

SITREP

Operation (b)(7)(E)
SITREP ID: SITREP-20200220 (b)(7)(E)
Date: 02/20/2020

Operation Name: OP-SOG-ORD-OPERATION SUBZERO

Assigned Station: (b)(7)(E)

Station(s) worked: (b)(7)(E)

Zone(s): ICE/ERO (b)(7)(E) Field Office AOR

Shift/Covering period: (b)(7)(E)

POC's for any further information/coordinator: SBPA: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: (b)(7)(E) Longitude: (b)(7)(E)

Call Outs: N/A

Daily Activity Report/Narrative/Effectiveness: Supported the (b)(7)(E) ICE ERO Field Office Fugitive OPs Teams.

Medical Status: Good.

Significant Events: NSTR

Air Operations: N/A

(b)(7)(E)

Next 24 Hours: We will continue to assist (b)(7)(E) ICE ERO as members of their Fugitive OPs Unit.

Total Apprehensions	
UDAs	3

Associated Event Numbers

No Event # Logged

SITREP Coordinates

Latitude: (b)(7)(E) Longitude: (b)(7)(E)

Operation SUB zERO Weekly Report

Field Office/Location: (b)(7)(E)

Reporting Period: 16-22FEB2020

Manpower/Team: Agent(s) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

ICE/ERO Team supporting (b)(7)(E)

Assigned Shift: Varies

BLUF:

- Total Arrests: 3
- Detainers Issued: 0
- Other: 0

EVENTS:

16FEB2020:

- Assigned Day Off-Duty

17FEB2020:

- Holiday Day Off-Duty

18FEB2020:

- Arrests: N/A
- Subject:
- Detainers Issues:
- Additional Activity:
 1. (b)(7)(E) - Attempted to locate (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) COC: Guatemala citizen, convicted of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E)
 2. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

19FEB2020:

- Arrests:
 1. (b)(7)(E) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) COC: Guatemala citizen, convicted of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
 2. (b)(7)(E) Arrest was made on two subjects in the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) COB: Ecuador Criminal history: N/A Dispo: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
 3. (b)(7)(E) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) COB: Ecuador Criminal history: N/A Dispo: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
- Detainers Issues:

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- Additional Activity:

20FEB2020:

- Arrests:
- Detainers Issues:
- Additional Activity:

1. (b)(7)(E) Traveled to Lafayette, NJ to locate (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) COC: Mexico Criminal history: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Subject located (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
2. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
3. (b)(7)(E) Attempted to locate (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) COB: Mexico
Criminal history: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
4. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

21FEB2020

- Arrests: N/A
Subject:
- Detainers Issues:
- Additional Activity

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

22FEB2020:

Assigned Day Off-Duty

Additional Activity:

Issues/Concerns:

SITREP

Operation: (b)(7)(E)
SITREP ID: SITREP-20200218 (b)(7)(E)
Date: 02/18/2020

Operation Name: OP-SOG-ORD-OPERATION SUBZERO

Assigned Station: (b)(7)(E)

Station(s) worked: (b)(7)(E)

Zone(s): ICE/ERO (b)(7)(E) Field Office AOR

Shift/Covering period: (b)(7)(E)

POC's for any further information/coordinator: SBPA: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: (b)(7)(E) Longitude: (b)(7)(E)

Call Outs: N/A

Daily Activity Report/Narrative/Effectiveness: Supported the (b)(7)(E) ICE ERO Field Office Fugitive OPs Teams. Two Apprehensions.

Medical Status: Good.

Significant Events: NSTR

Air Operations: N/A

(b)(7)(E)

Next 24 Hours: We will continue to assist (b)(7)(E) ICE ERO as members of their Fugitive OPs Unit.

Total Apprehensions	
UDAs	2

Associated Event Numbers

No Event # Logged

SITREP Coordinates

Latitude: (b)(7)(E) Longitude: (b)(7)(E)

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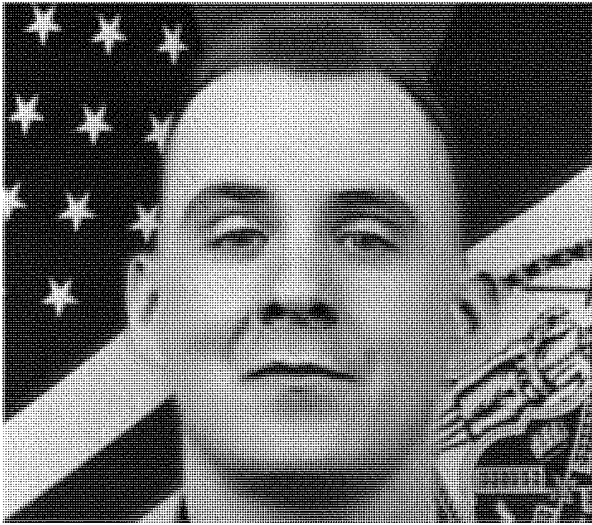
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Special Operations Supervisor
U.S.B.P. Special Operations Group
Border Patrol Tactical Unit
Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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NYC cop was fatally shot by police gunfire

Investigators previously suggested Brian Mulkeen was fatally shot by the suspect he was grappling with

NEW YORK — New York City police said Monday that an officer killed while wrestling with an armed man was fatally struck by gunfire from his fellow officers.

Police Commissioner James O'Neill said Officer Brian Mulkeen, 33, was hit twice by police bullets during the confrontation early Sunday in the Bronx.



Brian Mulkeen was shot three times by his fellow officers as he grappled on the ground with an armed suspect. (Photo/NYPD)

"This is a tragic case of friendly fire," O'Neill said during a news conference at police headquarters.

Suspect Antonio Williams, 27, was also killed during the burst of gunfire, in which several officers fired shots. The entire exchange took around 10 seconds, O'Neill said.

Police say a .32-caliber revolver belonging to Williams was recovered at the scene. It had not been fired.

Investigators had previously suggested that Williams had wrested the officer's gun away as the pair struggled on the ground, saying body camera video had recorded Mulkeen saying, "He's reaching for it!"

But police said Monday that Mulkeen retained control of his gun and fired several shots during the encounter.

Mulkeen's death is the second time this year that a member of the NYPD has been killed by friendly fire.

Detective Brian Simonsen died in February after being hit once in the chest by crossfire as he and six other officers fired 42 shots at a suspect who charged toward them and mimicked pulling the trigger of a fake handgun.

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Subject: RE: (U) ARTICLE_FBI SWAT Leader versus the NYT_2 March 2020

That doesn't surprise me.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Subject: (U) ARTICLE_FBI SWAT Leader versus the NYT_2 March 2020

A Retired FBI SWAT Team Leader Calls Out the New York Times

by James A. Gagliano

Police Dispatcher: "Attention all units! Attention all units! Any units available to respond to the vicinity of 8th Avenue, just south of 42nd Street, be advised, The Gray Lady has fallen — captive to her own rigid ideological viewpoints and implicit biases. I repeat, any available units, we have an ongoing "hostage situation." Deploy tactical team as soon as able in order to rescue the vestiges, the remnants if you will, of a once proud and iconic newspaper at that location. Units are advised to anticipate encountering hostile #resistance at this location. You can expect to be challenged. The Gray Lady is wounded, but armed with unlimited bottles of ink. Proceed with caution."

Responding Unit: "Dispatch, this is Car 54. Regrettably, the SWAT Team was disbanded and stood down last week, victim of unfavorable press, one-sided reporting, and the questioning of policing methodologies by those whose most dangerous professional pursuit is sticking their hand inside a jammed copy machine. Oh, the irony..."

[Pause to let that satirical scenario sink in for a moment]...

On March 19th, 2017, the storied New York Times, in their widely read Sunday edition, ran a front page feature, above the fold, entitled, Door-Busting Raids Leave Trail of Blood: The Heavy Toll of Using SWAT Teams for Search Warrants. The entire story spanned some three and a half full pages in the legendary newspaper known as "The Gray Lady", and was authored by senior writer Kevin Sack.

This kind of space dedicated to an investigative story in the Times tends to lead to Pulitzer Prize consideration. Add into the mix an unbalanced and one-sided expose that, replete with wild and inflammatory hyperbole, asserts that "Door-Busting Raids Leave a Trail of Blood" [headline for story continued on page 18], and Mr. Sack and his editors can begin dusting off spaces on their mantles for the award.

Look, let's be honest, as we age, none of us retain the adolescent glow, vibrancy and lean musculature of our youth. And The Gray Lady, despite her printed protestations, has endured a rather rocky aging process of late. Who can forget the unprecedented act of contrition, the damning mea culpa issued by Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. in the wake of the unexpected and improbable Trump victory last November?

While steering clear of an outright apology for the completely biased coverage of Trump and the 2016 campaign itself, Sulzberger did allow that The New York Times would "rededicate ourselves to the fundamental mission of Times journalism. That is to report America and the world honestly, without fear or favor."

Um, okay. Sounds nice. Looking forward to that "rededication" to ethical journalism standards of impartiality, unbiasedness, and objectivity. In the meantime, this SWAT article contains all the tropes and canards that I anticipated it would be replete with.

The application of SWAT has therefore been predetermined by the NYT to be:

a) Overused

- b) Unnecessary
- c) Utilized to justify its own existence
- d) Anachronistic
- e) Racist

Would one expect any other outcome regarding a study of law enforcement tactics from the Times? Shockingly, the criminologists who were interviewed for the piece were sympathetic to the Times' preordained viewpoint — i.e. the liberal/progressive viewpoint about law enforcement as a militaristic “occupying force” and an instrument of the state to oppress communities of color.

And, of course, the law enforcement officials, past and present, who were interviewed, offered tepid, lukewarm, less than full-throated endorsements of the dynamic entry tactics their SWAT Teams employed.

Blink twice, chief, if you're hostage to a “sanctuary city” mayor...

And then, for the Times to make their conclusions, throw in a little ACLU, a few scattered instances where SWAT Teams performed poorly, upload an incendiary photo of some playpen netting scorched by a diversionary device, and interview disgruntled folks from the neighborhood who can describe the “terror” and “recurring nightmares” when some neighborhood menace was swept up by a SWAT Team. Predictable, no?

Yawn...The script seemingly never changes, does it?

Does anyone possessing an acute awareness level above that of your average low-information-voter really consider the Times, and much of the mainstream media, for that matter, to be impartial or unbiased anymore? Media outlets simply don't pretend to be neutral as much as they used to — the mere calling of balls and strikes no longer a duty held sacred by the Fourth Estate; a necessary check on our other three branches of government.

The Times condemnatory, biased, finger-on-the-scale coverage of the intemperate, petulant, billionaire presidential candidate aside, I sincerely attempted to look past the inflammatory

headlines attached to the aforementioned piece on discretionary SWAT Team deployments. I truly endeavored to read and ingest the article “without fear or favor.” I tried. I did! You don’t believe me? I did! Really!

I sincerely tried...

Putting my own preconceived notions and implicit biases aside for a moment, allow me to help you understand where I come from — to establish some bona fides in this field I speak of.

I spent some twenty years of my twenty-five year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) serving on and leading FBI tactical response teams. I was a member of the FBI’s New York Office Brooklyn-Queens SWAT Team from 1991-1997. And then served four years as a counter-terrorist operator on the FBI’s elite Hostage Rescue Team (HRT).

I returned to the New York Office in 2001 and spent three years as the SWAT Team’s Senior Team Leader (STL), leading forty-five men and planning and directing all dynamic entry, barricaded-subject, and high-risk arrest missions within the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, and six upstate counties for the FBI and FBI-NYPD task forces. I have led and been led in the tactical resolution world. I KNOW the business.

I am also a member of the FBI’s select marksmen group, having shot an “FBI Possible,” and I successfully attended the United States Marine Corps (USMC) Sniper Course. From 2005-2008, I served as the New York Office’s Crisis Management Coordinator, with responsibility to provide guidance and tactical resources to senior FBI onscene commanders during crisis incidents in New York City and beyond. In parts of 2002 and 2003, I was attached to JSOC military units in a combat theater in Afghanistan.

I am as versed in military tactics, gear, and equipment, as I am in law enforcement guidelines, constitutional legal provisions and the Attorney General’s Guidelines. This by no means makes me an expert in any of these disciplines. It does, however, provide a backdrop to my impending disassembling of the fear-mongering and one-sided Times article on SWAT Teams.

What do I take issue with? Well, firstly, it goes to hypocrisy. The New York Times seems to make as much news as it reports these days. The 24/7 news cycle has been fairly consumed of late with questionable tweets from the occupant of the White House and one, in particular, ill-advised Twitter blast accusing the former president of having “wire tapped” Trump campaign headquarters last Fall in New York City.

No denying that the Times ran this headline on January 20th of this year: “Wiretapped Data Used in Inquiry of Trump Aides.” This reporting, based on leaked intelligence reports and the unauthorized and illegal unmasking of a U.S. citizen, resulted in the resignation of Trump’s National Security Adviser, retired Army Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn.

The word leak is just so benign a word. In the above instance, it actually related to an illegal unauthorized disclosure of classified information. As the FBI Director, James B. Comey, Jr. testified before the House Intelligence Committee last week, these leaks are criminal acts that can result in a ten-year bid in the federal penitentiary. The New York Times — and in this case, The Washington Post, as well — are releasing information to the general public, and the world at large, that is not authorized to be disclosed. That’s a crime. That’s not a good balance of providing the public what it needs to know while respecting classified information as just that, CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. That’s using your protected status as journalists to disabuse yourself of the law and smear a politician and his administration that you so openly loath.

It is sensitive information. And American citizens captured on overhears that are authorized in a FISA Court, are protected from disclosure, unless they are in the process of treason or some other egregious criminal activity. Not the case with Flynn. And the Times is hiding behind their assumed protect-our-sources façade, in defiance of the law. They’ll argue that they need this protection, or sources won’t come forward.

Snidely, I’d respond, and then the Times wouldn’t be able to push their liberal agenda. And they wouldn’t be free to attack, er, report “without fear or favor,” on the Trump Administration. Ergo, they face no charges for printing information that the average citizen (or member of the outgoing presidential administration) may face ten years in prison for disclosing. That’s quite the protection, no? Well, we in law enforcement want protection too.

Our request for protection is not related to complicity in sharing unauthorized classified information — you listening, Mr. Sulzberger, sir? — but rather the type of protection that the training, tactics, equipment, weaponry, and mere presence of SWAT affords law enforcement as they go about their daily business, accepting a higher level of risk during the conduct of their chores than the rest of the populace typically does. And you’d quibble with that protection for them, New York Times? Again, really? REALLY?

And, as a former tactical response professional who has participated in and led hundreds of SWAT operations, the tools that law enforcement have at their avail aren’t unnecessary

contrivances in the way that investigative journalists view them. As I read and reread Sack's piece, I couldn't help but think I was watching (reading) a Michael Moore "documentary" — the kind of film whereby you've already formed an opinion BEFORE you conduct your research, and then elect to film a treatment that supports your original position or ideology.

It's not a journey. It's a preordained arrival at a predetermined destination. I'd argue that The New York Times entered this "investigation" with the pre-formed opinion that SWAT Teams are dangerous, unnecessarily violent relics of a bygone era. And how better to assist in making them obsolete than by tarring them as needlessly violent, reckless and bloodthirsty?

And then, staying on script, highlight the INFINITESIMAL number of incidents where mistakes are made. What perplexes me is your highlighting the number of folks killed by SWAT operators without indicating how many were due to poor decision-making by the officers and how many were justifiable shootings precipitated by someone who decided they didn't want to be apprehended that particular day. That's most interesting. Why don't you fairly acknowledge the distinctions? You have a conclusion already arrived at and need sloppily attached data points that you refuse to distill down to relevancy because it won't support your hypothesis? What did I miss, New York Times? Is this comprehensive and honest investigative reporting? Or — ahem — is there only a requirement to report down to the granular level, without fear or favor, when it helps to make your liberal/progressive "police-are-bad" point?

It's apparently part of the intractably entrenched liberal media bias that engenders certain presumptions when conducting investigative reporting about law enforcement actions; to wit, officer-involved-shootings and the protections — recall that luxury when we afford it to the Fourth Estate when they protect criminals who illegally release classified information to journalists — that law enforcement uses to provide that added edge to police who are expected to assume higher risk than ordinary citizens in the daily conduct of their duties. A bit different from that stubborn copier unclogging task, I gotta tell ya!

SWAT Teams employ the elements of speed, surprise, and violence of action in order to level the playing field. Every military planner understands the "3-to-1 Rule" as it relates to attackers and defenders in combat operations. For law enforcement, when assigned a mission to take into custody a violent felon, or members of an illegal narcotics conspiracy ring that often involves firearms and violence to protect turf and business, we bring superior numbers to the apprehension site. That is as essential to success as are those three dynamic entry elements — they are, simply put, the margin of victory in many cases.

But, wait, some like this Times reporter would argue — You're introducing violence into what might be resolved peaceably. Yes, yes, you're right. Because in over two decades' worth of experiences in dynamic entry operations, as well as standard "knock and announce" arrests, as well as employing the stakeouts and patience that Sack views as the answer in every situation, I have witnessed and experienced what a well-trained and staffed SWAT unit can do to reduce the inclination for the "bad guys" to fight. The presence of SWAT actually reduces the tendency to violence that committed felons have a predisposition for. This was my experience across some two decades.

SWAT Teams are more a deterrent to violence than an inciter of same.

You see, when SWAT is deployed effectively, deftly using speed, surprise, violence of action, and a failsafe breach at the entry, there is no time for the wanted subject to debate fight or flight in their own minds. The normal human calculus goes by the wayside. Outmanned, outgunned, and overwhelmed by presence, the vast majority of subjects — no matter their violent past histories — choose to meekly surrender. Better to take my chances fighting this in court than to lose "bigly" in a scrap with these guys. But, alas, that doesn't fit the narrative the Times wants to push...

Which takes me back to that one-sided "reporting". Put the offensive sensationalist headlines and the story about the errant flashbang diversionary device — the Times inaccurately refers to it as a "stun grenade" — that landed in a baby's playpen in Georgia, aside. Yes, there are police departments in the country that simply do not have the resources required and available training to properly staff a professional SWAT Team. We agree here. Not everyone is equipped to play baseball at the level of Major Leaguers. I want to play wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. Anyone want to watch my shagging passes in the Georgia Dome on Fall Sundays? No? Well, not everyone can or should be a tactical resolution specialist — a SWAT operator.

Yes, not every cop and federal agent has the chops to be a SWAT Team operator or member of the HRT.

And selection for SWAT should be undeniably rigorous and demanding — physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging. And a level of maturity needs to be achieved in order to be selected. Decision-making during in extremis conditions demands that mature and seasoned and experienced folks fill SWAT Team ranks.

Furthermore, standardized training and tactics are necessary. We learned this in the after-action-review following the mass shooting at Columbine High School in April of 1999. Arriving officers, fearful of the dangerous effects of adding into the complex tactical situation assault teams comprised of disparate departmental elements, elected to exercise patience and caution, and the end result was an elevated body count. Go to the sounds of the guns.

Unfair to Monday-morning-quarterback a crisis site that I wasn't a part of, yes. But we have learned a lot in the past two decades of evolutionary tactical resolution development. Being familiar with standard practices and protocols relieves some of the "fog of war" during a crisis incident.

Hearing the critics at the Times reach their verdict, in some three and a half printed pages of "investigation," that SWAT programs are unnecessary and that police departments are maintaining them because of the Supreme Court's eroding of Fourth Amendment protections, or because, well, America is still a racist nation, is just so predictable and pedestrian an argument. Of the eighty-one civilian deaths — to go with thirteen murdered SWAT officers — tallied by the Times in 2016, half were members of minority groups, the Times points out.

You would think that as august a body of editors as the Times boasts, some senior editor would raise their hand and inquire as to whether patterns of offending related to individual ethnic groups is a relevant avenue for investigation and reporting. Does it always have to go to racism? Is it not an irrefutable fact that while African-Americans make up some 13% of our population, they also commit some 50% of all crime in this nation? Would it not then stand to reason that their interactions with police would occur with greater frequency than say a Native American or a descendant of the Pacific Islands might encounter?

Facts: they can be such pesky inconveniences...

In one particularly offensive assertion offered in the piece, Dr. Peter B. Kraska, a criminologist from Eastern Kentucky University, offered by Sack as an "expert" in the field, had this to say about the reason that SWAT Teams have staying power in law enforcement circles:

"It's culturally intoxicating, a rush. It involves dressing up in body armor and provocative face coverings and enhanced-hearing sets, a cyborg 21st century kind of appeal. And instead of sitting around and waiting for something to happen twice or three times a year, you can go out and generate it."

What an ignorant, clownish, and insulting thing for the venerable Ph.D. to say about a profession he has never — far as I can tell — engaged in. This is emblematic of a rather HUGE problem in academia on university campuses today. There are no shortage of academics and theorists. However, there are damn few practitioners to speak about, lecture on, and teach courses in the disciplines that the Dr. Kraskas of the world have studied relentlessly, without ever DOING, and of course, while never SERVING.

