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This is old at this point (sorry for not forwarding earlier), but important, and linked to one of our strategic initiative ideas re: creating a framework.

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Team, here is a DVE backgrounder to the national media by NSA Jake Sullivan, referred to as a Senior Administration Official. It largely tracks what was laid out by Jen Psaki at the podium regarding the ODNI led review coordinated with the FBI and DHS. It answers an interesting question the media had about why ODNI is the lead, and Sullivan said it is because FBI and DHS both have elements within the Intelligence Community thus the tasking had to go to the ODNI.

They get a bit into the resourcing of FBI field offices and the roles that state and locals may play.

While this call was done with the media, the NSC has made the transcript internal only.

We were not in the loop on preparing materials and were not permitted to listen in on the media background call but we were sent the transcript.

Happy to answer any questions.

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# Final Transcript

## **EOP: Background Call on DVE**

February 5, 2021/2:00 p.m. CST

### **SPEAKERS**

Emily Horne – Spokesperson and Senior Director for Press, National Security Council  
Jake Sullivan – National Security Advisor

### **PRESENTATION**

Moderator                      Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for standing by and welcome to the Background Call on DVE. For the conference, all the participants are in a listen-only mode. However, there will be an opportunity for your questions. [Operator instructions]. As a reminder, today's call is being recorded.

I'll turn the call now to Ms. Emily Horne. Please go ahead.

Emily

Thanks, John. Hi, everyone. Happy Friday and thanks for joining us today. This call is going to be on background, attributed to a senior administration official. Your speaker today is going to be National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan. We are here today to talk about the administration's approach to domestic violent extremism. I think everyone has the laydown that Jen Psaki gave at her daily press briefing, now two weeks ago.

So, I'm happy to turn it over to Jake for some opening comments. Jake, over to you.

Jake

Thanks, Emily. Thanks, everybody. Really glad to be having the opportunity to chat with you all for a few minutes on a really important subject. We are focusing, as a priority in this administration, on countering domestic violent extremism while ensuring that we safeguard civil rights and civil liberties.

Just as an opening observation, the January 6<sup>th</sup> assault on the Capitol, the tragic deaths and destruction that resulted from it, the broader set of trends and themes that it really exposed and lifted up in quite dramatic and startling ways underscored something we have long known and maybe as a country have not paid sufficient attention to, which is that the rise of

domestic violent extremism is a serious and growing national security threat. Our intention in the Biden administration is to confront this threat with all of the necessary resources and resolve, and also with a strategy that really works.

What we're committed to doing is trying to take pains at the outset to really develop policies and strategies that are based on facts, on the evidentiary record, on objective and rigorous analysis, and crucially on our respect for constitutionally protected free speech and political activities.

We're really out of the gate pursuing three broad lines of effort. The first is a tasking that I signed on behalf of President Biden to ODNI, requesting a comprehensive threat assessment, coordinated with the FBI and DHS, on the scope and nature of the threat of domestic violent extremism. The goal here is to have an assessment that draws on analysis from across the government, and as appropriate also from nongovernmental sources. The key point is to get us a baseline, a fact-based baseline upon which we can shape policy and which can help our law enforcement and relevant intelligence officials—the FBI, DHS, and so forth—in the work that they are doing on a going-forward basis. So first line of effort, really come in and look for a systematic, rigorous analysis assessment, comprehensive review of the scope and nature of this threat.

The second is building out a capability here at the NSC to focus on DVE, to bring in talent, including Josh Geltzer, who is serving in a senior role here on this issue and others as well. Josh and his team will lead an effort, along with our Homeland Security Advisor, Liz Sherwood-Randall, to—a policy review that’s going to determine how the government can share information better about this threat, support efforts to prevent radicalization, disrupt violent extremist networks, cooperate across all components of the federal government, as well as with state and local officials, and everything else that will be necessary from an operational and policy perspective to be able to deal more effectively with DVE.

