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Ashley/Team,

With thanks to L for their edits. Attached is the SOP document as requested. Of course more can be added to it as we move forward but this should answer some of the basic questions and give us something to build on.

Best,

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Please let me know if you have questions. Thanks very much.

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All,

Many thanks for joining a call on a Sunday on such short notice. Below is a short summary of the points of consensus, as well as areas for further work:

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Here is some additional information from our mission in Kosovo regarding the FOM issues in Kosovo.

4. (SBU) **Freedom of Movement:** In response to questions from Washington, Post wishes to emphasize that while entry/exit procedures at Camp Bondsteel can provide accountability (check in, check out) and security screening, legal options for limiting Afghans' freedom of movement while in Kosovo are tightly attenuated by Kosovo law. The GoK in its August 21 decision (attached) has qualified ASIs and group P2 as "persons with temporary protection" as foreseen in the Law on Asylum. This articulates the rights and duties of those granted protection, which includes the obligation "to stay temporarily in the Republic of Kosovo in accordance with the period of temporary protection." (b)(5) per State

Per Article 35 of Kosovo's constitution, "Citizens of the Republic of Kosovo and foreigners who are legal residents of Kosovo have the right to move freely throughout the Republic of Kosovo..." and they also have the right to leave Kosovo, with limitations only "for legal proceedings, enforcement of a court decision, or the performance of a national defense obligation." Currently, there are no government COVID measures in place that would apply and restrict movement within Kosovo or to another country. (b)(5) per State

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As mentioned on the call, here is detailed information from Embassy Berlin on the German asylum process:

## Asylum Process





To submit an asylum application you need to reside in Germany. An asylum application cannot be submitted to a foreign representative of the Federal Republic of Germany. You need to submit this application personally.

In order to be able to submit an application for asylum in Germany, you must first register yourself. When you have arrived in Berlin, you must first go to the [Anlaufstelle Neuankömmlinge \(New arrivals contact office\)](#). The Germany-wide “EASY” distribution system is used to determine which German state is responsible for your acceptance. If it is determined that another German state is responsible for your acceptance, then you will receive a train ticket to the responsible institution. If Berlin is responsible, then you must register yourself as an asylum seeker at the [Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten \(State office for Refugee affairs\)](#). Registration will last two days. On the first day, your Ankunftsnaachweis (Arrival certificate) will be produced, which acts as your temporary identification document and is the requirement for your right to support services. The arrival certificate features your name, birthday, citizenship, and a photo of you. You must also provide your fingerprints before it is issued. On the second day, a medical examination takes place and you reserve your first support services. Make sure you bring all of your identification documents and papers (passport, birth certificate, personal ID, or driver's licence).

Following registration, you will be placed in an acceptance centre, which serves as your accommodation and provides you with everything you need. The duration of your accommodation in the acceptance centre normally lasts up to six weeks or up to six months at the longest. If you come from a so-called “safe country of origin” (i.e. Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ghana, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Senegal, and Serbia), then you are obligated to live there until the Ministry of Migrant and Refugee Affairs reaches a decision concerning your asylum application. In case your asylum application is rejected, then you must remain in the initial acceptance centre as a citizen of a safe country of origin until you are returned to your country of origin. If you have family members in another centre, then it is possible to apply to [unify your family](#).

## How do I submit an asylum application?

After registration as an asylum applicant, you submit your asylum application to the Berlin branch office of the [Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge \(Ministry for Migrant and Refugee Affairs\)](#). You will be provided with an appointment. Please bring your identification documents with you to the application appointment.

During your personal application, you will have access to a simultaneous translator to help you. You will also receive important information in writing in your mother tongue. The data recorded by you is matched with the Central Register of Foreign Nationals and the Federal Criminal Police Office to check whether several applications exist and whether it is your first application or a follow-up application, in accordance with the Dublin Regulation. A Europe-wide system is also available to check if another state is responsible for the asylum process.

In connection with your personal application, you will receive permission to reside.

## Which residency documents do I receive?

During registration, you will receive an arrival certificate, which includes your photo, your name, your date of birth, and your citizenship. After your personal asylum application with the Ministry for Migrant and Refugee Affairs, you will be provided with permission to reside. This is a very important document as it enables you to prove that you have applied for asylum, and you must display it in case of official or police checks. Permission to reside is limited to the area of the district where the

responsible acceptance centre is located. This limitation expires after three months, unless you are obligated to continue to live in an initial acceptance centre (especially as a citizen of a so-called “safe country of origin”).

## How does the asylum process proceed?

Within the scope of the asylum process, the Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Ministry of Migrant and Refugee Affairs), checks if the requirements for asylum entitlement, refugee protection, subsidiary protection, and national deportation prohibitions apply.

After you have submitted your asylum application to a branch office of the Ministry of Migrant and Refugee Affairs, you will have to wait for a decision to be reached.

As long as you are obligated to live in an initial acceptance centre, a so-called “residency obligation” shall apply. This means that you may initially not leave the district of the foreign nationals’ office where your acceptance centre is located – in your case this is the state of Berlin. You are not allowed to work during the obligatory residency period.

Before the actual asylum process takes place, the Dublin Accord will be examined initially to determine whether another European state is responsible for processing your asylum application. This will ensure that every asylum application that is submitted in the so-called Dublin Area (in the EU, in Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, or Liechtenstein) is only checked by one state. If you have already been registered in one of the indicated states or if you have already submitted an asylum application there, then Germany cannot provide additional legal asylum protection.