I am fairly certain more than a few GWOT veterans face similar misunderstanding by the communities that study them and define policy for them. I am fairly certain we share the same type of frustrations — folks commenting on, reporting on, and treated as “experts” in a field that we have LIVED, and been damned lucky to have SURVIVED.

Yes, I will admit, I have spent much of my adult lifetime reading and cautiously trusting what the current president famously refers to as the “Failing New York Times.” The Times recent overture into unapologetic shill territory for the Clinton campaign — and many other Democrat campaigns and politicians before November of 2016 — was disappointing to witness, an exposure on such a grand stage under the klieg lights, and all.

But, again, it wasn’t entirely unexpected. Ironically, they bet the wrong horse last November. Their projections and predictions about the will of the American people were woefully incorrect. And I’ll submit that they got this one wrong too — When trained properly and provided the appropriate resources and LED by the right leaders, SWAT Teams are an essential and vital piece in the law enforcement bag of tricks.

Every situation encountered is not one size fits all scenario. And every example of a tactical team is not equal. We practitioners recognize this. And we realize that tactics and techniques and methodologies must constantly be reviewed and tweaked and perfected OR discarded. But you provided no solid reasons to discontinue SWAT.

And no matter how many theorists or academicians you present from liberal college campuses to dispute the effectiveness or utility of a well-trained and led SWAT Team, understand that I’ve been there. I’ve BEEN THERE. My SWAT Teams have saved countless lives. This can be proven with empirical data that buttresses the countless anecdotal accounts. You researched this issue and neglected to find those studies? Interesting, as a cursory Google search turns up more than a few.

Those lives that were saved by tactical teams aren't an abstraction. Law enforcement lives have been saved, and the lives of folks who walk among us and have a predisposition to refuse to adhere to our nation's laws, as well; as in the bad guys. And presented with a different, less stolid array of folks assembled to arrest them, those dangerous folks might just do the calculus in fairly short order and make that split-second decision that, in an instance, increases our national body count.

So, as for me, the SWAT I know doesn't leave a "trail of blood". It leaves behind a litany of rescued hostages, safely apprehended neighborhood scourges, unappreciative journalists, and a safer America.

James A. "Jimmy" Gagliano has some three decades' worth of practical leadership experience, both in traditional military units as a U.S. Army Infantry Officer and in federal law enforcement executive-level assignments with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He spent 25 years as an FBI criminal investigator, SWAT Team Leader, member of the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team (HRT), Undercover Agent, Task Force Commander, Legal Attaché (Diplomat), and as Chief-of-Staff for the Assistant-Director-in-Charge of the FBI's New York Division. He has led tactical and diplomatic operations in Afghanistan and México City, and served tours in parts of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, as well as assignments in combat theaters in Afghanistan, while assigned to the military's Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). He is a recipient of the FBI's second highest award for valor, the Medal for Bravery. Now retired from the FBI, Jimmy serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor, instructing undergraduates in Homeland Security, Criminal Justice, Military History, and Leadership courses at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens and is a leadership consultant with the Thayer Leader Development Group (TLDG) located at West Point, NY. He is also a full-time Law Enforcement Analyst and Contributor on CNN, and delivers speeches across the country in corporate and university settings.

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US Border Patrol Special Operations Group
DHS-Customs & Border Protection

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

Biggs Army Airfield, El Paso, Texas 79916

SOG HQ switchboard

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

gov't mobile

cell

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) STE (secure voice)

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HSDN:

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

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SITREP

Operation (b)(7)(E)
SITREP ID: SITREP-20200319 (b)(7)(E)
Date: 03/19/2020

Operation Name: OP-SOG (b)(7)(E) OPERATION SUBZERO

Assigned Station: (b)(7)(E)

Station(s) worked:

Zone(s):

Shift/Covering period: (b)(7)(E)

POC's for any further information/coordinator: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

GPS Coordinates: Latitude (b)(7)(E) Longitude (b)(7)(E)

Call Outs: None.

Daily Activity Report/Narrative/Effectiveness: Closed out Operation SUB zero with (b)(7)(E) Fug Ops turning in all equipment and planned return home.

Return to: (b)(7)(E)

Fri 3/20: Charlotte, NC (b)(7)(E)

Sat 3/21: Jackson, MS (b)(7)(E)

Sun 3/22: Abilene, TX (b)(7)(E)

Mon 3/23: (b)(7)(E)

Medical Status: Good.

Significant Events: NSTR.

Air Operations: N/A.

(b)(7)(E)

Next 24 Hours: Travel to Charlotte, NC (b)(7)(E)

		Total Manpower	
BOR/BTC SECT	(b)(7)(E)		
(b)(7)(E)		(b)(7)(E)	
Total			

Associated Event Numbers

No Event # Logged

SITREP Coordinates

Latitude: (b)(7)(E) Longitude: (b)(7)(E)

TEAM BREAKDOWN

Location Request:	# PAX Requested	BTC	BST	(b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)	(b)(7)(E)			
TOTAL				

Operation SUB zERO

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

Alternate:

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV]
Sent: 8/19/2019 2:16:43 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: Info

A multiple choice survey.....

Respectfully,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Special Operations Supervisor
U.S.B.P. Special Operations Group
Border Patrol Tactical Unit
Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

NYPD asks officers to evaluate its mental health programs

The survey was sent out Thursday — one day after the ninth NYPD officer died by suicide this year

NEW YORK — The NYPD is surveying officers about the effectiveness of its mental health services.

The 22-question survey was sent out Thursday — one day after the ninth NYPD officer committed suicide this year. The survey was also circulated a week ago, police sources said.

Officers are being asked how familiar they are with the department's counseling services, and how comfortable they are using those services.

"The department is in the process of developing comprehensive Health and Wellness initiatives to meet the needs of NYPD staff," an intro to the survey reads. "We want to foster change in how mental and emotional health is perceived and how to obtain health.

“If you believed a coworker needed help, where would you feel most comfortable referring them?” one question asked.

Officers are asked if they agree with this statement: “I would be comfortable informing the Department if I obtained outside mental health and wellness assistance.” The possible responses are “strongly disagree,” “disagree,” “agree” and “strongly agree.”

The survey — which the department says is voluntary, anonymous and confidential — also seeks to break down its respondents by gender, demographics, experience, education level and prior military service.

Message

From:

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

Sent:

12/9/2019 12:27:40 PM

To:

DailyExecutiveMediaReport

(b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E)

Subject:

FW: Daily Media Report: December 9

Monday, December 9, 2019

1. **Today:** November stats rollout.
2. **Today:** AC1 with (b)(6) in NYC
3. **Tomorrow:** AC1 with Fox and Friends, NYC
4. **Tomorrow:** Tentative B2 with CNN Newsroom (not hopeful)
5. **This Week:** Tentative C2 in NYC w/Media
6. **Thursday/Friday:** (b)(6) (NYT) will be in south Texas for a story about the wall (not anticipated to be positive, lots of questions about land ownership and delays) (was very critical of anti-climb plate on El Centro wall) and an RGV 101.
7. **This Week:** (b)(6) (WaPo - Immigration) will be in El Paso, looking for a ride along and interview with a principal
8. **Future:** Central America media in RGV with Department of State.
9. **Future:** (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. *With pending shutdown, engagement will most likely be pushed to January.*

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
December 9, 2019**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

HEADQUARTERS:

12/4: CNN's (b)(6) queried CBP about CBP's response / acceptance of flu preparation recommendations made in a January 2019 report from the CDC. The questions came following Congressional testimony today from CDC's (b)(6). (b)(6) Reporter also requested a visit to facilities to see improvements first-hand. OPA will work with BP to determine feasibility.

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

11/28: Writing for ProPublica, reporters (b)(6) have asked for information to explain the sequence of events the night Carlos Vasquez, 16, died while in CBP custody. The reporters have collected numerous documents, photos and video from the Weslaco Police Department. DHS OIG currently has the lead in the investigation. OPA drafted a response and forwarded to DHS OPA for response. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 2.
UPDATE: DHS provided input // Comment to go out Tuesday morning.

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

Enforcement:

12/3: (b)(6) of The Guardian published a story about the Department of the Interior detailing personnel to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

12/2: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) published a story about a Reforma/Dallas Morning News poll of 1,000 Mexicans in all 32 states. The results displayed 68% believed the border wall would not deter illegal crossings.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) asked for a copy of a "letter" or communication between CBP and OPM prior to family separations beginning; the communication is mentioned within an OIG report released last week. OPA is researching, but indications is this would not be a publically releasable inter-agency communication.

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

12/2: Nextgov Senior Tech Writer (b)(6) is preparing a story on the DHS OIG report titled "DHS Lacked Technology Needed to Successfully Account for Separated Migrant Families." Reporter requested CBP comment. OPA directed reporter to DHS.

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

11/27: Vox reporter (b)(6) published a story on southwest border ports of entry queue management in regards to Mexican nationals presenting themselves for asylum.

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

11/27: (b)(6) of The Guardian inquired about the number of Department of the Interior personnel detailing to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

11/18: The WSJ's (b)(6) queried OPA about for comment on a story about court case terminations by judges in San Diego and what happens to migrants after their case is terminated. Expected negative coverage.

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

HRM/Workforce/OPR:

11/27: Bloomberg Law reporter (b)(6) requested information on our OSHA standings among other government organizations as reported here https://www.osha.gov/dep/fap/statistics/Q4_FY2019.xlsx. OPA provided a statement approved by HRM.

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

11/27: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) requested information on internal or external reporting of sexual assaults within CBP from 2013-2014. Reporter ran story but will print update when additional info is provided.

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

11/26: PBS Frontline reporter (b)(6) requested information on staffing numbers, and attrition and has requested an interview. OPA is working with HRM front office to schedule an interview with AC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the week of Dec. 9.

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

11/26: CBS News Producer (b)(6) is looking to do a story on the next Rodeo recruitment event. OPA is working with HRM to inform the reporter of the next rodeo event.

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

11/05: Vice Producer (b)(6) requested staffing and recruiting numbers for FY18 and 19, an update on the 5000 BP agents called for by the 2017 Executive Order and a response to the 2018 Accenture OIG report. OPA provided the reporter with the updated numbers for both years and provided statements on her questions. Video was produced today and should air in the coming days.

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

Travel:

12/3: CBS Transportation Correspondent (b)(6) requests to visit and film at a SWB POE at which CBP has implemented biometric facial comparison technology. Visit would occur in January 2020 (b)(6) is expected to cover traveler experience and privacy concerns, but also expressed interest in law enforcement results. OPA is seeking OFO recommendation regarding which location(s) – if any – to visit. Segment will air in January 2020. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/3: CNBC Aviation Reporter (b)(6) requests to interview OFO DEAC John Wagner for a story that she is preparing on the expansion of biometric facial comparison technology at U.S. airports in 2020. DEAC Wagner is prepared to proceed with an on the record interview. Story will publish before the end of the year. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/3: (b)(6) the producer of the BBC programme *Factual*, requests a written CBP statement for a feature on fake ESTA websites that will air between 6-17 January in the UK. The feature is not intended to be critical of the ESTA process, but rather to highlight the problem posed by fake websites and scams. OPA is working with the OFO ESTA PMO to provide a statement by the reporter's deadline of 12/4. Tone is expected to be positive.

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

12/2: NBC Tech Correspondent (b)(6) *Washington Post* Tech Correspondent (b)(6), and *TechCrunch* Senior Editor (b)(6) are preparing stories about a proposed final rule concerning CBP's collection of biometric entry-exit data from U.S. citizens. The proposed rule was published in the unified agenda on November 25. Reporters want to know why CBP is proposing the rule and whether U.S. citizens will be able to continue to opt-out from the biometric facial comparison process at ports of entry. OPA is coordinating a response with OFO.

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

12/2: Telemundo DC Bureau Chief (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the implementation of biometric facial comparison technology along the southwest border. OPA coordinated a statement with OFO and provided it to (b)(6). Piece may broadcast this week. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2] On 11/27, KUOW, the NPR station in Seattle, broadcast excerpts of an interview with OFO DEAC John Wagner on the implementation of biometric facial comparison at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. CBP requested and received several corrections to the text article that KUOW published to its website alongside the audio broadcast. Tone of coverage was neutral.

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

11/26: The *Taiwan Apple Daily News* contacted the American Institute in Taiwan (our *de facto* Embassy) and OPA requesting clarification about use of the People's Republic of China flag on the updated ESTA website. OPA is preparing a response with OPA and INA. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2]: Consumer advocate and *Washington Post* contributor (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the impact of biometric facial comparison technology on air travelers. OPA and OFO reviewed and commented upon an advance copy of the article, which heavily emphasizes privacy concerns and includes extensive, often speculative quotes from opponents of the technology. Article is expected to publish in early 2020. Tone is negative.

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

11/25: [Updated 12/2] *The Financial Times (UK)*, *The Daily Mail (UK)*, and *Federal Computer Week (US)* published articles during the week of 11/25 on technical challenges arising from the ESTA website modernization that made it impossible for some VWP travelers to apply for ESTA and board their flights. CBP provided a statement coordinated with OFO and the State Department. OPA later requested and received corrections to a factual inaccuracy in the UK outlets that suggested affected travelers could claim compensation from CBP. Tone of articles was negative.

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

11/25: [Updated 12/2] On 11/24, *Seattle Times* investigative reporter (b)(6) published a feature on the implementation of biometric facial comparison at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The piece presented both sides of the issue, but omitted key points about the security benefits of the technology and the cost-prohibitive nature of pursuing alternative solutions to the Congressional biometric entry-exit mandate.

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

11/25: (b)(6) of *The West Australian* is publishing a story about a boarding denial involving an elderly Australian couple bound for the United States. The paper alleges that the couple lost \$50,000 due to the incident and asked if CBP would reimburse them. OPA provided a statement reiterating that Visa Waiver Program travelers need valid ESTAs prior to travel, that it is incumbent upon the traveler to ensure that their ESTA remains valid, and that travelers who feel they have been unduly inconvenienced may seek redress via DHS TRIP. Tone is expected to be negative.

11/21: [Update] *New York Times* national immigration correspondent (b)(6) is preparing a story on visa overstays. Her angle is that overstays defy the image of undocumented immigrants, whom Americans believe come exclusively over the SWB. Reporter interviewed DEAC Wagner on 11/21. Wagner emphasized CBP's commitment to implementing the Congressional biometric entry/exit mandate; walked the reporter step-by-step through the process CBP currently uses to identify overstays; and described CBP's vision a nationwide biometric entry/exit system that secures and facilitates lawful travel while respecting the privacy of all travelers. Reporter indicated that she plans to focus on overstays issue in lieu of technological and privacy aspects of CBP's biometric entry/exit efforts. Reporter expects to publish this weekend. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/21: (b)(6), a journalist with *The West Australian* newspaper, is preparing a story on an elderly Australian couple that was denied entry to the United States in August 2019. The reporter asks why the couple was denied entry and what CBP is doing to inform the couple. Reporter insinuates that the entry denial may have been due to a "clerical error" in which CBP incorrectly identified (b)(6) as an overstay. OPA is coordinating a response with OFO and is not likely to meet reporter's deadline of 3 AM on 11/22. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

11/18: *Daily Mail* Assistant Editor (b)(6) asked to confirm whether UK travelers could face penalties upon entry or exit for using marijuana in states where it has been legalized. OPA sent approved statement on marijuana and admissibility. Article ran over the weekend; reporter's request appears to have been a fact-check. Coverage was neutral.

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

11/12: Multiple news outlets requested comment on a Massachusetts District Court order in the case of *Alaasad v. Nielsen*, a lawsuit pertaining to CBP border searches of electronic devices. OPA provided the standard advisory that CBP does not comment on matters in litigation and shared statistics regarding the number of FY19 border searches of electronic devices to the following media outlets: The Associated Press, Bloomberg, Business Insider, Communications Daily, CNN, The Daily Caller, The Hill, IDG Insider Pro, NBC, Nor Publica, NPR (WGBH Boston and KUOW Seattle), PCMag, Politico, Reuters, TechCrunch, and regional investigative reporting platform VTDigger. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

Trade / Ag:

12/2: Natural Products Insider Reporter (b)(6) queried OPR about the guidance given to customs officers regarding trade regulations / HTS codes for Hemp products. Working response with OT.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) queried OPA about the implementation of possible steel / aluminum tariffs against Brazil. OPA referred reporter to USTR and is researching.

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

11/18: (b)(6), a reporter with WSHU News/NPR Long Island's NPR station asked for comments for story about Sen. Chuck Schumer calling for the ban of Chinese-made over-the-counter meds in Dollar Trees and Family Dollar stores. OPA provided verbiage on how the agency enforces import and trade regulations from over 40 agencies, including the FDA, from previously approved language.

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

11/8: Travel & Leisure magazine will visit JFK Terminal 4 on Thursday, November 14 to do a feature piece on the 'Day in the Life of a Beagle'. They will capture b-roll of the Beagle Brigade conducting inspections, working among the passengers and interviewing/speaking with the handler.

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

Update 11/4: Reuters reporter (b)(6) is doing a long-story on mis-labeling of merchandise for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility. Background interview held on 9/12 and OT will present options case study and port visit.

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

Update 11/4: Bloomberg's (b)(6) is writing longer piece on AD/CVD and tariff evasion. Preliminary background completed the end of August. Reporter is interested in a specific case which should be adjudicated in November. OPA and OT are working follow-on discussions and possible itinerary for a visit to LA/Long Beach.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Technology:

11/20: OPA, working closely with representatives from DHS S&T, USPIS, and ONDCP, helped draft a Media Advisory to be released Thursday, that announces the Winner of the Opioid Detection Challenge, scheduled for 12 December at a TSA lab facility outside Atlantic City, NJ. C2 and several Port Directors will be present, alongside several other agency representatives, and members of Congress. OCA has been working with the Innovation Office on invitations to the Hill.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/20: Aviation International News' (b)(6) seeks an update on AMO airframe inventory after the announcement of the C550 late last week. OPA responded with a statement, previously used in a similar RTQ last week.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/18: OPA received a media query from Vice Media's Technology Section: Motherboard's (b)(6) who is seeking details concerning leaked documents from a company called (b)(6) that specializes in data. OPA's coordinated response: *"CBP uses a broad range of government and commercial data to support and enhance our border security and facilitation missions. Sayari is but one example of commercially available data used by CBP to better understand and assess the flows of people and goods entering and exiting the United States."* Story published 11/19:
https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne8pmm/activist-leaks-files-from-data-broker-sayari-for-demoing-ice
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

New Items

12/6: (b)(6) reporter with NBCUniversal, requested an update on his request for a ride along with YUM PAO and an interview with CPA Porvaznik. He was advised we would not be able to accommodate his requests.
Anticipated tone: Negative Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: YUM PAO has submitted a video for release, of an incident from earlier this week that resulted in the seizure of \$617K worth of marijuana. Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: KUAT TV (Arizona PBS) has requested a visit next week to the Port of Nogales. They are interested in several topics to include MPP & wait times. Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: (b)(6) from Telemundo (Local) requested a standup interview about the tunnel press release. An interview was conducted at Tucson Sector Headquarters. Binational cooperation, threats and frustration from smuggling organizations by building tunnels for illicit purposes. Deadline: 12/6 Broadcast: 12/6 Tone: Neutral Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: Various media outlets have reached out to get information pertaining to MPP at Nogales. Arizona Daily Star, AZPM, Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Media Engagements - Outstanding

12/5: (b)(6) KVIA TV El Paso is trying to develop a story on IPR enforcement. OPA working with El Paso POE to set up an opportunity where he can film parcel exams and speak to a SME on the topic.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: Epoch Times Reporter (b)(6) from KYMA to ride along with BORSTAR during (b)(7)(E) in Yuma.
Deadline: 11/27 Broadcast: 11/27 Tone: Neutral
Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: Tucson Sector to invite media via an advisory to a memorial dedication **Dec. 3** in Arizona, for Customs Patrol Officers (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who were both killed in the line of duty April 24, 1974. To date, a

marker has been sought by their colleagues who are now retired. The memorial marker will be placed on an IFT south of Sonoita during a ceremony Tuesday.

Deadline: 12/3 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: (b)(6) with Zeta newspaper in Tijuana is doing a story on fentanyl and requested a phone interview to get a CBP official's perspective on the challenges, dangers and statistics of what we have seen at San Diego ports. AD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would conduct the interview. Reporter also requested to have a photographer take b-roll at a port.

12/2: Interview conducted 11/27. /covering basic smugglers' tactics, dangers in handling, opioid epidemic community impact. Story not yet posted [here](#).

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

11/25: In response to a request from (b)(6), Laredo Morning Times, for an interview regarding what CBP Laredo Field Office is doing to facilitate trade at Port Laredo, ADFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Trade Operations, Laredo Field Office, conducted a phone interview and spoke about facilitation measures including a Donations Acceptance Program to develop FAST lanes outside of the import lot at World Trade Bridge, facilitation of agricultural commodities in coordination with SAGARPA officers posted at Colombia Solidarity Bridge, processing arriving shipments in about 38 minutes, plans for arrival of new NII imaging systems in Laredo and Brownsville and plans for placement of NII equipment in pre-primary areas in the coming years. Expected rundate: TBD, expected tone: positive.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with ABC 10 News wants to do a story surrounding recent report on the use of a remote control drone car to drive packages of meth across the border and past use of air drone and also the use of ultralight aircraft. Looking at 11/25.

