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**Homeland
Security**

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

November 27, 2019

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Re: 2017-HQFO-01248

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated August 17, 2017, and received by this office on August 17, 2017. You are seeking emails that includes the word HATE from Katharine Gorka during the time period from January 21, 2017 to August 17, 2017.

A search of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) or documents responsive to your request produced a total of 122 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 20 pages of the records are releasable in their entirety, 85 pages are partially releasable, and 17 pages are withheld in their entirety pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552: (b)(5) and (b)(6), FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.

Enclosed are 105 pages with certain information withheld as described below.

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those inter- or intra-agency documents that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context. The three most frequently invoked privileges are the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and the attorney-client privilege. After carefully reviewing the responsive documents, I determined that portions of the responsive documents qualify for protection under the

- **Deliberative Process Privilege**

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FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

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Sincerely,

Maura Busch

Maura Busch
FOIA Program Specialist

Enclosure(s): Responsive Documents, 105 pages

From:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6) (b)(6)
To:	"Barsa, John (b)(6) (b)(6) "Kendall, Sarah (b)(6) (b)(6) "Gersten, David (b)(6) (b)(6) "Selim, George (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: starting point
Date:	2017/02/22 13:16:22
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hold up! I misunderstand something from John...I am doing a quick fix and resending in 5 minutes

Katharine C. Gorka
Advisor
Department of Homeland Security
Tel (b)(6)
(b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
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Katie and I are finishing up adding the options. Apologies for the delay. Stand by

John Barsa
DHS Transition Team
(b)(6) (cell)
(b)(6) (office)

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
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Is this what I need to start from? Where is the team's last proposed version? Sarah

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From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:29:27 AM
To: Selim, George; Gorka, Katie; Barsa, John; Gersten, David
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Sarah

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Dear George,

I only made some very small changes in language—stylistic or grammatical, not substantive.

John and I have discussed this further and we both agree on advising that all grants roll out (b)(5)

(b)(5)

I think the memo should reflect that consensus, but I would like the pros and cons to be listed as well just so Sec. Kelly is clear on what may be coming down the road.

Katuie

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Subject:	RE: starting point
Date:	2017/02/22 13:06:49
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Dear George,

Here is the next version. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

I have written a consensus view yet because I'm not sure if this is your position as well.

Sara, George is going to review then send to you.

Katie

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Subject:	RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo
Date:	2017/02/16 09:22:59
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

11:00 works for me

Katharine C. Gorka
Advisor, Office of Intelligence and Analysis
Department of Homeland Security

Tel (b)(6)
(b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

Katie? Thanks

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Selim, George (h)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

I may have to pass. I have a off site lunch I may or may not be able to get out of.

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:26:06 AM
To: Swartz, Neal; Selim, George; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

David and Neal are in.

Katie and John does that work?

S

From: Swartz, Neal
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:18:38 AM
To: Kendall, Sarah; Selim, George; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

11 works.

Thanks,
Nea

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From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:17:29 AM
To: Selim, George; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Swartz, Neal; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

Yes.

Can john and Katie and Neal do 11?

We are cutting it close.

S

From: Selim, George
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:13:01 AM
To: Kendall, Sarah; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Swartz, Neal; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

I'll be in meeting 10-11am, can we do 11am?

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:07:16 AM
To: Selim, George; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Swartz, Neal; Gersten, David
Subject: Meeting this morning to finalize memo

All,

We need to resolve these issues today before Alan sets a meeting.

Can I set a conference call or meeting today at 10 am?

Alan will likely want to meet this afternoon.

Thank you.

From: Selim, George
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:36:16 PM
To: Kendall, Sarah; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Swartz, Neal; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Sarah, your work on this has been outstanding, thank you.

(b)(5)

Sarah, sorry, back to you-

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Kendall, Sarah

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:21 PM

To: Selim, George <george.selim@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Thank you.

Also my thanks to (b)(6) for helping with my earlier question on the trump quote and to John for working on a different approach so that counsel would be able to take that concern off their list.

(b)(6)

From: Selim, George
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Yes. Working to get you back something now, need another 15min.

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Hi All,

Clock is ticking. Do any of you have any objection to the attached documents? We need to get these to Exec Sec shortly. Thanks Sarah

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Hi folks – I've done my best. Here it is for flash clearance which I will then lob over to OCP to place in a memo format selim memo to S1 per (b)(6) instruction. NUCLEAR ISSUE only please. It is due to (b)(6) at 5 pm.

Pasted for those on mobile, see below:

Secretary's Decision Paper

(b)(5)

Counselor
Office of the Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Office (b)(6)

Cell (b)(6)

Donald Trump's Speech, August 15, 2016. <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/08/donald-trump-terrorism-speech-227025>

Strategic Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to prevent Violent Extremism in the United States, The White House, October 2016, p. 3.

US National Counterterrorism Center, *Counterterrorism Digest*, August 18-24, 2016, p. 3.

Before the recipients were communicated to Congress, the Appropriations Committees reaffirmed their support for CVE grant funding for \$10-50 million in the House and \$50 million in the Senate for FY17. In their appropriation bills the House provided \$50 million for two programs, the CVE program and one that deals with preparing first responder to respond to terrorist attacks. Their report language was unclear if the current division of \$10 million for CVE and \$40 million for the other program should stand, or if the funds would allow the Secretary discretion to divide as needed. The Senate provided \$50 for CVE grants alone. Currently DHS have no visibility into conference negotiations that would provide clarity on the discrepancy between House and Senate.

Homeland Security Act of 2002 Sec. 101(b)(1) and (2) P.L. 107-296

Sender:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6) (b)(6)	
Recipient:	"Kendall, Sarah (h)(6) (h)(6)	
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	Sent Date:	2017/02/16 09:22:58
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From:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
To:	"Barsa, John (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: grant issue
Date:	2017/05/26 14:13:32
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

John,

I just talked to Neal and his colleague (b)(6) who he has working on this. We have enough material on Life After hate but are coming up short on MPAC. I thought the Congressional letter might be helpful. Do you have an electronic copy you can send me?

Katie

Katharine C. Gorka
Senior Advisor
Department of Homeland Security
NAC 17 03-316
Tel: (b)(6)
Cell:
(b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Maher, Joseph (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: grant issue

Neal,

I'm trying to capture the eloquence Katie and I heard in your office reading this topic a month or so ago. Here is my first draft. Any thoughts or suggested edits?

All the best,

John

(b)(5)

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From: Taylor, Miles

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 10:32 AM

To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Maher, Joseph (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

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Thanks John. Please do. M

Miles Taylor
Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
M: (b)(6)

From: Barsa, John

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:44:56 AM

To: Maher, Joseph; Taylor, Miles

Cc: Swartz, Neal; Gorka, Katie

Subject: RE: grant issue

+ Katie

Thank you Joe,

I think I know what this language needs to look like and will have a draft to you for review by COB today.

All the best,

John

Katie, can you call me?

From: Maher, Joseph
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
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Sorry for the delay!

(b)(5)

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Hope this helps, and glad to talk at your convenience if you'd like.

Joe

From: Taylor, Miles
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Hi Joe! I would. We just got into New York, though. Any way you could email me the BLUF on the legal

(b)(5)

M

Miles Taylor
Counselor to the Secretary
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From: Maher, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: grant issue

Miles – you’re probably down at RRB today, but if you’d like to talk about the grant issue we recently discussed, feel free to give me a call.

Joe

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Sent Date:	2017/05/26 14:13:31
Delivered Date:	2017/05/26 14:13:32

From:	Selim, George (b)(6)
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To:	"Gorka, Katie (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
CC:	"Barsa, John (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: starting point
Date:	2017/02/22 15:24:37
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Thanks, just spoke to John who will make the edit. Sorry, I misunderstood the recommendation earlier.

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: starting point

Hi all! This looks good, but I have one important clarification. (b)(5)
(b)(5) Katie

From: Selim, George
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:14:55 PM
To: Gorka, Katie; Barsa, John; Kendall, Sarah; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: starting point

Katie, thanks. This is great.

A few minor tweaks in the body and some edits to the options.

