22.0m

The Trump administration is pushing back on a San Diego judge's preliminary injunction that prohibits immigration authorities from applying a so-called asylum ban to a subset of potentially tens of thousands of migrants at the border.

[J.2] Feds holding back documents that show local police targeting migrant kids, lawyers say

January 9, 2020 (CBS News) Reach: 26.3m

The New York Civil Liberties Union sued a federal agency Thursday for documents about its role in a grant program allegedly designed to "find, arrest, detain and deport unaccompanied immigrant children."

[J.3] Expect ICE to visit, MIT tells faculty and staff, urging cooperation with visa checks

January 9, 2020 (The Boston Globe - Deirdre Fernandes) Reach: 4.1m

MIT on Thursday alerted its faculty and administrators that they should expect visits from federal immigration officials to check the status of foreign postdoctoral students, researchers and visiting scholars working in the sciences, and urged them to cooperate with authorities.

[J.4] Lower-wage workers harmed by immigration, Congressional Budget Office report finds

January 9, 2020 (The Washington Times - Stephen Dinan) Reach: 3.9m

In a report this week, the Congressional Budget Office said immigration helps the U.S. economy, but it's not good for individual workers, particularly those at the low end of the wage scale for whom the increased competition for jobs leaves them worse off.

[J.5] Immigration surfaces as issue in Kentucky legislature

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

The volatile illegal immigration issue has reached into the Kentucky legislature with a Republican-backed bill aimed at preventing sanctuary policies at the local level and requiring most public employees to use their "best efforts" to help enforce federal immigration laws.

[J.6] Florida woman admits trying to help Mexican nationals travel to Florida

January 9, 2020 (Sidney Herald) Reach: 9.5k

A Florida woman has admitted trying to drive three people from a border crossing in northern Montana to Florida in September, although the three were in the U.S. illegally.

DHS

[K.1] Exclusive: Border Patrol Circulates Intel Alert Titled ‘Suspected Suicide Bomber en Route to the U.S.’

January 9, 2020 (Breitbart - Brandon Darby) Reach: 5.6m

[Audio] Authorities along the U.S. border are on alert after receiving a law enforcement intelligence warning about a possible suicide bomber heading north toward the U.S.-Mexico Border. Breitbart obtained an exclusive copy of the leaked official document from a source operating under the umbrella of DHS.

[K.2] ‘Lost its focus’: DHS neglected cyber mission while focusing on immigration, analysts say

January 9, 2020 (Washington Examiner) Reach: 9.0m

Private sector and former Homeland Security aides say the Trump administration’s intense focus on immigration and border security has come at a cost to national cybersecurity as officials worry about a massive attack from Iran.

[K.3] DHS reviewing reports of Iranian-Americans delayed at border

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

The Seattle office of U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal said Thursday she had received assurances from DHS that reports of travelers of Iranian descent being singled out for extra scrutiny as they crossed the border from Canada into Washington last weekend is being reviewed and that the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties would send investigators to Washington.

Of Interest

[L.1] American voters: Income inequality is a bigger political problem than illegal immigration

January 9, 2020 (MarketWatch - Brett Arends) Reach: 18.5m

A survey released Thursday by the Pew Research Center found that economic inequality is a big issue with voters, and not just liberals. Americans across the board today see income inequality as a bigger problem than illegal immigration — the issue that Donald Trump rode to the White House in 2016.

[L.2] New Mexico agency asks Iranian group about suspicious acts

January 9, 2020 (Associated Press) Reach: 11.8m

New Mexico Homeland Security officials recently asked an Iranian American cultural group in the state if they had seen any suspicious activities — an inquiry the group president said raises eyebrows.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:02 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E
Subject: Fwd: Draft Statement

Sir-

Below is a draft public statement regarding CBP's enhanced posture in light of the Iran threat. The statement serves two major purposes beyond what we have already tweeted out:

(1) provide formal assurance to members of the public and other stakeholders that CBP does not discriminate solely based religion/race/ethnicity/sexual orientation, while giving notice that referrals are necessary where facts require and may result in longer wait time; and

(2) not raise alarm as to the threat given recent de-escalation by the Administration and decrease in media inquiries to CBP.

Please let us know if you clear.

Thank you.

As the agency charged with safeguarding the American people and the nation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection remains vigilant and is operating with an enhanced security posture at U.S. ports of entry. CBP has understood Iran and its proxies to be a very capable adversary for some time. Consistent with our statutory authorities, CBP leverages all available tools and information to ensure that individuals who seek entry into the United States are appropriately screened. As part of a multi-layered approach to security, CBP officers may refer for additional screening individuals who present a known risk or individuals about whom we need more information to make a determination of risk. These referrals are based on factors that could include the individual's activities, associations and travel patterns. As a result, some travelers may experience increased wait times and subsequent interviews. CBP has established strict oversight policies and procedures to ensure traveler screening practices adhere to all constitutional and statutory requirements. CBP is committed to protecting the civil rights and civil liberties of every individual whom we encounter. Our officers are trained to enforce U.S. laws uniformly and fairly and they do not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:29 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

I'm good - thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

REP

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

On Jan 9, 2020, at 8:14 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

I'm good, pending C2's clearance. Once C2 signs off, AC1 will also take a quick look.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 7:38:57 PM
To: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Draft Statement

Deputy, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Below is an updated version of the statement, based on our discussion for your consideration.

R/S

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of CBPTASKING
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 8:27 AM
To: MORGAN, MARK A;PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: CBPTASKING
Subject: ESEC Summary for Thursday, January 9, 2020

FYI

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Office of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:10 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: ESEC-BBIC (b) (7)(E)
Subject: ESEC Summary for Thursday, January 9, 2020

Below is the ESEC White House summary.