Even as we speak here today, we are just over two weeks in since the inauguration and there’s already important work underway across the interagency on this. We need to understand the work that was ongoing before we arrived here, the work that has been stood up just in the last couple of weeks, really having the NSC be the central hub to get our arms around all of the work of the government, where there may be gaps and how we can best plan for next steps.

Then the third line of effort will really be not just about the capability within the NSC, but having the NSC chair and convene an effective

process, regular order, which had disappeared to a considerable extent over the last four years, to bring the right people to the table in the Situation Room, to focus on how we address evolving threats, how we deal with radicalization, how we approach the role of social media, how we enhance opportunities to improve information sharing, how we sharpen operational responses, and more.

You have analytical baseline, capability within the NSC, and then process and order to a broader interagency approach to this. Our work on this is just beginning. We're going to be painstaking in really building out the picture of this threat effectively, getting the kind of expertise at the table that's necessary to confront it, and recognize that even as we go hard foursquare at violent extremists who want to cause mayhem in this country and foment hate in a violent way, we also do have to recognize the important and critical dimension of civil rights and civil liberties, politically protected speech and political activities along the way. So, finding the right way to manage the strategy going forward in the domestic context is a particularly thorny challenge that we are trying to work through.

Those are just some opening comments about how we're coming out of the gate on this. Happy to take questions on the whole set of issues that

are implicated in this and get into a little bit of a back and forth. Let me stop there.

Moderator Ladies and gentlemen, [operator instructions]. One moment for our first question. Our first question is from Julian Barnes with the New York Times. Please go ahead.

Julian Thank you for taking the question. I want you to talk a little bit about why the DNI is involved in this. Why isn't this just simply a law enforcement matter? Why does the DNI, with its foreign-oriented NSA, CIA arms—why should they have a role in this?

Then secondly just in terms of law enforcement, are there any early thoughts you have to make the domestic terrorism squad at FBI field offices more robust to boost that law enforcement arm? Thanks.

Jake Great, thanks. The answer to the first question, I'm afraid, is more in the realm of bureaucracy than grand vision. It's because both the FBI intelligence component and the DHS intelligence component are members of the intelligence community, and the DNI coordinates the intelligence community writ large. So, the chief answer for it is that ODNI is the destination for taskings when more than one intelligence community

component will be asked to contribute—in this case, at least two intelligence community components that have remit for law enforcement-related intelligence functions are involved.

Then secondly, there is an element to this review of course, that connects to the potential for linkages to foreign networks, foreign organizations, foreign funding, and so forth. That, of course, could conceivably implicate other elements of the intelligence community. But the way that the direction was given to the DNI, the tasking was given to the DNI, was with very clear instruction that only those relevant components operating within their relevant authority should participate. We would not expect many aspects of the intelligence community really to be involved in this in any material way. That's why it went to the DNI.

On the question of beefing up the capabilities at the FBI, this is one of the real questions that we're asking—at the field offices and so forth. This is one of the real questions that the review is posing, is do we have an appropriate level of resources at field offices around the country to deal with what is a growing threat? When Christopher Wray himself was talking last year about the extent of this threat, DHS found that white supremacist terrorism was the number one terror threat between 2018 and 2020, and are we allocating enough resources to it?

Also, with respect to the structures that have been built up between federal, state, local, tribal territorial, etc., are joint terrorism task forces appropriately scoped and structured for dealing with this threat? Do we have the capacity to do basic reporting on the number of incidents relating to domestic violent extremism, on how we are actually able to scope and scale the types of groups that are involved in this? All of this is the subject of the interagency process that we have stood up and are executing against.

I would say as a preliminary matter, the FBI has indicated that they've been familiar with and dealing with this challenge for many years. Their leadership has been sounding the alarm on it. But as it grows and evolves, we fully expect that they'll be looking for more resources and tools to be able to address it and handle it.

Moderator                      Our next question is from Nick Schiffrin with NewsHour. Please go ahead.