11/26: SDC is in standby mode as reporter has not yet confirmed her availability.

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

11/6: (b)(6) Washington Correspondent for The Economist would like to do a ride-along to include the urban/EI Paso area with new bollard wall and areas in NM with new bollard wall and locations where construction is currently underway. OPA will determine if the Sector Chief is available to provide a Sector overview and/or join the ride along. The reporter mentioned speaking to Congressman Hurd who has been a proponent of small border technology instead of physical infrastructure so that may come up. Availability next week is in the afternoon of **Nov 13th or 14th**. May not have time to take him out to new construction area.

11/29: Follow-up call w/XD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Monday, December 2 @ 10:30 AM (telephonic)

11/20: Arranging national follow-up with Chief Martin or DXD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Monday. Coordination phone call today.

11/19: Arranging a follow-up engagement with Chief Martin or Dep Exec Dir (b)(6) on wall from a national perspective. Tentatively Nov 25/26.

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

11/20: (b)(6), a publisher with The Carmel Pine Cone out of Pacific Grove Calif., will be in the San Diego area on **December 3rd** and asked to photograph the wall areas which he covered back in the 1980's when he was a reporter. SDC will support and provide him their **Then & Now** narrative.

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

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. **First/second week in December.**

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

11/19: CBP OPA, DHS OPA and DoS are working on an engagement for State involving 10-12 Central American Journalists (3-4 crews) to highlight what has changed along the border. They will be producing video content about what has changed along the border. Timeframe is late December, early January. Tentatively they will be on the ground in the RGV and another city, possibly El Paso for a total of 4 days. All interviews with principals and SMEs will be in Spanish. It is anticipated that each crew will interview independently. On the north side they will interview CBP about what has changed (MPP, and other programs), on the south side, they will talk about the human stories of people waiting and exploitation by the smugglers. They also request to film the boarding of an ENV flight.

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

11/7: (b)(6) a CNN correspondent, works on a series called **Beyond the Call**, which, sheds a light on the work of our first responders, and requested to conduct and interview, with ELC BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who was involved in the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

He wants to hear his account of what happened that day and what it was like for him, and of his recent recognition by the POTUS. Looking at 11/13 for interview. BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) so he will not be in uniform.

11/19: No engagement this week. Next week at the earliest. Scheduling conflicts.

11/16: Scheduled for the Week of Nov 18, but no definitive date. CNN is working with Synagogue on location access.

11/13: Rescheduled for **Nov. 14.**

11/12: Interview will take place at the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Synagogue at 11am. ELC will drive Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to the site. Not expected to be in uniform as (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). However, he will have the uniform shirt on-hand.

11/26: Due to scheduling conflicts between reporter and agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) resulted in delays. We are now set at **12/2 at 1300** at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

12/2: Interview took place and was straightforward with no political overtones. Expected to air several times on 12/6 and possibly on CNN headline news.

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

11/6: (b)(6) Telemundo Network, re-upped her request to ride along with Border Patrol agents in a Southern border area and had placed a specific interest in seeing processing facilities and access to immigration hearing facilities. I deferred to PAOs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding bandwidth and local mgmt. concurrence to support/accommodate a ride along request currently and to advise what such a ride along request would or would not entail. Advised that we are keeping her request to have access to a MPP immigration hearing facility on file, would advise of any future opportunities and provided CBP-approved RTQ statement regarding media access to MPP immigration hearing facilities.

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

10/23: (b)(6) New York Times Magazine, queried Tucson Sector Border Patrol for a media engagement to discuss migrant deaths in the SW deserts. (b)(6) is working closely with the Pima County Medical Examiner on his story.

11/6: the report will concentrate on what happens when BP finds remains and the ruggedness of terrain/dangers of illegal immigrants making this journey. The story will be about a deceased migrant and the migrant's life from his/her original home country to how his/her life ended. The reporter has plans of speaking with the family of the migrant for the story. TCA FCB proposes taking (b)(6) to Sasabe or Lukeville to show him the terrain and distances some illegal aliens traverse. TCA will focus on BSI talking points.

Deadline: **Oct 28** Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/21: (b)(6) Aftonbladet newspaper, Stockholm, Sweden and photographer (b)(6) request to join a border patrol to do a story on their work to secure the border. The story will be text/stills and also some TV. The story is highly interesting for a Swedish audience since we have the same issues with migration in Europe. I have followed patrols securing EU borders in Greece and Bulgaria.

They would like to join for two or three nights in **Jan 2020.**

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

Media Engagements - Completed

10/10: (b)(6) (FoxNation) has requested a ride along in the RGV for a special in January. Filming for the engagement will occur sometime in First Week of December. OPA is working with USBP, OFO, and AMO to determine locations and topics. Expected to air in January.

11/19: Schedule changed slightly, they will be in RGV for **Dec 4 - 6.**

10/16: Scheduled for December 5 & 6. Routine ground, marine, and aviation ride-longs responding to traffic. No processing. Interview with Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or designee.

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

12/4: (b)(6) KABB-TV (Fox – San Antonio), requested a statement regarding a story she is working on about a San Antonio man whose vehicle was reportedly seized after his girlfriend answered a Craigslist ad to drive two illegal aliens, and was ultimately arrested at a Del Rio Sector checkpoint. Unable to verify the case, OPA provided the following statement: attribute to a CBP spokesperson:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *Assisting illegal aliens in entering or continuing their journey into the United States, to include transporting and housing, is a felony. U.S. Border Patrol agents are constantly on the look-out for people who are assisting transnational criminal organizations in their smuggling endeavors. These organizations use various means to recruit drivers and caretakers, including social media and word of mouth. They often offer quick cash and downplay the dangers involved. Do not be fooled by these smugglers. If someone is arrested and charged with alien smuggling they face up to 10 years in prison under 8 USC 1324.*

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

11/14: YUM PAO provided a border tour and several stand up interviews to reporter (b)(6) with German Public Radio. We discussed the current situation in YUM and the crisis that we have been experiencing the past year.

Air date: TBD

Tone: Positive/Neutral

Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/19: Breitbart News six-member crew full meal deal tour tentatively anticipated for week of November 4-8, two days in Laredo (November 5 & 6), two days in RGV (November 7 & 8). Draft itineraries have been circulated amid OFO, USBP, AMO PALS and respective leadership. Tour dates pending confirmation with AMO, USBP partners.

11/13: Laredo portion cancelled due to weather. Crew will travel to RGV and return to Laredo in two weeks.

11/12: Del Rio Sector portion completed. Plans for a boat tour were cancelled due to weather. Engagement consisted of interview at Eagle Pass Station with Del Rio Sector Division Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Eagle Pass PAIC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Assistant Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and a visit to the Eagle Pass checkpoint. In addition to the six-member Breitbart crew, two Sirius XM personnel were along to gather audio for Patriot Radio.

11/5: Due to late development/USBP senior executive travel in the Laredo area, the ride along originally scheduled with U.S. Border Patrol in the Laredo Sector AOR has shifted to Del Rio Sector, Eagle Pass Station AOR for Nov. 12. The rest of the Laredo, RGV itinerary remains intact. PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) organized a conference call where this was discussed with Breitbart and all is good to go. An interview with JTF-West Director Manny Padilla is scheduled in San Antonio for 11/11.

10/21: Engagement now scheduled for the week of **Nov 11-15**.

Laredo Port of Entry mgmt. indicated concurrence with filming date on afternoon of Nov. 6. Laredo Sector Border Patrol advises that there will be a 15-member STAFFDEL on Nov. 5 and is asking to delay to the following week.

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

9/12: (b)(6) is looking to do a 90 minute piece for Fox Nation on "What's behind the headlines" of what is occurring along the border. Correspondent (b)(6)/crew will travel to the Rio Grande Valley to highlight the real issues which CBP and the Border Patrol are dealing with. She will cover

- (1) the cartels behind whats happening,
- (2) Mexico's efforts to stem the flow of Central Americans, and
- (3) the role of CBP.

The 22 minute piece will revolve around an engagement with C1 and highlight CBPs efforts to combat human smuggling as well as human and narcotics trafficking. Highlighting the cartels view of the migrants as simply another form of commodity.

10/9: Crew will be out with RGV Horse Patrol today.

10/7: Filming scheduled for **October 9-11 and 16-18**. The commissioner is expected to be on the ground in RGV. October 17-18.

9/19: RGV and Laredo OPA and USBP are coordinating on the ground.

9/19: Engagement will be October 7-20.

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

Requests for Information/Statement/Other

12/3: Reporter (b)(6) with the San Diego Union Tribune inquired about access and arrests at an area called Friendship Circle located along the border near the Pacific Ocean. He was provided background information on the area. His story is expected to center around an undocumented immigrant who says he was arrested there last year while visiting his mother. The area is not an "immigration free zone" as some may think.

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

12/3: Responded to inquiries from multiple outlets, including KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), Texas Public Radio, Buzzfeed and Brownsville Herald on reports of large numbers of Mexican asylum seekers being processed at Brownsville Port of Entry recently, asking whether the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has been implemented in Brownsville. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA, HQ OFO Enforcement programs and responded with the following response language approved by HQ OFO Enforcement Programs:

Attributable to a CBP official: What has been seen in Brownsville recently are ebbs and flows in migration patterns; the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has not been implemented in that location. CBP continually experiences varying trends with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law.

As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but all claims are handled on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases.

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

12/3: Forbes Magazine reporter (b)(6) calls Yuma Sector to ask if Deployed Resources built the MPP facilities in Yuma and also maintains them. YUM Confirmed.

Deadline: 12/3 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral Lead: SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/3: KVOA reporter (b)(6) requested a statement to the recent closure of some lanes at the Port of Nogales. TFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) issued the following response;

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is committed to the safety of those crossing the border and our local communities. In recent days, there has been an increase of incursions through vehicle lanes at Arizona ports of entry by asylum seekers attempting to evade established entry processes. These tactics interfere with CBP officers conducting their responsibilities and exacerbates wait times for daily commuters. CBP encourages the traveling public to be mindful of these unusual happenings and visit the Wait Time site to modify travel itineraries, as needed. CBP officers are well-trained law enforcement professionals who stand ready to defend the border and uphold the laws of the United States of America. CBP will not allow ports to be overrun, or unauthorized entry. Security measures will be increased as needed to ensure priorities are safely met.

10/18: El Paso Times (b)(6) is writing about POE staffing and decisions made on how resources are allocated now that surge has diminished and personnel have returned to the primary duties. OPA provided background to the reporter and working to set up an interview with the port director. No publication date. Tone: neutral.

12/6: UPDATE: Story posted <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2019/12/06/international-bridges-border-residents-brave-longer-lines-migration-crisis-goes/2587424001/>

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

12/5: (b)(6) AP El Paso is writing about Mexican asylum seekers living in tent camps near international bridges across the border from El Paso. He will report that the camps exists because asylum seekers are jockeying for position to apply for entry at area ports. Some are pointing blame at CBP because there now appear to be competing lists of Mexican and Central American asylum seekers not being honored by CBP. OPA provided a statement which was crafted with local and HQ input.

The CBP officers performing queue management operations at the international boundary line are not conducting primary inspections but rather making certain those who intend to apply have entry documents. If the individuals do not have documents and there is no space available at the CBP facility they are instructed to wait until capacity becomes available to ensure safe and secure processing. As you know, CBP has no involvement of any lists, nor do we even engage in any attempt to control, facilitate or distinguish amongst competing lists. CBP has a responsibility to ensure lawful legitimate trade and travel occurs, while at the same time, protecting our borders from those that wish it harm. CBP's ability to process asylum applicants is dependent upon capacity issues as well as our other mission sets: Anti-terrorism, Counter-narcotics, Global Economic Trade, and Facilitation of lawful trade and travel.

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

11/29: (b)(6) The Galveston County Daily News, inquired about an off-duty incident that occurred 11/28 in League City, TX, in which a CBP employee shot and killed his wife. Provided a statement, approved by Houston Field Office: "Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was arrested by the League City Police Department on Nov. 28 while he was off duty. Since, August 2008, he has worked CBP agriculture operations in the Houston Seaport environment. CBP is fully cooperating with the League City Police Department who is leading this investigation." Also confirmed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) deceased wife was a CBPO at the Houston Seaport, from approved RTQs. Referred further questions, regarding the investigation, to League City Police Department.

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

11/26: (b)(6) reporter, with ASU queried Tucson Sector and CBP Media Relations on a letter to Commissioner Morgan from Congresswoman Anne Kirkpatrick yesterday regarding CBP's environmental stewardship plan and wall construction in Southern Arizona. Response: Pending coordination. Deadline: 11/26 Publication: 11/28 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/26: In response to inquiries from Los Angeles Times Reporter (b)(6) Buzzfeed reporter (b)(6) (b)(6) CNN reporter (b)(6) regarding whether we are experiencing a trend of previously MPP'ed family units sending their children across international bridges as UACs in Brownsville and generally and whether we have any stats or statements about this, consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and provided the following on an RTQ basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Unaccompanied alien children are not amenable to MPP enrollment. CBP continually experiences ebbs and flows with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law.*

As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but amenability for enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case.

Relevant links to UAC statistics (note: links for inadmissible stats are not broken down further beyond the Field Office level):

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/ofo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy-2019>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/ofo-sw-border-inadmissibles-fy2019>

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

11/25: (b)(6) PBS/NPR Texas Newsroom, inquired about wall development in Starr County, installation of panels and timetable. Consulted with HQ OPA mgmt. and the following response was provided:

Attributable to a CBP official: That is correct. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will begin installing panels this week for the approximately 3 mile new border wall system project located within Starr County, Texas. Please see the press release [here](#) for more project details.

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

11/25: (b)(6) Los Angeles Times reporter, asked a series of detail-specific questions regarding former CBP officer (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), including:

- Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) work for CBP for 18 years in RGV sector?
- Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) have a good record, including a national commendation for integrity due to a corruption investigation he assisted?
- Was (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) fired after a USCIS investigation as part of a passport application for his brother revealed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) first birth certificate (filed before his US birth certificate) was issued in Mexico?
- Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) three years to become a citizen and return to his job?
- Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the option of retiring early, but with a penalty?
- Did CBP perform background checks of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (I believe there were at least three)? Why wasn't (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Mexican birth certificate uncovered during those background checks?
- Is CBP working with USCIS, which has been considering (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) citizenship application via his wife, a USCIS employee and former CBP officer, and if not, why?
- 11/26 update: HQ OPA, OCC, LFO concurrence obtained, responded with RTQ statement. (b)(6) followed up asking to confirm years of service and integrity award. Stuck by previous response.

PAC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) developed the following response to query statement: *CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP and recommends utilizing that statement and indicating from the outset that this is CBP's official statement and we have nothing further to add.* Consulting with LFO mgmt., OCC, HQ OPA mgmt. Reporter is looking to publish her story on 11/27.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with local KPBS is inquiring about a person in SDC custody for supposedly three weeks after his illegal entry case against him was dismissed. Claims family and attorney were not provided any information on his whereabouts.

11/26: Was provided responses to the individual's stay with CBP prior to turn over to ICE. Nothing nefarious happened. Story ran. Link – reporter never mentioned that fact that detainee had twice refused to contact the Mexican Consulate. Was asked to add that to his story.

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

11/21: (b)(6) Truthout.org reporter is writing about an environmental group that released a [report](#) on what appears to be a 2018 DHS/HHS proposal to build a temporary shelter for migrant families and unaccompanied minors at the Fort Bliss Army base in Texas, where a temporary shelter was established in 2016. He was asking what happened to the 2018 plan. OPA advised reporter to contact HHS regarding UAC's. Reporter was also provided with links to CBP spotlight items on construction of temporary soft-sided facilities at various locations to address the border crisis. Publication date unknown. Tone: negative.

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

11/19: A Staff Reporter –(AZ News Radio Network) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by unscrupulous smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline: 11/19 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Nogales International Newspaper) Inquired about a recent claim by an area rancher (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) who says that an agent he is in contact with has exhibited inappropriate behavior thus causing

him to be reassigned to another Border Patrol area. The reported also inquired about a Border Patrol (b)(7)(E) the aforementioned rancher claimed he found on his property placed their by agents.

TCA-PAO is currently working to gather more information to compose a written response statement. Deadline:

11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (KTAR-Radio-AZ) requested information on the latest Border Patrol arrest figures. He wanted to know the reasons why Adult males from Mexico are the largest demographic arrested by Border Patrol in Tucson Sector.

TCA-PAO is preparing a telephonic interview to quantify the numbers and to reiterate that adult males not wanting to be apprehended account for the largest number of arrests, however large number of FAMU and UAJ still are arriving at concerning numbers. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Arizona Daily Star Newspaper) inquired about a recent gun seizure from persons attempting to smuggle guns and ammunition out of the United States into Mexico. He understood that the OFO officers see the highest amount of seizures of this type but wanted to know what Border Patrol experiences in the same type of smuggling event.

TCA-PAO is constructing a statement that says we do seize guns on their out of the country but not to the extent that OFO officers see. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: (b)(6) reporter for the NYC bureau of the Daily Mail (UK) contacted PAO seeking further information regarding a Business Insider story of a Border Patrol Agent that discovered a Mexican birth certificate after serving for 20 years. OPA indicated that matter likely under an internal investigation, covered by privacy act.

Official statement provided: "CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP."

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

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

11/18: Telemundo and Univision Nacional inquired if CBP had a statement regarding a Brownsville CBP officer that had been terminated after his Mexican birth certificate was discovered and is currently working to correct his citizenship status. Consulted with LFO, OCC and there is concurrence to confirm he was employed with CBP and is currently not employed with CBP. Pending final HQ OPA mgmt. concurrence.

11/19 update: HQ OPA mgmt. concurred. Confirmed to both outlets that he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed with CBP.

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

11/18: KRGV-TV reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding a federal judge's order regarding inspections of electronic devices and sought a statement from CBP. Consulted with HQ OPA.

Approved Statement: *U.S. Customs and Border Protection does not as a matter of policy comment on matters in litigation. However, we are able to provide the following information:*

In Fiscal Year 2019, CBP processed more than 414 million travelers at U.S. ports of entry. During that same period of time, CBP conducted 40,913 border searches of electronic devices, representing less than .01 percent of arriving international travelers.

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

11/14: AJ+ English reporter (b)(6) requested high-resolution pics of recent human smuggling cases involving the use of tractor trailers. Three photos were sent to him.

Tone: Positive

Air Date: TBD

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

11/14: Several national and local media outlets, including CNN, CQ Roll Call, BuzzFeed inquired regarding a case that gained traction from a tweet from the executive director of AILA regarding a previously MPP'ed two-year-old reportedly suffering from sepsis accompanied by her family and AILA attorneys seeking to be paroled into the U.S. who had not been allowed in until late in the evening of Nov. 13. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and with their concurrence the following statement was provided on a response to query basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Amenability to enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Agents and officers implementing the MPP program are directed to review arriving individuals for known physical or mental health conditions or the potential to face persecution or torture in Mexico. All factors need to be considered, including whether the status of the particular medical condition and the immediate health of the migrant at the time of encounter is something requiring immediate medical attention.*

With the sum total of all facts and information considered in this case, this particular family unit was paroled into the U.S. for the child to receive medical treatment. The family will remain in the U.S. pending their hearings before an immigration judge.

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

11/14: (b)(6) a longtime Austin-based NPR reporter, advised he will be relocating to the Brownsville area for the next 30 days to report on border stories and requested permission to attend a hearing within the MPP immigration hearing facility at Brownsville Port of Entry. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and plan to provide the following response: Regarding access to an immigration hearing facility we have noted your request, will keep that on file and will advise if there may be any forthcoming opportunity. In the meantime, please see the below statement with regard to media access to Migration Protection Protocol immigration hearing facilities:

Attributable to a CBP official: *"Because the immigration hearing facilities (IHF) in Laredo and Brownsville are within CBP's secure port of entry property, access to these temporary immigration hearing facilities will operate in accordance with practices for other secure CBP areas. Requests for access by the media or by the public to the IHF will be assessed on a case-by-case basis when operationally feasible and in accordance with procedures for access to any CBP secure facility.*

The media and the public may still be able to observe hearings by visiting the San Antonio, Harlingen, and Port Isabel EOIR immigration courts where immigration judges are located and will be connected via live-streaming video teleconference to the alien at the temporary IHF. Note that access to hearings at immigration courts are subject to DOJ EOIR rules and policies.

Information regarding EOIR immigration court access, hearing schedules, or specific to the master calendar hearings should be obtained directly from DOJ EOIR."

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

11/6: RGV PAO office received a request from Border Report reporter (b)(6) in regards to a press poll released by the US Immigration Policy Center as follows:

The poll found a "crisis in confidence" with President Trump's immigration policies, according to the poll of 2,700 people in four states: California, Arizona, N.M., and Texas. There are some questions regarding how the public feels about Border Patrol officials protecting their safety.

Reporter: I'm wondering if your agency can comment on this. And, for the record, I specifically used my question time to ask the poll director about the questions that highlighted people were upset when asked if they were US citizens at checkpoints in the interior.