Thursday, January 9, 2020

- **NSC Tasking: Paper DC on China Strategy:** NSC is seeking Deputy-level review. *Action memo and comments due to ESEC by Wednesday, January 8 (1200).* (ACTION: PLCY)
 - Counselor: (b) (6)
- **NSC Meeting: DC on Iran:** Agenda/read-ahead not yet received. AS2 will attend. Under Secretary Glawe will be the +1, pending White House approval. *Briefing materials due to ESEC by Thursday, January 9 (0900).* (ACTION: I&A)
 - Counselor: (b) (6)

Monday, January 13, 2020

- **NSC Tasking: Paper DC on Western Balkans:** NSC is seeking Deputy -level review. *Action memo and comments due to ESEC by Monday, January 6 (1700).* (ACTION: PLCY)
 - Counselor: (b) (6)

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

- **NSC Meeting: PC on Senior Officials Exercise 19-3:** Agenda/read-ahead not yet received. AS1 cannot attend, surrogate is TBD. *Briefing materials due to ESEC by Friday, January 10 (1400).* (ACTION: FEMA)
 - Counselor: (b) (6)

(b) (6)
Office of the Executive Secretary
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
(O) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | (C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 2:50 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A; PEREZ, ROBERT E; Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO); WAGNER, JOHN P (DEAC OFO)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: CNN story

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As OPA works on a more official statement on the Iran issues, please consider adding language to more proactively address this type of reporting. We should show that we have been aware of the Iranian threat for some time. And as accurate also mention that CBP have been continuously working to improve targeting and information sharing capabilities.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 3:40 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) <TODD.OWEN@CBP.DHS.GOV>; WAGNER, JOHN P (DEAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: CNN story

Commissioner, Deputy, EAC and DEAC,

Flagging a pending CNN story re: CBP's posture in response to tensions over Iran.

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R/S

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Commissioner (A)
Office of Public Affairs

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Commissioner (A)
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Mobile (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:26 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); PROVOST, CARLA (USBP); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A; PEREZ, ROBERT
E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

Chief,

Thank you very much for the update.

+AC1/C2 and others as they are getting inquiries.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 1:05 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); PROVOST, CARLA (USBP); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

CoS,

The below information in red is direct from Laredo ACTT Director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The information was ramped up because one of our CBP LNO's to NORTHCOM briefed uncorroborated, raw information that had not been corroborated or validated. I have spoken with him and he has since informed DoD that the information is invalidated.

From Laredo ACTT Director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (7) (E)

V/r,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:54 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

Chief,

See below. this should take care of the request.

The SITREP sent out by LRT LSOC has zero validity as of this morning.

Can you please follow up on this and just verify with the work we have completed that this is uncorroborated intel. Provide the information that we are following up on and what that is showing so far.

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Associate Chief
Intelligence Division
U.S. Border Patrol HQ
Ofc (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:49 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

Good Morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is needed.

Thanks...

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DIRECTOR

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OFFICE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | **MOBILE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:46 AM

To: PROVOST, CARLA (USBP) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

WAGNER, JOHN P (DEAC OFO)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: MORGAN, MARK A

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PEREZ, ROBERT E

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

FYSA. See below that the (b) (7)(E).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:43 AM

To: Glawe, David (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

PEREZ, ROBERT E

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Re: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

Thanks (b) (6) Working it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 8, 2020, at 10:57 AM, Glawe, David (b) (6) wrote:

I'll loop in Mark Morgan.

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (5)

Looping in C-1 and C-2

David J. Glawe
Under Secretary &

Chief Intelligence Officer
Department of Homeland Security

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 10:53:08 AM
To: (b) (6)
Glawe, David (b) (6)
Subject: Re: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 8:51:16 AM
To: (b) (6) Glawe, David (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

FYSA

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 8:45 AM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

(b) (6), (b) (7)(E)
CBP is tracking and (b) (7)(E) has been working closely with OFO DFO. A joint (b) (7)(E) interview was conducted with HSI. So far, our understanding is that the Intel was NOT corroborated as being valid. We'll keep everyone updated as more information come through.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 8:12:41 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Subject: Fwd: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

Good morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Would you please confirm that CBP FO is aware of the intel reported below? If so, please let us know what actions you all are taking and whether you need assistance from us.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Glawe, David
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

U/S Glawe,

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

Vr

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Military Advisor to the Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Ph: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Email/NIPR: (b) (6)
SIPR: (b) (6)
JWICS: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 9:49 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: DHS Situational Awareness Reporting

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Admiral --

(b) (7) (E)

VR,

(b) (7)

(b) (6)

DHS CWMD Senior Advisor to
NORAD/USNORTHCOM

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DHS NIPR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DOD NIPR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DOD SIPR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 6:11 PM
To: PROVOST, CARLA (USBP); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A; PEREZ, ROBERT
E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

Thank you, Chief. +AC1/C2 and OS for awareness.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: PROVOST, CARLA (USBP); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 7:04 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

10-4. Keep us posted. Adding in CoS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Carla L. Provost
Chief
USBP

On Jan 7, 2020, at 5:47 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
wrote:

Chief, Deputy,

Report below from LNO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on Al Asud airbase missile attack. It's hitting the news now. DoD is not aware of any injuries as of yet.

V/r,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 6:33:14 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

Correction, Al-Asad in Iraq (Al Anbar Province).

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:22 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As of right now, Al-Asad Air Base in Kuwait had 11 rocket impacts. Irbil and Taji (Both in Iraq) each had 2 impacts. No casualties have been reported as of yet.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Associate Chief

CBP Advisor/LNO to NORAD & USNORTHCOM

Law Enforcement & Security Branch

Border Security Branch

Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:45 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Re: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

Thank you, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Much appreciated

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:28:49 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

Chief,

Good evening. I am forwarding the email below for SA only as this has yet to be confirmed. Coincidentally, the USNORTHCOM J5 had some preliminary discussions earlier this afternoon in an effort to lean forward should some repatriations be needed to evacuate American citizens from the Middle East.

There are approximately 1.7 million American Citizens in the Middle East and the primary countries that USNORTHCOM as well as the Department of State are concerned with are Israel, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon. Lebanon has the largest concentration of US Citizens. At the same time, North Korea was mentioned again in these repatriation discussions given their current political climate with the US.