Nick                                Hi, Jake. Thanks for doing this. Can I ask Julian's question in a little more kind of meta way, if you will? I talked to some DHS folks who are your allies, who have worked with you, who are a little worried that the intelligence community brings a kind of foreign national security

perspective, strategic, centralized, top-driven; whereas, they say Homeland Security more operational, transactional, de-centralized, driven by states, even cities. Can you address the difference there that the Homeland Security people feel the national security people have a little bit of a different approach and outlook?

And then forgive me for asking this, but while I have you can you say whether there's been a decision to overturn the designation of the Houthis as a global terrorist organization? Thanks.

Jake

I'll just say on the second question that the State Department, where that authority has been delegated and lodges in the Secretary of State, is actively reviewing that. I think we anticipate a decision relatively soon, but there is not a decision today.

On the first question, I think it's a very legitimate concern and I would just make three points in response to it. The first is that, quite apart from the international-domestic distinction, the whole question of how we approach the counter-terrorism problem or the countering violent extremism problem is something that we, in my view, need to evolve as a government writ large, that the kinds of tools and capabilities we've used over the last 20 years, some of them have been highly effective. Others have actually

not contributed to reducing the overall level of the terrorist recruitment, tempo, or the capacity for new groups to metastasize and grow and spread and so forth. So, first thing is, just across the board we need a fresher, newer look at how we deal with the violent extremism problem internationally as well as domestically.

Then second, the domestic part of this challenge is significantly different from how we approach the international. I'll just give you a couple of examples. We have the capacity to designate foreign terrorist organizations, FTOs, under our laws. We think in terms of groups—Al Qaeda or ISIS, the Khorasan group, you go down the list. Domestically, even though people throw around terms like Proud Boys, Boogaloo Boys, what have you, at the end of the day a lot of what the DVE space is going to have to contend with is more individuals than groups, or more loose networks enabled by communication online that sometimes come together under a banner, but oftentimes that banner does not reflect any kind of hierarchical organization. So there's that significant difference that requires an entirely different set of strategies and approaches.

Then third, as you point out, a bottom-up approach, a community based approach that involves local law enforcement, other forms of local stakeholders, state level, and other state stakeholders, and then obviously

the FBI, DHS, and others at the federal level play a role here, particularly in dealing with complex plots and threats that exceed the capacity of the state and local authorities to be able to deal with across state lines or so forth.

It is definitely the case that if you run an NSC process, in light of the more ground-up nature of this, you run the risk of imposing top-down solutions where bottom-up solutions have to play a more critical role. I acknowledge that. But we are building into the nature of our process who's at the table, how we listen to voices in law enforcement from DHS, how we listen to outside experts and stakeholders on this. We are going to design a strategy that tries to take all of that into account.

At the end of the day, there is no substitute for having a common, comprehensive whole of government strategy for this, and so we can't simply let 1,000 flowers bloom. But also at the end of the day, there is no substitute for making sure that strategy empowers, facilitates, and lifts up law enforcement and other types of actors at the state and local level, and not just at the national level. That is something that we are paying due and close attention to as we go through this process.

Moderator Our next question's from Rachael Levy with The Wall Street Journal.

Please go ahead.

Rachael Hi. Thank you for taking my question. I wanted to ask about—you mentioned respecting civil liberties, and I know with regards to a DT statute that has been a concern raised. I wanted to know where the administration stands on a statute and any kind of new domestic terrorism laws.

And if I may, as I have you, I have a secondary question related to this and if the administration has been addressing a potential issue of—in targeting this topic of domestic extremism and terrorism, given that so much of it is coming from the far right that often overlapped with the former president's political base, how you plan to address this issue without alienating a substantial number of Americans.

Jake To take the second question first, we're mindful of the fact that when you deal with an issue like domestic violent extremism, it is fraught based on ideology and politics and other things along those lines. We have to be able to communicate very clearly that we are not going after people based on their political allegiances or their political beliefs or their speech or

their constitutionally protected political activities. We're going after violence.