If your asylum application must be processed in another state, then Germany will submit a transfer request to this state. If this state agrees, then the Ministry will issue a corresponding statement. You may dispute this and request an urgent application within one week from the responsible administrative court. Until a legal decision has been made concerning the urgent application, transfer to the original application country is not possible.

If the transfer does not take place within six months, then responsibility remains with the state in which you previously submit the asylum application. This period may be extended under some circumstances.

The most important element of the asylum process is the personal hearing involving the applicant. During the hearing appointment the Bundesamt für Flüchtlinge (Ministry of Refugee Affairs) will provide you a simultaneous translator. During the appointment, you will have the opportunity to explain your individual reasons for fleeing. For this reason, it is important that you are well-prepared when you appear at this appointment and that you ask for advice from a lawyer at an [aid organisation](#) in advance. Extensive information about the asylum process hearing is available in numerous language translations at [asyl.net](#).

If you cannot appear at the appointment for health reasons or other important reasons, then you must decline the appointment in writing. If you do not appear without providing a valid excuse, then your application may be rejected or the process may be halted.

The hearing is not public, but you may be accompanied by your lawyer, a representative of UNHCR, or another person whom you trust (Section 14 paragraph 4 of the VwVfG.). Unaccompanied minors will be accompanied by their guardian.

During your hearing you should give yourself sufficient time, you explain your reasons for fleeing and your living situation, as well as your personal history. You can also indicate your appraisal of the dangers present to you if you return to your country of origin. The responsible decision-maker from the Ministry of Migrant and Refugee Affairs is normally aware of the general situation in your country of origin. You are obligated to answer questions truthfully. If you possess proof such as photos, letters from civic offices or the police, or medical statements, please provide them.

To avoid errors or misunderstandings, the complete conversation will be translated and important points will be recorded. Following the discussion, you may request a translation of the recording into your mother tongue. You shall then have the opportunity to correct or add to your statements. This reverse translation should be completed before you are requested to conform the recording.

After the hearing, the Ministry of Migrant and Refugee Affairs will begin the decision-making process regarding the asylum application.

The situation of people who require special protection such as unaccompanied minors, pregnant women, single parents with children, victims of torture, traumatised persons, persecuted genders, and victims of human trafficking should be noted in particular during the complete asylum process and in their accommodations.

## When do I receive protection?

The protection that is provided to individual refugees depends on the responsible agency during the asylum process. In Germany, there are four different forms of protection:

- Right to asylum
- Refugee protection
- Subsidiary protection
- National deportation prohibition

Article 16a of the constitution specifies a basic right to asylum, which forms the basis of the right to asylum. All persons who are politically persecuted by state agents have the right to protection in Germany. Recognition of the right to asylum is however excluded if the persecuted person has travelled into Germany via a safe third-party state (all other EU countries, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland).

People who are recognised as refugees and receive refugee protection as a result of this are specified in the Geneva Convention on Refugees. A refugee is a person whose life or health is threatened due to their race, nationality, political convictions, religion, or association with a specific social group. Other than with the right to asylum, the threat does not need to come from a state agent, but may also come from non-state agents such as terror groups, clans, cartels, or family members. The Ministry regularly considers whether protection would also have been available in the home country, for example by moving to a safer area.

People with the right to asylum and refugees receive a residency permit for three years with unlimited access to the labour market. They have the right to reunify their family. If the application for this is submitted within three months after confirmation by the Ministry, then you do not need to prove that you can cover the living expenses of your family members. After three or five years, the right to settle will be issued if additional requirements such as coverage of living expenses and certain German skills have been met.

Subsidiary protection will be provided if the applicant is threatened by the death penalty, torture, or inhumane or undignified treatment or punishment in their country of origin. Furthermore, protection also applies to civilians whose life or health is seriously threatened individually by random violence within the context of armed conflicts.

If the Ministry grants subsidiary protection, then the foreign nationals' office will issue a residency permit for one year. This will be extended by two years after expiry of the first year if there is still a reason for protection. People who receive subsidiary protection also have unlimited access to the labour market, just like recognised refugees. However, the law excluded family reunion for them until March 2018. Since 1st August 2018, 1000 family members of beneficiaries of protection per month are permitted to travel to Germany. After five years, the residency permit may be transformed into an unlimited settlement permit under certain conditions.

To protect applicants who do not meet the conditions required to grant asylum, refugee protection, or subsidiary protection, a national deportation prohibition may be awarded as per Section 60 paragraphs 5 and 7 of the AufenthG, provided that deportation would result in human rights violations or significant and specific danger to life, health, or freedom. This may be the case if someone suffers from a serious illness that cannot be treated in their country of origin, whereby severe health damage is feared if the person is forced to return.

If a [national deportation prohibition](#) applies, then a one-year residency permit that may also be extended repeatedly will be issued, which may also be transformed into a settlement permit after five years under certain conditions. People who have received a deportation prohibition have limited access to the labour market and a limited right to have their family join them.

## Which exceptions apply for unaccompanied under-age refugees?

For under-age refugees and asylum seekers, who enter into Berlin without their parents or other legal relatives, special procedural rules apply. These people are (temporarily) taken into care by the youth welfare office responsible – in Berlin, by the Senate Administration for Education, Youth and Family/ state youth welfare office. The initial reception of all unaccompanied children and youths takes place in the FSD Stiftung Berlin Erstaufnahme & Clearingstelle (EAC) on Wupperstraße 17, 14167, Berlin (Steglitz-Zehlendorf). There, accommodation, food and medical care as well as pedagogical care are ensured for the child's welfare and registration under foreigner law is arranged by the State Office for Citizenship

and Regulatory Affairs. Depending on the number of nationwide initial recordings of unaccompanied, under-age refugees, the State of Berlin is entitled – so far as no reasons for exclusion (e.g. an illness) exist -, to move them to another federal state. In the case of existing reasons for exclusion or if access numbers are low compared to the federal average, then the unaccompanied, under-age refugees remain in Berlin.