I will continue to keep you and your staff apprised as this develops.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Associate Chief

CBP Advisor/LNO to NORAD & USNORTHCOM

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Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:19 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

As we discussed. (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:10 PM
To: NORTHCOM: Command Center (b) (7)(E)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

Good afternoon. Please see below for awareness. I will pass along any updates received. (b) (6)

(b) (6)
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service
NORAD/USNORTHCOM
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Mobile: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (TSA)
NIPR: (b) (6)
SIPR: (b) (6)
TSA Email: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:58 PM
To: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Cc:

(b) (6)

Subject: (U//FOUO) NOC RFI (Initial): Middle East Security Posture (NOC 0849-19-001)

CDO,

TSAR received notification via American Embassy Abu Dhabi cell phone alert notification system 0043hr. January 8, 2020.

Urgent Message for Mission UAE

We have received information that Iran has launched an attack likely on Iraq or Kuwait. We are still gathering information. In the meantime, all personnel should shelter indoors until we update you further.

TSAR will provide updated information as it is received.

(b) (6)

Attaché

TSA Representative - Middle East

U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi, UAE

Work: + (b) (6)

VOIP: (b) (6)

UAE Cell: (b) (6)

USA Cell: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

8 hours ahead of D.C., Work Week : Sunday - Thursday, 8:30hrs - 1700hrs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of SITROOM
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:44 PM
To: CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP
Cc: SITROOM
Subject: (U//FOUO) OPS-NOC Note (Update): Missile Attacks - Iraq (NOC 0849-19)

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(b) (7) (E)

Source: Media Sources

Coordination:

OPS-NOC: The Office of Operations Coordination National Operations Center is actively engaging partner organizations across the Homeland Security Enterprise for additional information and will provide updates as warranted.

(b) (7)(E)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: NOC.SWO.Restricted (b) (7)(E)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:28 PM
Cc: NOC.SWO.Restricted
Subject: (U//FOUO) OPS-NOC Note (Update): Missile Attacks - Iraq (NOC 0849-19)

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(b) (6)
Senior Watch Officer
DHS National Operations Center
Department of Homeland Security
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of OFO-FIELD LIAISON

Sent:

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:37 PM

To:

(b) (6); DIRECTORS FIELD OPS; EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS HQ; (b) (6)
; MORGAN, MARK A; Operations Directors; PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject:

ITROOM
Situational Awareness - EAC Bullets - (b) (7)(E)

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Office of Field Operations
Bullets for the Executive Assistant Commissioner
January 7, 2020**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: AS2KTC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:16 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: AS1CFW;PEREZ, ROBERT E
Subject: Re:

Thx.

(b) (5)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:13:33 PM
To: AS2KTC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: AS1CFW (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re:

Returned to Canada.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 7, 2020, at 4:08 PM, AS2KTC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

(b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:05:28 PM
To: AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); AS2KTC (b) (7)(E)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject:

Gents,

Wanted to make sure you knew.

For your situational awareness- after further detailed review we just received re: the Blaine POE situation- there were a handful of individuals detailed more than 7 hours. 85% were detained 5 hours or less. One USC couple of Iranian decent was in fact detained for 9 hours. Of note, the couple did have some derogatory information warranting further questioning but it shouldn't have taken so long. It was the result of low staffing. The staffing issues as well as ensuring more effective processing times was

addressed with the POE leadership.

Additionally, we did encounter- during this process at Blaine - one subject with ties to the IRGC.

While it doesn't change our position nor the justification as to what was done and why - the fact it took this long to get accurate reporting from this office is unacceptable and an issue. You have my apologies. I'll be prepared to address tonight. It's been addressed. This is on me.

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 8:21 AM
To: (b) (6)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); Glawe,
David; (b) (6); MORGAN, MARK A
Subject: RE: Updated Materials for 01.07.2020 HSGAC/CHS Briefings on Iran/Threats

Colleagues. Please remember to share any questions your principal would like tasked during the briefing to OLA by 10am.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 5:56 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); Glawe, David
(b) (6); MORGAN, MARK A
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Updated Materials for 01.07.2020 HSGAC/CHS Briefings on Iran/Threats

ALCON,

Attached:

1. Updated agenda for the briefings to the HSGAC and CHS
 - a. Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) - 5:30pm in the Senate Visitors Center, Senate Security Room, SVC Room #217.
 - b. House Committee on Homeland Security (CHS) – 7:15pm in the House Visitor’s Center, Room #302.
2. The updated list of anticipated questions from the Hill & PLCY’s recently completed Q&A
3. Consolidated social media pull for HSGAC-Commerce & CHS

OLA also requests each office or component tell us what questions you want to be asked no later than 1000, Tuesday, January 6.

Best,

(b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:19 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A
Subject: FW: (b) (7)(E) – 7 January 2020

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:18 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: (b) (7)(E) – 7 January 2020

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6)

Office of Legislative Affairs

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (mobile)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:02 AM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Delays at Ports of Re-entry

(b) (5)

Please advise ASAP who we can work with to set a time tomorrow for the requested call (or Wednesday at the latest).

Many thanks! (b) (6)

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Founded in 1988, the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) is a national public affairs nonprofit organization working to promote and strengthen American pluralism by increasing understanding and improving policies that impact American Muslims. Over the past 30 years, MPAC has built a reputation of being a dynamic and trusted American Muslim voice for policymakers, opinion shapers, and community organizers across the country.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:12 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Delays at Ports of Re-entry

Can you give (b) (6) a call? He would like to set up a small conference call with some of his partners about this issue below. As this is not an HSAC issue I can't set this up but I can invite the HSAC subcommittee members to participate if appropriate.

(b) (6) cell phone is: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Thanks,

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 9:57 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Delays at Ports of Re-entry

Good morning, (b) (6) and (b) (6). I want to request a conference call with the heads of CBP and CRCL, along with some faith-based organizations, to discuss the recent reports of delaying Americans of Iranian descent at our border points of re-entry. The articles you sent out this morning provide the background. I have highlighted in bold the points that can be used as the peg for the discussion.

Please let me know how we can proceed. It is a timely matter and the sooner we can arrange for this call, the better it is for the partnership. These incidents are creating consternation and panic within the community, and there is a discussion of internment camps as a part of the planning by the federal government. We need to debunk myths and address realities. I appreciate your consideration.

DHS issues terror bulletin amid Iran tension warning of lone wolf terrorism, cyberattacks (Washington Times)

Washington Times [1/4/2020 7:17 PM, Stephen Dinan, 438K]

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf issued a new terrorism threat assessment bulletin on Iran on Saturday, saying there is still no specific credible threat but warning Americans to step up their vigilance.