That information is listed here: Border Residents and Border Patrol Checkpoints

- Over 3 out of 10, or 31.1%, have been stopped and questioned about their U.S. citizenship at an interior Border Patrol checkpoint
- Lack of Trust in Border Patrol
 - Only 1 out of 3, or 33.1%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will protect the rights and civil liberties of all people equally.
 - Just over 4 out of 10, or 40.7%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will "keep you and your family safe."
 - Less than 3 out of 10, or 28.6%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials who abuse their authority will be held accountable for their abuses.

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/alliancesandiego/pages/2734/attachments/original/1573060841/usipc-border-poll-final%281%29.pdf?1573060841>

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

11/5: Telemundo 40 (Telemundo-RGV) reporter (b)(6) had made repeated attempted to reach out to several CBP PALs and PAOs seeking an interview regarding the issue of Mexican B1/B2 laser visa holders who donate their blood for pay in the U.S. and whether doing that would jeopardize the terms of their visa for a sweeps story. Utilized previously approved response language used to respond to similar questions in El Paso and Eagle Pass. LFO mgmt. concurred. Response strategy as per PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was electronic statement only, no on-camera or follow up interviews. Statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: *B1/B2 card holders who cross the border to sell plasma may be in jeopardy of having their document revoked by a CBP officer. The CBP officer has discretion and may handle these situations*

on a case-by-case basis taking into account all available information present at the time of entry. For further information on B1/B2 and what is allowable please contact the U.S. State Department.

DOS can be contacted here: capressrequests@state.gov

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

11/4: El Diario de Juarez and KERA-FM radio are writing about Mexican asylum seekers in the El Paso/Juarez area, why they are waiting in Mexico, impact on local operations, etc. They were provided latest statement addressing the matter. Publication immediate. Tone: negative.

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

11/4: Multiple media inquiries on NM BP shooting referred to CBP statement and NMSP news release. Also directed to sector to maintain a single POE for official CBP information.

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

11/4: KGUN Reporter inquired about weekend reports of gunfire heard in Douglas, AZ that viewers said were coming from Mexico. They were referred to Cochise County Sheriff's for possible comment.

Tone: Neutral Air Date: 11/4

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter/producer, Arizona 260, AZ Public Media, queried Tucson Field Operations and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on how CBP handles corruption cases.

RESPONSE: Pending

Deadline: 10/31 Broadcast: 11/1 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter, Investigative Reporter Program Berkley College, queried Yuma Sector Border Patrol to confirm an employee by the name (b)(6)

RESPONSE: We don't have a person by that name currently.

Deadline: 10/30 Publication: TBD Tone: Unk

Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) El Diario de El Paso is writing about the search for a Las Cruces man who disappeared with his two pre-school age sons earlier in the month. Authorities believe h may have traveled to Mexico. Reporter was asking about CBP response/lookout. OPA in conjunction with OFO provided a statement on how CBPO's operate and what would happen if we encounter a subject sought by law. Questions regarding the ongoing investigative efforts in the US and Mexico were redirected. Tone: neutral. Publication: Thursday.

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

10/29: Responded to inquiry from Forte Newspaper and Estereo 91 reporter (b)(6) regarding complaints of excessive wait times in the SENTRI lane, extending 20 blocks into Nuevo Laredo. Consulted with local mgmt. and responded that we have three SENTRI lanes open, a 15-minute wait, are not experiencing significant waits on the bridge and deferred to Government of Mexico regarding traffic within the interior of Mexico.

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

10/28: (b)(6) reporter, Tucson Sentinel, queried CBP Arizona on the migrant death over the weekend. Specifically, how was she located, what type of injuries did she sustain, where was the hospital?

Response: Referred to Tucson Sector for more information.

Deadline: 28 OCT Publication: 29 OCT Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/24: Local San Diego ABC 10 reporter (b)(6) is revisiting his story from June about allegations that CBP was improperly having subjects detox at the San Ysidro port of entry. His story now will highlight interviews from a new person held at San Ysidro in March who discussed these allegations during his trial for criminal entry. The news story will include clips from hours of video from inside a San Ysidro holding room (made public as a part of the subject's criminal hearing.) This same topic was also the subject of a different media story following a letter/news release from the ACLU and a physician's group naming three other individuals with similar allegations. After consulting with the local Field Office and OCC, CBP responded with the following:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *CBP does not comment on matters that are currently under litigation.*

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

10/22: (b)(6) reporter, Cronkite News, queried Tucson OFO on the current hiring processes and how they affect wait times at the ports of entry.

RESPONSE: *The query has been referred to HQ personnel with the recruiting and biometrics accounts.*

Deadline: 10/22 Publication: 10/23 Tone: Neutral

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

10/18: (b)(6) AZ PBS, queried CBP Arizona on the name of a recent fugitive from AZ caught in Mexico and extradited back to the US with help of Yuma Sector.

Response: Pending PII approval.

Deadline: 10/18/19 Broadcast: 10/18 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/8: Arizona Republic/USA Today Reporter (b)(6) inquired whether Arizona POE's are transferring Asylum seekers to other locations?

TFO PAL responded that "Arizona Ports are not transferring arriving migrants claiming fear to MPP facilities for initial process."

Tone: Positive Air Date: 10/9

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

12/5: WSVN—FOX (b)(6) interviewed Port Everglades Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for a story on CBP officers in South Florida seizing 400 pounds of cocaine onboard a sailboat. News package airing evening of 12/5. Several local news outlets are also posting stories based on the press release. Expected Tone: Neutral to positive.

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

12/4: CBC Windsor reporter (b)(6) reached out in regards to an incident on the Ambassador Bridge on Sunday December 1. Reporter stated that CBSA was directing all questions to CBP involving a vehicle that arrived riddled with bullets and one occupant injured. Below statement provided to reporter:

On Sunday December 1, CBP officers at the Ambassador Bridge were contacted by CBSA in regards to a vehicle they intercepted, that was riddled with bullet holes and occupied by two male occupants. The two occupants, both U.S. citizens, along with their vehicle were escorted back to the U.S. side of the Ambassador Bridge. Upon arrival into CBP custody it was apparent that one individual was in need of medical attention. A CBP EMT provided immediate care for the individual until Emergency Medical Services arrived and transported the individual to an area hospital. An initial investigation into the pair revealed the incident involving the gunshots took place in Redford, Michigan. The subject's vehicle was transferred to the Redford Police Department for further investigation and the second subject was released to his family. No further information is available at this time.

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

12/4: Detroit Free Press reporter (b)(6) has reached out in regards to shipping and the Port of Monroe. Reporter is looking for information into CBP operations and why certain commodities cannot be offloaded at the Port of Monroe. CBP has worked with the port on multiple occasions into what needs to be done to accomplish these types of operations but the Port continues to try and use the media to get changes without making necessary improvements. Issued below statement to reporter:

Because no two ports are exactly alike, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) must evaluate all requests for new services individually. CBP is committed to evaluating the totality of circumstances-including facilities, equipment, resources, and appropriate security-when evaluating requests for new services. CBP at multiple levels and on several occasions has met with the Port of Monroe to provide clarification, guidance, and feedback regarding CBP requirements as it relates to international marine cargo, vessel processing, and alternative funding programs/opportunities. CBP is sensitive to and understands the value of local initiatives to expand international business throughout the local area, and will continue to provide the Port of Monroe with the necessary information regarding the proper facilities, technology, and infrastructure required to allow for the proper and adequate inspection of containerized cargo in the maritime environment.

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

12/4: Kendall County Record (Illinois) news reporter inquired about the Illinois man who was arrested at the Buffalo POE after being found to be in possession of fraudulent credit cards. Press release and approved Field Office talking points provided.

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

12/4: Mother Jones reporter (b)(6) reached out regarding an incident on that circulated on social media in which a Border Patrol agent supposedly questioned people at a homeless shelter in Redmond, Washington. Reporter

was provided the statement. Reporter came back with the following questions: Does CBP track the location of all their vehicles when out on the field? Or is it possible that officers were there without your knowledge? If you are tracking locations, could I see any logs or documents to show that no vehicles were nearby at that time? The reporter was informed that we had provided our statement and it was reemphasized that CBP was not there.

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

12/4: (b)(6) with KUOW Radio requested comment on several tech companies in the Seattle area pushing leadership to break contracts with CBP and ICE. Reporter was directed to DHS Press Office as she also had reached out to them.

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

11/3: CTV reporter (b)(6) is working on story about the uptick in expedited removals in the Seattle Field Office AOR. Apparently she has received numbers via a FOIA. She has requested entry numbers for FYs15-19 and an interview with the DFO. Numbers have been requested and interview will be declined. Will provide statement/clarification when numbers are provided.

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

12/2: WDRB (Fox Louisville) reporter (b)(6) will conduct an on camera interview on December 5 with Louisville Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding recent drug seizures that led to arrest. Tone: Positive

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

11/29: OPA responded to multiple inquiries about an off-duty incident that occurred 11/28 in League City, TX, in which a CBP employee shot and killed his wife, also a CBP employee. Provided statement, approved by Houston Field Office. Also confirmed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) deceased wife was a CBPO at the Houston Seaport from approved RTQs. Referred further questions regarding the investigation to League City Police Department.

"U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was arrested by the League City Police Department on Nov. 28 while he was off duty. Since August 2008, he has worked CBP agriculture operations in the Houston Seaport environment. CBP is fully cooperating with the League City Police Department who is leading this investigation."

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

11/27: Multiple news outlets to include ABC News and CBC Windsor requested additional information in regards to press release that was issued in Detroit today about a Chinese researcher who was denied entry into the United States after she admitted to trying to steal sensitive technologies. Informed news outlets that nothing further is available other than the press release which can be found here: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-thwarts-chinese-citizen-s-attempt-collect-sensitive-data>

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

11/27: WKBW (ABC affiliate) Buffalo reporter (b)(6) requested an on-camera interview regarding Field Office FY19 enforcement stats and also holiday traveler tips. Approved talking points from the Field Office were provided.

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

11/27: Albany (NY) Times Union business editor (b)(6) inquired about the lack of a Global Entry Enrollment Center at the Albany Airport. Approved talking points provided and background of where they enrollment centers are located.

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

11/26: Daily Mail reporter (b)(6) inquired about the crew on the Norwegian Encore being denied shore leave in New York/Newark and Miami. New York has issued temporary restrictions on shore leave due to the frequency of deserters in recent months and we are checking to see if Miami has done the same. Response pending.

11/27 UPDATE: Statement provided:

"Several CBP ports of entry recently issued a temporary restriction concerning shore leave for crewmembers due to a recent spike in desertions. During a two-week period in September alone, seven crewmembers deserted after being granted shore leave while at the New York/Newark seaport. While CBP Miami Seaport initially honored the restrictions placed on Norwegian Encore crew, following an inspection on November 20, 2019 crewmembers who were determined not to be a risk for desertion were given landing rights."

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

11/26: Several outlets in Washington State as well as national requested information on an alleged encounter by ICE or Border Patrol at a homeless shelter in Redmond, Wash. spreading on social media. The allegation is false however and the statement below was shared:

The U.S. Border Patrol, Blaine Sector has been made aware of a social media post alleging a Border Patrol Agent conducted enforcement actions at the Redmond United Methodist Church in Redmond, Washington on November 22, 2019. There were no Border Patrol personnel involved in any enforcement actions at the Redmond United Methodist Church or in the city of Redmond, Washington and this information was provided to the Redmond Police Department. If the public has any additional information regarding this matter, they are encouraged to contact the Redmond Police Department or the United States Border Patrol, Blaine Sector

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

11/26: On Tuesday, December 3 the NYFO will hold a media availability for local media with the Port Directors of JFK and Newark along with the CEE Director to discuss several significant incidents in the NYFO over the last couple weeks.

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

11/26: KMOX radio (St. Louis) reporter (b)(6) requested and an interview regarding a recent Juul Pod seizure in St. Louis. Information was shared regarding concerns consumers should have when purchasing counterfeit Juul pods and the inherent risks of counterfeits. Tone: Positive

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

11/25: CBC National reporter (b)(6) requested stats on Expedited Removals along the northern border. Fiscal Year 2017-2019 stats were provided but working with OFO to clarify specific law and language pertaining to Expedited Removals.

11/26 UPDATE: Stats on the total number of ERs along the northern border was provided as well as information on the law pertaining to ERs. The same information was also shared with CBC Montreal reporter (b)(6)

12/2 UPDATE: Additional stats for FY15 and FY16 were provided.

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

11/21: Fox Montana news director (b)(6) requested a tour and interview in Havre Sector. Essentially a BP 101 and what a typical day is like, etc. Havre Sector leadership are evaluating what and when they will be able to accommodate.

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

11/19: Local ABC Chicago affiliate will interview the DFO on Nov 20 regarding Chicago Field Office Leading the Nation in Seizures or FY19. The DFO was provided local and national talking points. Tone: Positive

11/21 UPDATE: Interview was cancelled by affiliate due to breaking news. TBD on rescheduling.

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

11/18: *Real America with* (b)(6) producer (b)(6) reached out regarding Border Patrol agents performing transportation checks of Greyhound buses in Spokane. Currently awaiting further details.

11/21 UPDATE: Response to questions are pending USBP review.

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

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

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Subject: Daily Executive Media Report: December 12

Thursday, December 12, 2019

1. **Today:** (b)(6) (NPR) will interview DXD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on background re: land acquisition for the wall @11 am.
2. **Today:** RGV Chief Karisch will conduct an interview with (b)(6) (MSNBC) at the Donna Wall construction site, re: current wall construction and the force multiplier that it will bring to the border security equation.
3. **Today:** (b)(6) (NYT) is in south Texas for a story about the wall. *RGV 101 ride along and interview with ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)*
4. **Today:** (b)(6) (NPR) in south Texas for a multiple stories. *Interview with ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on wall.*
5. **Friday:** Chief Hastings will conduct an interview on "Rising" (Hill.TV) to discuss the November stats (drugs).
6. **Friday:** *Tentative:* Chief Hastings will conduct an operational brief on "The (b)(6) Show" (Premiere Networks/iHeart Media).
7. **Monday/Tuesday:** (b)(6) (WaPo - Immigration) will be in El Paso, looking for a ride along (CBP101) and interview with a principal (getting topics).
8. **Working:** San Diego Sector requested that Dr. Tarantino, or someone from HQ, call the protest group Doctors for Camp Closures (D4CC) to explain why they are not allowed in to vaccinate migrants in custody.
9. **Notable:** (b)(6) from Getty images was on a ride along with RGV when the apprehended a group just south of new private wall.
10. **Notable:** Family was entered into MPP from SYS... family stated fear of return to Mexico, but USCIS found the claim unreasonable...father was killed in Tijuana, so Mom and two children returned to the U.S. to await their immigration/asylum processing. Family spoke to local NBC at their hearing today.
11. **Long Term:** Middle America Campaign. DRT would like to engage with Media at home of 10th mountain (Thank You) and 101st (we will take good care of your soldiers). DOD does not want to play.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
December 12, 2019**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

HEADQUARTERS:

UPDATE 12/10: OPA facilitated a background interview with CNN's (b)(6) about CBP's response / acceptance of flu preparation recommendations made in a January 2019 report from the CDC. The questions came following Congressional testimony today from CDC's Dr. (b)(6). Reporter also requested a visit to facilities to see improvements first-hand. OPA will work with BP to determine feasibility.

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

11/28: Writing for ProPublica, reporters (b)(6) have asked for information to explain the sequence of events the night Carlos Vasquez, 16, died while in CBP custody. The reporters have collected numerous documents, photos and video from the Weslaco Police Department. DHS OIG currently has the lead in the investigation. OPA drafted a response and forwarded to DHS OPA for response. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 2.

UPDATE: DHS provided input // Comment to go out Tuesday morning.

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

Enforcement:

12/10: CBS reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about a Honduran asylum seeker and his son being separated due to an alleged speech impediment on the father and the reasons separation may occur.

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

12/10: CNN reporter (b)(6) published a story about the Commissioner's statement that CBP has seen an increase in 'extra-continental' aliens, and focused on Brazilian and South American apprehension numbers.

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

12/10: The Guardian reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about the group of doctors who visited Chula Vista Station to ask to vaccinate detainees.

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

12/6: Voice of America reporter (b)(6) inquired about CBP's vaccination policies and the death of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for a story she is writing about vaccinations.

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

12/6: The Hill reporter (b)(6) published a story about the Mexican fence climbers in El Centro. Story was updated with El Centro twitter video.

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

12/3: (b)(6) of The Guardian published a story about the Department of the Interior detailing personnel to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

12/2: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) published a story about a Reforma/Dallas Morning News poll of 1,000 Mexicans in all 32 states. The results displayed 68% believed the border wall would not deter illegal crossings.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) asked for a copy of a "letter" or communication between CBP and OPM prior to family separations beginning; the communication is mentioned within an OIG report released last week. OPA is researching, but indications is this would not be a publically releasable inter-agency communication.

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

12/2: Nextgov Senior Tech Writer (b)(6) is preparing a story on the DHS OIG report titled "DHS Lacked Technology Needed to Successfully Account for Separated Migrant Families." Reporter requested CBP comment. OPA directed reporter to DHS.

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

11/27: Vox reporter (b)(6) published a story on southwest border ports of entry queue management in regards to Mexican nationals presenting themselves for asylum.

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

11/27: (b)(6) of The Guardian inquired about the number of Department of the Interior personnel detailing to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

11/18: The WSJ's (b)(6) queried OPA about for comment on a story about court case terminations by judges in San Diego and what happens to migrants after their case is terminated. Expected negative coverage.

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

HRM/Workforce/OPR:

12/10: (b)(6) of USA Today interviewed Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the USBP contract with Professional Bull Riding.

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

11/27: Bloomberg Law reporter (b)(6) requested information on our OSHA standings among other government organizations as reported here https://www.osha.gov/dep/fap/statistics/Q4_FY2019.xlsx. OPA provided a statement approved by HRM.

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

11/27: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) requested information on internal or external reporting of sexual assaults within CBP from 2013-2014. Reporter ran story but will print update when additional info is provided.

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

11/26: PBS Frontline reporter (b)(6) requested information on staffing numbers, and attrition and has requested an interview. OPA is working with HRM front office to schedule an interview with AC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the week of Dec. 9.

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

11/26: CBS News Producer, (b)(6) is looking to do a story on the next Rodeo recruitment event. OPA is working with HRM to inform the reporter of the next rodeo event.

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

Travel:

Travel:

12/11: [Update] On 12/11, CNBC Airline Reporter (b)(6) will interview OFO DEAC Wagner on background. The interview is intended to help (b)(6) identify key security and travel issues to cover in 2020. (b)(6) expressed particular interest in the biometric entry-exit program as well as new and/or significant security threats in the air environment. OPA is coordinating briefing materials with OFO. Reporter has no immediate plans to publish.

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

12/10: [Update] Reuters immigration reporter (b)(6) is tentatively scheduled to interview OFO leadership on the biometric entry-exit program. The request was prompted by inaccurate media reports that CBP would require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. (b)(6) seeks to better understand the Congressional biometric entry-exit mandate, CBP's approach to fulfilling that mandate, and whether/how that approach affects requirements for U.S. citizens entering and exiting the country. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/10: Harper's Magazine assistant editor (b)(6) is preparing an article about evangelical pastors in Brazil for publication in February 2020. (b)(6) sought to verify claims that one of the pastors was recently refused entry to the United States due to visa issues. OPA responded that it cannot provide information about specific individuals for privacy reasons and shared approved background concerning admissibility.

12/10: Reporter (b)(6) of KUOW (Seattle's NPR station) requests a copy of a letter sent by OFO to the Port of Seattle regarding biometric entry-exit. The letter would inform a follow-up piece to (b)(6) November 2019 coverage of the expansion of the biometric entry-exit program, to Seattle. Reporter did not provide deadline. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/9: [Update] Washington Post editorial writer (b)(6) interviewed OFO DEAC John Wagner on the biometric entry-exit program on 12/6. The interview was prompted by inaccurate media reports that CBP would require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. DEAC Wagner indicated that CBP has no plans to institute such a requirement, reviewed the biometric entry-exit program's built-in privacy protections and expressed full confidence in the accuracy of CBP's biometric facial comparison technology. Editorial was published on 12/7/2019.

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

12/5: NBC technology correspondent (b)(6) requested CBP comment on Doc Society v. Pompeo, a lawsuit filed to contest the State Department's collection of social media identifiers during the visa vetting process. CBP replied with standard language indicating that the agency does not as a matter of policy comment on pending litigation.

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

12/4: [Update] OPA contacted more than 40 news organizations on 12/5 and 12/6 to request corrections to inaccurate stories claiming that CBP plans to require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. The claims were prompted by an ACLU statement on a dated item in the Unified Agenda that reads: "DHS is proposing to amend the regulations to provide that all travelers, including U.S. citizens, may be required to be photographed upon entry or departure." ABC, NBC, CNN, FOX, Washington Post and most other outlets corrected their stories or indicated that they would write follow-up articles. Tone has been predominantly negative.