John if you want to add anything back to you-

Sarah, OCP and Katie Gorka are good to go-

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: starting point

Dear All, here it is. (b)(5)
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Katie

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Subject: RE: starting point

Katie and I are finishing up adding the options. Apologies for the delay. Stand by

John Barsa
DHS Transition Team
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From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: starting point

Is this what I need to start from? Where is the team's last proposed version? Sarah

From: Gersten, David
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: starting point

I believe this is the version Katie and George are working from now.

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:29:27 AM
To: Selim, George; Gorka, Katie; Barsa, John; Gersten, David
Cc: Kendall, Sarah
Subject: RE: starting point

Guys – Sorry but I've lost the bubble. Can George please send me the version I am to start looking at now so that I can start working on the memo now? I need to start now if we are to meet the review and reclear commitment made to (b)(6) for today.

Many thanks to all and apologies to any that I'm squeezing.

Sarah

From: Selim, George
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: starting point

Katie, thanks. Good to go, as discussed just now I'd welcome your first chop on options and will review 12noon-1pm today.

Almost there!

From: Gorka, Katie
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Subject: RE: starting point

Dear George,

I only made some very small changes in language—stylistic or grammatical, not substantive.

John and I have discussed this further and we both agree on advising that all grants roll out (except potentially Life After Hate, if we have legitimate legal grounds for holding that—I am waiting for one of the lawyers to get back to me on that).

I think the memo should reflect that consensus, but I would like the pros and cons to be listed as well just so Sec. Kelly is clear on what may be coming down the road.

Katue

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From: Selim, George
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:49 PM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: starting point

Yep, agree. We'll work through that and I'm open to tweaks on what I sent as needed, just wanted a starting point.

Katie, sound good?

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: starting point

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I'm not sure of the mechanics of how the Secretary chooses one option over another but that is a minor technical point.

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Cc: Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: starting point

Greetings,

See the attached memo and appendix for a starting point to offer Sarah. Welcome your feedback-

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Sent Date:	2017/02/22 15:24:37

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To:	"Taylor, Miles (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: CVE grants
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To: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: FW: CVE grants

Close hold: do you have any initial thoughts re. the below?

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From: Temp, Kirstjen
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Temp, Jonathan (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Neumann, Elizabeth (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: FW: CVE grants

Miles

Pls see below. Could you get me an initial response by 2:00 Mexico time?
Thanks!

From: Temp, Zachary
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 7:46 AM
To: Temp, Kirstjen (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Nielsen, Kirstjen (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: CVE grants

Good Morning Ma'am,

S1 is reading the clips and asked to have the staff start thinking about any organizations that meet the same "do they work" criteria for CVE grants (specifically, organizations that counter hate-groups," excluding life after hate).

See you this afternoon!

Sender:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Recipient:	"Taylor, Miles (b)(6)
	(b)(6)

Sent Date:	2017/07/06 12:10:15
Delivered Date:	2017/07/06 12:10:16

From:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6)
To:	"DiNanno, Thomas (b)(6) (b)(6)"; "Barsa, John (b)(6) (b)(6)"
Subject:	RE: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar
Date:	2017/07/25 15:56:06
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Don't despair! You can't believe all the good things that are happening right now!

Just think of the Wicked Witch of the East dissolving into a puddle, crying "I'm melting! I'm melting!"

Trust me, it's melting!

K.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

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Sent from my iFEMA mobile device.

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:19:49 PM
To: Gorka, Katie; DiNanno, Thomas
Subject: FW: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

From: Lainez, Eileen

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:11:03 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Just spoke with DHS OPA. They said invitations for a CVE webinar were sent to folks who were not funded as well. And included all addressees on the To line. See below for more information. Shared with (b)(6)

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From: Martinez, Lucia

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:57 PM

To: Lainez, Eileen (b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Hi Eileen,

Here is the email chain on the CVE webinar mistake. This webinar was suspended for now. Thanks!

Lucy Martinez
DHS Public Affairs

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:52 PM

To: Martinez, Lucia (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Lucy,

Per our conversation, see the email traffic below. In addition to the POCs for our 26 recipients which we sent to FEMA on Thursday and re-approved again today, FEMA also included emails for the 7 organizations who were announced to be selected in January but will not be receiving an award and the 4 who announced their intention to decline:

1. • 1. Music in Common
2. • 2. Coptic Orthodox Charities
3. • 3. Muslim Public Affairs Council Foundation
4. • 4. Life After Hate Inc.
5. • 5. UNC Chapel Hill
6. • 6. Project Help Nevada
7. • 7. Muslim American leadership Alliance

1. Ka Joog

2. LAHC
3. Unity Productions Foundation
4. Bayan Claremont School of Theology

Let me know if you need anything else.

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:37 PM

To: FEMA-GMD-RCO (b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov>; (b)(6)@dhs.gov

Cc: (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Dear Ms. Bean, FEMA, and DHS,

In light of the fact that you recently stripped Music in Common of the \$159,000 grant that was originally awarded to us in January, kindly remove us from your list.

Thank you,

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Executive Director

Music In Common, Inc.

PO Box 1190

Sheffield, MA 01257

<http://musicincommon.org>

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On Jul 25, 2017, at 1:21 PM, FEMA-GMD-RCO (b)(6)

(b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov> wrote:

****Sent on behalf of Bridget Bean, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs, DHS/FEMA****

Good afternoon all,

FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) will be hosting a "Grants-101" webinar for recipients of our Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Countering Violent Extremism awards. The webinar will focus on both programmatic and financial management highlights, and will allow time for questions and answers.

DATE: Thursday, July 27, 2017
TIME: 2:00 pm – 4:00pm EDT
CONFERENCE BRIDGE: 1-800-320-4330, PIN 699858
Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r4ljgjar57/>

For questions, please don't hesitate to contact your Program Manager and/or Grants Management Specialist at ASKCSID@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.

Thank you.

<Mail Attachment.ics>

Sender:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6) (b)(6)
Recipient:	"DiNanno, Thomas (b)(6) (b)(6) "Barsa, John (b)(6) (b)(6)
Sent Date:	2017/07/25 15:56:05
Delivered Date:	2017/07/25 15:56:06

From:	Gorka, Katie (h)(6) (b)(6)
To:	"Brown, Michael (h)(6) (h)(6)
Subject:	Automatic reply: Life After Hate/CVE
Date:	2017/08/14 17:10:57
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note.Rules.OofTemplate.Microsoft

I am currently out of the office, however I do check emails regularly so I will get back to you shortly.

Sender:	Gorka, Katie (h)(6) (h)(6)
Recipient:	"Brown, Michael (b)(6) (h)(6)
Sent Date:	2017/08/14 17:10:57

From:	Gorka, Katie (b)(6) (h)(6)
To:	"Taylor, Miles (b)(6) (h)(6) "Barsa, John (b)(6) (h)(6) "Maher, Joseph (h)(6) (h)(6) "Swartz, Neal (h)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: grant issue
Date:	2017/05/26 18:55:47
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Works for me!

From: Taylor, Miles
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 6:02:33 PM
To: Gorka, Katie; Barsa, John; Maher, Joseph; Swartz, Neal
Subject: RE: grant issue

Just sent an email. Let's sync on Tuesday at 130pm. Hope that works for everyone. Let me know if it doesn't.

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Maher, Joseph (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Swartz, Neal (h)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: grant issue

Dear Neal,

Here are my notes on Life After Hate.

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Neal,

I'm trying to capture the eloquence Katie and I heard in your office reading this topic a month or so ago. Here is my first draft. Any thoughts or suggested edits?

All the best,

John

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[Redacted content]

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Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Maher, Joseph (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Cc: Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: grant issue

Thanks John. Please do. M

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From: Barsa, John
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:44:56 AM
To: Maher, Joseph; Taylor, Miles
Cc: Swartz, Neal; Gorka, Katie
Subject: RE: grant issue

+ Katie

Thank you Joe,

I think I know what this language needs to look like and will have a draft to you for review by COB today.

All the best,

John

Katie, can you call me?