Mr. Wolf's new bulletin repeated his assurance from a day earlier that there's —no information indicating a threat, but said Iranian officials and some of the terrorist groups it funds have said they want to retaliate after the U.S., on President Trump's orders, killed a top Iranian general with a drone missile strike earlier this week.

The new evaluation laid out a host of potential scenarios for danger, including that Americans here in the U.S. could use the assassination as the catalyst for lone wolf attacks.

—An attack in the homeland may come with little or no warning, the bulletin warns.

It also said Iran could use cyberattacks to retaliate.

—Iran is capable, at a minimum, of carrying out attacks with temporary disruptive effects against critical infrastructure in the United States, Homeland Security said.

Mr. Trump's decision to authorize the strike against Qassem Soleimani, who was head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, has ignited a fierce debate in the U.S. over whether his move heads off more violence, or invites it.

Democrats on Capitol Hill complained Mr. Trump bypassed the usual notification system to lawmakers to order the strike. They have said they'll try to pass legislation reining in Mr. Trump and forbidding more escalation.

Homeland Security Issues Terrorism Alert After Soleimani Strike (Free Beacon)

Free Beacon [1/4/2020 8:20 PM, Adam Kredo, 149K]

The Department of Homeland Security issued a new terrorism alert Saturday evening following the killing of top Iranian military leader Qassem Soleimani.

In a notification issued under the National Terrorism Advisory System, DHS acting secretary

Chad Wolf said that while there are no "specific, credible threats" against the U.S. homeland, the department is taking proactive measures to ensure Iran and its terror proxies do not conduct a retaliatory attack within the United States.

"At this time there is no specific, credible threat against the homeland," Wolf said. "The Department issued this bulletin to inform, share protective measures, and reassure the American public, state and local governments, and private sector partners that the Department of Homeland Security is actively monitoring and preparing for any specific, credible threat, should one arise."

The killing of Soleimani, an Iranian general and designated terror leader, ignited a firestorm of threats from Iran and prompted fears that Iranian-sponsored groups could mobilize to strike America at home. Hezbollah, one of the regime's most notorious terror proxies, has been found to be operating in Latin America and along the southern U.S. border.

"The Department is operating with an enhanced posture and various operational components are taking protective measures where prudent and necessary. We have been in constant communication with Congress and interagency partners," Wolf said. "The American people should feel assured the entire Department is working for them to keep them safe."

U.S. officials and experts have repeatedly warned in past years that Iran's proxy network is so robust that it could have stationed "sleeper cell" agents who have thus far remained dormant within the American homeland. Already, Iran has launched regional attacks against U.S. military personnel and assets and is threatening further escalations that could spark a wider war with the Islamic Republic.

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(b) (6)

President, Muslim Public Affairs Council

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | www.mpac.org

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of SITROOM
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:21 PM
To: CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP;CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT
Cc: SITROOM
Subject: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for January 6, 2020

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COMMISSIONER'S SITUATION ROOM DAILY REPORT

This is the report for 1/6/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Date of Incident: 1/4/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E)

Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E)

On January 4, 2020, CBP officers assigned to the (b) (7)(E) POE encountered a citizen of both Iran and (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

The subject was allowed to withdraw his admission and was returned to Canada. (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:14 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A; PEREZ, ROBERT E; Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
Subject: Re: DHS Directive?

10-4. Done.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 7:12:40 PM
To: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: DHS Directive?

Please see below. We'll get together in the am to determine our response.

Bottom line - as discussed, there was no directive from DHS or CBP to stop all Iranians.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - please let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) know we'll get together in the am.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: January 5, 2020 at 6:54:33 PM EST
To: "MORGAN, MARK A" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), "PEREZ, ROBERT E"
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: DHS Directive?

FYSA

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:32:06 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HOWE, RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: DHS Directive?

The Hill is asking if there is anything out there, if not directive, a muster, memo, etc. Please see below from the Judiciary Committee:

Has anything gone out to CBP related to screening of individuals who are of Iranian decent, including green card holders and US citizens? Even if it a memo or notice for CBP Officers to pay special attention to individuals who are in anyway associated with Iran, this would be relevant and important to know and understand.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Deputy Assistant Commissioner
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: DHS Directive?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We just issued the below, which I think (b) (6), (b) (7) provided OCA a copy of. Are you looking for information beyond?

STATEMENT

Social media posts that CBP is detaining Iranian-Americans and refusing their entry into the U.S. because of their country of origin are false. Reports that DHS/CBP has issued a related directive are also false.

ON BACKGROUND

Based on the current threat environment, CBP is operating with an enhanced posture at its ports of entry to safeguard our national security and protect the America people while simultaneously protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyone. CBP routinely adjusts staffing and operations to maintain the dual missions of border security and facilitation of lawful trade and travel.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:14:33 PM

To: Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); HOWE, RANDY J

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: DHS Directive?

EAC, XD,

I'm receiving a lot of questions from the Hill regarding the Iranians at Blaine. They are claiming that they are hearing that DHS has issued a directive to CBP to stop and inspect all Iranians, whether or not they are now USCs and/or LPRs. Is this factual? How should we respond?

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:01 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO); HOWE, RANDY J
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A; PEREZ, ROBERT E
Subject: Re: DHS Directive?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Let's discuss first thing tomorrow AM.

+AC1 and C2.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Duplicate

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:09 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A;PEREZ, ROBERT E
Subject: Fwd: CBP Statement

FYSA

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 5:08 PM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: CBP Statement

Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

WSJ's (b) (6) received this info and has decided not to write at this time.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: CBP Statement

Thank you

Thanks,
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:56:15 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: CBP Statement

FYSA.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:56 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: CBP Statement

(b) (6), (b) (7)

The below statement is approved for immediate distribution.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:54 PM
To: PEREZ, ROBERT E
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A; Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO); HOWE, RANDY J
Subject: RE: Draft Statement

DHS OPA will accept the below, which makes the most important info on the record.

I'm sending out now and to OCA, INA and components.

R/S

(b) (6), (b) (7)

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From: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:49 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); HOWE, RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

(b) (6), (b) (7) - this version is good to go per myself and C1. Please get it out ASAP - thanks.