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

12/3: [Update] CBS Transportation Correspondent (b)(6) requests to visit and film at a SWB POE at which CBP has implemented biometric facial comparison technology. Visit would occur in January 2020 (b)(6) is expected to cover traveler experience and privacy concerns, but also expressed interest in law enforcement results. OPA is working with OFO to determine possibilities for a visit to Nogales POE. Segment will air in January or February 2020. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/3: (b)(6) the producer of the BBC programme *Factual*, requests a written CBP statement for a feature on fake ESTA websites that will air between 6-17 January in the UK. The feature is not intended to be critical of the ESTA process, but rather to highlight the problem posed by fake websites and scams. OPA is working with the OFO ESTA PMO to provide a statement by the reporter's deadline of 12/4. Tone is expected to be positive.

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

12/2: NBC Tech Correspondent (b)(6) Washington Post Tech Correspondent (b)(6) and TechCrunch Senior Editor (b)(6) are preparing stories about a proposed final rule concerning CBP's collection of biometric entry-exit data from U.S. citizens. The proposed rule was published in the unified agenda on November 25. Reporters want to know why CBP is proposing the rule and whether U.S. citizens will be able to continue to opt-out from the biometric facial comparison process at ports of entry. OPA is coordinating a response with OFO.

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

12/2: Telemundo DC Bureau Chief (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the implementation of biometric facial comparison technology along the southwest border. OPA coordinated a statement with OFO and provided it to (b)(6) (b)(6) Piece may broadcast this week. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2] On 11/27, KUOW, the NPR station in Seattle, broadcast excerpts of an interview with OFO DEAC John Wagner on the implementation of biometric facial comparison at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. CBP requested and received several corrections to the text article that KUOW published to its website alongside the audio broadcast. Tone of coverage was neutral.

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

11/26: The *Taiwan Apple Daily News* contacted the American Institute in Taiwan (our *de facto* Embassy) and OPA requesting clarification about use of the People's Republic of China flag on the updated ESTA website. OPA is preparing a response with OPA and INA. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2]: Consumer advocate and *Washington Post* contributor (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the impact of biometric facial comparison technology on air travelers. OPA and OFO reviewed and commented upon an advance copy of the article, which heavily emphasizes privacy concerns and includes extensive, often speculative quotes from opponents of the technology. Article is expected to publish in early 2020. Tone is negative.

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

11/25: (b)(6) of *The West Australian* is publishing a story about a boarding denial involving an elderly Australian couple bound for the United States. The paper alleges that the couple lost \$50,000 due to the incident and asked if CBP would reimburse them. OPA provided a statement reiterating that Visa Waiver Program travelers need valid ESTAs prior to travel, that it is incumbent upon the traveler to ensure that their ESTA remains valid, and that travelers who feel they have been unduly inconvenienced may seek redress via DHS TRIP. Tone is expected to be negative.

11/21: [Update] *New York Times* national immigration correspondent (b)(6) is preparing a story on visa overstays. Her angle is that overstays defy the image of undocumented immigrants, whom Americans believe come exclusively over the SWB. Reporter interviewed DEAC Wagner on 11/21. (b)(6) emphasized CBP's commitment to implementing the Congressional biometric entry/exit mandate; walked the reporter step-by-step through the process CBP currently uses to identify overstays; and described CBP's vision a nationwide biometric entry/exit system that secures and facilitates lawful travel while respecting the privacy of all travelers. Reporter indicated that she plans to focus on overstays issue in lieu of technological and privacy aspects of CBP's biometric entry/exit efforts. Reporter expects to publish this weekend. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

Trade / Ag:

12/2: Natural Products Insider Reporter (b)(6) queried OPR about the guidance given to customs officers regarding trade regulations / HTS codes for Hemp products. Working response with OT.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) queried OPA about the implementation of possible steel / aluminum tariffs against Brazil. OPA referred reporter to USTR and is researching.

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

11/18: (b)(6) a reporter with WSHU News/NPR Long Island's NPR station asked for comments for story about Sen. Chuck Schumer calling for the ban of Chinese-made over-the-counter meds in Dollar Trees and Family Dollar stores. OPA provided verbiage on how the agency enforces import and trade regulations from over 40 agencies, including the FDA, from previously approved language.

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

11/8: Travel & Leisure magazine will visit JFK Terminal 4 on Thursday, November 14 to do a feature piece on the 'Day in the Life of a Beagle'. They will capture b-roll of the Beagle Brigade conducting inspections, working among the passengers and interviewing/speaking with the handler.

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

Update 11/4: Reuters reporter (b)(6) is doing a long-story on mis-labeling of merchandise for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility. Background interview held on 9/12 and OT will present options case study and port visit.

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

Update 11/4: Bloomberg's (b)(6) is writing longer piece on AD/CVD and tariff evasion. Preliminary background completed the end of August. Reporter is interested in a specific case which should be adjudicated in November. OPA and OT are working follow-on discussions and possible itinerary for a visit to LA/Long Beach.

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

Technology:

11/20: OPA, working closely with representatives from DHS S&T, USFIS, and ONDCP, helped draft a Media Advisory to be released Thursday, that announces the Winner of the Opioid Detection Challenge, scheduled for 12 December at a TSA lab facility outside Atlantic City, NJ. C2 and several Port Directors will be present, alongside several other agency representatives, and members of Congress. OCA has been working with the Innovation Office on invitations to the Hill.

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

11/20: Aviation International News' (b)(6) seeks an update on AMO airframe inventory after the announcement of the C550 late last week. OPA responded with a statement, previously used in a similar RTQ last week.

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

11/18: OPA received a media query from Vice Media's Technology Section: Motherboard's (b)(6) who is seeking details concerning leaked documents from a company called, "Sayari," that specializes in data. OPA's coordinated response: *"CBP uses a broad range of government and commercial data to support and enhance our border security and facilitation missions. Sayari is but one example of commercially available data used by CBP to better understand and assess the flows of people and goods entering and exiting the United States."* Story published 11/19: https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne8pmm/activist-leaks-files-from-data-broker-sayari-for-demoing-ice

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

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

New Items

12/11: (b)(6) Laredo Morning Times reporter, asked multiple questions regarding the facial comparison technology implementation at Laredo Port of Entry. Consulted with LFO and answers were ultimately cleared through CBP HQ OFO PPAE and provided to the reporter on 12/11. Expected rundate: TBD, Expected tone: neutral.

1. What is CBP's goal in collecting this facial recognition data?
 - a. *CBP is using biometric facial comparison technology to fulfill a Congressional mandate to biometrically record the entry and exit of foreign nationals. By incorporating this technology into the existing travel process, CBP is able to make travel more secure and convenient while protecting traveler privacy.*
2. Is every single bridge crossers' photo being taken? What about passenger and commercial vehicles?
 - a. *The facial comparison technology is deployed in the bus passenger and pedestrian lanes only. A total of 22 lanes encompassing the bus passenger processing lanes at Juarez-Lincoln Bridge and the pedestrian lanes at Gateway to the Americas Bridge will be equipped with the facial comparison cameras. U.S. citizens may request alternative processing by notifying a CBP officer. CBP will manually inspect those individuals' travel documents, as is standard practice today.*
3. What other data is CBP collecting to accompany the profile of each crosser?
 - a. *CBP does not attach biographic information to the photos taken during the biometric facial comparison process. The photos are "templatized," which means they are converted to a sequence of characters and numbers that cannot be reverse-engineered to recreate a biometric image. CBP deletes the new photos of U.S. citizens within 12 hours. Photos of foreign nationals are transmitted to the Department of Homeland Security's IDENT database.*
4. Is there any way you could provide an example of what the profiles look like?
 - a. *Due to security and privacy protections in place, CBP is unable to share this information.*
5. Has CBP weighed the privacy concerns of this information? Especially considering the recent data breach of this very information over the summer?
 - a. *CBP provides notification to the public of its biometric entry-exit program through Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) and System of Records Notices (SORNs), published at www.dhs.gov/privacy and through program information, such as Frequently Asked Questions, which is readily available at www.cbp.gov/biometrics. DHS has published ten PIAs on the biometric entry-exit program. These PIAs explain all aspects of CBP's biometric entry-exit program, to include policies and procedures for the collection, storage, analysis, use, dissemination, retention, and deletion of data. Please see [here](#) for additional information. CBP also consults with Congress and privacy groups on an ongoing basis. As a result of those consultations, CBP reduced the maximum retention period for photos of U.S. citizens from 14 days to 12 hours.*
6. How was this program funded, and how much did it cost for Laredo?
 - a. *Through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Congress authorized up to \$1 billion in visa fee surcharges through 2027 to support the development of a nationwide biometric entry-exit system.*
7. What other ports are now using this facial recognition technology?
 - a. *CBP has implemented the biometric facial technology at four land ports of entry, 25 airports and three seaports.*

See these links:

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-introduces-biometric-facial-comparison-el-paso-port-entry-secure>
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-resumes-mobile-passport-control-washington-dulles-international>

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

12/11: KOAT-TV Albuquerque (b)(6) is preparing a story on border wall. He inquired regarding construction in New Mexico, any eminent domain issues, etc. OPA provided materials regarding ongoing wall system construction and related matters. Story slated to air during a special December 20. Tone: neutral.

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

12/11: El Paso OFO PAL is assisting U.S. Passport Office/El Paso is publicizing a passport information event at the Paso Del Norte international crossing Dec 17. Passport officials will be on site to try to enroll border crossers to increase number of USC's using passports/passport cards. CBP is playing no role other than offering space in an area where the target audience will be EP OFO PAL will be on site for the event.

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

12/10: (b)(6) WOAI Radio – San Antonio (Flagship station of iHeartMedia), conducted a phone interview with Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz regarding recent border enforcement efforts. AC1 messaging amplified.

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

12/11: (b)(6) Sinclair Broadcasting Group (NBC & Fox – San Antonio), interviewed Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz on camera regarding the recent deployment of a new active duty Army unit, replacing outgoing military personnel. Interview included discussion of current enforcement challenges and stats. AC1 messaging amplified. Air date 12/11.

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

12/11: (b)(6) KENS5 (CBS – San Antonio), interviewed Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz on camera regarding the a variety of border enforcement topics. AC1 messaging amplified. Air date 12/13.

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

12/11: (b)(6) XENY radio reporter in Nogales, Sonora queried Tucson Field Office on the number of travelers who entered the United States through the Nogales checkpoints between December 10 and December 31 of the year 2018.

Response: In the month of December 2018 the Port of Nogales had 307,889 vehicles and 295,702 pedestrians.

Deadline: 12/11 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: (b)(6) Visual Journalist, UC Berkley School of Journalism, queried AZ CBP on conditions in processing centers. Response: Pending input and coordination

Deadline: TBD Publication: TBD Tone: UNK possibly negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: (b)(6) reporter, Cronkite News, followed up on his recent query to AZ CBP to ask how many miles are currently affected by environmental waivers. Response: Pending input and coordination.

Deadline: 12/13 Publication: 12/14 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: Tucson BPAs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted a ride along with New York Times Magazine reporter (b)(6) through Sasabe, AZ focused on what a typical line agent does in patrol operations.

(b)(6) will speak on how human smuggling is intertwined with fatalities in the desert, he expressed that he needed to understand the dynamics at the border. Agents perceived the engagement to be positive.

Deadline: 3/20 Publication: Flex Tone: Neutral

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/11: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) are arranging tours and interviews for (b)(6) Washington Post Reporter recently assigned to Texas. She is stationed in San Antonio, but will be in EL Paso area from 15-18 December. This will mostly be an exercise to familiarize her with El Paso Sector. AMO has declined ride-along and interviews due to operational requirements and staff availability. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is working OFO. (b)(6) is working through USBP. Chief Chavez is available.

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

12/10 – RGV Sector CPA Karisch will conduct an interview with MSNBC Reporter (b)(6) at the Donna Wall construction site on 12-12-19. Topic of discussion will be current wall construction and the force multiplier that it will bring to the border security equation. (b)(6) will also participate in an operational USBP riverine ride along in the McAllen AOR. Principal for riverine will be McAllen PAIC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) This will be followed by a USBP ground 101 as this is Ms. (b)(6) first trip to the RGV.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

12/10 – ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will conduct and interview with New York Times reporter (b)(6) at RGV Sector HQ on 12-12-19. Topic will be current status in RGV's ongoing wall construction projects. (b)(6) will be taken on a McAllen AOR familiarization ride along afterwards.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

12/10 – ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will conduct and interview with NPR Radio reporter (b)(6) at RGV Sector HQ on 12-12-19. Topic will be current status in RGV's ongoing wall construction projects. (b)(6) had inquired about increased cost in current construction, the land acquisition process and local environmental issues. These topics will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel for action.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

12/10: (b)(6) AP Reporter assigned to Southwest Border, says he will be posting his story about Brazilians trying to get into US tonight or tomorrow. He says we will be surprised at the level of detail he has obtained. He wasn't able to get reporters sent to Brazil to help, but says he talked to everyone including cabbies and hotel clerks. I think the story will be positive from our perspective – merely highlighting that Brazilians have become a major group since last year, right behind Mexicans.

He'll probably talk about cartels changing their SOP since MPP and other programs have blocked their primary customers. He researched numbers heavily from past three years in order to show trend.

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

12/10: (b)(6) from New York Times. Agents took (b)(6) to Sasabe and to rescue beacons near Sasabe, AZ. The main topic of discussion was BSI topics and rescues within Tucson Sector. Deadline: 12/10 Publication: TBD Tone:

neutral Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9: (b)(6) AP Phoenix, requested details on tunnel discovered 12/8 with associated arrests. Deadline: 12/9

story Broadcast: unk Tone: Neutral Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: St. Louis NBC affiliate will be heading to DRT to do a Middle-America story about CBP and the border. They have a (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in sector whose brother is a firefighter in Kansas City and whose father is a retired Missouri State Highway Patrolman. Dates to be determined, itinerary to be determined.

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

12/9 (b)(6) (Fox Business "Primetime") contacted El Paso and Big Bend Sectors. She is interested in researching and possibly visiting border patrol and detention facilities for an inside look. This would involve a few short interview with agents, and a camera crew taking video of the facilities. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told her that we do not take news crews into BP facilities, but can arrange ride-alongs and interviews. Also said El Paso Sector could arrange tours/interviews in early January, due to prior commitments and shortage of personnel between now and 20 December. CBP OPA should let us know if this is high enough priority that we may want to ask BP to shift other engagements; however, Chief/Directors are also planning to be out during this period. Tentative for **January 6-10**.

AMO preferred date is either 7 or 8 December with Fox selecting morning or afternoon. AMO is okay with doing the flight in either El Paso or Big Bend – leaving it up to Fox. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) wants questions in advance, but Fox has told me their policy does not allow for that. They will send topics and promise no "gotchas." Primetime producer will not have answers until next week after she meets with entire team to discuss. Looks like they are preferring El Paso, because they have to fly a whole team in here and to make the cost worthwhile, so they want to ensure they get all three pieces – OFO, AMO, USBP – and plenty of front-line visits/discussions. They will decide many things by next week.

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

Tone: Expected Positive

12/9: KGNS-TV (NBC-Laredo) reporters (b)(6) inquired about reports of a possible bridge closure due to reports of a group of African migrants wanting to rush the port. An MFF drill was held this afternoon at Laredo Port of Entry. Provided previously approved RTQ statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: CBP is charged with facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel while upholding our national border security mission. Balancing these demands, keeping illicit goods and people out of the country, and managing the influx of those seeking asylum requires a careful balance of our resources and space.

The periodic implementation of Mobile Field Force exercises and utilization of queue management points, helps CBP to manage traffic flow while effectively eliminating the ability for a large group of migrants to illegally and forcefully surge through the Ports of Entry. These steps help us to ensure everyone's safety and security, to include travelers, asylum seekers, business stakeholders and our own employees.

CBP's mission is to secure our nation's borders and these measures allow us to do just that.

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

12/10: Hidalgo PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will host a media academy at Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas Port of Entry, explaining CBP's border security mission in the passenger and cargo environments, PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will address the November 2019 OFO and Laredo Field Office Inadmissibles data during the academy. Participating outlets include: Televisa Reynosa, KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KVEO-TV (NBC-RGV), The Monitor, KTLN-TV (Telemundo-RGV), KNVO-TV (Univision-RGV).

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

12/6: YUM PAO has submitted a video for release, of an incident from earlier this week that resulted in the seizure of \$617K worth of marijuana. Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: KUAT TV (Arizona PBS) has requested a visit next week to the Port of Nogales. They are interested in several topics to include MPP & wait times. Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Media Engagements - Outstanding

12/5: (b)(6) KVIA TV El Paso is trying to develop a story on IPR enforcement. OPA working with El Paso POE to set up an opportunity where he can film parcel exams and speak to a SME on the topic.

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

11/25: Epoch Times Reporter (b)(6) from KYMA to ride along with BORSTAR during (b)(7)(E) in Yuma.

Deadline: 11/27 Broadcast: 11/27 Tone: Neutral

Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: (b)(6) with Zeta newspaper in Tijuana is doing a story on fentanyl and requested a phone interview to get a CBP official's perspective on the challenges, dangers and statistics of what we have seen at San Diego ports. AD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would conduct the interview. Reporter also requested to have a photographer take b-roll at a port.

12/2: Interview conducted 11/27. /covering basic smugglers' tactics, dangers in handling, opioid epidemic community impact. Story not yet posted [here](#).

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

11/25: In response to a request from (b)(6) Laredo Morning Times, for an interview regarding what CBP Laredo Field Office is doing to facilitate trade at Port Laredo, ADFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Trade Operations, Laredo Field Office, conducted a phone interview and spoke about facilitation measures including a Donations Acceptance Program to develop FAST lanes outside of the import lot at World Trade Bridge, facilitation of agricultural commodities in coordination with SAGARPA officers posted at Colombia Solidarity Bridge, processing arriving shipments in about 38 minutes, plans for arrival of new NII imaging systems in Laredo and Brownsville and plans for placement of NII equipment in pre-primary areas in the coming years. Expected rundate: TBD, expected tone: positive.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with ABC 10 News wants to do a story surrounding recent report on the use of a remote control drone car to drive packages of meth across the border and past use of air drone and also the use of ultralight aircraft. Looking at 11/25.

11/26: SDC is in standby mode as reporter has not yet confirmed her availability.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and SBPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/20: (b)(6) a publisher with The Carmel Pine Cone out of Pacific Grove Calif., will be in the San Diego area on **December 3rd** and asked to photograph the wall areas which he covered back in the 1980's when he was a reporter. SDC will support and provide him their Then & Now narrative.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for **January**

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

11/19: CBP OPA, DHS OPA and DoS are working on an engagement for State involving 10-12 Central American Journalists (3-4 crews) to highlight what has changed along the border. They will be producing video content about what has changed along the border. Timeframe is late December, early January. Tentatively they will be on the ground in the RGV and another city, possibly El Paso for a total of 4 days. All interviews with principals and SMEs will be in Spanish. It is anticipated that each crew will interview independently. On the north side they will interview CBP about what has

changed (MPP, and other programs), on the south side, they will talk about the human stories of people waiting and exploitation by the smugglers. They also request to film the boarding of an ENV flight.

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

11/6: (b)(6) Telemundo Network, re-upped her request to ride along with Border Patrol agents in a Southern border area and had placed a specific interest in seeing processing facilities and access to immigration hearing facilities. I deferred to PAOs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding bandwidth and local mgmt. concurrence to support/accommodate a ride along request currently and to advise what such a ride along request would or would not entail. Advised that we are keeping her request to have access to a MPP immigration hearing facility on file, would advise of any future opportunities and provided CBP-approved RTQ statement regarding media access to MPP immigration hearing facilities.

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

10/23: (b)(6) New York Times Magazine, queried Tucson Sector Border Patrol for a media engagement to discuss migrant deaths in the SW deserts. (b)(6) is working closely with the Pima County Medical Examiner on his story.

11/6: the report will concentrate on what happens when BP finds remains and the ruggedness of terrain/dangers of illegal immigrants making this journey. The story will be about a deceased migrant and the migrant's life from his/her original home country to how his/her life ended. The reporter has plans of speaking with the family of the migrant for the story. TCA FCB proposes taking (b)(6) to Sasabe or Lukeville to show him the terrain and distances some illegal aliens traverse. TCA will focus on BSI talking points.

Deadline: **Oct 28** Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/21: (b)(6) Aftonbladet newspaper, Stockholm, Sweden and photographer (b)(6) request to join a border patrol to do a story on their work to secure the border. The story will be text/stills and also some TV. The story is highly interesting for a Swedish audience since we have the same issues with migration in Europe. I have followed patrols securing EU borders in Greece and Bulgaria.

They would like to join for two or three nights in **Jan 2020**.

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

Media Engagements - Completed

11/6: (b)(6) Washington Correspondent for The Economist would like to do a ride-along to include the urban/EI Paso area with new bollard wall and areas in NM with new bollard wall and locations where construction is currently underway. OPA will determine if the Sector Chief is available to provide a Sector overview and/or join the ride along. The reporter mentioned speaking to Congressman Hurd who has been a proponent of small border technology instead of physical infrastructure so that may come up. Availability next week is in the afternoon of **Nov 13th or 14th**. May not have time to take him out to new construction area.