An application for asylum cannot be provided by the unaccompanied, under-age refugee him/herself, but only by the state youth office, the guardian or an supplementary carer. Provided that an application is made, the unaccompanied, under-age refugee (within the wider asylum procedure) is accompanied by a guardian or a supplementary carer. That also applies especially for the asylum hearing at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. The guardian or supplementary carer has as a rule “special technical knowledge” in questions relating to asylum or law concerning foreigners, which to some extent also provides for exceptions regarding (unaccompanied) under-age refugee

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Meredith, in addition to Josh's preference for 11 AM, after checking with the relevant people here L can do 11.

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From: (b)(6) per State @state.gov  
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To: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA)  
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Meredith - I have a preference for 11 am. I have to (b)(6), so wouldn't be able to join until 9:15. If we go with the earlier time. Best, Josh

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From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 10:56:05 PM  
To: (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA) <(b)(6)>  
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Both times work for me. Thanks for including DOJ.

On Aug 21, 2021, at 10:38 PM, (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA)

(b)(6) wrote:

0900 is also a conflict for me, but others in DoD may be able join. I could join at 11 or another time after.

(b)(6)

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**From:** "Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC" (b)(6)

**Date:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10:32:11 PM

**To:** "d'Annunzio, Michael A SES OSD OGC (USA)" (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6) per State @state.gov, (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA)"

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S. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)

"DASKAL, JENNIFER" (b)(6)

"Baroukh, Nader" (b)(6)

"Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO"

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"Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)" (b)(6)

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David A. (ODAG)" (b)(6)

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"Lederman, Martin (OLC)" (b)(6)

"Krass, Caroline D HON (USA)"

(b)(6)

"George, Elizabeth L SES (USA)" (b)(6)

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"Jacobson, Kyle R SES OSD OGC (USA)" (b)(6)

(b)(6) per DOD

CIV DLSA (USA)" (b)(6)

(b)(3): 10 U.S.C. § 424, (b)(6) per DOD

**Subject:** Re: [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED]RE: Authority to (b)(5)

Thanks, Mike. We won't be discussing any specific cases so I'm planning an insecure call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2021, at 10:20 PM, d'Annunzio, Michael A SES OSD OGC (USA)

(b)(6) wrote:

Adding several more from DoD. 0900 presents a conflict for me, but I'm sure others from DoD could participate then if that's the time most convenient for the group.

Meredith, are you intending a secure or nonsecure call? I would think nonsecure would be fine if we don't need to discuss any specific individuals.

Mike d'Annunzio

Acting Deputy GC for International Affairs

Mobile (b)(6)

Secure (DMCC) (b)(6)

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**From:** Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 22:03

To: (b)(6) per State @state.gov>; (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA)

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d'Annunzio, Michael A SES OSD OGC (USA)

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Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

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Subject: RE: Authority to (b)(5)

Sorry, plus a couple more.

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From: Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC

Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 10:02 PM

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Baroukh, Nader <(b)(6)>

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Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)

<(b)(6)>

Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) per State

@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Authority to (b)(5)

Adding a few more lawyers from DOJ and DHS.

Are people available for a phone call tomorrow morning at 9:00 am? If not then, would

11:00 am work?

We need to sort our relatively quickly the available options when (b)(5)

The legal questions are:

(b)(5)

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From: (b)(6) per State @state.gov>

Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 6:13 PM

To: (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA) <(b)(6)> Johnston,

Meredith A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

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<(b)(6)>

d'Annunzio, Michael A SES OSD OGC (USA)

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Authority to (b)(5)

We are engaging with clients to flag the concern, Meredith, (b)(5) per State

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**From:** (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 5:39 PM

**To:** Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC

**Cc:** (b)(6) per State (b)(6) per State (b)(6) per State; Urrutia, Christian SES (USA); Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO; d'Annunzio, Michael A SES OSD OGC (USA)

**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Authority to (b)(5)

Adding Mike d'Annunzio

IF (b)(5)

There are also practical problems (b)(5)

(b)(6) per DOD

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**From:** Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 5:15 PM

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<(b)(6)> Urrutia, Christian SES (USA)

<(b)(6)> Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Authority to (b)(5)

(b)(6) per DOD

Thanks very much. I think the most immediate question is whether (b)(5)



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(b)(5), (b)(6) per State

Thanks,  
Meredith

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On Aug 21, 2021, at 2:57 PM, (b)(6) per DOD CIV OSD OGC (USA)  
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From: (b)(6) per State @state.gov>  
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 2:42 PM

To: (b)(6) per State <[redacted]@state.gov>; Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC  
<(b)(6)> <[redacted]@state.gov>; Hover, Matthew R SES OSD OGC (USA)  
<(b)(6)> Urrutia, Christian SES (USA)  
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Cc: Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> <[redacted]@state.gov> (b)(6) per DOD  
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Authority to (b)(5)  
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(b)(6) per State - Your summary (b)(5)  
[redacted]

How this will work at the operational level may be a better question for DOD.  
(b)(5)  
[redacted]

(b)(6) per State  
[redacted]

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From: (b)(6) per State <[redacted]@state.gov>  
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 2:26 PM  
To: Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>  
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(USA)' <(b)(6)> Urrutia, Christian SES (USA)  
<(b)(6)> <[redacted]@state.gov> (b)(6) per State <[redacted]@state.gov>  
Cc: Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6) per DOD  
Subject: Re: Authority to (b)(5)  
[redacted]

Adding (b)(6) per State and (b)(6) per DOD who have been handling the DoD-  
related elements of these agreements. My sense is we (b)(5) per State  
[redacted]

Defer to DoD on what that would look like in practice and (b)(6) per State, (b)(6) per DC, and others (b)(5) per State .