Secondly, we have to play it straight and go after violence wherever it comes from, whether the far right, the far left, or from a growing number of individuals who do not fall neatly along the ideological spectrum as you or I might understand it. Frankly, a lot of what we see in the domestic violent extremism space cannot be neatly categorized as right or left, liberal or conservative. We have to both in substance play it straight and then in practice we need to communicate clearly what we are intending to do here.

A lot of that will require transparency and accountability and oversight and constant communication with bipartisan members of Congress, with bipartisan governors and mayors, with local stakeholders of all political stripes. Part of it will also require us to build a chorus of voices, including a lot of people who are strong supporters of the former president, to say, people ought to have the right to gather and argue and debate and advocate and get online and make their case. But they should not have the right to take up arms and to engage in violence against their fellow citizens.

We will, as part of this strategy, be very mindful that this cannot occur in a vacuum. It has to occur in a context of building confidence across the board that we are doing this focused in the right way and for the right reasons on conduct that is unlawful and that should be prosecuted to the full extent.

With respect to the domestic terrorism statute, a couple of things. First, we have not—we're in the early days of the review, so we have not reached any even tentative conclusions on the question of what additional authorities may be necessary or may not be necessary. I would say, though, that we have been struck, even in these very early days, by the fact that so many civil society groups, including groups that look to defend and protect civil liberties in this country, have been eager to engage. They want to find a way, a strategy that can both meet and confront this threat, but do so consistent with our fundamental values and principles.

So, this is something that we will be looking at through the process, but it's just too early days for us to weigh in on the question of any form of additional authorities.

Moderator

Our next question is from Shane Harris with the Washington Post. Please go ahead.

Shane

Thanks, Jake, for talking to us, and Emily for setting it up. Just one near-term question. Do you have a sense of the timeline—how long the review will take and maybe when you'll have some concrete actions that you might take?

Then a broader, strategic question, are you seeing anything in terms of domestic groups and their linkages to foreign groups, I know you're early in the review, but that right now is an area of concern or a particular place that you're trying to focus in on, any kind of trends or international linkages?

Jake

On the second question, we certainly know that aspects of these violent ideologies represent something of a global movement. What we have done is taken the experts who are leading our work on international violent extremism and those working on domestic violent extremism and making sure that they coordinate to determine whether those linkages actually reflect something real and concrete, as opposed to just affinity or common cause. So, we're a little too early to be able to weigh in for you on what we're finding in that regard, but it's an area of acute interest and we're certainly looking closely at.

Also, there are members of Congress who are quite focused on this, among them Senator Cornyn, who actually has reached out to the White House to say, hey, we'd really like to work with you in particular on some of the international angles to this, such as they exist. That's something where there's appetite for Congress as well.

In terms of timing, without putting a fixed time on it, because I don't want you guys to set the sands in the hourglass and then we need a little more time, but it's, I would say, in the zone of three-ish months or so. It's not going to be all of 2021. But it's not going to be a matter of weeks, either. Call it 100 days or so to be in a place where maybe we don't have all the answers, but where we'd be in a position to at least make some provisional assessments of what's going to be required on a going forward basis.

Moderator            Our next question is from Eric Tucker with the Associated Press. Please go ahead.

Eric                    Hi, Jake, thank you so much for doing this and thank you, Emily. Jake, if I understood you correctly, I think you said that you could envision a scenario in which the Bureau returns and potentially seeks additional tools, short of a DT statute that was asked about in an earlier question. Do

you have a sense as to what sort of tools could be under discussion that could achieve the balance that you're talking about?

Jake

I think I was referring to resources there, or that's what I intended to do, because the question was, are they effectively resourced at the field office level or through the JTTFs? Insofar as thinking about tools, that's less to do with the authority that they'd be given and more does there need to be different mechanisms for state and local law enforcement cooperation to deal with DVE than, for example, to deal with HVE, homegrown violent extremists or international terrorists who may be operating inside the United States.