11/29: Follow-up call w/XD Singleton Monday, December 2 @ 10:30 AM (telephonic)

11/20: Arranging national follow-up with Chief Martin or DXD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Monday. Coordination phone call today.

11/19: Arranging a follow-up engagement with Chief Martin or Dep Exec Dir (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on wall from a national perspective. Tentatively Nov 25/26.

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

10/10: (b)(6) (FoxNation) has requested a ride along in the RGV for a special in January. Filming for the engagement will occur sometime in First Week of December. OPA is working with USBP, OFO, and AMO to determine locations and topics. Expected to air in January.

11/19: Schedule changed slightly, they will be in RGV for **Dec 4 - 6**.

10/16: Scheduled for December 5 & 6. Routine ground, marine, and aviation ride-longs responding to traffic. No processing. Interview with Chief Karisch or designee.

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

12/4: (b)(6) KABB-TV (Fox – San Antonio), requested a statement regarding a story she is working on about a San Antonio man whose vehicle was reportedly seized after his girlfriend answered a Craigslist ad to drive two illegal aliens, and was ultimately arrested at a Del Rio Sector checkpoint. Unable to verify the case, OPA provided the following statement: attribute to a CBP spokesperson:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *Assisting illegal aliens in entering or continuing their journey into the United States, to include transporting and housing, is a felony. U.S. Border Patrol agents are constantly on the look-out for people who are assisting transnational criminal organizations in their smuggling endeavors. These organizations use various means to recruit drivers and caretakers, including social media and word of mouth. They often offer quick cash and downplay the dangers involved. Do not be fooled by these smugglers. If someone is arrested and charged with alien smuggling they face up to 10 years in prison under 8 USC 1324.*

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

11/14: YUM PAO provided a border tour and several stand up interviews to reporter (b)(6) with German Public Radio. We discussed the current situation in YUM and the crisis that we have been experiencing the past year.

Air date: TBD

Tone: Positive/Neutral

Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/19: Breitbart News six-member crew full meal deal tour tentatively anticipated for week of November 4-8, two days in Laredo (November 5 & 6), two days in RGV (November 7 & 8). Draft itineraries have been circulated amid OFO, USBP, AMO PALS and respective leadership. Tour dates pending confirmation with AMO, USBP partners.

11/13: Laredo portion cancelled due to weather. Crew will travel to RGV and return to Laredo in two weeks.

11/12: Del Rio Sector portion completed. Plans for a boat tour were cancelled due to weather. Engagement consisted of interview at Eagle Pass Station with Del Rio Sector Division Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Eagle Pass PAIC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Assistant Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); and a visit to the Eagle Pass checkpoint. In addition to the six-member Breitbart crew, two Sirius XM personnel were along to gather audio for Patriot Radio.

11/5: Due to late development/USBP senior executive travel in the Laredo area, the ride along originally scheduled with U.S. Border Patrol in the Laredo Sector AOR has shifted to Del Rio Sector, Eagle Pass Station AOR for Nov. 12. The rest of the Laredo, RGV itinerary remains intact. PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) organized a conference call where this was discussed with Breitbart and all is good to go. An interview with JTF-West Director Manny Padilla is scheduled in San Antonio for 11/11.

10/21: Engagement now scheduled for the week of **Nov 11-15**.

Laredo Port of Entry mgmt. indicated concurrence with filming date on afternoon of Nov. 6. Laredo Sector Border Patrol advises that there will be a 15-member STAFFDEL on Nov. 5 and is asking to delay to the following week.

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

9/12: (b)(6) is looking to do a 90 minute piece for Fox Nation on "What's behind the headlines" of what is occurring along the border. Correspondent (b)(6) crew will travel to the Rio Grande Valley to highlight the real issues which CBP and the Border Patrol are dealing with. She will cover

- (1) the cartels behind whats happening,
- (2) Mexico's efforts to stem the flow of Central Americans, and
- (3) the role of CBP.

The 22 minute piece will revolve around an engagement with C1 and highlight CBPs efforts to combat human smuggling as well as human and narcotics trafficking. Highlighting the cartels view of the migrants as simply another form of commodity.

10/9: Crew will be out with RGV Horse Patrol today.

10/7: Filming scheduled for **October 9-11 and 16-18**. The commissioner is expected to be on the ground in RGV. October 17-18.

9/19: RGV and Laredo OPA and USBP are coordinating on the ground.

9/19: Engagement will be October 7-20.

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

Requests for Information/Statement/Other

12/3: Reporter (b)(6) with the San Diego Union Tribune inquired about access and arrests at an area called Friendship Circle located along the border near the Pacific Ocean. He was provided background information on the area. His story is expected to center around an undocumented immigrant who says he was arrested there last year while visiting his mother. The area is not an "immigration free zone" as some may think.

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

12/3: Responded to inquiries from multiple outlets, including KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), Texas Public Radio, Buzzfeed and Brownsville Herald on reports of large numbers of Mexican asylum seekers being processed at Brownsville Port of Entry recently, asking whether the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has been implemented in Brownsville. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA, HQ OFO Enforcement programs and responded with the following response language approved by HQ OFO Enforcement Programs:

Attributable to a CBP official: What has been seen in Brownsville recently are ebbs and flows in migration patterns; the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has not been implemented in that location. CBP continually experiences varying trends with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law. As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but all claims are handled on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each

case. Those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases.

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

12/3: Forbes Magazine reporter: (b)(6) calls Yuma Sector to ask if Deployed Resources built the MPP facilities in Yuma and also maintains them. YUM Confirmed.

Deadline: 12/3 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral Lead: SOS: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/3: KVOA reporter: (b)(6) requested a statement to the recent closure of some lanes at the Port of Nogales. TFO PAL: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) issued the following response;

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is committed to the safety of those crossing the border and our local communities. In recent days, there has been an increase of incursions through vehicle lanes at Arizona ports of entry by asylum seekers attempting to evade established entry processes. These tactics interfere with CBP officers conducting their responsibilities and exacerbates wait times for daily commuters. CBP encourages the traveling public to be mindful of these unusual happenings and visit the Wait Time site to modify travel itineraries, as needed. CBP officers are well-trained law enforcement professionals who stand ready to defend the border and uphold the laws of the United States of America. CBP will not allow ports to be overrun, or unauthorized entry. Security measures will be increased as needed to ensure priorities are safely met.

10/18: El Paso Times: (b)(6) is writing about POE staffing and decisions made on how resources are allocated now that surge has diminished and personnel have returned to the primary duties. OPA provided background to the reporter and working to set up an interview with the port director. No publication date. Tone: neutral.

12/6: UPDATE: Story posted <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2019/12/06/international-bridges-border-residents-brave-longer-lines-migration-crisis-goes/2587424001/>

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

12/5: (b)(6) AP El Paso is writing about Mexican asylum seekers living in tent camps near international bridges across the border from El Paso. He will report that the camps exists because asylum seekers are jockeying for position to apply for entry at area ports. Some are pointing blame at CBP because there now appear to be competing lists of Mexican and Central American asylum seekers not being honored by CBP. OPA provided a statement which was crafted with local and HQ input.

The CBP officers performing queue management operations at the international boundary line are not conducting primary inspections but rather making certain those who intend to apply have entry documents. If the individuals do not have documents and there is no space available at the CBP facility they are instructed to wait until capacity becomes available to ensure safe and secure processing. As you know, CBP has no involvement of any lists, nor do we even engage in any attempt to control, facilitate or distinguish amongst competing lists. CBP has a responsibility to ensure lawful legitimate trade and travel occurs, while at the same time, protecting our borders from those that wish it harm. CBP's ability to process asylum applicants is dependent upon capacity issues as well as our other mission sets: Anti-terrorism, Counter-narcotics, Global Economic Trade, and Facilitation of lawful trade and travel.

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

11/29: (b)(6) The Galveston County Daily News, inquired about an off-duty incident that occurred 11/28 in League City, TX, in which a CBP employee shot and killed his wife. Provided a statement, approved by Houston Field Office: "Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was arrested by the League City Police Department on Nov. 28 while he was off duty. Since, August 2008, he has worked CBP agriculture operations in the Houston Seaport environment. CBP is fully cooperating with the League City Police Department who is leading this investigation." Also confirmed that: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) deceased wife was a CBPO at the Houston Seaport, from approved RTQs. Referred further questions, regarding the investigation, to League City Police Department.

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

11/26: (b)(6) reporter, with ASU queried Tucson Sector and CBP Media Relations on a letter to Commissioner Morgan from Congresswoman Anne Kirkpatrick yesterday regarding CBP's environmental stewardship plan and wall construction in Southern Arizona. Response: Pending coordination. Deadline: 11/26 Publication: 11/28 Tone: Neutral Lead: PAS: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/26: In response to inquiries from Los Angeles Times Reporter: (b)(6) Buzzfeed reporter: (b)(6) (b)(6) CNN reporter: (b)(6) regarding whether we are experiencing a trend of previously MPP'ed family units sending their children across international bridges as UACs in Brownsville and generally and whether we have any stats or statements about this, consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and provided the following on an RTQ basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Unaccompanied alien children are not amenable to MPP enrollment. CBP continually experiences ebbs and flows with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP*

officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law.

As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but amenability for enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case.

Relevant links to UAC statistics (note: links for inadmissible stats are not broken down further beyond the Field Office level):

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/ofo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy-2019>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/ofo-sw-border-inadmissibles-fy2019>

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

11/25: (b)(6) PBS/NPR Texas Newsroom, inquired about wall development in Starr County, installation of panels and timetable. Consulted with HQ OPA mgmt. and the following response was provided:

Attributable to a CBP official: That is correct. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will begin installing panels this week for the approximately 3 mile new border wall system project located within Starr County, Texas. Please see the press release [here](#) for more project details.

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

11/25: (b)(6) Los Angeles Times reporter, asked a series of detail-specific questions regarding former CBP officer (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) including:

- Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) work for CBP for 18 years in RGV sector?
- Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) have a good record, including a national commendation for integrity due to a corruption investigation he assisted?
- Was (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) fired after a USCIS investigation as part of a passport application for his brother revealed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) first birth certificate (filed before his US birth certificate) was issued in Mexico?
- Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) three years to become a citizen and return to his job?
- Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the option of retiring early, but with a penalty?
- Did CBP perform background checks of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (I believe there were at least three)? Why wasn't (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Mexican birth certificate uncovered during those background checks?
- Is CBP working with USCIS, which has been considering (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) citizenship application via his wife, a USCIS employee and former CBP officer, and if not, why?
- 11/26 update: HQ OPA, OCC, LFO concurrence obtained, responded with RTQ statement: (b)(6) followed up asking to confirm years of service and integrity award. Stuck by previous response.

PAC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) developed the following response to query statement: CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP and recommends utilizing that statement and indicating from the outset that this is CBP's official statement and we have nothing further to add. Consulting with LFO mgmt., OCC, HQ OPA mgmt. Reporter is looking to publish her story on 11/27.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with local KPBS is inquiring about a person in SDC custody for supposedly three weeks after his illegal entry case against him was dismissed. Claims family and attorney were not provided any information on his whereabouts.

11/26: Was provided responses to the individual's stay with CBP prior to turn over to ICE. Nothing nefarious happened. Story ran. [Link](#) – reporter never mentioned that fact that detainee had twice refused to contact the Mexican Consulate. Was asked to add that to his story.

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

11/21: (b)(6) Truthout.org reporter is writing about an environmental group that released a report on what appears to be a 2018 DHS/HHS proposal to build a temporary shelter for migrant families and unaccompanied minors at the Fort Bliss Army base in Texas, where a temporary shelter was established in 2016. He was asking what happened to the 2018 plan. OPA advised reporter to contact HHS regarding UAC's. Reporter was also provided with links to CBP spotlight items on construction of temporary soft-sided facilities at various locations to address the border crisis. Publication date unknown. Tone: negative.

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

11/19: A Staff Reporter –(AZ News Radio Network) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by unscrupulous smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline: 11/19 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Nogales International Newspaper) Inquired about a recent claim by an area rancher (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) who says that an agent he is in contact with has exhibited inappropriate behavior thus causing him to be reassigned to another Border Patrol area. The reported also inquired about a Border Patrol (b)(7)(E) the aforementioned rancher claimed he found on his property placed their by agents.

TCA-PAO is currently working to gather more information to compose a written response statement. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (KTAR-Radio-AZ) requested information on the latest Border Patrol arrest figures. He wanted to know the reasons why Adult males from Mexico are the largest demographuic arrested by Border Patrol in Tucson Sector.

TCA-PAO is preparing a telephonic interview to quantify the numbers and to reiterate that adult males not wanting to be apprehended account for the largest number of arrests, however large number of FAMU an UAJ still are arriving at concerning numbers. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Arizona Daily Star Newspaper) Inquired about a recent gun seizures from persons attempting to smuggle guns and ammunition out of the United States into Mexico. He understand that the OFO officers see the highest amount of seizures of this type but wanted to know what Border Patrol experiences in the same type of smuggling event.

TCA-PAO is constructing a statement that says we do seize guns on their out of the country but not to the extent that OFO officers see. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: (b)(6) reporter for the NYC bureau of the Daily Mail (UK) contacted PAO seeking further information regarding a Business Insider story of a Border Patrol Agent that discovered a Mexican birth certificate after serving for 20 years. OPA indicated that matter likely under an internal investigation, covered by privacy act.

Official statement provided: "CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP."

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) -AZ News Radio) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by uncrupulouss smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline: 11/19 Tone: Neutral

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

11/18: Telemundo and Univision Nacional inquired if CBP had a statement regarding a Brownsville CBP officer that had been terminated after his Mexican birth certificate was discovered and is currently working to correct his citizenship status. Consulted with LFO, OCC and there is concurrence to confirm he was employed with CBP and is currently not employed with CBP. Pending final HQ OPA mgmt. concurrence.

11/19 update: HQ OPA mgmt. concurred. Confirmed to both outlets that he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed with CBP.

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

11/18: KRGV-TV reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding a federal judge's order regarding inspections of electronic devices and sought a statement from CBP. Consulted with HQ OPA.

Approved Statement: *U.S. Customs and Border Protection does not as a matter of policy comment on matters in litigation. However, we are able to provide the following information:*

*In Fiscal Year 2019, CBP processed more than 414 million travelers at U.S. ports of entry. During that same period of time, CBP conducted 40,913 border searches of electronic devices, representing **less than .01 percent** of arriving international travelers.*

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

11/14: AJ+ English reporte (b)(6) requested high-resolution pics of recent human smuggling cases involving the use of tractor trailers. Three photos were sent to him.

Tone: Positive

Air Date: TBD

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/14: Several national and local media outlets, including CNN, CQ Roll Call, BuzzFeed inquired regarding a case that gained traction from a tweet from the executive director of AILA regarding a previously MPP'ed two-year-old reportedly suffering from sepsis accompanied by her family and AILA attorneys seeking to be paroled into the U.S. who had not been allowed in until late in the evening of Nov. 13. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and with their concurrence the following statement was provided on a response to query basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Amenability to enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Agents and officers implementing the MPP program are directed to review arriving individuals for known physical or mental health conditions or the potential to face persecution or torture in Mexico. All factors need to be considered, including whether the status of the particular medical condition and the immediate health of the migrant at the time of encounter is something requiring immediate medical attention.*

With the sum total of all facts and information considered in this case, this particular family unit was paroled into the U.S. for the child to receive medical treatment. The family will remain in the U.S. pending their hearings before an immigration judge.

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

11/14: (b)(6) a longtime Austin-based NPR reporter, advised he will be relocating to the Brownsville area for the next 30 days to report on border stories and requested permission to attend a hearing within the MPP immigration hearing facility at Brownsville Port of Entry. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and plan to provide the following response: Regarding access to an immigration hearing facility we have noted your request, will keep that on file and will advise if there may be any forthcoming opportunity. In the meantime, please see the below statement with regard to media access to Migration Protection Protocol immigration hearing facilities:

Attributable to a CBP official: *"Because the immigration hearing facilities (IHF) in Laredo and Brownsville are within CBP's secure port of entry property, access to these temporary immigration hearing facilities will operate in accordance with practices for other secure CBP areas. Requests for access by the media or by the public to the IHF will be assessed on a case-by-case basis when operationally feasible and in accordance with procedures for access to any CBP secure facility.*

The media and the public may still be able to observe hearings by visiting the San Antonio, Harlingen, and Port Isabel EOIR immigration courts where immigration judges are located and will be connected via live-streaming video teleconference to the alien at the temporary IHF. Note that access to hearings at immigration courts are subject to DOJ EOIR rules and policies.

Information regarding EOIR immigration court access, hearing schedules, or specific to the master calendar hearings should be obtained directly from DOJ EOIR."

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

11/6: RGV PAO office received a request from Border Report reporter (b)(6) in regards to a press poll released by the US Immigration Policy Center as follows:

The poll found a "crisis in confidence" with President Trump's immigration policies, according to the poll of 2,700 people in four states: California, Arizona, N.M., and Texas. There are some questions regarding how the public feels about Border Patrol officials protecting their safety.

Reporter: I'm wondering if your agency can comment on this. And, for the record, I specifically used my question time to ask the poll director about the questions that highlighted people were upset when asked if they were US citizens at checkpoints in the interior.

That information is listed here: Border Residents and Border Patrol Checkpoints

- Over 3 out of 10, or 31.1%, have been stopped and questioned about their U.S. citizenship at an interior Border Patrol checkpoint
- Lack of Trust in Border Patrol
 - Only 1 out of 3, or 33.1%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will protect the rights and civil liberties of all people equally.
 - Just over 4 out of 10, or 40.7%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will "keep you and your family safe."
 - Less than 3 out of 10, or 28.6%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials who abuse their authority will be held accountable for their abuses.

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/alliancesandiego/pages/2734/attachments/original/1573060841/usipc-border-poll-final%281%29.pdf?1573060841>

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

11/5: Telemundo 40 (Telemundo-RGV) reporter (b)(6) had made repeated attempted to reach out to several CBP PALs and PAOs seeking an interview regarding the issue of Mexican B1/B2 laser visa holders who donate their blood for pay in the U.S. and whether doing that would jeopardize the terms of their visa for a sweeps story. Utilized

previously approved response language used to respond to similar questions in El Paso and Eagle Pass. LFO mgmt. concurred. Response strategy as per PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was electronic statement only, no on-camera or follow up interviews. Statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: B1/B2 card holders who cross the border to sell plasma may be in jeopardy of having their document revoked by a CBP officer. The CBP officer has discretion and may handle these situations on a case-by-case basis taking into account all available information present at the time of entry. For further information on B1/B2 and what is allowable please contact the U.S. State Department.

DOS can be contacted here: capressrequests@state.gov

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

11/4: El Diario de Juarez and KERA-FM radio are writing about Mexican asylum seekers in the El Paso/Juarez area, why they are waiting in Mexico, impact on local operations, etc. They were provided latest statement addressing the matter. Publication immediate. Tone: negative.

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

11/4: Multiple media inquiries on NM BP shooting referred to CBP statement and NMSP news release. Also directed to sector to maintain a single POE for official CBP information.

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

11/4: KGUN Reporter inquired about weekend reports of gunfire heard in Douglas, AZ that viewers said were coming from Mexico. They were referred to Cochise County Sheriff's for possible comment.

Tone: Neutral Air Date: 11/4

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter/producer, Arizona 260, AZ Public Media, queried Tucson Field Operations and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on how CBP handles corruption cases.

RESPONSE: Pending

Deadline: 10/31 Broadcast: 11/1 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter, Investigative Reporter Program Berkley College, queried Yuma Sector Border Patrol to confirm an employee by the name (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

RESPONSE: We don't have a person by that name currently.

Deadline: 10/30 Publication: TBD Tone: Unk

Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) El Diario de El Paso is writing about the search for a Las Cruces man who disappeared with his two pre-school age sons earlier in the month. Authorities believe h may have traveled to Mexico. Reporter was asking about CBP response/lookout. OPA in conjunction with OFO provided a statement on how CBPO's operate and what would happen if we encounter a subject sought by law. Questions regarding the ongoing investigative efforts in the US and Mexico were redirected. Tone: neutral. Publication: Thursday.

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

10/29: Responded to inquiry from Forte Newspaper and Estereo 91 reporter (b)(6) regarding complaints of excessive wait times in the SENTRI lane, extending 20 blocks into Nuevo Laredo. Consulted with local mgmt. and responded that we have three SENTRI lanes open, a 15-minute wait, are not experiencing significant waits on the bridge and deferred to Government of Mexico regarding traffic within the interior of Mexico.

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

10/28: (b)(6) reporter, Tucson Sentinel, queried CBP Arizona on the migrant death over the weekend. Specifically, how was she located, what type of injuries did she sustain, where was the hospital?

Response: Referred to Tucson Sector for more information.

Deadline: 28 OCT Publication: 29 OCT Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/24: Local San Diego ABC 10 reporter (b)(6) is revisiting his story from June about allegations that CBP was improperly having subjects detox at the San Ysidro port of entry. His story now will highlight interviews from a new person held at San Ysidro in March who discussed these allegations during his trial for criminal entry. The news story will include clips from hours of video from inside a San Ysidro holding room (made public as a part of the subject's criminal hearing.) This same topic was also the subject of a different media story following a letter/news release from the ACLU

and a physician's group naming three other individuals with similar allegations. After consulting with the local Field Office and OCC, CBP responded with the following:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *CBP does not comment on matters that are currently under litigation.*

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

10/22: (b)(6) reporter, Cronkite News, queried Tucson OFO on the current hiring processes and how they affect wait times at the ports of entry.