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**From:** Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 1:54 PM

**To:** (b)(6) per State (b)(6) per State; 'Hover, Matthew R SES OSD OGC (USA)';  
Urrutia, Christian SES (USA)

**Cc:** Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO

**Subject:** Authority to (b)(5)

All,

(b)(5)

? (b)(5) per State

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Thanks,  
Meredith

Meredith A. Johnston  
Deputy Legal Adviser  
National Security Council

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TS: (b)(6)

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**From:** Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Removal Proceedings  
**To:** Lederman, Martin (OLC); Benedict, Margot (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); O'Herron, Margy (ODAG); Maltby, Jeremy (ODAG); Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC); Metzger, Gillian E. (OLC)  
**Sent:** September 14, 2021 6:52 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Background and Options -- (b)(5) 8.16.15 +lg \_ MSL +lg2 -PRINT.docx, Afghan process options briefing memo (Guttentag 8.31.21).docx

Attached are (1) a pre-final version of the working paper we had early on (I don't know offhand if there's a later or final version), and (2) basic background memo on immigration processing.

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**From:** Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:31 PM  
**To:** Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> O'Herron, Margy (ODAG) <Margy.(b)(6)> Maltby, Jeremy (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6)> Metzger, Gillian E. (OLC) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Removal Proceedings

Are we having a meeting now? If so, please send link, thanks

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**From:** Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:20 PM  
**To:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> O'Herron, Margy (ODAG) <Margy.(b)(6)> Maltby, Jeremy (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6)> Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6)> Metzger, Gillian E. (OLC) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Removal Proceedings

Am away from computer now but will look for them as soon as I can.

On Sep 14, 2021, at 6:12 PM, Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Thanks, Lucas. Do you happen to have them available to circulate to the group?

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**From:** Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:11 PM  
**To:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> O'Herron, Margy (ODAG) <Margy.(b)(6)> Maltby, Jeremy (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6)> Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6)> Metzger, Gillian E. (OLC) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Removal Proceedings

Adding Marty and Gillian. We did that rough paper on this early on and the general process paper I circulated a short time ago.

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**From:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b)(6)>



**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:08 PM

**To:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG); Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); O'Herron, Margy (ODAG); Maltby, Jeremy (ODAG); Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC)

**Subject:** Removal Proceedings

**When:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:30 PM-7:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

In today's (b)(5) meeting, DOJ was asked to share our perspective and plan re: (b)(5). For context, (b)(5), (b)(7)(E) (we can share more on the call). I think NSC would be interested in our thoughts on (b)(5). Because these issues could come up (b)(5), it would be helpful if we could put something together by tomorrow AM for David and the DAG.

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vett  
**To:** J (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Christopher Fonzzone; Newman, David A. (ODAG); (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI. (TSC) (FBI); Christine Abizaid; Dory, Amanda  
**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD; Baroukh, Nader; Sokoler, Jennif H y Links,  
Clare D. EOP/NSC; Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC; (b)(6) per State (b)(6) per State (b)(6) per State y,  
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(CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA; Hurd,  
Hilary A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** C-04:00  
**Attached:** (b)(5) 8.22.21.docx, Framework for (b)(5) WORKING FINAL 08\_21\_21 \_  
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(Adding Amanda Dory)

Thank you, Jen! Really helpful in moving this forward. I'm attaching a version with a couple of tiny tweaks just for consistency with the latest version of the framework paper, which I'm also reattaching (unchanged) so folks have it easily at hand.

I'd welcome continued refinements to the first doc f n

(b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(5)

Thanks to all!

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer  
Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor  
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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)  
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(b)(6); VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Josh and team –

Tried to combine some work from our team with the NCTC work – lots to think about/amend/ discuss – just hoping this keeps the conversation going.

(b)(5) per DHS

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Jen

Jennifer Daskal  
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel  
Homeland Security

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Thank you, (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI Copying in just (b)(5) I  
(b)(5)  
(b)(6). Look forward to seeing more and then working with this group to keep refining.

Thanks again to all.

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer  
Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor  
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**From:** (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
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**To:** Geltzer, Joshua A. (b)(6); DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6);  
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Christine Abizaid (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Josh et al –

(b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(7)(E)

Kept dissemination line small in case you want to discuss prior to sending to entire group. Adding (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI/TSC to dissem.

Thanks,

- (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August  
**To:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6); stopher Fonzone (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6);  
Newman, David A. (O (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Christine Abizaïd (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Thank you, Jen! Plus (b)(3), (b)(6) per with huge thanks for help with this.

All the best, Josh

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Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor  
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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021  
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**Cc:** Christine Abizaïd (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

NCTC/DOJ partners -

Thanks for the call earlier. Here is a shell for NCTC, DHS, and DOJ to fill in. Feel free to adjust if necessary, but to get us started.