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To: Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: grant issue

Sorry for the delay!

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Hope this helps, and glad to talk at your convenience if you'd like.

Joe

From: Taylor, Miles
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Maher, Joseph (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: grant issue

Hi Joe! I would. We just got into New York, though. Any way you could email me the BLUF on

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June 23, 2017

Contact: DHS Press Office, 202-282-8010

DHS AWARDS GRANTS TO COUNTER TERRORIST RECRUITMENT AND RADICALIZATION IN U.S.

WASHINGTON— Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the award recipients for the congressionally established Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Grant Program. These grants support community-led initiatives across the country to combat all forms of violent extremism, including the rising threat from Islamist terrorism.

“We are witnessing a global surge in terrorist activity, and in many ways our own backyard has become the battleground,” **said Secretary of Homeland Security John F. Kelly.** “That is why DHS is focused on stepping up efforts to counter terrorist recruitment and radicalization, including through close collaboration with state and local partners. Shortly after starting at DHS, I requested a thorough policy review of the CVE Grant Program to ensure taxpayer dollars go to programs with the highest likelihood of success, that support the men and women on the front lines of this fight, and that can be self-sustaining into the future. We will closely monitor these efforts to identify and amplify promising approaches to prevent terrorism.”

DHS awarded \$10 million to 26 local law enforcement and community organizations. A list of the grant recipients can be found here: <https://www.dhs.gov/cvegrants>

The Department’s efforts to partner with communities are a part of its terrorism prevention mission. These grants will help communities identify and counter terrorist recruitment and radicalization, including deterring individuals before they engage in criminal behavior or terrorist plotting. Among other activities, these DHS investments will help foster counter narratives to push back against terrorist messaging and will assist local law enforcement in building the trust needed to intervene in time to keep young people from going down the path toward violence.

The grant program was created by Congress in December 2015, and it will be executed by the DHS Office for Community Partnerships, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will ensure the public funds are used appropriately.

For more information on the CVE Grant Program, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/countering-violent-extremism>.

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Subject:	CVE grants
Date:	2017/05/22 10:16:16
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Dear Kirstjen,

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Please feel free to disregard these concerns, but I just wanted to make sure you were aware of them.

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Sent Date:	2017/05/22 10:16:15
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To: Kirstjen Nielsen
From: Katie Gorka
Date: May 22, 2017
Re: Revised List of Proposed CVE Grantees

George Selim has submitted a revised list of proposed grantees for the \$10 million in CVE grants. Below is a brief analysis of the new list along with some key issues:

The initial list proposed 31 grantees, 4 of whom withdrew themselves, for a total of 27 grantees.

The new list is composed of 26 grantees, 21 of which were on the first list, and 5 are new. The new grantees are as follows:

- Seattle Police Department
- Nashville International Center for Empowerment
- Hennepin County Sheriff's office
- National Governors Association Center for Best Practices
- Alameda County Sheriff's office

(Note: While the Research Triangle Institute is listed as a new grantee, in fact their grant is to provide support to Life After Hate, which was one of the original grantees.)

Issues and Concerns:

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To:	"Gorka, Katie (b)(6)	
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Date:	2017/07/06 14:03:04	
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No worries. I think I may have a few.

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From: Taylor, Miles

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:51 AM

To: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: FW: CVE grants

Close hold: do you have any initial thoughts re. the below?

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From: Temp, Kirstjen

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:12 AM

To: Temp, Jonathan (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Cc: Neumann, Elizabeth (b)(6) [redacted]@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: FW: CVE grants

Miles

Pls see below. Could you get me an initial response by 2:00 Mexico time?

Thanks!

From: Temp, Zachary

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 7:46 AM

To: Temp, Kirstjen (b)(6) [redacted]@hq.dhs.gov>

Cc: Nielsen, Kirstjen (b)(6) [redacted]@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: CVE grants

Good Morning Ma'am,

S1 is reading the clips and asked to have the staff start thinking about any organizations that meet the same "do they work" criteria for CVE grants (specifically, organizations that counter hate-groups," excluding life after hate).

See you this afternoon!

Sender:	Taylor, Miles (b)(6)	
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Recipient:	"Gorka, Katie" (b)(6)	
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Sent Date:	2017/07/06 14:03:03	
Delivered Date:	2017/07/06 14:03:04	

From:	Gersten, David (b)(6)
To:	"Gorka, Katie (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
CC:	"Picarelli, John (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Life After Hate/CVE
Date:	2017/08/14 17:49:35
Priority:	Normal
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Katie,

I suggest we have a quick chat about this. I'm free at 6:30 by phone (b)(6)

Thanks,

David

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 5:15:14 PM
To: (b)(6) Gersten, David
Cc: Picarelli, John; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

Thanks (b)(6) these look good to me. (b)(5)

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Katie

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 5:10:55 PM
To: Gersten, David; Gorka, Katie
Cc: Picarelli, John; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

Thanks David ---

Hi Katie --- Attached is the full set of responses to the questions below.

Best, (b)(6)

From: Gersten, David
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 5:07 PM
To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Picarelli, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov; (b)(6)
(b)(6)@associates.hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

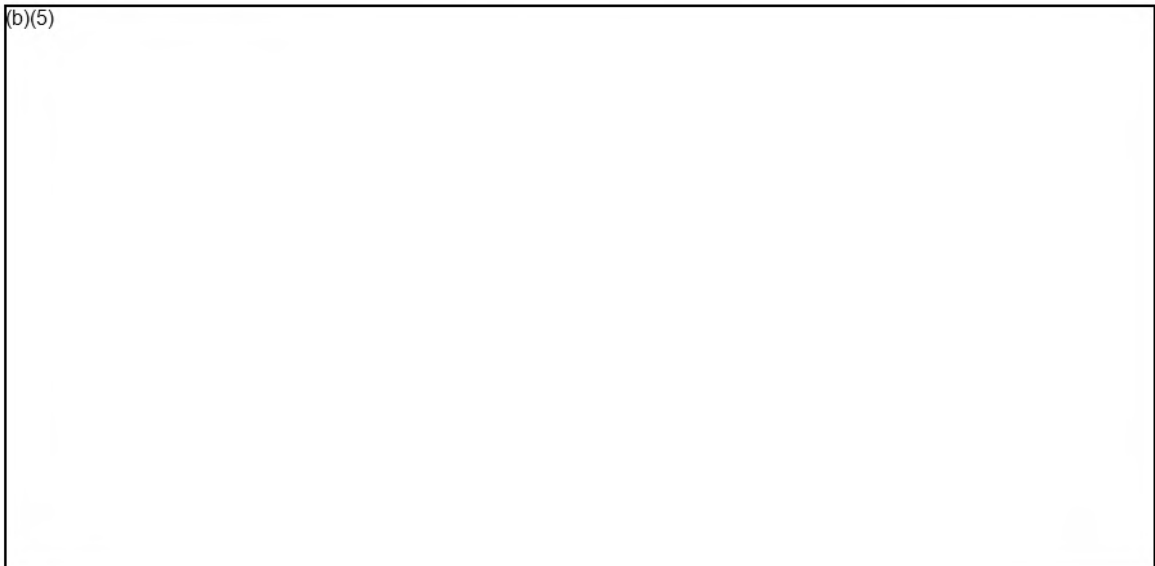
These seem fine to me. Adding Katie though.

David Gersten
Acting Director, DHS-OCP
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@dhs.gov

From: Brown, Michael
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Cc: Picarelli, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov; (b)(6)
(b)(6)@associates.hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

Hi David --- For your clearance, updated Word document attached includes two new questions received this afternoon:

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Associate Director, Office for Community Partnerships
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:18 PM
To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov; Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

Received, will reply soonest ---

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Associate Director, Office for Community Partnerships
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Franko, Anna
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>; (b)(6)
(b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

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+Michael

From: (b)(6)@huffpost.com
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:02 PM
To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov
Subject: Re: Life After Hate/CVE

Hi (b)(6)

Two more questions --

I was told that Katharine Gorka was one of two people who met with George Selim during the transition and said she envisioned changes to the CVE program.