RESPONSE: *The query has been referred to HQ personnel with the recruiting and biometrics accounts.*

Deadline: 10/22 Publication: 10/23 Tone: Neutral

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

10/18: (b)(6) AZ PBS, queried CBP Arizona on the name of a recent fugitive from AZ caught in Mexico and extradited back to the US with help of Yuma Sector.

Response: Pending PII approval.

Deadline: 10/18/19 Broadcast: 10/18 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/8: Arizona Republic/USA Today Reporter (b)(6) inquired whether Arizona POE's are transferring Asylum seekers to other locations?

TFO PAL responded that "Arizona Ports are not transferring arriving migrants claiming fear to MPP facilities for initial process."

Tone: Positive Air Date: 10/9

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

12/11: WCAX Channel 3 (CBS affiliate) reporter (b)(6) inquired about Agriculture Specialists from Champlain, NY POE preventing invasive pests entering the U.S. on a Christmas Tree shipment from Canada and destined to southern U.S. states. Provided press release, additional approved imagery, and approved Field Office talking points.

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

12/11: Chicago Tribune reporter (b)(6) contacted CBP concerning the legalization of marijuana in Chicago, and if CBP had a comment regarding if marijuana use or suspected marijuana use was enough for CBP to deny non-citizens entry into the country if they arrive at Chicago airports. The approved marijuana messaging talking points were sent to the reporter. Tone: Negative/Neutral

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

12/11: Multiple local media outlets attended a joint press conference hosted by CBP and HSI to discuss IPR seizures ahead of the holiday season. CBP was represented by the Boston Field Office DFO and HSI was represented by the Boston SAC. Tone: Positive

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

12/10: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) will be conducting an impromptu Facebook Live on their website today from 12-1230 with OPA and OFO on hand to answer Northern Border (NY State AOR) related questions from their Northern Border Security five part piece educational story on Northern Border Security. Tone: Neutral-Educational

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

8/19: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) will be interviewing AC1 on August 21, about Northern Border Security based on their upcoming educational story on Northern Border Security piece to print in September. Tone: Neutral-Educational

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: The Buffalo Field Office will host its monthly television show on LCTV on 12/11 and will share information regarding IPR seizures and investigations that occur in response to the online holiday shopping season. Field Office ADFO Trade and ASAC for Buffalo HSI Field Office will participate. Approved CPA talking points on IPR will be provided.

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

12/10: WHAM Channel 13 (ABC affiliate) Rochester, NY reporter (b)(6) inquired about IPR seizures and asked for an on camera interview to provide IPR awareness during the shopping season to their viewers. Provided recent IPR seizure imagery, information and approved Field Office talking points.

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

12/10: UPDATE As a follow up to "Know Before You Go" media availabilities joint radio travel informational segments with Miami-Dade Aviation Authority planned for Actualidad Radio 1040 AM 12/10 and 880theBiz 12/11 in South Florida during afternoon rush-hour. CBP Public Affairs Liaison (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with travel tips for those traveling internationally during the holiday season.

11/26: Several local and regional affiliates in Tampa (Tampa Bay Times/ABC Action News/WFLA News Channel 8/Spectrum Bay News 9) and Miami (NBC6/Telemundo 51/CBS 4/WSVN FOX 7/ attended the media availability for coverage on evening newscasts. Neutral to positive tone expected.

11/19: Media availability planned for the morning of **Tuesday, November 26th** at Tampa International Airport and Miami International Airport to share "Know Before You Go" messaging for Floridians traveling internationally during the holiday season. Agriculture specialists and beagle teams participating with backdrop of prohibited and seized food items.

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

11/18: *Real America with* (b)(6) producer (b)(6) reached out regarding Border Patrol agents performing transportation checks of Greyhound buses in Spokane. Currently awaiting further details.

11/21 UPDATE: Response to questions are pending USBP review.

11/22 UPDATE: Approved responses provided

12/10: Episode is set to air Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/RealAmericaWith> (b)(6)

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

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Subject:

R/E: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

Good Morning,
FYSA, CBP/OPA is preparing a release and a media plan on the Trusted Traveler/Global Entry cancellation for NY residents, once it is finalized I will share it with all of you.

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Subject: RE: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

FYSA, JFK PD is asking about Tweeting out whatever necessary information, I told him to stand down till the DHS press conference about this later today and then we could retweet DHS Tweet on this.

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Attached is a clean version, approved by OFO/TTP Director **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)**

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For the 8 a.m. I'd like to forward this on to DEAC Wagner's team in advance of this morning's testimony and to our PAOs in the field, if appropriate.

BLUF: Fox News, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and other national news outlets are reporting on a DHS decision yesterday to suspend the ability of New York residents to apply for or re-enroll in CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs (TTP). In a letter to the Commissioner of the New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) dated February 5, DHS Secretary Chad Wolf explained that New York's "Green Light Law" prohibits CBP access to Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records and thereby "compromises CBP's ability to confirm whether an individual applying for TTP membership meets program eligibility requirements."

Background:

Officially called the "Driver's License Access and Privacy Act," New York's Green Light Law allows undocumented immigrants to use foreign-issued documents to prove their age and identity when applying for a driver's license. The law also prohibits state officials from providing DMV records to CBP, ICE and USCIS unless ordered to do so by a judge. Passed on June 17, 2019, the law took effect on December 16, 2019.

Without access to New York DMV information, CBP cannot complete vetting of TTP applications and renewals submitted by New York residents. New York residents will no longer be eligible to apply for or renew membership in CBP Trusted Traveler Programs. CBP will cancel pending TTP applications submitted by New York residents. New York residents who are currently enrolled in TTP will retain their benefits until their membership expires.

What People Are Saying:

- DHS Secretary Chad Wolf announced the decision yesterday evening on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight," stating that "When we talk about CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs, like Global Entry... they use that DMV data to make sure those individuals are low-risk and meet the eligibility requirements..."
- (b)(6) an advisor to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, claimed that the move "is obviously political retaliation by the federal government..."
- Former Acting ICE Director (b)(6) said "This is just irrational in the sense that sanctuary policies in no way shape or form affect DHS' ability to vet people for Global Entry and other Trusted Traveler Programs... It's ridiculous, and it's politicizing a program that's not about politics."
- *The New York Times*, CNN and other media outlets have tied the decision to President Trump's remarks against sanctuary cities during his State of the Union address on February 4.

Coverage:

- DHS Suspends Global Entry, Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents in Response to Sanctuary Laws
[Video]
Fox News • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- DHS Bans New Yorkers from Global Entry and Other Programs Over State Law Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Get Driver's Licenses
CNN • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- Trump Administration Freezes Global Entry Enrollment in New York Over Immigration Law
The New York Times • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- Homeland Security Suspends Enrollment of New Yorkers in Global Entry
The Wall Street Journal • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- Trump Suspends Global Entry, Traveler Programs for New York Residents Over 'Sanctuary' Policies
The Washington Post • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- New York Residents Can No Longer Sign Up for Global Entry, DHS Chief Says

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Subject: Re: USBP (BTC) Messaging

10-4 thanks for the detailed explanation of all that was done leading up to Friday, it's quite a bit I see now. I obviously have a limited view based on my info sources hence my limited perspective. The field Chiefs are in the same boat but will share your info below so they know there's a game plan and you all are taking a very comprehensive approach to this effort.

I trust OPA is all over this situation and leveraging all assets to get a balanced and accurate narrative out there so if you need my support or STRATCOMs assist please let me know. I like the springboard idea, original content will be key to show what CBP is doing and what they're up against on the ground.

Let's connect on Tuesday. Thanks again.

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On my cell if you want to chat before Tuesday.

Thanks,

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

On Feb 15, 2020, at 9:53 AM, **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)**

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Team OPA,

I've been scanning the numerous articles and SM posts regarding Op Sub-Zero, especially the ones focused on USBP/BTC...that's most of them lol.

I recognize we are a support component to ICE and they have the lead in Comms for this Op, but I can't sit idle and allow the punches to be thrown without punching back.

Maybe we have a Comms plan that addresses CBPs or USBPs equities and image that you can share to be more at ease?

If not, perhaps we can talk about how we can gather content from the ground in the Op and leverage Social Media accounts? Chief **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** who overseas BTC in SOD can be leveraged as well, he too agrees with the above.

If you all are already doing this then pardon my intrusion, I just know this militarization and boogie man narrative thats spreading doesn't help the CBP and USBP image which compromises public trust.

Thx

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

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/28/2020 10:58:30 AM
To: DailyExecutiveMediaReport; (b)(7)(E)
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Daily Executive Media Report -- Friday, February 28, 2020

**Daily Executive Media Report
Media Division
Friday, February 28th 2020**

Tentative: Weekend C2 hit on Fox & Friends. Potential Topics: CBP Support To ICE, Green Light Law / Sanctuary Cities, additional Border Wall System Funding, demographic shifts in numbers – more Mexicans. Still TBD.

Next week: Thursday, March 5th February enforcement results rollout. Tentatively set for Press Room event at 10 am.

Next week: Biometrics Rule NPRM – *This proposed rule will expand modalities for collecting biometrics, to include IRIS scans, DNA, and will eliminate the minimum age requirement and help USCIS be more consistent across all operations. While USCIS has the pen on the rule, which largely impacts USCIS operations, DHS HQ is likely to take lead on the actual rollout. Minimal CBP involvement/effect.*

CBP Q&A for DHS PAG:

Q: How will the NPRM affect the admissions process at U.S. ports of entry?

A: CBP currently has no plans to alter or amend admission procedures at U.S. ports of entry based on the NPRM.

Q: How will the NPRM affect CBP's biometric entry-exit program?

A: CBP currently has no plans to alter or amend biometric entry-exit operations based on the NPRM.

Q: How will the NPRM affect the enrollment process for CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs?

A: CBP currently has no plans to alter or amend Trusted Traveler enrollment procedures based on the NPRM.

Q: How will the NPRM affect entry procedures for members of CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs?

A: CBP currently has no plans to alter or amend entry procedures for Trusted Traveler Program members based on the NPRM.

Q: How will the NPRM affect CBP's CODIS DNA pilot?

A: CBP currently has no plans to alter or amend procedures for collecting DNA samples under the CODIS pilot based on the NPRM.

Media Highlights:

Cross-border tunnel found in Nogales, AZ. Social media posts completed with video, photos and press release issued:

126th Cross-Border Tunnel Discovered

TUCSON, Ariz. –U.S. Border Patrol agents, working with Mexican law enforcement, discovered yet another cross-border tunnel Tuesday, that runs beneath the streets of Nogales.

Tucson Sector agents and Mexico's Guardia Nacional located the tunnel's entrance in the floor of the existing Grand Avenue drainage system in Mexico. The rudimentary tunnel, located approximately 580 yards west of the Dennis DeConcin Crossing at the Nogales Port of Entry, is hand-dug with no shoring, ventilation or lighting.

The tunnel runs approximately 15-20 feet underground at its deepest point and extends approximately 30 feet from beginning to end, where the cartel left it incomplete.

U.S. authorities will continuously monitor the area until they remediate the tunnel. This is the 126th tunnel discovered in the Tucson Sector since 1990 and the second discovered mid-completion this fiscal year.

U.S. Border Patrol regularly works with the Government of Mexico, and binational cooperation with Mexican law enforcement plays a vital role in border security. Efforts such as tunnel sweeps aim to disrupt smuggling organizations and prevent the smuggling of narcotics and humans across the border.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
February 27, 2020**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

C1- House Appropriations Committee hearing Thursday, 2/27 at 9:30 am on 2021 Budget.

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

1/14: AeroMark Images photographer (b)(6) has inquired about conducting a photo shoot for a double-truck image for the next edition of ROTOR magazine. Currently working with photographer to identify a location and possible option for (b)(6). They are looking to conduct this photo shoot sometime in late February.

2/24 UPDATE: AeroMark Photographer (b)(6) if scheduled to visit Great Lakes Air and Marine Branch to complete this photoshoot for ROTOR magazine on Thursday February 27, 2019.

2/27 UPDATE: This story will also cover AMO assets in Jacksonville, FL, approved by AMO but pending dates.

2/27: (b)(6) seeks to further this opportunity by visiting Big Bend Sector to look at UH-1N Huey and Miami to look at a third helicopter type avail. not shown in Great Lakes or Big Bend.

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

2/25-2/27: CENTAM Journalists Border Tour-Visit IHF facilities in Brownsville, Falfurrias Checkpoint(rescue beacons, etc), McAllen AOR ride-along and CPC visit, Donna Wall Site visit(ongoing construction)

Possible COA2-AMO Branch Visit with UH-6t 0 flight

When: Mid-February, dependent upon INA vetting of participants

Where: Rio Grande Valley, Texas

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

HEADQUARTERS:

Travel:

2/24: (b)(6) of *The New York Times* has been covering Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents and contacted OPA to clarify if New Yorkers would qualify for the one-year membership extensions offered to other TTP applicants who apply for renewal before their current membership expires. (b)(6) also requested to know the average length of time that TTP renewals take to complete. OPA confirmed that individuals must have a pending Trusted Traveler

Program application to qualify for the one-year benefits extension. OPA also provided language on application/renewal processing time from the official statement on pending GE applications. Information will inform future coverage. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

2/24: (b)(6) of PAX Magazine (Canada) is preparing a story about cannabis use and Canadians' eligibility for NEXUS. (b)(6) wants to know why cannabis use, which is legal in Canada, would disqualify a Canadian from enrolling in NEXUS. CBP is preparing a statement to communicate that the possession, production, distribution and sale of marijuana remain illegal under U.S. federal law (which supersedes state law) and that violating any customs, immigration or agriculture regulations or laws in any country or otherwise violating the terms and conditions of CBP Trusted Traveler Programs renders travelers ineligible for membership in these programs. The statement will further clarify that ineligibility for NEXUS does not necessarily imply inadmissibility to the United States. Article will publish by 2/26. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/24: Officials from OPA, OFO, Trade, INA, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative responded to media inquiries from a delegation of visiting media representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The journalists, who were participating in a State Department media program, inquired about the U.S. trade relationship with Central Asia; how CBP works with Canadian and Mexican counterparts to facilitate lawful trade; and how CBP communicates with the media, the public, and industry stakeholders about its trade facilitation and security mission. The delegation will visit the Detroit POE on Wednesday, February 26. Information from the DC and Detroit visits is expected to inform media coverage communicating U.S. trade best practices and contrasts between trade and public communications in the United States and in the journalists' home countries. Coverage is expected to be neutral leaning positive.

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

2/21: (b)(6) of AP and (b)(6) of *The Houston Chronicle* are preparing stories on a February 20 inadmissibility decision involving a Nigerian national at IAH. Both reporters want to know why the subject was not permitted to enter the United States on his valid non-immigrant visa and whether the decision is related to the Presidential Proclamation on Improving Enhanced Vetting Capabilities, which places restrictions on issuing immigrant visas to Nigerian nationals and which took effect on February 21. OPA is preparing a statement with OFO addressing the inadmissibility decision and explaining that the decision is unrelated to the Presidential Proclamation. Publication is expected 2/22. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/21: NY1's (b)(6) are preparing a story on the impact of New York's decision to block CBP access to state DMV data on used vehicle exports. OPA provided cleared language on used vehicle exports from the GE and NY PAG. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/21: (b)(6) of Vox/Recode is preparing a story on CBP's use of biometric facial comparison technology with a focus on traveler privacy, data protection, and CBP's partnerships with airlines and airports. Reporter asked to clarify whether foreign nationals can opt out of the biometric facial comparison process. OPA provided statement cleared by OFO. OPA previously provided responses to reporter's questions about partners' use of biometric data, data retention practices, and contracts for CBP facial comparison cameras. Reporter has also talked to Delta Airlines, which coordinated its response with CBP. Publication date not disclosed. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative based on reporter's past coverage of facial comparison technology.

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

2/20: *LA Times* travel editor (b)(6) is preparing a story on an *LA Times* employee whose Global Entry application was denied after residents of New York became ineligible for the program on February 6. The employee was a former New York resident who moved to California. *LA Times* wants to know if the employee can appeal the cancellation; the information is for publication. OPA, in consultation with OFO and OCC, provided language from the GE and NY PAG indicating that individuals whose state residency changes can re-apply. Publication date not disclosed. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

2/20: *NextGov* senior technology reporter (b)(6) requested the results of internal evaluations of CBP's facial comparison technology, specifically those evaluations related to accuracy and demographic differentials. OPA is preparing a response with OFO. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/19: (b)(6) Bloomberg Law's senior legal reporter for privacy and technology investigations, is preparing a story about CBP's biometric entry-exit program. (b)(6) requests an interview to discuss the privacy implications of CBP's use of biometric facial comparison technology and steps that CBP is taking to protect travelers' data. He is also interested in the mechanics of the Preclearance program and CBP's authority to use facial comparison technology at Preclearance locations. OPA is consulting with OFO/EXT and OIT on possible interview dates. Story would publish in mid-March. Tone is expected to be neutral to negative based upon reporter's past coverage of facial comparison technology and privacy issues.

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

2/19: (b)(6) a travel columnist with *The Wall Street Journal*, is preparing a story on the Global Entry application process with an emphasis on wait times and difficulties scheduling interviews. He requests an interview to discuss the growth of the program, what new applicants can expect during the enrollment process, and why interview wait times are so long at some enrollment centers. OPA and OFO/TTP provided approved the statement on the Global Entry backlog. Reporter is not on deadline. Tone of article is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/19: (b)(6) a travel writer with The Points Guy, requested CBP comment on scam Trusted Traveler Program websites. OPA, in consultation with OFO, replied with a statement indicating that there is only one TTP website and that third-party websites that offer to process or assist with TTP applications are not endorsed by or affiliated with CBP. Tone: Neutral.

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

Trade / Ag:

Technology:

2/27: Defense Daily's (b)(6) following up on C1s testimony this morning, seeks clarification concerning the Autonomous Surveillance Towers program. OPA and the Innovation Office provided a same day response.

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

2/25: VICE Media's Tech outlet, Motherboard, via reporter (b)(6) is asking for a statement from CBP based on their data collection of 500 iPhone search warrants for calendar year 2019. The warrants included Federal, State and Local, though the majority of the cases were Federal. He cites the fact that the court system VICE utilized, PACER, leans in that direction as part of its design. His deadline is the end of this week. OPA has contacted the CBP Privacy Office for guidance. The reporter indicates that he is likely to also send queries to other DHS components, so a joint response might be wise.

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

1/30: Voice of America's (b)(6) following up with ONDCP on the 12 December announcement of the winner of the Opioid detection challenge, would like to shoot interviews and footage of canine handlers and dogs going through Fentanyl detection training. OPA is working with the Front Royal Canine Training Facility to target an early March shooting window, to document OFO classroom and active canine/handler training.

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

2/13 – Update: VOA and Front Royal have selected the week of 09 March to record footage at the training facility. Specifics details TBD.

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

2/27: Laredo Morning Times Reporter (b)(6) asked some questions regarding why DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) had chosen the DFO post at Laredo, what challenges does he face and has he implemented any changes. Developed a response to query quote attributable to DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) concurred with the wording and it was provided to the reporter. *"After serving the last several years in Washington as Executive Director, Operations and Director, Field Operations, Preclearance I really looked forward to going back out to the field to work with the strong, vibrant men and women of CBP in South Texas, where we process the largest amount of commercial truck traffic in the Western Hemisphere. I relish the challenge of leading the largest field office in the nation. I look forward to working together with our federal, state and municipal partners, international trade stakeholders to implement port-level technology and infrastructure improvements that help us to work smarter and to facilitate ever increasing volumes of trade and travel expected in the coming years under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) while continuing to advance our border security mission."*

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

2/27: KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV) had inquired about reports of travelers of Asian descent being referred for secondary inspection at Hidalgo Port of Entry and what is CBP doing at the land border to protect against Coronavirus. Provided the

below response to Hidalgo PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) taken from CBP HQ OPA-approved topline Coronavirus messaging and Q&A material. Estrella TV and Telemundo 40 also inquired about general land border port measures to protect against Coronavirus.

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP continues to facilitate CDC's enhanced health screening at U.S. ports of entry. Consistent with CBP's procedures, and in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation, individuals encountered by CBP with a nexus to China within 14 days of the encounter or with symptoms of illness are referred to CDC or local health officials for additional health screening.

All CBP ports of entry are following the same operational guidance as issued by the Presidential Proclamation and the Department of Homeland Security.

With exceptions specified in the Proclamation, foreign nationals (other than immediate family of U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and flight crew) who have been physically present in China within 14 days of their arrival at a U.S. port of entry will be denied entry into the United States.

Additionally, any traveler exempted from the Proclamation who has been in Hubei province or anywhere in mainland China within 14 days of their return will be referred to CDC for additional health screening.