REP

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:39 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Got it. Will send to (b) (6) now for final DHS clearance.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:38 PM
To: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); HOWE, RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

Incorporating AC1's sentence below per his request.

Social media posts that CBP is detaining Iranian-Americans and refusing their entry into the U.S. because of their country of origin are false. Reports that DHS/CBP has issued a related directive are also false.

Based on the current threat environment, CBP is operating with an enhanced posture at its ports of entry to safeguard our national security and protect the America people while simultaneously protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyone. CBP routinely adjusts staffing and operations to maintain the dual missions of border security and facilitation of lawful trade and travel. Processing times are the result of the current circumstances, including staffing levels, volume of traffic, and threat posture.

At the Blaine POE, wait times increased to an average of two hours on Saturday evening, although some travelers experienced wait times of up to four hours due to increased volume and reduced staff during the holiday season. Current wait times Sunday morning were about 40 minutes for passenger vehicles.

CBP does not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:27:17 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HOWE,
RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

Good here - thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

REP

Robert E. Perez

Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:20 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Good here. Media are asking about whether DHS/CBP issued a directive.... So I added another line. Highlights reflect updates to the statement.

Good?

(b) (6), (b) (7)

Based on the current threat environment, CBP is operating with an enhanced posture at its ports of entry to safeguard our national security and protect the America people while simultaneously protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyone.

Reports that CBP officers are detaining Iranian-Americans and refusing their entry into the U.S. solely because of their country of origin are false. Reports that DHS/CBP has issued a related directive are also false. CBP routinely adjusts staffing and operations to maintain the dual missions of border security and facilitation of lawful trade and travel. Processing times are the result of the current circumstances, including staffing levels, volume of traffic, and threat levels.

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CBP does not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:14 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); HOWE, RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

I don't like the opening line. How about something like this.

Based on the current threat environment, CBP is operating with an enhanced posture at its ports of entry to safeguard our national security and protect the America people while simultaneously protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyone.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2020, at 3:51 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] wrote:

(b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:48 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); PEREZ, ROBERT E
Cc: MORGAN, MARK A; Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO); HOWE, RANDY J
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

What in her opinion is missing?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:43:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C);
HOWE, RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

Feedback from (b) (6)

“It’s not going to kill the stories. It’s defensive and looks like an admission.”

On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:39 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Got it. Will send to (b) (6) now for final DHS clearance.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: PEREZ, ROBERT E
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:22 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

Can also add, “CBP does not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation”, at the end.

Defer to C1 for concurrence- thanks.

REP

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:19 PM, PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - my suggested edits below:

(b) (5)

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:06 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

wrote:

This just in from (b) (6)

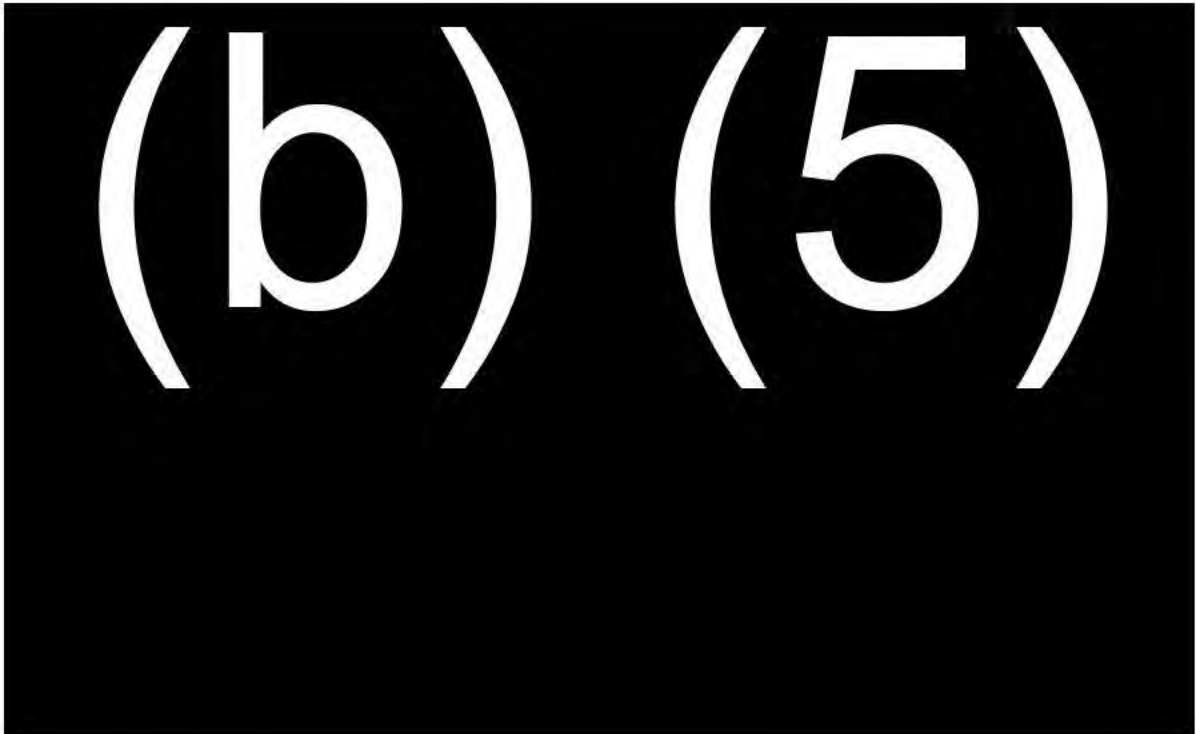
From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:05 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Re: Draft Statement

Edits below.



Thanks,

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:54:07 PM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Draft Statement

(b) (6)

Here's the working draft under review by our operators and the FO.

R/S

(b) (5)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:15 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Subject: Fwd: Draft Statement

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: AS2KTC (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:23 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: AS1CFW; PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

(b) (5)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:21:22 PM
To: AS2KTC (b) (7)(E)
Cc: AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

I know - appreciate you saying so. There's just a lot of email traffic going on right now at many levels on this issue - just wanted to get out in front of it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2020, at 2:18 PM, AS2KTC (b) (7)(E) wrote:

(b) (5)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:17:04 PM
To: AS2KTC (b) (7)(E)
Cc: AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

Not sure. We're getting more details.