I was also told that in January, Sec. Kelly's office told the CVE office that there would be a review of the CVE program, and the groups that were announced as awardees in January would be reverted.

Can you confirm?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 12:32 PM, Jessica Schulberg

(b)(6)@huffpost.com> wrote:

Thanks (b)(6) I'm planning to publish around 5pm today, so before then would be great.

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 12:01 PM, (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov> wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

Thank you for your inquiry. We are working on this and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:05 AM
To: (b)(6)@huffpost.com>
Cc: Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Life After Hate/CVE

Hi (b)(6)

I've moved back over to focus on cyber and infrastructure issues. Adding my colleagues who can help with CVE questions.

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From: (b)(6)@huffpost.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:04 AM
To: (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: Life After Hate/CVE

Hi (b)(6)

Why was Life After Hate not given any CVE grant funding when the grant program was restarted earlier this year? Correct me if I'm wrong, but it does not

appear that DHS is funding any groups that specifically work to counter white nationalist ideology -- is that because DHS does not believe white nationalism poses an extremist threat?

Thanks,

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From:	(b)(6)	(b)(6)
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	"Barsa, John	(b)(6)
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To:	"Kendall, Sarah	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
	"Selim, George	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
	"Gorka, Katie	(b)(6)
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Team, we will reconvene and finalize on Tuesday. Agree, if we are 99%, then getting it done in a manner suitable for the Secretary's decision is achievable.

Thank you all for your hard work on this important project.

Enjoy your weekends.

Best, (b)(6)

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Thank you Sarah. I saw that an email came in while I was finishing mine, but didn't read it before I hit "send."

I understand that it is (b)(6) guidance that we can stand down and enjoy the weekend. I still contend that at this point, based upon the extensive work that we have done jointly, this project is 99% finished. Therefore, we could be done with the memo in an hour – and get it to Kirstjen in the timeframe she desired.

That said, I'll "stand down".

Have a nice weekend.

John Barsa
DHS Transition Team
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(b)(6) (office)

From: Kendall, Sarah

Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 8:55 AM

To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Selim, George

(b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

I have spoken with (b)(6) and that was the guidance.

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From: Barsa, John

Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 8:46:06 AM

To: (b)(6) Selim, George

Cc: Gorka, Katie; Kendall, Sarah

Subject: FW: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

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So again, I see this decision memo as just about done.

(b)(1) what is your guidance?

John

John Barsa

DHS Transition Team

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(b)(6) (office)

From: Selim, George

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 11:35 PM

To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

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That said, I tried to give you something to work with in the draft attached in the event you want to try to shape this.

From: Barsa, John

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 11:02 PM

To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

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From: Selim, George

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 10:25:41 PM

To: Barsa, John
Cc: Gorka, Katie; Kendall, Sarah
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Got it. I'm not crazy about these options which is my principal objection, but I understand your reason in asking for them.

That said, I'll try to make the changes but I'd ask that the memo is from you and Katie to the Secretary, not me.

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 10:03 PM
To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

I do think a sentence or two reflecting the reality of the grant city developments is needed. I'm aware of the end result but don't understand the details enough to volunteer to take a stab at a draft. Can you?

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And with each one pros and cons and just a paren with (OCP supports) or (Basra / Gorka supports)

I think that is it and that each of those options has pros and cons that exist in other versions.

And of course we strike the portions discussing funds because that is OBE.

Thoughts?

From: Selim, George
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 9:56:24 PM
To: Barsa, John
Cc: Gorka, Katie; Kendall, Sarah
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Copy, thanks John. Good to go on the body, fully agree, how do you propose we streamline the options?

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 9:39 PM
To: Selim, George <george.selim@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Cc: Gorka, Katie <katie.gorka@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah <sarah.kendall@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: FW: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

George,

Katie and I spoke. This version which you had previously accepted (this is the version after you took out some of our grant examples) works for us. We can keep that body and just clean up the option portion to reflect the updates re the sanctuary cities and add an option of just withholding the funds from MPAC. (I think we had pro and con language on that one in a previous version) This is 90% done.

Thoughts?

John

John Barsa
DHS Transition Team
(b)(6) (cell)
(b)(6) (office)

From: Kendall, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:43 PM
To: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: FW: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Friends,

What would you like to do. Despite his late timing blowing up my high hopes for timely delivery for this to ESEC, he does appear to have a point.

Please advise? Thanks.

From: Selim, George
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:36:16 PM
To: Kendall, Sarah; Grannis, David; Barsa, John; Gorka, Katie; Swartz, Neal; Gersten, David
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Sarah, your work on this has been outstanding, thank you.

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On the other hand, if John and Katie insist that such information must remain then I'd proposed the information below be inserted. The problem is that it makes the memo much longer.

Sarah, sorry, back to you-

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From: Kendall, Sarah

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:21 PM

To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Thank you.

Also my thanks to Neal for helping with my earlier question on the trump quote and to John for working on a different approach so that counsel would be able to take that concern off their list.

Sarah

From: Selim, George

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:11 PM

To: Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Yes. Working to get you back something now, need another 15min.

From: Kendall, Sarah

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:11 PM

To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

Hi All,

Clock is ticking. Do any of you have any objection to the attached documents? We need to get these to Exec Sec shortly. Thanks Sarah

From: Kendall, Sarah

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:33 PM

To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Grannis, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Kendall, Sarah (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gersten, David (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Subject: FLASH CLEARANCE - I WANT NUCLEAR OBJECTIONS ONLY

HI folks – I've done my best. Here it is for flash clearance which I will then lob over to OCP to place in a memo format selim memo to S1 per Alan's instruction. NUCLEAR ISSUE only please. It is due to Alan at 5 pm.

Pasted for those on mobile, see below:

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committed and law enforcement is unable to take action, having alternative avenues to deal with the radicalization is paramount to preventing terrorism

Counselor
Office of the Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Office (b)(6)
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Donald Trump's Speech, August 15, 2016. <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/08/donald-trump-terrorism-speech-227025>

Strategic Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to prevent Violent Extremism in the United States, The White House, October 2016, p. 3.

US National Counterterrorism Center, *Counterterrorism Digest*, August 18-24, 2016, p. 3.

Before the recipients were communicated to Congress, the Appropriations Committees reaffirmed their support for CVE grant funding for \$10-50 million in the House and \$50 million in the Senate for FY17. In their appropriation bills the House provided \$50 million for two programs, the CVE program and one that deals with preparing first responder to respond to terrorist attacks. Their report language was unclear if the current division of \$10 million for CVE and \$40 million for the other program should stand, or if the funds would allow the Secretary discretion to divide as needed. The Senate provided \$50 for CVE grants alone. Currently DHS have no visibility into conference negotiations that would provide clarity on the discrepancy between House and Senate.

Homeland Security Act of 2002 Sec. 101(b)(1) and (2) P.L. 107-296

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Sent Date:	2017/02/18 09:53:52
	Delivered Date: 2017/02/18 09:53:54

From:	Barsa, John (b)(6)
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To:	(b)(6)
	"Gorka, Katie (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources
Date:	2017/02/02 14:54:02
Priority:	Normal
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Will do.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 2:53:19 PM
To: Gorka, Katie; Barsa, John
Subject: RE: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

Here's what we settled on – do you want to send back to the group?

“As with any incoming administration, DHS is reviewing the grant disbursal process.”

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:16 PM
To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

Thanks (b) John and I have a quick meeting as well then we will come to you.

All best!

Katie

Katharine C. Gorka
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

I have a brief mtg at 2:15 and can talk right after. Should I come to you? Let me know where.

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:50 PM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

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Katie and I swung by your office and we were told you were in a meeting. Please let us know when you are free and we can meet you to finalize RTQs.

John

John Barsa
DHS Transition Team
(b)(6) (cell)
(b)(6) (office)

From: Nielsen, Kirstjen
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:16 PM
To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Cissna, Tiffany (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Gorka, Katie (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Wuco, Frank (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Hamilton, Gene (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

John/ Katie
Could you please develop a draft?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Nielsen, Kirstjen (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Cissna, Tiffany (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: Reuters: Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

We're getting additional press inquiries on this as well. We haven't commented for obvious reasons but I do recommend that we develop a general RTQ about reviewing this program to ensure its effectiveness.