That, I think, is a question that we are going to have to explore, does the structure that was built up in the post-9/11 era for federal, state, local law enforcement cooperation require any adjustments, given the determination by DHS and the FBI that this form of violent extremism or terrorism is becoming the most acute threat in the United States? So, in that I was not trying to refer to do they need additional authorities; we are looking at that as well.

Then back on the resources side, I do think at the end of the day, depending on what we find in this review, we will have to confront the

question of whether in fact additional personnel, additional dollars would need to flow to federal law enforcement to be able to properly resource the effort to counter domestic violent extremism.

Moderator Our final question will be from Alex Marquardt with CNN. Please go ahead.

Jim Hi, there. Do you hear me okay?

Jake Yes.

Jim This is actually Jim Sciutto playing Alex Marquardt today. Apologies, I think we double called in. But if I can—thank you, Jake, for doing this, and thank you, Emily.

Two quick questions. One, is there any degree of knowledge at this point as to the extent of the affinity or hard links within military and law enforcement among these groups? And two, just big picture, I wonder what portion after the review of the administration strategy will be to put pressure on social media companies to police the violent propaganda—images, videos, etc.—the way they did Islamist terrorism stuff going back a few years. Thank you.

Jake Yes. On the second question, I don't want to get ahead of ourselves, but I think it's a legitimate question to ask, and certainly the role of social media in both fomenting violent conduct and connecting those who would want to engage in violent conduct is real. It is something, obviously, we've seen in the international terrorism space and have tried to take steps to disrupt. It's real in the domestic space as well.

Now, the line with respect to free speech and First Amendment-protected conduct online and crossing over into incitement to violence and the like, is a line that our law enforcement has had to work to figure out and that social media companies have had to work to figure out as well. That's something we will have to work through. It is not a simple proposition. But it is certainly something that we will have to attend to in the course of this review.

Jim, your first question was about—I'm sorry—

Jim No worries. Links and affinity among military and law enforcement.

Jake Oh yes. You've seen that Secretary Austin has ordered the 60-day stand-down to really get at extremism in the ranks. I think we will know a lot more after that process has run. We'll get from the secretary, from the

chairman, from the leadership at the Pentagon a better sense of that. Then, obviously, as part of this process, we'll be working closely with the FBI and DHS to work through that from their angle and their perspective as well.

It is certainly an issue that requires our attention. Other countries have had to deal with this—Germany comes to mind and others—in terms of sympathy or affinity for violent extremism in the ranks of security services. But we have not seen anything yet that would lead us to make any determinations on this front. Rather, it's just a question the secretary himself is posing, the FBI is posing, and that we, of course, will serve as a kind of honest broker to try to get answers to, and then obviously determine what the appropriate response to that is on a going forward basis.

Emily

Okay. I think that that's all we have time for. Thank you, everyone, for hopping on. A friendly reminder that this call is on background to a senior administration official. We should have a transcript available tomorrow. Thanks, everyone, for joining. Have a good weekend.

Jake

Thanks, guys.

Moderator

Ladies and gentlemen, that does conclude your conference for today.

Thank you for your participation. You may now disconnect.

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- The White House: Tune in for a briefing with Press Secretary Jen Psaki and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. (briefing video) <<https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse/status/1366435132739973120>>
- Secretary Antony Blinken: The U.S. and Mexico are connected by trade, business ties, people-to-people connections, tourism, a shared environment, and mutual security. My first virtual trip to Mexico reinforced how much we value and respect our partnership, and we depend on it every day. #MasFuerzasJuntos<<https://twitter.com/SecBlinken/status/1366522187671339016>>
- Embajada de EE.UU: El Asesor Legal Residente de @USDOJ\_Intl #OPDAT lideró un seminario virtual sobre Fraudes #COVID19 dirigido a las Unidades de Corrupción, Terrorismo, Lavado de Dinero y Delitos Informáticos del @MinPublicoPy. Incluyó temas como etiquetado incorrecto, desinformación y curas falsas<<https://twitter.com/laembajada/status/136534996052710146>>
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**Statement by National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan  
on Violence Against Peaceful Demonstrations in Burma**

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

The United States is alarmed by the Burmese security forces' violence against peaceful protestors. The killings today represent an escalation of the ongoing crackdown on pro-democracy protestors since the February 1 coup. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the families of the courageous protestors who have lost their lives while peacefully demonstrating in support of democracy in Burma.