I know everyone fully understands and appreciates the challenges here but our response should not be one of defensive in nature. We will have critics regardless what we do - if we miss someone and they commit a bad act or later found to have derogatory related information we will be chastised. Yet, if through our regular procedures and officer discretion - based on our USG

collective enhanced awareness and vigilance we conduct additional interviews etc... we will also be chastised. I can assure you we are not “profiling” based on one’s birth country.

We fully understand the issues here but respectfully submit our response is one of offensive-meaning we’re doing exactly what we should be doing given the current circumstances.

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2020, at 2:02 PM, AS2KTC (b) (7)(E) wrote:

(b) (5)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:50:00 PM
To: AS1CFW (b) (7)(E) AS2KTC (b) (7)(E) >
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

We’re on this. He is the truth:

- Approximately 180 Iranian-American subjects were encountered within the Seattle Field Office on 1/4/2020.
- The duration of an inspection ranged between 2-4 hours and released (into the U.S.); none were held longer.
- These times were attributed to minimal CBP staffing on the evening shift, holiday traffic wait times (2-hours), officers available for interviews and any appropriate vetting.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Date: January 5, 2020 at 1:38:32 PM EST
Subject: **Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country**

Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:52 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E
Subject: Re: FYSA -inquiry

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:50:38 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: FYSA -inquiry

We will need to make a statement quickly.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2020, at 1:46 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

More below.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:45:19 PM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: FYSA -inquiry

We are tracking and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is calling (b) (6) now to come up with sTatement.

Operational bullets:

- Approximately 180 Iranian-American subjects were encountered within the Seattle Field Office on 1/4/2020.
- The duration of an inspection ranged between 2-4 hours and released (into the U.S.); none were held longer.

· These times were attributed to minimal CBP staffing on the evening shift, holiday traffic wait times (2-hours), officers available for interviews and any appropriate vetting.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:38:42 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: FYSA -inquiry

Good afternoon,

I believe you both are tracking. Would you please give us an update? Do you intend to issue a statement?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

From: AS1CFW

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:35 PM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: FYSA -inquiry

I would like to understand if this is incorrect reporting or something else. Need answers today and CBP needs to issue a statement shortly.

Chad F. Wolf
Acting Secretary
Dept of Homeland Security

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:29 PM

To: (b) (6); AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); (b) (6)

Subject: RE: FYSA -inquiry



(b) (6)

Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs (A)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: (b) (6)

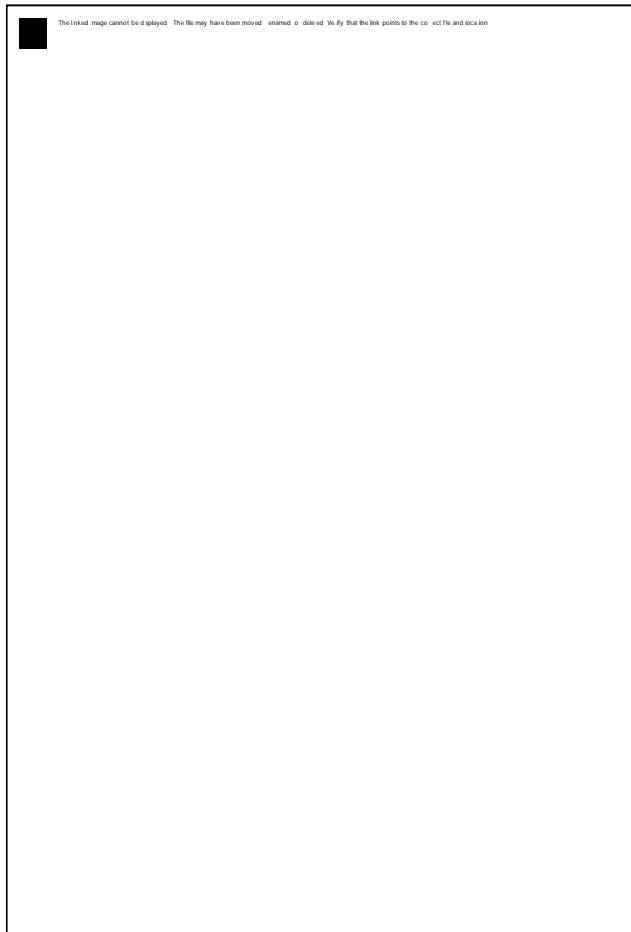
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:26 PM

To: (b) (6) AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: FYSA -inquiry

FYI – CBP is running this to ground still but will send you info when I have it. For situational awareness, I have a good handful of national outlets asking and it's making its way around twitter that there is a directive to detain/further screen/etc any Iranians entering the country.

Social media post below is making its way around too.



(b) (6)

Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs (A)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 11:39 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: FYSA -inquiry

Let us know what CBP says.

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 11:35 AM

To: AS1CFW (b) (7)(E); (b) (6)

Subject: FYSA -inquiry

FYSA

Subject: CBC NEWS REQUEST

Hello:

We have been told by a lawyer that some 40 Iranian Americans were detained at the Washington State/British Columbia border last night when they attempted to cross back into the US. Was there an order by Homeland Security to detain and question US Iranian citizens at the border?

(b) (6)

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:24 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A; PEREZ, ROBERT E
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Time sensitive OPA inquiry

FYSA. Just followed up with XD Howe, OFO will continue to do all necessary vetting.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:19 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HOWE, RANDY J; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); OFO-FIELD LIAISON
Subject: Re: Time sensitive OPA inquiry

Thank you; let make sure that we continue to take necessary precautions.

Just spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as well, OPA will sanitize the first three bullets so there is no LES info and get back to DHS.

Thank you all!

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:04:51 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HOWE, RANDY J; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OFO-FIELD LIAISON (b) (7)(E)
Subject: Re: Time sensitive OPA inquiry

All,

Write-up below...