Thanks,  
Jen

Jennifer Daskal  
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel  
Homeland Security

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Continuing thanks to all. I'm being asked (b)(5) for the current working version of this document, so please find it attached. I've labeled it a 'working final,' recognizing that there may still be adjustments as we work through this.

I'll land a Zoom call for 1030 am. Meanwhile, having talked with a couple of you this morn, there's a need to accelerate this work. Would folks please identify for this group by 1 pm the appropriate reps from their departments/agencies to the:

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one (from DHS and NCTC) soonest, please, as that group needs to begin work (b)(5)

Thank you all!

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer  
Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor  
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**From:** Christopher Fonzone (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 2  
**To:** 'DASKAL, JENNIFER' (b)(6) shua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6);  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Thanks, Jen and all. I agree that a call will be helpful to hammer out the remaining things we need to talk through, or at least identify options. I'm have meetings calls until 1000 or 1015, but am happy to talk any time after that except for 1 to 3. Many thanks, Chris

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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Josh,

Again, thanks for this. A few additional edits. Given how fast things are moving a call this weekend may be useful.

Best,  
Jen

Jennifer Daskal  
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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

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'm belatedly (and with apologies) copying them in here. See what you guys think about  
and how we should think about that task.

Adding Christy (sorry, I don't have (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI email on this system, but she was on our morning call), too, in case she'd like to weigh in; and Sam, too.

If folks have additional edits, including translating comment bubbles into edits, let's please aim to do so by 10 am. Then I'll circulate a clean version, and I think we n

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We can talk through operationalizing this tomorrow by phone, too, if helpful.

Thanks to all. Get some rest. Grateful for everyone's efforts this week.

All the best, Josh

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thanks, and happy to hop on the phone whenever to discuss, Chris

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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Josh,

Thank you! Fabulous work.

Some suggested edits.

Two key

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Can get on a call at any point this eve or over the weekend to discuss.

Jen

Jennifer Daskal

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2021 3:47

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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Updated version attached!

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC

**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2021 2:28

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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Hi! Updated doc attached per convo with David—please take a look, as the process has changed a bit. Thanks.

All the best, Josh

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Very helpful call this morn! I'm rushing but attached includes some admittedly swift attempts at updates. Please continue to augment.

Thanks!

All the best, Josh

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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Hello,

Some additions for your consideration off of Josh’s 6:47 AM version.

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Director for Watchlisting, Screening, and Vetting  
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(Plus Clare Linkins)

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Likewise, thanks to Jen for the improvements, and looking forward to the convo! Continuing refinements are incorporated into the attached.

All the best, Josh

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(b)(6); Baughman, Brian M. EOP/NSC  
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**Subject:** Re: Small Group - Vetting

Very much appreciate Josh's work putting this together — and Jen's additions. Look forward to discussing further in the am.

On Aug 20, 2021, at 12:42 AM, DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) wrote:

Josh,

This is great. (b)(5) Look forward to the conversation tomorrow.

Best,  
Jen

Jennifer Daskal  
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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

(Adding The Fonz in case he's willing/able to join us)

Let me send a Zoom invite for 1015 am. Even if it's not all of us, hopefully we'll get a critical mass.

Attached is a VERY rough first stab. I'm surrounded on this thread by others who know this stuff better than I, so please have it. One plea, though: the goal is to keep this simple enough that (1) (b)(5) per NSC can understand and ideally sign off on it soon (like Saturday); and (2) implementers from various departments/agencies can actually implement it. So please help me with that, too—in addition to

correcting what I've screwed up and overlooked.

Thanks to all. Talk soon.

All the best, Josh

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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6); (b)(6) SC  
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(b)(6); Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO  
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**From:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021  
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(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Small Group - Vetting

With apologies, I have a 945 to 1015 with leadership. Could do before or after.

On Aug 19, 2021, at 9:13 PM, DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) wrote:

Me too, but can we do 9:45? Thank you.

Jen

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**From:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021  
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(b)(6); Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO  
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Good here.

er, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6) wrote:

Works for me!

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
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**To:** Newm (b)(6) DASKAL,  
JENNIFER (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Sokoler, Jennifer (b)(6); Travers,  
(b)(6); Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC  
(b)(6); Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Hi! Daskal and I talked (I think I ignored a call from Newman meanwhile? Sorry!). Let me try a stab at a 1-page doc on task #1 later tonight. Then we can discuss tomorrow morn, if people have availability. Does that work?

All the best, Josh

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(b)(6); Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC  
(b)(6); Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Thanks to you both!

Jen, tried you by phone a few minutes ago. Let's all plan to connect in the morning, as I think getting the tasks

he first, that (b)(5)

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How's 930 am?

In terms of (b)(5) [REDACTED], let's discuss that too. Then maybe we can divide and concur writing short papers on each.

If 930 am works, shall I send a Zoom invite?

Thanks to all!

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer

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**From:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August [REDACTED]  
**To:** DASKA (b)(6) [REDACTED]; Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Happy to support/participate in a discussion this evening given the time sensitivity and the overlap with the vetting.

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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, Aug [REDACTED]  
**To:** Geltzer, Joshua (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Soko (b)(6) [REDACTED]; Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
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Josh,

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(b)(5) per DHS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I'm happy to try and convene, but both David and Jen indicated you may already be thinking along these lines or planning to do so.

Happy to jump on the phone and discuss.