The United States stands in solidarity with the people of Burma, who continue to bravely voice their aspirations for democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights. We will continue coordinating closely with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world to hold those responsible for violence to account, and to reinforce our support for the people of Burma. To that end, we are preparing additional actions to impose further costs on those responsible for this latest outbreak of violence and the recent coup. We will have more to share in the coming days.

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**From:** OFFICE OF JAPANESE AMBASSADOR  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation from the Ambassador of Japan  
**To:** (b)(6) Jake Sullivan Email (EOP/WHO) Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Amelia Colton Email (EOP/NSC)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2021 10:16 AM (UTC-04:00)

**From:** EMBASSY OF JAPAN  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 3:14 PM  
**To:** OFFICE OF JAPANESE AMBASSADOR (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Invitation from the Ambassador of Japan



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*The Ambassador of Japan TOMITA Koji*

*requests the pleasure of the company of*

***Mr. Jake Sullivan and Ms. Margaret Goodlander***

*to a special evening of opera featuring*

**Tenor Bryan Hymel**

*on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 6:30pm*

*The Residence of the Ambassador of Japan  
4000 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016*

***This evening's performance has been generously sponsored by  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sonnenreich***

RSVP by **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Dress Code: Cocktail Attire**

6:30pm: Cocktails  
7:00pm: Music Program  
Followed by a seated dinner

**This invitation is non-transferable.**  
**Please present a copy of this invitation and valid photo ID at the gate.**  
**Parking is available on the premises.**

**Please advise of any dietary requirements or allergies.**



## **Bryan HYMEL | Tenor**



American tenor Bryan Hymel has been praised for his “unflagging stamina and impetuous abandon” as well as his “range of expression and vocal power combined with the subtle art of characterization.”

Mr. Hymel’s career highlights include debuts and return engagements at the world’s most accomplished opera houses and festivals, including his debut in 2015 at the Paris Opéra for Paris’s Bastille Day concert performances of *La damnation de Faust*.

He made his La Scala debut as Don José in 2010. His Metropolitan Opera debut came in 2012 as Énée with *Les Troyens*, and in subsequent seasons, he returned for *Madama Butterfly*, *La bohème* and as Arnold in Rossini’s final opera, *Guillaume Tell*.

Among his many accolades, Mr. Hymel is a recipient of the Metropolitan Opera’s 2013 Beverly Sills Artist Award and the 2013 Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Opera. His first solo album, “Héroïque,” debuted at number 3 on the Billboard Classical Music chart, and earned Mr. Hymel the coveted Georges Thill Prize by the Académie Nationale du Disque Lyrique.

His recent repertoire includes such signature roles as Faust in *La damnation de Faust*, Don José in *Carmen*, Henri in *Les vêpres siciliennes*, Rodolfo in *La bohème*, and Roméo in Gounod’s *Roméo and Juliette*. The 2020-21 season has seen Mr. Hymel sing *La bohème* at Opera Las Palmas, perform in Verdi concerts at Opernhaus Zürich and with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and appear in a recital at the Tucson Desert Song Festival.

Mr. Hymel studied under Bill Schuman at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia and is a past participant in the San Francisco Opera Center’s Merola Program.



## The Residence of the Ambassador of Japan Event Protocol

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,  
the Embassy will be following applicable safety guidelines, including the following.  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these important measures.