Per a phone conversation with AD Border Security (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the following was stated:

- Approximately 180 Iranian-American subjects were encountered within the Seattle Field Office on 1/4/2020.
- The duration of an inspection ranged between 2-4 hours and released; none were held longer.
- These times were attributed to: minimal CBP staffing on the evening shift, holiday traffic wait times (2-hours), CTR / (b) (7)(E) officers available for interviews, (b) (7)(E) response time (with possible backlogging), and TAU high side checks and vetting.
- He further stated that for subsequent Iranian-American encounters, if there are no derogatory issues, (b) (7)(E) interviews will no longer be mandatory in order to facilitate processing times.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Director, Business Operations and Communications

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6)

On Jan 5, 2020, at 12:53 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

10-4. Looking forward to the write up. Thank you for the quick turn!

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A) Chief of Staff, CBP

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:50:09 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: HOWE, RANDY J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Re: Time sensitive OPA inquiry

All,

Touched base with the FO and there is a kernel of truth to this but the below appears exaggerated. Large family unit returned last night, resulting in long wait times at the port due to minimal staffing present. Also, when contacting (b) (7)(E), there was a delay in vetting responses due to increased vigilance nationwide. All pax were eventually released.

Write-up being drafted now and will be sent shortly.

(b) (6)

Director, Business Operations and Communications

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6)

On Jan 5, 2020, at 12:18 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

wrote:

Thanks team. Important to note that the reporters deadline is 2 and we'll need time to clear any response so sooner is better if possible. Thanks so much. Best,

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2020, at 12:10 PM, HOWE, RANDY J

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) > wrote:

Action please. Please respond to this email distribution. Thanks

Randy J. Howe
Executive Director, Operations
Office of Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Office)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Cell)

On Jan 5, 2020, at 12:03, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

wrote:

XD HOWE,

Please see below inquiry from DHS OPA (originated from a reporter). Can you please confirm whether this is accurate? Haven't seen any reports matching the below.

Reporter's deadline is 2pm today. Thank you.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 11:34 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: ?

Subject: CBC NEWS REQUEST

Hello:

We have been told by a lawyer that some 40 Iranian Americans were detained at the Washington State/British Columbia border last night when they attempted to cross back into the US. Was there an order by Homeland Security to detain and question US Iranian citizens at the border?

(b) (6)

Thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 8:35 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Subject: Fwd: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for January 5, 2020

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Sir,

Three (b) (7)(E) from Iran on this report.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of SITROOM (b) (7)(E)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 9:16:29 PM
To: CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP (b) (7)(E); CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT (b) (7)(E)
Cc: SITROOM (b) (7)(E)
Subject: RE: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for January 5, 2020

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This is the report for 1/5/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Date of Incident: 1/3/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E)

Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E)

On January 3, 2020, CBP officers assigned to the (b) (7)(E) POE encountered a (b) (7)(E) national, born in Iran, (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E). The subject was refused admission and escorted back to Canada. (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

Date of Incident: 1/4/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E)

Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E) - Other connection to Iran

On January 4, 2020, CBP officers assigned to the (b) (7)(E) POE encountered a (b) (7)(E) national, born in Iran, who arrived in a Quebec plated commercial vehicle. The vehicle was referred to secondary based on officer experience. In secondary, the subject stated that he served in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). (b) (7)(E) The subject was found inadmissible to the U.S. pursuant to Section 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of the INA, and was returned to Canada via the commercial conveyance.

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

Date of Incident: 1/3/2020 (b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E)

Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E)

On January 3, 2020, CBP officers assigned to the (b) (7)(E) encountered a (b) (7)(E) citizen, born in Iran, who applied for admission before boarding a flight to San Diego, California. (b) (7)(E) A (b) (7)(E) exam was conducted and officers discovered a photo of an identification card indicating the subject was a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The subject admitted to being a member of the IRGC from 1990 to 1992 as an engineer. (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) the subject was found inadmissible and allowed to withdraw his application for admission. The subject was turned over to Canada Border Services Agency and escorted out of the CBP area.

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7) (E)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of SITROOM
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 8:16 PM
To: CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP;CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT
Cc: SITROOM
Subject: RE: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for January 5, 2020

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(b) (7)(E)

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(b) (7)(E)

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Date of Incident: 1/3/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Location: Vancouver B.C.

Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 3:01 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: AS1 Classified Briefings to CHS and HSGAC

Clear copy Sir.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Executive Assistant Commissioner
Operations Support
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 3:59 PM
To: SCHORR, STEPHEN (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: AS1 Classified Briefings to CHS and HSGAC

Additional thoughts - our TPs should include our efforts pre air strike as well as post - address our pre intel efforts as well as targeting rules following the designation of the IRGC as a FTO. Etc.... some general states relating to personnel on the JTTS, etc....

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On Jan 4, 2020, at 3:15 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

In case you're not already aware...

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: January 4, 2020 at 3:12:57 PM EST
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: AS1 Classified Briefings to CHS and HSGAC

Are you tracking this? First I've heard of it...

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 3:09 PM
To: (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: AS1 Classified Briefings to CHS and HSGAC

Colleagues,

As you may know, AS1 will lead classified briefings supported by senior component representatives to the Members of the House Committee on Homeland Security (CHS) and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) on the evening of Tuesday, January 7.

AS1 and Component leads will discuss enduring DHS efforts to protect the homeland and recent efforts as directed by the Acting Secretary to enhance our security posture.

IA, CISA, TSA, CBP, & USSS will participate in support of AS1. Component leads or senior reps will be expected to deliver 5-10 minutes of remarks and be available to address any Member questions we can anticipate.

If you believe your component or a sub-office should be represented please advise ASAP.

We would ask you work with your component lead to draft remarks and have them cleared as appropriate by Monday. It would be good to also begin drafting Q&A now and have those cleared too.

OLA has been assigned as the lead for coordination and prep. I'll be sharing a list of requirements and our tasker with you and others more broadly shortly.

The briefing is expected to be at the TS/SCI level. The briefings are scheduled for no more than 75 minutes.

DHS will only brief on DHS equities and will not discuss matters directly related to any DoD, State Department, or Intelligence Community activities.

Thanks,

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Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 10:07 AM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: 20200104 EAC Daily Operations Report

Commissioner,

Just one last follow up. I spoke with Preclearance DFO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and effectively immediately, (b) (7)(E)

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(b) (7)(E)

Lastly, the (b) (7)(E) will begin to compile a daily report of all refusals (nationwide) with linkages to Iran, and we have reiterated to the field that (b) (7)(E).