Best,  
Jen



Jennifer Daskal  
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**From:** Dory, Amanda J SES OSD OUSD POLICY (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting  
**To:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC; Newman, David A. (ODAG); Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI); DASKAL, JENNIFER; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Christopher Fonzone; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (TSC) (FBI); Christine Abizaid; Maier, Christopher P HON (USA); (b)(6) per State; (b)(6) per State; George, Elizabeth L SES (USA); Harris, Milancy D SES OSD OUSD POLICY (USA); (b)(6) per State  
**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD; Baroukh, Nader; Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO; Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO; Linkins, Clare D. EOP/NSC; Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC; (b)(6) per State; (b)(6) per State; (b)(6) per State; McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA; Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO; Reid, Garry P SES OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA); Blake, Matthew J SES OSD (USA); d'Annunzio, Michael A SES OSD OGC (USA); Franchetti, Lisa M VADM USN JS J5 (USA)  
**Sent:** August 23, 2021 7:34 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** smime.p7m

Josh,

At the 0300 synch this morning, (b)(7)(E) per DHS, State; (b)(3) per ODNI; (b)(5)

Regards,  
Amanda

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 11:01 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI>  
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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Thanks to all for continued progress throughout the day on these tough issues. Attached please find the docs we've been developing, with a few minor updates incorporated.

All the best, Josh

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC

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; Christine Abizaid (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6)

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Maier, Christopher P HON (USA) <(b)(6)>

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**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD <(b)(6)>

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EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>

Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>

Linkins,

Clare D. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

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; VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA <(b)(6)>

Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO

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**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

Thank you, David and Kevin!

One additional insertion is reflected in the attached reflecting meetings this morning.

Please flag any objections or concerns by 4 pm. Otherwise we'll consider this another "working final."

Thanks very much.

All the best, Josh

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**From:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 1:30 PM

**To:** Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

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; Christopher Fonzone

(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI

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

(TSC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

; Christine Abizaid (b)(3)

; Dory, Amanda

<(b)(6)>

**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD <(b)(6)>

Baroukh, Nader <(b)(6)>

Sokoler, Jennifer B.

EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>

Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>

Linkins,

Clare D. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

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

(CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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

(DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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

(DO) (FBI)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

; VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA <(b)(6)>

Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

All,

I have attached an updated draft of the risk assessment paper that incorporates the thinking behind the FBI's earlier paper that Kevin circulated. Echo the thanks for all the interagency collaboration.

--David

**From:** Kevin Vorndran (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 12:30 PM  
**To:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6); DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6); (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Christopher Fonzone (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6); (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (TSC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Christine Abizaid (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6); Dory, Amanda (b)(6)  
**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD (b)(6); Baroukh, Nader (b)(6); Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Linkins, Clare D. EOP/NSC (b)(6); Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC (b)(6); (b)(6) per State; @state.gov; (b)(6) per State; @state.gov; (b)(6) per State; @state.gov; McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6); Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Small Group - Vetting

Josh and Team -

Attached are requests for inclusion from DOJ/FBI. We appreciate the partnership on this discussion and the support of the interagency.

Regards, Kevin

Kevin Vorndran

Deputy Assistant Director

FBI Counterterrorism Division

**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 1:57 AM  
**To:** DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6); (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Christopher Fonzone (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (JMD) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (TSC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Christine Abizaid (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6); Dory, Amanda (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Small Group - Vetting

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG); Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI); DASKAL, JENNIFER; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Christopher Fonzone; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (TSC) (FBI); Christine Abizaid; Dory, Amanda; Maier, Christopher P HON (USA); Naplan, Steven J; Jackson, Nancy I  
**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD; Baroukh, Nader; Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO; Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO; Linkins, Clare D. EOP/NSC; Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC; (b)(6) per State; (b)(6) per State (b)(6) per State McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA; Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** August 22, 2021 5:34 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Framework for (b)(5) WORKING FINAL 08\_22\_21 \_ 530PM.docx

Hi to all,

Please find attached a slightly updated "framework" doc. No material changes to the process or basic approach, but some helpful updates to terminology and language from colleagues at State.

DHS is continuing (b)(5) per DHS and will recirculate it shortly. They're also kindly working to ensure that, with that document prepared for use, (b)(5)

Thanks to all!

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer  
Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor  
National Security Council  
Unclassified: (b)(6) | Classified: (b)(6)

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 2:57 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
DASKAL, JENNIFER <(b)(6)> (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI Christopher Fonzone  
(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
(TSC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Christine Abizaid <(b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(6)> Dory, Amanda  
<(b)(6)> Maier, Christopher P HON (USA) <(b)(6)> (b)(6) per State  
<(b)(6)>@state.gov>  
**Cc:** SEIDL, TODD <(b)(6)> Baroukh, Nader <(b)(6)> Sokoler, Jennifer B.  
EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Linkins,  
Clare D. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)> Tobin, Katie A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)> (b)(6) per State  
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA <(b)(6)> Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Small Group - Vetting

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) FBI  
**Subject:** FW: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) Discussion (Tomorrow)  
**To:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)  
**Sent:** August 24, 2021 6:20 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hey there,

Do you happen to know if the framework (b)(5) per NSC looked at yesterday was finalized? We understood that Newman was in touch with Geltzer and never heard where that landed.

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

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**From:** McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021  
an, Kevin (CT (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) Discussion (Tomorrow)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI – do you know if this document has been finalized yet? Our folks are asking whether there is any formal framework document yet. Thanks! DLM

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**From:** McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2021  
TD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI l) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
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(OGC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; Jones, Jason Allen (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; McCarthy, Dawn L. (OGC)  
(FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) Discussion (Tomorrow)

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Please call if you'd like to discuss further, thanks! DLM

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**From:** Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** 3, 2021 12:  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI)



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**Subject:** RE: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) Discussion (Tomorrow)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Two observations and one potential issue.