Thu Feb 2, 2017 | 10:51 AM EST

Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources

By Julia Edwards Ainsley, Dustin Volz and Kristina Cooke | WASHINGTON/SAN FRANCISCO

The Trump administration wants to revamp and rename a U.S. government program designed to counter all violent ideologies so that it focuses solely on Islamist extremism, five people briefed on the matter told Reuters.

The program, "Countering Violent Extremism," or CVE, would be changed to "Countering Islamic Extremism" or "Countering Radical Islamic Extremism," the sources said, and would no longer target groups such as white supremacists who have also carried out bombings and shootings in the United States.

Such a change would reflect Trump's election campaign rhetoric and criticism of former President Barack Obama for being weak in the fight against Islamic State and for refusing to use the phrase "radical Islam" in describing it. Islamic State has claimed responsibility for attacks on civilians in several countries.

The CVE program aims to deter groups or potential lone attackers through community partnerships and educational programs or counter-messaging campaigns in cooperation with companies such as Google (GOOGL.O) and Facebook (FB.O).

Some proponents of the program fear that rebranding it could make it more difficult for the government to work with Muslims already hesitant to trust the new administration, particularly after Trump issued an executive order last Friday temporarily blocking travel to the United States from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

Still, the CVE program, which focuses on U.S. residents and is separate from a military effort to fight extremism online, has been criticized even by some supporters as ineffective.

A source who has worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the program said Trump transition team members first met with a CVE task force in December and floated the idea of changing the name and focus.

In a meeting last Thursday attended by senior staff for DHS Secretary John Kelly, government employees were asked to defend why they chose certain community organizations as recipients of CVE program grants, said the source, who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the discussions.

Although CVE funding has been appropriated by Congress and the grant recipients were notified in the final days of the Obama administration, the money still may not go out the door, the source said, adding that Kelly is reviewing the matter.

The department declined comment. The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Some Republicans in Congress have long assailed the program as politically correct and ineffective, asserting that singling out and using the term "radical Islam" as the trigger for many violent attacks would help focus deterrence efforts.

Others counter that branding the problem as "radical Islam" would only serve to alienate more than three million Americans who practice Islam peacefully.

Many community groups, meanwhile, had already been cautious about the program, partly over concerns that it could double as a surveillance tool for law enforcement.

Hoda Hawa, director of policy for the Muslim Public Affairs Council, said she was told last week by people within DHS that there was a push to refocus the CVE effort from tackling all violent ideology to only Islamist extremism.

"That is concerning for us because they are targeting a faith group and casting it under a net of suspicion," she said.

Another source familiar with the matter was told last week by a DHS official that a name change would take place. Three other sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said such plans had been discussed but were unable to attest whether they had been finalized.

The Obama administration sought to foster relationships with community groups to engage them in the counterterrorism effort. In 2016, Congress appropriated \$10 million in grants for CVE efforts and DHS awarded the first round of grants on Jan. 13, a week before Trump was inaugurated.

Among those approved were local governments, city police departments, universities and non-profit organizations. In addition to organizations dedicated to combating Islamic State's recruitment in the United States, grants also went to Life After Hate, which rehabilitates former neo-Nazis and other domestic extremists.

Just in the past two years, authorities blamed radical and violent ideologies as the motives for a white supremacist's shooting rampage inside a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina and Islamist militants for shootings and bombings in California, Florida and New York.

One grant recipient, Leaders Advancing & Helping Communities, a Michigan-based group led by Lebanese-Americans, has declined a \$500,000 DHS grant it had sought, according to an email the group sent that was seen by Reuters. A representative for the group confirmed the grant had been rejected but declined further comment.

"Given the current political climate and cause for concern, LAHC has chosen to decline the award," said the email, which was sent last Thursday, a day before Trump issued his immigration order, which was condemned at home and abroad as discriminating against Muslims while the White House said it was to "to protect the American people from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals."

(Reporting by Julia Edwards and Dustin Volz in Washington, Kristina Cooke in San Francisco; Additional reporting by Mark Hosenball in Washington; editing by Jonathan Weber and Grant McCool)

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CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Attorney-Client Privileged CVEGP Justifications
Date:	2017/06/05 17:33:05
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We will discuss tomorrow. Will send you invite.

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Miles Taylor

Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
M: (b)(6)

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Taylor, Miles (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Barsa, John (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>; Swartz, Neal (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney-Client Privileged CVEGP Justifications

Dear Miles,

Do we have a decision?

Katie

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From: Taylor, Miles
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Subject: RE: Attorney-Client Privileged CVEGP Justifications

Thanks all. I will discuss with COS. M

Miles Taylor
Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Ditto

From: Gorka, Katie
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Katie

From: Swartz, Neal
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:32:41 AM
To: Taylor, Miles; Gorka, Katie; Barsa, John
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Subject: Attorney-Client Privileged CVEGP Justifications

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Thank you,

Neal

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:55:04 PM
To: DiNanno, Thomas; Gorka, Katie
Subject: RE: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

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From: DiNanno, Thomas (b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:54 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:19:49 PM
To: Gorka, Katie; DiNanno, Thomas
Subject: FW: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

From: Lainez, Eileen
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:11:03 PM
To: Tennyson, Stephanie; Travis, Alexandra; Kittrie, Zachary; Nalepa, Jessica; Armeni, Damon; Crager, Patricia Lea; Glenn, Robert; Nadeau, Robert; Killian, Adam

Cc: Booher, William

Subject: Heads Up: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Just spoke with DHS OPA. They said invitations for a CVE webinar were sent to folks who were not funded as well. And included all addressees on the To line. See below for more information. Shared with Bridget Bean.

From: Martinez, Lucia

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:57 PM

To: Lainez, Eileen (b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Hi Eileen,

Here is the email chain on the CVE webinar mistake. This webinar was suspended for now. Thanks!

Lucy Martinez
DHS Public Affairs

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From: O'Leary, David

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:52 PM

To: Martinez, Lucia (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Lucy,

Per our conversation, see the email traffic below. In addition to the POCs for our 26 recipients which we sent to FEMA on Thursday and re-approved again today, FEMA also included emails for the 7 organizations who were announced to be selected in January but will not be receiving an award and the 4 who announced their intention to decline:

1. • 1. Music in Common
2. • 2. Coptic Orthodox Charities
3. • 3. Muslim Public Affairs Council Foundation
4. • 4. Life After Hate Inc.
5. • 5. UNC Chapel Hill
6. • 6. Project Help Nevada
7. • 7. Muslim American leadership Alliance

1. Ka Joog
2. LAHC
3. Unity Productions Foundation
4. Bayan Claremont School of Theology

Let me know if you need anything else.

David O'Leary

Program Manager, CVE Grants
Innovation and Partnerships
Office for Community Partnerships
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:37 PM

To: FEMA-GMD-RCO (b)(6) @fema.dhs.gov>; ASKCSID@dhs.gov

Cc: (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Countering Violent Extremism Grants Webinar

Dear Ms. Bean, FEMA, and DHS,

In light of the fact that you recently stripped Music in Common of the \$159,000 grant that was originally awarded to us in January, kindly remove us from your list.

Thank you,

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Executive Director
Music In Common, Inc.
PO Box 1190
Sheffield, MA 01257
<http://musicincommon.org>

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On Jul 25, 2017, at 1:21 PM, FEMA-GMD-RCO <FEMA-GMD-RCO@fema.dhs.gov> wrote:

****Sent on behalf of Bridget Bean, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs, DHS/FEMA****

Good afternoon all,

FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) will be hosting a "Grants-101" webinar for recipients of our Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Countering Violent Extremism awards. The webinar will focus on both programmatic and financial management highlights, and will allow time for questions and answers.

DATE: Thursday, July 27, 2017

TIME: 2:00 pm – 4:00pm EDT

CONFERENCE BRIDGE: 1-800-320-4330, PIN 699858
Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r4ljgjar57/>

For questions, please don't hesitate to contact your Program Manager and/or Grants Management Specialist at ASKCSID@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.