Thank you.

Todd C. Owen
Executive Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

On Jan 4, 2020, at 10:09 AM, MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Appreciate it!

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On Jan 4, 2020, at 9:50 AM, Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

wrote:

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On Jan 4, 2020, at 9:45 AM, MORGAN, MARK A

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

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the (b) (7)(E) called?

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On Jan 4, 2020, at 8:24
AM, PEREZ, ROBERT E

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
wrote:

Excellent EAC - thanks,
and great work!

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Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner

U.S. Customs & Border
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On Jan
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From: Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 8:51 AM
To: MORGAN, MARK A
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: 20200104 EAC Daily Operations Report

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Deputy Commissioner

U.S. Customs & Border Protection

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C (EAC OFO)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Deputy, three nice Iran connected
intercepts yesterday, in (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E)
and a really great one from
(b) (7)(E). Just wanted to flag these
for you.

Todd C. Owen

Executive Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Begin forwarded message:

From: OFO-FIELD
LIAISON (b) (7)(E)

Date: January 4, 2020
at 7:40:47 AM EST

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DIRECTORS FIELD OPS
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Subject: 20200104 EAC
Daily Operations
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January 04, 2020

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**Significant Non-
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None

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Summary:

On January 3, 2020,
CBP officers assigned
to the (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) in
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encountered a 32-year
old male (b) (7)(E)
citizen, born in Iran,

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The (b) (7)(E)
(b) (7)(E) was notified
and examination of
the subject was
initiated. (b) (7)(E)

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(b) (7)(E) was created
and (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) As a result,
CBP officers
determined the
subject was
inadmissible to the
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212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of
the INA, with a drop
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to (b) (7)(E) Citizen,
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Summary:

On January 3, 2020,
CBP officers assigned
to the (b) (7)(E)

facility encountered a

53-year old male

(b) (7)(E) citizen,

born in Iran, who

applied for admission

before boarding Air

Canada Jazz flight

(b) (7)(E) to San Diego,

CA. The subject

claimed that he and

his wife were

traveling to San

Diego for one day (b) (7)(E)

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. A (b) (7)(E) exam, including a baggage and a phone inspection, were conducted with the (b) (7)(E) as officers discovered a photo of an identification card indicating that indicated the subject was a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). When asked, the subject admitted to being a member of the IRGC and stated he served in the IRGC from 1990 to 1992 as an engineer. (b) (7)(E)

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the subject was found inadmissible under 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) and allowed to withdraw his application for admission. The subject was turned over to Canada Border Services Agency and escorted out of the CBP area.

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Significant Visits

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 9:35 AM
To: MORGAN, MARK A;PEREZ, ROBERT E
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: 11:45AM TODAY- IRAN BACKGROUND BRIEFING

Gentlemen,

Just FYSA, WH is holding a briefing re: Middle East at 11:45 a.m. this morning. Indicator of a shift in focus in media.

R/S

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 10:16 AM
Subject: 11:45AM TODAY- IRAN BACKGROUND BRIEFING

All –

We will be hosting a background briefing call with a senior Admin official at 11:45AM TODAY to discuss national security.

This email is for planning purposes and non-reportable.

Link to RSVP here: [REDACTED]

Warmest Regards,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: AS2KTC (b) (7)(E) >
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:02 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A;AS1CFW
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

(b) (5)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:50:00 PM
To: AS1CFW (b) (7)(E) gov>; AS2KTC (b) (7)(E)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

We're on this. He is the truth:

- Approximately 180 Iranian-American subjects were encountered within the Seattle Field Office on 1/4/2020.
- The duration of an inspection ranged between 2-4 hours and released (into the U.S.); none were held longer.
- These times were attributed to minimal CBP staffing on the evening shift, holiday traffic wait times (2-hours), officers available for interviews and any appropriate vetting.

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Date: January 5, 2020 at 1:38:32 PM EST
Subject: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:46 PM
To: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO)
Subject: Re: Tweet On Report CBP to Detain All Iranians Entering the Country

Yes, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is contacting (b) (6) now.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(A) Chief of Staff, CBP
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: MORGAN, MARK A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:44:53 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: PEREZ, ROBERT E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Owen, Todd C (EAC OFO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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FYSA.

As I understand it, the wait times were due to low holiday staffing, volume, and backlog issues. And no one was held more than four hours. Is this correct?

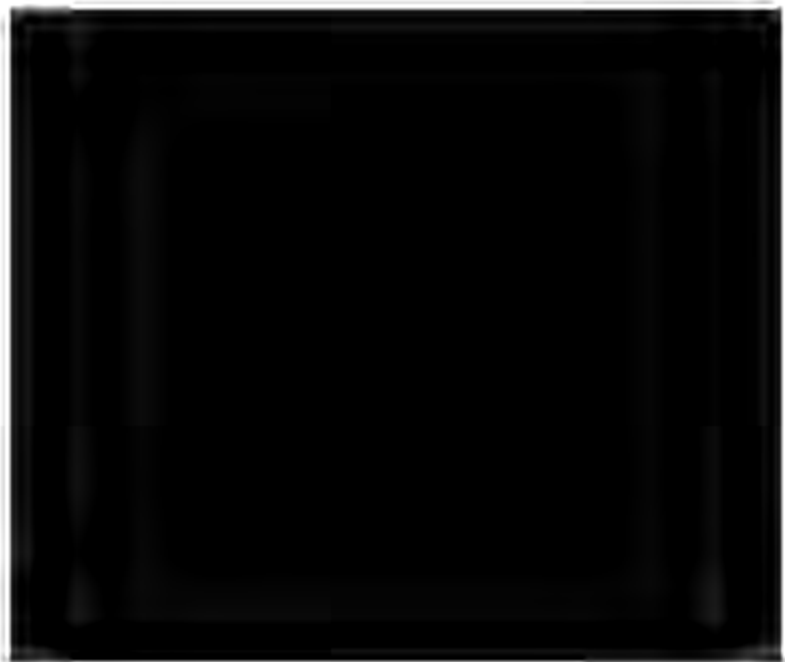
Please start thinking how we will respond to counter this false information.

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