Observations

(b)(5)

Issue

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Kevin

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
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**Subject:** FW: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) Discussion (Tomorrow)  
**Importance:** High

OGC and CTD,

Please review the revised final framework, which will be reviewed by (b)(5) per NSC at 1pm and either (1) confirm no additional comments/feedback, or (2) issues/concerns NLT than 12:30pm.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (F [REDACTED] (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED])

Subject: FW: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) [REDACTED] Discussion (Tomorrow)

Importance: High

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From: Bender, Kimberly H. EOP/NSC (b)(6) [REDACTED]

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To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) [REDACTED] Discussion (Tomorrow)

As discussed.

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From: Bender, Kimberly H. EOP/NSC

Sent: Monday, August 23, 20

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(b)(6) [REDACTED] Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) [REDACTED] Discussion (Tomorrow)

Team –

Good morning, please see the attached CLOSE HOLD materials for this afternoons discussion on (b)(5) [REDACTED]

Also, if you have not already done so, please RSVP to me directly.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

V/R

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**From:** Bender, Kimberly H. EOP/NSC

**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 202

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REBECCA (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODN; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI Rebecca R.  
EOP/NSC (b)(6) ks, Gershom M. EOP/NSC (b)(6); Horne,  
Emily J. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
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(b)(6); Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Subject:** 1:00-2:00pm: (b)(5) Discussion (Tomorrow)

Team –

Apologies for the late notice, Dr. Sherwood-Randall will convene a SVTC meeting re: (b)(5), tomorrow (23 Aug) from 1:00-2:00pm.

WHSR will facilitate the SVTC.

Manifest:

PDNSA F

DepSec (b)(6) per State

DepSec John Tien

Deputy AG Lisa Monaco

WHC Dana Remus

USD-P Colin Kahl

Dir Christi Abizaid

DepDir Paul Abbate

DHSA Josh Geltzer

Joint Staff

Ashley Deeks

Rebecca Brocato

Emily Horne

To spare already very full inboxes, please reply directly to me regarding your Principals availability.

Thank you and have a good evening.

V/R

Kimberly

**From:** Newman, David  
**Subject:** RE: Protocol for (b)(5)  
**To:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); (b)(6) DOD; (b)(6) DOD; Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO; Hurd, Hilary A. EOP/WHO; Linkins, Clare D. EOP/NSC; (b)(6) per State ANTHA VINOGRAD; Coakley, Miriam M. (OGC) (FBI); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD); (b)(6) (NSD)  
**Sent:** August 30, 2021 1  
**Attached:** FBI Protocols for (b)(5) U\_FOUO \_DRAFT 08302021 clean.docx

Josh---

With great thanks to those added on the "cc" line (and others who contributed insights), please see attached draft paper responsive to the request below. We welcome comments and feedback and regard this paper as a deliberative draft that is subject to further refinement.

--David

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**From:** Geltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) (b)(7)(E); (b)(6) DOD; (b)(6) DOD; (b)(6); Linkins, Clare D. E (b)(6); (b)(6) per State @state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Protocol for (b)(5)

Thank you, David!

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer  
Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor  
National Security Council  
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On Aug 28, 2021, at 10:55 AM, Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b)(6) wrote:

Josh —

DOJ/FBI can take this task for actioning and circle back with this group.

All best,  
David

eltzer, Joshua A. EOP/NSC  
(b)(6) wrote:

Good morning! Hope this finds you all well.

I've been asked (b)(5) to make a request:

up a short protocol document for (b)(5), (b)(7)(E)

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. But the goal is to ensure our service members understand consistently how to handle such situations and all of us have visibility into the basic protocol.

Would that be possible, ideally by Monday morning given that this is already occurring?

Welcome your assistance. Thank you.

All the best, Josh

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Joshua A. Geltzer

Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor

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**From:** Catherine Milhoan  
**Subject:** Re: (Clean Chain, for Review) FOR IA CLEARANCE: Screening & Vetting Qs  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Winston, Alvin M. (OPA) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** September 3, 2021 6:02 PM (UTC-04:00)

Kelsey,

I have socialized here and the following is our feedback.

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Thank you Cathy. I am good with all but the last one still seems to be slightly misleading.

Maybe we could say (b)(5)

Something like that maybe....

Cathy Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 3:07:21 PM  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Winston, Alvin M. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (JMD) (b)(6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (JMD)  
(b)(6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (JMD) (b)(6); Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
(JMD) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - (Clean Chain, for Review) FOR IA CLEARANCE: Screening & Vetting Qs

AD Milhoan,

Following up on our conversation with some suggested edits, as drafted w/ ADAG Newman (cc'd here) just now. We very much appreciate the FBI's concerns here.

Below please see language we have added in red and language we recommend striking in yellow highlighting and strikethrough. Understanding you are driving, I am happy to give you a call to talk through this. In particular, happy to discuss our thinking behind our edits to the first question.

We will send back to the NSC, through a policy channel, once FBI has reviewed.