Thank you.

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This one isn't perfect but passing along. Have also asked OPA.

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From: RNC War Room (b)(6)@gop.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 11:56 AM

Subject: C-SPAN – Secretary Of Homeland Security John Kelly Remarks At George Washington University

To:

C-SPAN – Secretary Of Homeland Security John Kelly Remarks At George Washington University

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SECRETARY JOHN KELLY: thanks very much, frank, and thanks for the kind words. and to g.w. for hosting this event today. when i retired my biggest fear was to be offered another full-time job, particularly in the government. i did not want to go up and down the beltway that soso my other times. did not like the bureaucracy, but here i am today. when i make my way up 95, the first thing i read is the clips that are taken out of areas publications around the country, and i read about frankly what i do or what i have done, what i have said, and i read about my people. it is one of the first things i do every day, and the other one is to read the daily intelligence briefing. i read about my people, my institution, and above me, occasionally, but more importantly, i read in the intel what we are actually accomplishing during the course there's a big cap between the of the day. two, what is reported in the press and the media, and i mean no respect. -- no disrespect. i could not be prouder to serve alongside the men and women of homeland security, and we as a nation oh then a debt of gratitude -- owe then a debt of gratitude. when you are having your morning coffee, the coast guard is pulling a fisherman out of his boat, capsized in pretty heavy seas, and while you are deciding what you want for lunch, the training center is teaching law enforcement officers how to respond to an active shooter. when you are scrolling through face poll -- facebook, we are figuring out how to defeat ied's, or

investigators are closing in on a child predator. tsa is stepping -- stopping a madman who -- whilst state and local politicians read or listen to partial and oftentimes inaccurate media reporting on some alleged incident at an airport, in a courthouse, and assumed the men and women at dhs are intentionally abusing innocent individuals while they break or ignore -- or while my people break and ignore u.s. law. they make the assumption that my people are doing it wrong, as opposed to making the assumption that my people are doing it right, working within the law, based on their training and just who they are as americans. that is the ordinary day and one that does not make the paper.

every day in a million different ways, dhs employees are making our country more secure, standing guard against all the hazards we face, and forcing the laws congress has passed because we are lucky enough to live in a nation of laws. we do our job so you can live your peaceful life, a safe life, in a free country. make no mistake, we are in fact a nation under attack. we're under attack from criminals who think their greed justifies raping young girls at knife point, dealing poison to our youth, or killing some of us for fun. we are under attack from people who hate us, hate our freedoms, laws, values, hate the way we live our lives. we are under attack from failed states, smugglers, and we're under attack every single radicals. day. the threats against us are relentless. when people think about dhs, they think about how we respond to terrorism, and that is fair. this is our foundation given our larger story, and critical to what we do. but our jobs are to score the nation free threats we face from all hazards. but one of the greatest hazard is from transnational criminal organizations. like terrorists, tco's inflict brutality and regularly b ehead their victims. they exploit desperate people for their own purposes. they destroy their own communities and bring great shame on their countries of origin. they are utterly without laws, conscience, or respect for human life. they share their business dealings and violent practices for the sophisticated networks move anything and everything across our borders including human beings. we have set out to stop that movement to the greatest degree we can. human smugglers take thousands of dollars from desperate people , people trying to escape a lack of economic opportunity in many cases and send them on a course north on a network that rivals dante's journey into hell. the smugglers make a few here and he's and they offer no -- make few guarantees. not every person moving along these networks is an economic refugee or trying to escape poverty we face real threats from so-called special interest aliens that move at great expense from fast distances outside the western sphere into the united states. the special interests, if from part of the world where terrorism is present, are hostile to the united takes.

these individuals take huge sums of money to transport them from the middle east, through south and central america. do not get to vet them. you do not know their intentions. do not know why they are here. they sent it to our country and

noticed living among us. you are blind to what they are capable the damage tco's do is only part of the story. they move fast images of cocaine and heroin, methamphetamines. they move these tonnage is across -- tonnages across our borders. u.s. customs and protections, u.s. immigrations, ice, and only -- homeland investigations are witness to the vast quantity of drugs that are trafficked into the united states every day with devastating consequences. in 2015, the most recent data, over 52,000 deaths from these drugs in the united states caused by these overdoses. it is the highest number of deaths our country has ever seen. more deaths than the peak of the aids epidemic. in a single year we have lost as many americans as we lost in entire world war i. it's almost we have lost in the 12 years of fighting in vietnam. that is just overdosed deaths. that number says nothing about the long-term health damaged our citizens who survived. to say nothing about the human misery, the families ripped apart, and the extremes of crime and violence inherent in the illegal drug enterprise. let me be clear about marijuana. it is a entirely dangerous gateway drug that frequently leads to the use of harder drugs. science tells us it is not only psychologically addictive, but can have profound negative impacts on the still developing minds of teens and people up to their mid-20's. the on that come its use and possession is against -- beyond that, it's use and position is against the law. we are sworn to uphold all the laws that are on the books. dhs personnel will continue to investigate marijuana illegal pathways along the network into the united states. we will arrest those involved in the drug trade according to federal law. customs professionals who continue to search for marijuana at the, air, and land ports of entry will take appropriate actions. when marijuana is found at airports, tsa personnel will take action. ice will use convictions as essential elements as they build their deportation, removal, apprehension packages for targeted operations against illegal aliens. they have done this in the past, are doing it today, and will continue in the future.

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terrorism -- tco's have a devastating effect on our homeland. the other aspect of the threat is terrorism. for a brief moment after the 9/11 attacks, we came together as a country and stood shoulder to shoulder against this horrible threat. but the years have passed and we have grown accustomed to it and now question all the security, all of the issues that we have put in place to secure t nation. it is a little bit of an inconvenience at an airport or as you pass on to an airplane. the threat to our nation, our american way of life, has not diminished. the threat has metastasized and decentralized him and the risk is threatening us today in a way that is worse than we experienced 16 years ago. as i speak these words, the fbi has opened terrorism investigations and all of our 50 states. since 2013, there have been 37 isis-linked plot to attack our country. this is bad news,

but it gets worse. experts estimate 10,000 citizens of europe have joined the caliphate fight in syria and in a iraqi. houses more from nations in asia, africa, the western hemisphere have also joined that fight. i have learned how to make ied's, employed drones to drop ordnance. as a coalition, we are against what is best described against conventional formations in the caliph i. the expectation that many of these holy warriors will survive, come back to their home countries, where they will wreak havoc in europe, asia, and the united states. because many are citizens of countries in our visa waived programs, they can easily travel to the united states, which makes us and continues to make us a prime terrorist target. homegrown terrorism is a difficult challenge. few of the challenges we face from a terrorism point of view our difficult -- article. weavavseen an unprecedented spike in homegrown terrorism. the past 12 months, to have been 36 homegrown terrorist cases opened. these are the cases we know about. homegrown terrorism is difficult to predict an almost impossible to control. what is feeding the violence? typically, it is the internet. from anywhere across the world, organizations are sharing hateful propaganda with impressionable people. they published revolting how-to manuals, teaching their followers how to build bombs and kill innocent people. they trade these you may -- they trade pictures of people being stoned to death. if you are a terrorist within in an internet connection, you can recruit soldiers, you can upload a video calling for a jihad with a few clicks.

thanks to encryption devices and security medication techniques, these individuals are becoming harder and harder, and i predict impossible to detect. until community leaders, teachers, law enforcement, and more -- are more aware of their options to prevent that message from taking hold, our youth are afraid to these predators. we are -- are prey to these predators. these people despise the united states because we are a nation of rights, of laws, and of freedoms. they have a single mission, and that is our instruction. without exaggeration, i tell you they tried to carry out this mission each and every day, each they are relentless. and every night. they cannot be stopped. unless men and women like those that serve at dhs, military, and law enforcement are ever visit. and they are. cyber, not just bombs and guns are threats against him, and other type of conflict is taking place in the computer networks. we are under constant attack by a wide range of adversaries with an even wider range of capabilities in this realm. there are nation-state actors with sophisticated tools. there are global criminal organizations that operate like a legitimate is this right down to customer service support. there are lone wolves that buy now where on the internet. sometimes they just want to create havoc. they target our government networks, critical infrastructure systems throughout america, which is being bombarded on an hourly basis. these attackers steal intellectual property, personal data, and health information. they are thieves, seven tours -- saboteurs, and enemies of democracy. we rely on technology for everything. from our coffeemakers to running global corporations. but this reliance and perhaps overreliance brings risks. what would happen to our country if the stock

market did not process trades? what would happen to the transportation if the navigation satellites suddenly went dead? what happen if a major city lost power? ber threats present a tremendous danger to our way of life, which are no less see if it -- significant from the regular world. it is a big job, this department. we are up against criminal organizations, cyber attacks, assassins, pandemics, hurricanes, and oil spills. the danger israel real, but so is our dedication, professionalism, and expertise. these risks -- that is why we do what we do.