- Body temperature of all guests will be measured before entry into the Ambassador's Residence.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at check-in and throughout the Residence.
- Guests will be asked to maintain social distancing to the maximum extent possible.
- Guests will be required to wear masks at all times apart from the toast and duration of the meal.
- We will continue to monitor the situation for your safety and update you if there are any changes to the precautionary measures being taken.
- Please note that all Residence staff will be wearing masks and gloves and will wash their hands frequently.

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If you have any questions about this event or protocol measures,



please contact the Public Affairs Office at [pa@ps.mofa.go.jp](mailto:pa@ps.mofa.go.jp)

EMBASSY OF JAPAN



@JapanEmbDC

**From:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT Request - Female Afghan Soldiers  
**To:** (b)(6) Ariana Berengaut Email (EOP/NSC); (b)(6) Jake Sullivan Email (EOP/WHO)  
**Sent:** August 18, 2021 12:38 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD Spreadsheet 17 AUG 2021 VM.xlsx, (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD Identification.zip

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** (b)(6) per DOD  
**Date:** August 17, 2021 at 21:53:48 EDT  
**To:** "Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** URGENT Request - Female Afghan Soldiers

Maggie,

BLUF:

Background: The 27 Afghan women soldiers (known as (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD in the American military) now en route to the airport (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD

Situation: They are currently en route to or at the edge of HKIA. They have a flight to Qatar. We are in contact with the women.

Time-sensitive asks: We need two things for this group of women: SIVs or other visas for (1) these female Afghan soldiers and (2) for their dependents.

Additional asks: (b)(6) per DOD

Attached is an excel spreadsheet with all of the names and biographical and contact information for the women. Also attached are all identifying documents that may be relevant.

These Afghan women (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD

(b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD. For obvious reasons, these women are a particular target for the Taliban. One of the (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD (b)(6) per DOD was already hunted down by the Taliban last week. (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b per DOD

Please let me know what more you need from me, and thank you again.

(b)(6) per DOD

# NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD (TASKERA)

**From:** Maggie Goodlander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Treat lectures  
**To:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 31, 2021 9:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** betty tamposi (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:31:16 PM  
**To:** Maggie Goodlander (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Treat lectures

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Martha Madsen (b) (6)  
**Date:** October 20, 2021 at 1:24:51 PM EDT  
**To:** (b)(6) Maggie Goodlander Email "Lang, Kimberly C. EOP/NSC" <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Tamposi (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Treat lectures

Dear NSA Sullivan and Ms. Goodlander,

I just wanted to clarify that there is no obligation to include others in your presentations. If you wish to have someone with you, we can certainly reach out to invite others for you.

Thank you so much for your generous consideration.

Best,

*Martha*

Martha M. Madsen  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education  
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**From:** Martha Madsen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:50 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Maggie Goodlander Email (b) (6) Lang, Kimberly C. EOP/NSC  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Tamposi (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Treat lectures

Dear NSA Sullivan and Ms. Goodlander,

I am thrilled and thankful that you are willing to deliver Treat lectures in early 2022. We are so appreciative and can't wait to hear what you have to say.

Betty Tamposi tells me that the following will work for you.

Margaret Goodlander speaks on *Renewing Trust in Democracy: The Rule of Law and Access to Justice* in January or February. It is possible that Dana Remus might join her.

NSA Jake Sullivan will speak on *Renewing Trust in Democracy: At Home and Abroad* in April or May. It is possible Condoleezza Rice might join him.