Many thanks,  
Kelsey

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Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice

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**From:** VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA  
**Subject:** Some Thoughts  
**To:** Geltzer, Joshua  
**Cc:** DASKAL, JENNIFER; Newman, David A. (ODAG); SILVERS, ROBERT; BURRIESCI, KELLI ANN  
**Sent:** August 31, 2021 4:58 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Screening Process \_ 1700.docx

Josh –

Hope all is well. Attached please find some draft thoughts from DHS regarding (b)(5)

I think we would very much welcome a convening of the Executive Steering Group tomorrow as we have some time sensitive matters to address. (b)(5) per DHS

– I think our Deputy may raise a particular matter shortly at the (b)(7)(E).

Sam

**From:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Fwd: (b)(7)(E) Update - Director to participate  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** August 21, 2021 10:04 AM (UTC-04:00)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Date:** August 21, 2021 at 9:48:57 AM EDT  
**To:** "Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)" <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** FW: (b)(7)(E) Update - Director to participate

Kohler probably briefed this on the call, but FYSA see the below.

Hopefully this is the last of this kind of situation, (b)(5) per FBI, DHS; (b)(7)(E) per DHS  
[REDACTED]

(b)(5) per FBI, DHS; (b)(7)(E) per DHS  
[REDACTED].

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** FW: (b)(7)(E) Update - Director to participate

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:37 AM  
**To:** Kohler, Alan E. Jr. (CD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(7)(E) Update - Director to participate

Hi Sir,

From AD Kable:

(b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(7)(E) per FBI, DHS  
[REDACTED]

Thanks!

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kohler, Alan E. Jr. (CD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:35 AM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(7)(E) Update - Director to participate

Any update from (b)(3) per ODNI, (b)(7)(E) per FBI, DHS

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:29:24 AM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Smith, James H. III (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CG) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Rich, Oliver E. Jr. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (ITID) (CON) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Kohler, Alan E. Jr. (CD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI Update - Director to participate

To follow up, EAD Kohler was able to dial into the call, so we should be covered!

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

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:11 AM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Smith, James H. III (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CG) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Rich, Oliver E. Jr. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (ITID) (CON) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Kohler, Alan E. Jr. (CD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI Update - Director to participate

Good morning Sir,

NSC just reached out, and they'd like to hold an unclass phone call at 9:30am, in addition to to the 2:30pm secure call. Apologies for the short notice!

Could you let us know if you're available to join the call from HQ, or from your cell?

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

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2021 10:02 PM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Smith, James H. III (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CG) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Rich, Oliver E. Jr. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (ITID) (CON) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI Update - Director to participate

Hi Sir,

NSC scheduled the (b)(7)(E) for tomorrow 2:30-3:30pm. We'll set up the call in the SIOC (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) – I'll take care of the RSVP and cc you and the team.

Thanks!

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

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)

**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2021 8:02 PM

**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

**Cc:** Smith, James H. III (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CG) (FBI)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Rich, Oliver E. Jr. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

**Subject:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) Update - Director to participate

Good evening Sir,

Per the DD, the Director will attend the (b)(7)(E) tomorrow. The DD asked that you join for our prep call with the Director at 10:45am in SIOC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) sent a calendar invite).

Still no word yet from NSC on whether they will schedule a (b)(7)(E) tomorrow, but we will keep you updated as soon as we hear one way or the other.

Thanks!

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

**From:** Lederman, Martin (OLC)  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5) Paper  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cristina (OLC); Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG)  
**Sent:** August 16, 2021 8:57 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Background and Options -- (b)(5) .v.2.8.15 + MSL.docx

Here are my working comments/suggestions—but you'll be far more knowledgeable than I. Please edit off of this.

Do you guys understand these bullet points? What's the statutory source? (b)(5)

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(b)(5)

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**From:** Lederman, Martin (OLC)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:44 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cristina (OLC) <(b)(6)> Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5) Paper

I'll circulate to CR and LG shortly some redlines and the like, but mostly they're raising questions/clarifications.

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**From:** Lederman, Martin (OLC)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:28 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cristina (OLC) <(b)(6)> Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: (b)(5) Paper

Let's work off of this version. Any redlines you could add would be great, thanks.

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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 1:32 AM  
**To:** Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)> (b)(6) per State @state.gov; Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Baroukh, Nader <(b)(6)> (b)(6) per State  
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(b)(6) per State @state.gov; (b)(6) per State @state.gov; Lederman, Martin (OLC)  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5) Paper

Hi all,

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Sharing Ashley's edits with this bigger chain.

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**From:** (b)(6) per State <(b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:55 PM  
**To:** DASKAL, JENNIFER <(b)(6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
Johnston, Meredith A. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; Baroukh, Nader  
<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per State <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6) per State  
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<(b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(5) Paper

Thanks, Jen. Adding some people from State/L.

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**From:** DASKAL, JENNIFER <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:46 PM  
**To:** Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)  
<(b)(6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Johnston, Meredith A.  
EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per State <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Baroukh, Nader  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5) Paper

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Team DOJ, State, NSC –

Writing with (b)(5) per NSC, State, DHS; (b)(7)(E) per NSC, State . Welcome thoughts/edits, although wonder whether it might just be easiest to all get on a quick call this eve. I am available up until (b)(6) , with the exception of 8-8:15 and 9-9:20.

(b)(6) per State – NSC suggested you would know the right people at State to loop on.

Also available early in the am.

Thank you,  
Jen

Jennifer Daskal  
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Deeks, Ashley S. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:02 PM  
**To:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** DASKAL, JENNIFER <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5) paper

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Jen: Julie and David are your right entry points, and they can farm out whatever you produce to their SMEs. Do you

have a sense of when you might be able to circulate something? (b)(5) per DHS

Thanks very much.

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(b)(5)