16 times in my life i have raised my right hand and swore before my god that i would support and defend the constitution of the united states. our nation is unique in that we swear our allegiance to a piece of paper, a constitution, to law, not to a king, a joint president, to a party, or the but the supreme law of the land. we vowed to uphold the law and to operate within it. have a sacred duty, and that is the continuation of the united states as we know it. to protect our way of life and exceptional people we are. every day we take a stand against the forces that endeavor to take exceptionalism away from us. i am proud to say with help from our international inter-agency and private sector partners, state and local partners, we are standing strong and winning the battle. hundred percent of the time we must win the battle on every day. -- 100% of the time every day. our adversaries only need to succeed occasionally to make a point. since the first week of the new administration, we have been securing our borders and enforcing our immigration laws. not only is this our right, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of the american people. people who illegally cross our borders do not respect the laws of our nation. we want to get the lawbreakers out of our country. being serious about our borders is not good for the american people, but will also save lives. in 2016, customs and border protection save nearly 4000 year-debt individuals who found themselves abandoned by the coyotes in the desert and nearly died. 4000 saved. much has been made up our efforts to discourage women from endangering themselves and their children at the hands of these human smugglers. while more than 16,000 family units were apprehended in december, only 1100 were apprehended in march. this is a phenomenal drop in movements. every one of them that did not come did not subject themselves to the dangers of the network and the abuse of that network. fewer people are crossing the border illegally means fewer deaths, fewer people submitting themselves to that terrible network experience. there's nothing more -- and i know i speak for the attorney general nothing more that we would like to do than put these human smugglers out of business, and we would do anything, our departments, to do just that within the law.

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the drop in illegal immigration is really remarkable. the germanic reduction -- traumatic reduction is evident along the southwest border. it is 64% lower than this time last. the numbers are lower because we security and enforcing our are serious about border immigration laws. we have ended catch and release and focus on prosecuting and convicting the traffickers on the coyotes themselves. we have not done that before. we are increasing detainers for deportation and have arrested more criminal aliens. we will continue to expand the prosecution of anyone, including family members, pay the traffickers, especially when they paid the traffickers to move children up that terrible network. our dhs personnel will enforce these laws, primarily ice, know they have a job to do an art trained to do it have a job to do and are trained to do it. these indicated men and women have the resources and they know they have an administration and a department and a secretary that have their back. while we have seen a drop in human smuggling, agencies across our department continued to seize vast amounts of dangerous drugs. at the midpoint of this fiscal year, the coast guard is combating a sharp uptick in cocaine flow and has removed nearly 243 thousand pounds that were headed to the united states. cdp has reported a 39% increase in cocaine seizures, 43,000 pounds. they have seen an increase in heroin and methamphetamine seizures, and it is only halfway through the year. you consider that cvp seized tons every day, you can see we have a serious drug problem. we need a commitment to reduce drug demand in the united states, and i do not mean arresting our way out of this. it is a comprehensive plan to reduce demand. a focused effort that not only employs the full measure of the governments, but also hollywood, professional sports figures and teams, high school coaches, boy and girl scouts leaders, as well as law enforcement in their chasing the dragon program. as well as priests, pastors, rabbis, and imamas. and finally it begins at home. parents have got to be more engaged in what their children are doing, whether on the internet or taking drugs, experimenting with drugs. the time is now because this president has recognized this problem, and he has signed an executive order extension a commission on combating rug at addiction, of which i am part. we are -- drug addiction, i wish i part.

one of the things we're doing, you had deterred successfully a huge amount of immigration coming up from the central american countries. for the most part they leave because there is no economic opportunity for them. we are trying to get at that issue. we along with the state department are hosting a conference in miami in june. we will have mexico helping as cohosts. we will have all four central american countries, the inter-american development bank, european partners harriet tubman, canadians, and as well as panama and costa rica will come in as observers. we will have a conference to stimulate economic development and investment in the three countries, honduras, el salvador, and guatemala. that way tried to create an environment where people will stay there, heir culture is, where their churches are, and not take that trip up into the united states. they lack the economic opportunity. that is why the majority of them leave. cohosting with mexico, we will try to make a difference. we are not just

trying to keep them away, we are trying to give them a reason to stay home. this conference on central american prosperity is designed to help these countries in a way that we have never attempted before. as i mentioned a number of times, we have tried to push the borders of the united states as far away as possible, and we do this in various ways, partnering with countries like colombia and mexico and the caribbean nations. using an incredibly capable of national security cutters of the united states coast guard that do unbelievable work in the caribbean and the eastern pacific in interdicting loads of cocaine and other drugs by the ton, not by the gram. we must use our relative geographic distance to our advantage. we got to use. terrorists from threatening our homeland. we need to know why they're coming to our country before they have arrived at our doorstep. the first step is improving our vetting processes, increasing the reliability of those procedures overseas. we use all the tools we have available, social media, new technology, biometrics, more investigators, and top match -- top-notch intelligence. last year over 900 new intel leads were developed. these were bad people that we prevented from coming to our country. dhs personnel keep people with terrorist ties of the united states. we have operationalized intelligence. everything we do is based on the intelligence we gain from sources, not just we gain, but intelligence provided to us from the intelligence committee.

we have successfully been able to stop much terrorism from coming to our shores. the same applies to what we do in the world of cyber, partnering with not only other aspects of the agencies of the united states government, but in a big way the commercial and even international partners to help us prevent this destructive force as well. employee morale, for too long the people in my department have been pawns, have been asked to do with less and less. they are often ridiculed by public officials and convicted in the court of public opinion by unfounded allegations testified to by street lawyers and street spokespersons. if lawmakers do not like the laws we are charged to enforce, that we are sworn to enforce, then they should have the courage and skill -- skill to change those laws. otherwise they should shut up in front of the men and women on the front lines. my people have been discouraged from doing their jobs for nearly a decade, disabled by pointless bureaucracy and political meddling, and suffered disrespect i public officials who have no idea -- by public officials who have no idea what it means to serve. during my hearings, members of the congress, press, and officials asked me about the morale problems the department has experienced over the last w years. my response has simply been when you discourage, disable, unjustly criticized and default to believing the initial reports as opposed to defaulting leaving stories told by my professionals, when you do all of those things and show disrespect to the individual who is risking his or her life to defend the country, when you do those things, what do you expect? all of the stock on january 20. it stopped with president trump and with me. my people, who do an impossible job, deserve our nation's thanks and respect, deserve to be proud of the jobs they do. we are moving in the right direction. why? because the best way to improve morale is to let employees do the job they were hired to

do and recognize them for those jobs. we will never apologize for forcing and upholding the laws of this country. we will never apologize for carrying out our mission. we will never apologize for making our country more secure. we ask nothing more than respect and support. we do not do this for the thank-yous. we seldom get thank-yous. we do this to keep america strong, secure, and free.

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we live in a dangerous world. those dangers are increasing. and changing speed and direction every day. every day we are vigilant for every day we are prepared, every day we do our jobs. with that, i will close and say thank you for the opportunity for g.w. for me to come up here and make these comments, but i want to thank the men and women, nearly a quarter of a million, who do a great job at dhs every single day. they are all important, and you are all a road, our great public service, and keep on charging. thanks very much.