We are looking to finalize these dates on our calendar. **Please let me know which of the following days are best for you. We could do this in person or by zoom, whatever you prefer.**

For Maggie Goodlander:

1. Tuesday, January 11 in late afternoon or early evening Or
2. Tuesday, January 18 in late afternoon or early evening

For NSA Jake Sullivan:

1. Tuesday, March 15 in late afternoon or early evening or
2. Tuesday, March 22 in late afternoon or early evening

With gratitude,

*Martha*

Martha M. Madsen  
Executive Director  
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**From:** Maggie Goodlander  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Maggie's 278?  
**To:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Sent:** January 10, 2022 10:42 AM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** Sullivan OGE 278 03\_18\_21.pdf

**From:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Jacob Sullivan 278  
**To:** Felter, Monica (JMD)  
**Sent:** January 10, 2022 10:48 AM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** Sullivan OGE 278 03\_18\_21.pdf

**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: (b)(5) per NSC on 2/10, 4:00 - 5:30 PM  
**To:** Reich, Mitchell (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
**Cc:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** February 6, 2022 9:45 PM (UTC-05:00)

Matt/Nikita,

I recommend that (b) (5)

. Can you let us know (b) (5) ?

Kate

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**From:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 6:41 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5) per NSC on 2/10, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

(U//FOUO)

Kate:

I was able to speak with the director and get a summary of the expected topics (one of which has significant DOJ equities). The read ahead should come out Monday or Tuesday, but we are working on getting additional paper before then as well.

(b) (5)

We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Best,

Margot

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 12:27 PM  
**To:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) (b) (6); Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5) per NSC on 2/10, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

+ Mitch, Matt, Nikita

Thanks Margot. I think (b) (5) . If you can find out more information that would be great.

Best,  
Kate

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**From:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5) per NSC on 2/10, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Kate:

The topic of this meeting is (U//FOUO) "Root Causes of Migration in Central America." (b)(5) per NSC , but we will work to find out more information and are looping in Margy and Lucas.

Best,  
Margot

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**From:** MBX NSC (b)(6) per NSC (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 12:04 PM  
**To:** MBX NSC (b)(6) per NSC (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] (b)(5) per NSC on 2/10, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

(b)(5) per NSC meeting, (b)(5) per NSC , on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the White House Situation Room. The requested participation is (b)(5) per NSC , and participants should be submitted **NLT 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9.** Please contact ExecSec for the topic or with any additional questions at (b) (6) . Contact the White House Situation Room at (b) (6) for connection information.

ALL participants MUST have an active **TOP SECRET/SCI** clearance to attend, and ALL agencies should reply to NSC invitations by emailing (b) (6) and using the following format to submit participation:

**Meeting:** (b)(5) per NSC on 2/10 at 4:00 p.m.

**Participant (including title):**

**SVTC site:**

**If applicable, reason for (b) (5) unavailability (specify conflict):**

**Justification for additional participants (if requested):**

The current title of each individual submitted should be provided every time. If the (b)(5) per NSC is unable to attend the meeting, it is required to provide a reason for his or her unavailability (e.g., testifying on the Hill, on leave, on travel, etc.).

Thank you.

**From:** Manatos & Manatos  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] INVITATION: Greek Easter Lamb roast April 24  
**To:** Jake Sullivan; Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Sent:** March 19, 2022 10:24 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Greek Easter invite.pdf

Jake and Maggie,

We hope that you and your family can attend our Manatos family Greek East Lamb Roast on April 24. We expect many long-time friends in the Biden Administration to join us.

We hope to *see* you then - it's been too long.

*Andy and Mike*

# Manat-OPA!

Please join us for

## A Manatos Family Greek Easter Lamb Roast

Bring your whole family as we enjoy  
Greek food, wine, music and more,  
including a traditional egg cracking competition.  
(there will be prizes!)

Sunday April 24  
3–7pm

At the home of Mike & Laura Manatos

(b) (6)

(across the street from the other Manati)

Please RSVP to

(b) (6)

**From:** Mike Manatos  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: INVITATION: Greek Easter Lamb roast April 24  
**To:** Jake Sullivan; Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Jake Sullivan  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 1:10 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Greek Easter invite.pdf

Jake and Maggie - any chance you and your family can join us April 24? We hope so.

On Mar 19, 2022, at 10:24 AM, Manatos & Manatos (b) (6) > wrote:

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