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Brief (b)(6) I can try to reach (b)(6) in the morn

From: Gorka, Katie
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:14:44 PM
To: Barsa, John
Subject: RE: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

Have you heard back from (b)(6)

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:07:41 PM
To: Gorka, Katie
Subject: FW: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

Katie,

See below. Looks like we just got approved to do our own WH coordination tomorrow. Let's grab the binders and head up there in the morning.

John

From: Metzler, Alan
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:04:21 PM
To: Barsa, John
Subject: RE: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

Please ensure the views of the CT staff are captured and represented. Thank you.

From: Barsa, John

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:01 PM

To: Metzler, Alan <Alan.Metzler@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

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From: Metzler, Alan

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:47:54 PM

To: Barsa, John

Subject: FW: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

For your awareness.

From: Nielsen, Kirstjen

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:47 AM

To: Selim, George (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Metzler, Alan (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>;

Lapan, David (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Cc: Wuco, Frank (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

Alan

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From: Selim, George

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 7:54:58 AM

To: Nielsen, Kirstjen; Metzler, Alan

Cc: Kendall, Sarah; Gersten, David; Lapan, David; McConnell, Scott

Subject: Muslim nonprofit groups are rejecting federal funds because of Trump

Good morning,

Wanted to flag this article that came out yesterday. A fourth NGO rejected the CVE grant late Friday.

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/02/11/it-all-came-down-to-principle-muslim-nonprofit-groups-are-rejecting-federal-funds-because-of-trump/?utm_term=.73c63f7bb505

At least four Muslim nonprofit groups have rejected more than \$2 million in federal funding to fight violent extremism, citing President Trump's rhetoric against Muslim Americans and Islam and the new administration's policies as their reasons.

The groups had been among the 31 recipients of the first round of Countering Violent Extremism grants, awarded by the Department of Homeland Security in the last week of Barack Obama's presidency. The funds were intended to go to

programs that curtailed recruitment and radicalization efforts by foreign groups, such as the Islamic State, as well as domestic ones like white supremacists.

However, in the first weeks of Trump's administration, several Muslim nonprofit groups that had received grants wrestled with how to justify accepting the funds when, in their eyes, the president's unfair targeting of Muslim Americans ran counter to their missions.

For at least four of those groups, the answer was to reject the federal money outright — even though the grants would have been a much-needed boost to their budgets.

“We have and will continue to work with our government where there is no conflict of interest, but given the anti-Muslim actions of the current executive branch, we cannot in good conscience accept this grant,” Bayan Claremont, a private Islamic graduate school in California, said in a statement. The school announced Friday that it would reject \$800,000 that it had proposed be used for a two-year project called Flourishing Communities to “improve interreligious cooperation, civic engagement, and social justice.”

Ka Joog, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit group that supports Somali American youth, said in a Feb. 1 statement that it would decline its \$499,998 CVE grant because the Trump administration and their policies promoted “hate, fear, uncertainty and even worse; an unofficial war on Muslim-Americans and Immigrants.”

The decision was not an easy one, Ka Joog executive director Mohamed Farah told CBS News.

“It all came down to principle,” Farah told the station. “\$500,000 is a lot of money, especially if you are a nonprofit. But at the end of the day, we work with immigrants, we work with refugees, we work with Muslims. And we believe that this new administration is against everything that we stand for. For that reason,

we decided to really alienate ourselves from the ideologies that are coming from this administration.”

Trump signed executive orders on Jan. 27 that not only suspended admission of all refugees into the United States for 120 days but also implemented “new vetting measures” to screen out “radical Islamic terrorists.” Refugee entry from Syria, however, was suspended indefinitely, and all travel to the United States from Syria and six other nations — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen — was suspended for 90 days. Trump also said he would give priority to Christian refugees over those of other religions, according to the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Those orders have been challenged and blocked, and on Thursday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled 3 to 0 that the travel ban should remain frozen. Trump has since indicated he may simply file a “brand new order” rather than take the case to the Supreme Court. (“We will win that battle,” the president told reporters aboard Air Force One.)

In early February, Reuters reported that the Trump administration wanted to rename the Countering Violent Extremism program to “Countering Islamic Extremism” or “Countering Radical Islamic Extremism,” removing the focus on domestic groups like white supremacists. The reported shift was met with alarm by Muslim groups that had already been wary of the program.

“That is concerning for us because they are targeting a faith group and casting it under a net of suspicion,” Hoda Hawa, director of policy for the Muslim Public Affairs Council, told Reuters.

In recent weeks, the Associated Press reported that at least two other grant recipients have decided to turn down federal funds from the Countering Violent Extremism program:

- • * Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities in Dearborn, Mich., rejected \$500,000 for youth development and public health programs, citing the “current political climate.”
- • * Unity Productions Foundation of Potomac Falls, Va., said it would not accept \$396,585 “due to the changes brought by the new administration.” The nonprofit organization, whose aim is “to counter bigotry and create peace through the media,” had intended to use the money to produce educational films that would combat extremist narratives.

A Department of Homeland Security spokesman said Saturday morning that he would not be able to immediately address questions about the program. It is unclear what would happen to the rejected funds; the AP reported that none of the 31 grants had yet been disbursed.

In December 2015, Congress passed the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act that earmarked \$10 million “to help states and local communities prepare for, prevent, and respond to emergent threats from violent extremism.”

On Jan. 13, a week before Trump took office, then-Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson announced the first round of grants awarded under the program. A total of 31 grants would go to a mix of local governments, universities and nonprofit organizations from across the country.

“In this age of self-radicalization and terrorist-inspired acts of violence, domestic-based efforts to counter violent extremism have become a homeland security imperative,” Johnson said in a statement. “And, I know from visiting numerous communities across this country that very often the best efforts to counter violent extremism are local, tailored to a particular community. ... Again, this is a homeland security imperative.”

Many of the 31 awardees were already focused on countering recruitment efforts by the Islamic State in the United States, Johnson said. However, he also pointed out that \$400,000 had gone to a group called Life After Hate, which supports the rehabilitation of former neo-Nazis and other “domestic extremists.”

Christian Picciolini, the co-founder of Life After Hate and a former member of a neo-Nazi group, told the AP he was concerned about the Trump administration's desire to change the name to focus on Islamic terrorism.

"... it sends a message that white extremism does not exist, or is not a priority in our country, when in fact it is a statistically larger and more present terror threat than any by foreign or other domestic actors," Picciolini told the AP.

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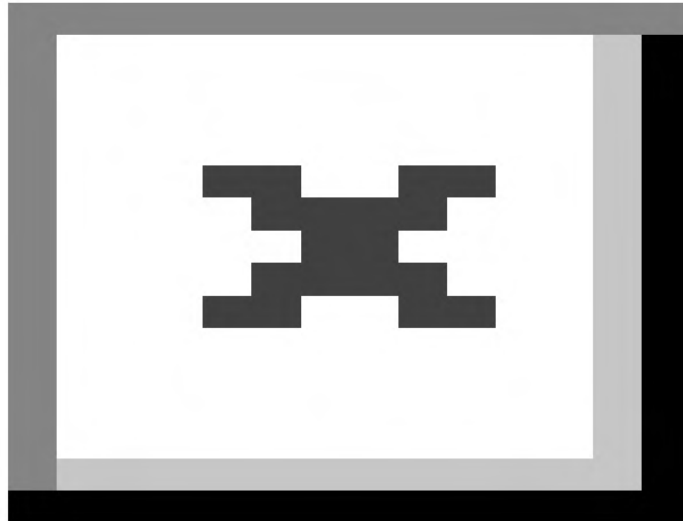
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Exclusive: Trump to focus counter-extremism program solely on Islam - sources



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Roger. Katie and I will meet with OPA.

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John/ Katie
 Could you please develop a draft?

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We're getting additional press inquiries on this as well. We haven't commented for obvious reasons but I do recommend that we develop a general RTQ about reviewing this program to ensure its effectiveness.

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