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

2/27: San Diego Union Tribune journalist (b)(6) is working on a long-form explainer piece that shows how people move through the immigration court system after arriving at the border. As a part of this story, (b)(6) requested a pen and pad tour of the port of entry for herself and the paper's graphic designer, to include the holding and processing areas of the port of entry (as it is one portion of the process.) The tour will take place Thursday, Feb. 27.

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

2/27: El Paso based AP reporter (b)(6) is writing about coronavirus. CBP statement provided.

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

2/27: Albuquerque Journal reporter (b)(6) is writing about border wall construction in the state of New Mexico. He is looking for basic factual material to include completed/ongoing projects, funding sources, contractors, etc. OPA working with border wall task force to provide answers.

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

2/27: Newsy reporter/anchor (b)(6) is in El Paso and requesting a Border Patrol ride along. He wants to do a story on the current immigration crisis and what has changed in the last year. He may be trying to tie this to the super Tuesday election which includes Texas. Border Patrol considering.

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

2/27: TV Globo/Brazil producer (b)(6) has a crew in El Paso and is requesting a last minute Border Patrol ride along and interview. His topic is significant increase of Brazilian apprehensions along the SWB, Brazilians now being added to MPP, and flights of Brazilians being returned to their country. After consulting with sector request was declined.

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

2/25: Tucson Sector PIO has planned a limited media availability on Wednesday, 2/26, of a controlled detonation at Monument Hill near Lukeville, Arizona. The event will include a briefing by USACE and USBP personnel. The opportunity was originally planned to facilitate local media outlets, but will now include a couple of national media outlets as well. There are now rumors floating to the fact that protestors will be on-site. Tone: Negative Air Date: 2/26 Lead: TCA-PIO/PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/24: Reporter (b)(6) from Univision Arizona requested an on camera interview about the press release from 2/21, involving 29 arrests for human smuggling. The interview was conducted and TCA-PIO spoke on the dangers of crossing the border illegally as well as the danger smugglers pose for humans in trunks etc. PIO also spoke about the vigilance of agents all throughout Tucson Sector since these six incidents stretched from Naco to Lukeville. Tone: Neutral Air Date: 2/25 Reporter: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Outlet: Univision Arizona

2/25: New York Times reporter (b)(6) requested answers to a handful of questions pertaining to the Border Wall construction. The reporter originally gave CBP 3 hours to respond to his questions, based upon a recent trip to the Lukeville/Monument Hill area. He is now planning to publish his story on Wednesday morning, in advance of a House Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples. His questions were forwarded to the Border Wall Task Force;

1) While on a reporting trip to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument I documented and photographed the destruction by work crews of both saguaro and organ pipe cactuses. This is a felony crime in Arizona, punishable with multiple years in prison. How does CBP respond to these actions?

2) I also documented the destruction of a broad swath of Monument Hill, a burial site which the Tohono O'odham view as sacred. Several O'odham leaders told me what was happening is a desecration or a crime against humanity. How does CBP respond to these claims?

3) Another area of acute concern to the O'odham is the depletion of the ancient aquifer serving Quitobaquito springs, an oasis occupied by human beings for the last 16,000 years. I documented the use of water from this aquifer for the production of concrete and for watering down dirt roads along the construction site. What does CBP have to say about the depletion of the Quitobaquito aquifer?

Border Wall Task Force has drafted a response, which is currently with leadership for review. Tone: Negative Air Date: 2/26 Lead: Border Wall Task Force

2/25: (b)(6) Laredo Morning Times reporter, asked about an accident involving a CBP bus on Interstate 35. Coordinated with USBP, ICE-ERO PAO, drafted a statement and the following RTQ language was approved by USBP Laredo Sector mgmt. and provided to reporter on an RTQ basis:

A bus driven by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection contractor containing detainees for repatriation to Mexico was involved in a minor vehicle accident on Interstate 35 near Lafayette St. shortly before 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25. No injuries were reported at the time of the accident and all detainees were transferred to another bus to continue on to their destination. The accident is currently under investigation.

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

2/25: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided an interview to KVEO-TV (NBC-RGV) regarding implementation of biometric facial comparison technology at Brownsville Port of Entry using the news release as talking points.

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/25: KGNS-TV (NBC/Telemundo-Laredo) reporter: (b)(6) inquired regarding a map of Laredo Border Wall proposed alignment that ran in the Laredo Morning Times that was attributed as courtesy of CBP and requested a copy. Provided a link to the Feb. 21 request for public input regarding Laredo Border Wall System posted on CBP.gov that includes the map.

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

2/11: Local Fox 5 invited Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to be on their morning news show anchored by (b)(6) (b)(6) for 2/24 at around 0645. This is a live news show. Checking on specific questions and Chief's availability.

2/18 – Set for 2/24 at 0645.

2/25 - Interview held live. No link available. No major subjects covered. More of a welcome and what challenges and concerns he sees as the new Chief of SDC. That included more caravans that will distract and take limited resources from primary mission of border security.

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

2/24: McAllen-based Univision Network reporter (b)(6) inquired if the MPP policy regarding migrants who present with sick children at the ports of entry as depicted in a weekend story in New York Times by (b)(6) on the same issue was accurate or not. Consulted with LFO, HQ OPA mgmt. and provided the HQ OPA-approved response that had been provided to (b)(6).

Attributable to a CBP official:

Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. CBP determines whether an alien is amenable for the Migrant Protection Protocols on a case-by-case basis. CBP consults with medical professionals where appropriate in making such determinations. If specific medical issues guaranteeing exemptions were to be standardized and made public, they would be exploited by human smugglers.

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

2/20: (b)(6) The Intercept is working a story on fatal vehicle wreck that occurred in El Paso January 29. The vehicle involved was fleeing from USBP after agents spotted the driver load a group of aliens that had just crossed the border. Moments after fleeing the pickup location the agent came upon the crash site in south El Paso. The reporter claims that she spoke to a BPA who witnessed a portion of the pursuit and heard the rest of it play out on agency radios. The unnamed agent claims BP was operating at a high rate of speed and driver was unfamiliar with El Paso implying that BP caused the wreck. She is also asking about general pursuit policy and if any discipline has been administered. EPPD did issue a news release when the event occurred citing the fatality and that the driver was arrested for multiple charges including drunk driving. Deadline is Friday. Negative tone anticipated.

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

2/20: El Paso sector will host a media walk through of the new modular centralized processing facility that was built at El Paso station. The walk thru is slated for February 25. Border Patrol communications staff will allow media to obtain photos/videos of the currently unoccupied facility and answer general questions on the facility will be used ahead of the facility being populated. A full press event including incoming sector chief Gloria Chavez will be coordinated once the CPC facility is populated and operational. The modular will replace soft sided structures that were established to support processing of aliens during the SWB crisis of 2019. Tone: neutral.

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

2/20: Tucson Sector is preparing an action plan for holding a Media Day on Feb. 26th @ Monument Hill, near Lukeville. The plan is to allow for a complete explanation of controlled detonations as part of the Border Wall construction efforts. Further details to follow.

Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19 –CENTAM journalists tour scheduled for February 25-27 in the RGV. Day 1 will involve a USBP ride along in the AM, followed by a pen and pad visit to the Centralized Processing Center(CPC)(request for allowing of audio only of the briefer has been forwarded to RGV Sector). The last stop will be the Donna Wall site where a closed presser will be held by AS2 and RGV Sector leadership. Day 2 will start with ICE repatriation flights in Brownsville, Texas followed by an area overview of the Falfurrias area of responsibility and a stop by a rescue beacon on the North Cage Ranch. Day 3 will involve both Air and Marine Operations and USBP riverine units. While half of the group is on a UH-60 aerial tour, the other half will be provided a riverine familiarization of the Rio Grande. They will land the aircraft at Anzalduas park to swap out for the next group.

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

2/12: (b)(6) reporter, LA Times, followed up on her request for a ride along with Tucson Sector. Response: The request was denied yesterday due to scheduling conflicts. No reply was sent from AZ CBP to her follow-up. It has been referred to CBP OPA HQ.

Deadline: 2/12 Publication: TBD Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

individuals fleeing persecution, while also ensuring that aliens with non-meritorious or even fraudulent claims no longer have an incentive for making the journey.

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

1/22: (b)(6) Wall to Wall Productions, & (b)(6) CBP OPA, contacted CBP AZ to plan a documentary film shoot in Tucson with all three components on approximately March 2, 2020. The production is an educational program for National Geographic on the history of the drug crisis in America. It will be historically focused on the drug wars of 1911, but framed by today's current drug crisis. Planning and coordination to follow. (b)(6) would like to spend time with Tucson Air Branch, the Port of Nogales, and BP in Tucson and/or Nogales, to see drug seizures, smuggling tunnels, air interdictions, and horse patrol if possible.

Deadline: March 2020 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

2/27: New York Times writer (b)(6) contacted the Field Office directly and inquired about CBP's current procedures for safety on Coronavirus including inadmissibility statistics. No inadmissibility statistics were provided. The approved statement and nCoV CBP Timeline Messaging were used and provided telephonically. Tone: Neutral

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

2/26: (b)(6) Immigration reporter, for KQED News in San Francisco, requested a CBP comment of the case of a UC Berkeley graduate (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), an asylum seeker who is fighting deportation after she was found illegally at the San Juan Airport in 2019. A statement was provided indicating that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was served by CBP a Notice to Appear before an immigration judge to decide her case. Negative tone expected.

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

2/26: KOMO Radio reporter (b)(6) requested an interview regarding the University of Washington Tacoma's decision to disinvite CBP recruiters from a career fair due to concerns and "fears" from some students and faculty. Reporter was provided the following statement:

"While we value the opportunity to speak with the students of the University of Washington Tacoma about the extensive career opportunities U.S. Customs and Border Protection has to offer, we would not want our presence at the career fair to cause any unnecessary distractions to other employers or students. As such, we have decided to withdraw from the event. For those students who would like the opportunity to learn more about careers with CBP, we encourage them to visit CBP.gov/careers. CBP attends numerous career fairs throughout

the nation to discuss the excellent career opportunities we offer as well as our competitive salaries and benefits. CBP does not attend career fairs for law enforcement purposes."

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

2/25: Associated Press Correspondent (b)(6) conducted an interview with Swanton Sector CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Houlton Sector (a)CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding cross-border activity in the northeast region. The genesis for the interview was a FOIA request the reporter received for data for Present Without Admission from Canada (PWAC) broken down by sector, year and nationality for the last 5 fiscal years. Since the reporter had all the data, OPA felt it was in CBP's best interest to engage the reporter to provide appropriate context to the numbers. The reporter was most interested in the increase in PWAC numbers and the existence of TCOs along the northern border—specifically the Swanton and Houlton Sectors. Tone is expected to be positive. Publish date: TBD

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

2/25: (b)(6) reporter with the Daily Caller News Foundation, inquired about details concerning the border crossing of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) a 20 year-old Salvadoran attending high school in Maryland who was charged with repeatedly sexually molesting an 11 year-old girl (WJLA story here). ICE issued a statement concerning a detainer ERO placed on the subject. CBP researched the subject's crossing and determined that the U.S. Border Patrol apprehended the subject as a UAC near McAllen, Texas in 2017. At that time, the subject was turned over to HHS/ORR and then to Baptist Child and Family Services who placed the subject with an uncle in Maryland. In consultation with PDO, CBP responded on background that CBP could not release details of the subject's crossing because he was a minor at the time.

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

2/25: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) National News, Toronto (Canada) reporter (b)(6) requested additional information regarding Iranian-born Canadians denied entry into the U.S. dated Jan. 9. Her further inquiry was directed towards Iranian-born Canadian citizens who served in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and if that were the reason for inadmissibility. Approved inadmissibility statement/taking point provided to reporter.

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

2/24: (b)(6) of www.Think504.com, an online newspaper, visited AMO's Mobile Command Center in Harvey, La., to learn how CBP contributes to public safety during the Mardi Gras season. The article is expected to be published within the next two weeks. Tone is expected to be positive. Think504 has a reach of 300,000 people in the Greater New Orleans area.

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

2/24: Sports reporter for NOVA TV in Bulgaria (b)(6) and Bulgarian TV BTV reporters (b)(6) and (b)(6) contacted the Chicago Field Office regarding the denied entry of Bulgarian professional boxer Kubrat Pulev. The following statement was provided:

"Bulgarian Kubrat Pulev arrived at O'Hare International airport on Saturday, February 22. Mr. Pulev presented his B-1/B-2 tourist visa, which prohibits any kind of gainful employment or payment by an organization within the U.S. Mr. Pulev was denied entry for having the incorrect visa and left the U.S. on Feb 22 at 9:30 p.m."

Tone: Neutral

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

2/24: WKBW (ABC affiliate) Buffalo reporter (b)(6) and (b)(6) CTV Toronto reporter both requested information if CBP has had any issues with Ontario's (Canada) newly-issued vehicle license plates not be read by OFO's License Plate Reader (LPR) system due their defective features. The reporters both stated that the plates are being recalled by the Province of Ontario. Approved talking points regarding license plate and LPR procedures provided via on-camera and telephonic interviews. Tone: Neutral

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

2/24: WWJ Radio Editor (b)(6) has requested to speak with all three CBP components in regards to a long form PODCAST he is working on in regards to the northern border in Detroit. Reporter is looking to talk about issues that take place on the southern border and how they play out along the northern border, along with everyday operations. Currently in coordination with editor to arrange for interviews.

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Trump Running Out of Options for Homeland Security Secretary (New York Times)

New York Times [10/21/2019 7:55 PM, Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Maggie Haberman, 22840K]

Nearly a year before the 2020 election, President Trump is running out of options in his search for a leader for the Department of Homeland Security who could win Senate confirmation or even serve in an acting capacity — and still carry out the president's immigration crackdown.

The White House's top personnel official advised Mr. Trump on Monday that two potential choices to lead the department, Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II, the acting director of the agency overseeing legal immigration, and Mark Morgan, the acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, are both ineligible for the position of acting homeland security secretary under the federal law that dictates who can fill secretary positions without Senate confirmation. The Wall Street Journal and Politico first reported the development.

Kevin K. McAleenan announced more than a week ago that he would leave as the fourth head of the department in Mr. Trump's nearly three years in office.

A White House spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

While Mr. Trump has never said publicly that he would tap Mr. Cuccinelli or Mr. Morgan, they were widely thought to be top contenders for the job. In a matter of months, both went from defending the administration's most aggressive immigration policies on television as pundits to implementing them as top Homeland Security Department officials.

Others in line for the position of acting secretary have either privately expressed distaste for it or are facing resistance from White House advisers.

The hole at the top of the sprawling Department of Homeland Security is only the latest staffing struggle at the agency, created after the Sept. 11 attacks to secure the country. The agency has been left riddled with vacancies and marred by instability as Mr. Trump has turned it into the mechanism of his signature campaign issue — a crackdown on illegal immigration — and ignored more mundane procedures attached to immigration policy.

The top three positions in the agency — secretary, deputy secretary and under secretary for management — are now filled by people working in an acting capacity. The leaders of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the department's agencies handling immigration enforcement and policy, also have not been nominated to their posts. And the White House must now find someone legally fit to head the department but tough enough to satisfy Mr. Trump.

"If what the president is looking for is someone who sounds like him, then not only are you not going to get good policy and implementation, but you may be shortchanging the many things D.H.S. should be doing," said Cecilia Muñoz, who was director of the White House Domestic Policy Council under President Barack Obama. "What makes it an impossible job is the president doesn't understand what the job involves and what authorities the position has."

The White House's personnel director, Sean Doocey, provided Mr. Trump with findings from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel on Monday that concluded tapping Mr. Cuccinelli or Mr. Morgan

would violate the Vacancies Act. It stipulates that the position of secretary must go to ranked officials in the department who have cleared Senate confirmation. Mr. Doocey has advised that another option would be to name David Pekoske, who was confirmed as administrator for the department's Transportation Security Administration but is serving as acting deputy secretary, or Chad Wolf, assistant secretary for the agency, according to administration officials.

Christopher C. Krebs, the director of the department's cybersecurity agency, has also been floated as a temporary replacement for Mr. McAleenan but has no interest, administration officials said. Both Mr. Pekoske and Mr. Krebs have expressed to those close to them that they want to stick to their Senate-confirmed responsibilities rather than take up the acting secretary position.

Some White House aides are resisting Mr. Wolf as the choice because they believe he would be too lenient on immigration policy. Others in the White House are backing Mr. Wolf, who served as a top official for Kirstjen Nielsen in her tenure as homeland security secretary, and two administration officials described his record as strong.

While Mr. Cuccinelli and Mr. Morgan would face a difficult road to Senate confirmation, their fiery pronouncements and willingness to go along with Mr. Trump's more extreme policies have pleased him. Last week, Mr. Cuccinelli received the public endorsement of the acting White House chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, who said, "Ken would be good at the job."

The Office of Legal Counsel, however, found that the next acting secretary must have served at least 90 days under Ms. Nielsen, the last Senate-confirmed person in the post. Mr. Trump forced her out, creating the vacancy of a Senate-confirmed chief. White House officials are also aware that elevating Mr. Cuccinelli could sow discord with Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, who will have to manage Senate Republicans through a trial to determine the future of Mr. Trump's presidency if the House impeaches him.

Mr. Cuccinelli endorsed an effort by hard-line conservatives to force Mr. McConnell to step down and backed Mr. McConnell's primary challenger in 2014. Mr. McConnell previously voiced his disappointment to the White House over Mr. Cuccinelli's appointment to the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Cuccinelli told reporters last week that Mr. McConnell's comments were "political."

"I don't know whether his view has changed, but certainly what I've been doing now is months removed from those comments you're referencing," Mr. Cuccinelli said, referring to his past as an anti-McConnell activist.

Democrats have also condemned the hard-liner, who said earlier this year that the poem on the Statue of Liberty referred to "people coming from Europe."

Mr. Trump has grown accustomed to keeping officials at the Department of Homeland Security in acting positions as long as possible to give more leeway to White House aides like Stephen Miller, who have directed his immigration agenda behind closed doors. But former and current Homeland Security Department officials have said it has led to chaos.

Once Mr. Trump finds an acceptable candidate, that person will face difficult tasks: extending his border wall 400 more miles before the election and reducing illegal border crossings, which nearly totaled one million in the last fiscal year.

"It's like a baseball player," said David Lapan, former press secretary for the Department of Homeland Security. "If I'm going to be judged on my batting average, great, that's on me. The secretary can't affect the batting average. That requires an entire government."

Trump aides nix his picks to take over DHS (Politico)

Politico [10/21/2019 3:02 PM, Anita Kumar and Daniel Lippman, 2512K]

President Donald Trump has been notified by his staff that he can't select two popular figures — Ken Cuccinelli and Mark Morgan — to serve as an acting secretary of homeland security because a federal law governing agency succession makes them ineligible.

Instead, Sean Doocey, the White House director of presidential personnel, in recent days gave Trump a list of other officials to consider as acting secretary, including top DHS official Chad Wolf and Transportation Security Administration chief David Pekoske, according to three people familiar with the conversation.

The news has infuriated immigration hawks inside and outside the administration who had been lobbying for Cuccinelli to fill the role and now fear Trump will tap Wolf, a former chief of staff to ousted DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen who once worked as a lobbyist on employment visas.

The Trump administration has been divided on the president's signature issue from the start, with aides disagreeing on how tough to be on immigrants who arrived to the United States illegally, especially those who came when they were children.

Now, some worry that the infighting over the next DHS secretary and the issue itself could hurt Trump as he embarks on a tough reelection campaign that will largely focus again on cracking down on illegal immigration.

"Going with a career official or someone who once lobbied to replace American workers with cheap foreign labor sends the wrong signal right before an election year," said RJ Hauman, government relations director at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which has been supportive of Cuccinelli in conversations with the White House. "President Trump can choose to be on the side of his base and American workers, or throw in his lot with the swamp."

Wolf is being considered to be acting secretary, according to three people, including a person close to DHS. He was registered as a lobbyist for the National Association of Software and Service Companies, which represents Indian and U.S. companies that aim to keep the the H-1B visa program for foreign workers with advanced degrees. In 2016, Trump criticized the H-1B visa program, calling it "a cheap labor" program.

Wolf has spent years advocating for "cheap foreign tech workers," said a senior DHS official, who said Wolf's appointment might cause them to resign. "He was the lone voice the previous secretary listened to. Her views on border enforcement, public charge and protecting American workers are his views....I signed up for the Trump message, not the Jeb Bush administration."

A former DHS colleague of Wolf's pushed back on the notion that Wolf isn't as tough on immigration as Trump. "It's a bizarre dynamic that these so-called hawks label anybody, other than [senior policy adviser] Stephen Miller, as soft on immigration," this person said. "I just don't know where they're getting it from that Chad's immigration views diverge from the president."

Cuccinelli and Morgan didn't respond to requests for comment. The White House also didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump could still ignore the advice from staff and name Cuccinelli or Morgan as an acting secretary — though he would likely face an immediate legal challenge — or consider them for permanent job if he chooses to nominate someone.

"I think he would look at either of them as more of a permanent nominee than as an acting person," a White House official said. "I don't think the goal would be to have another long-term acting. It would be to have somebody acting while the nominee's confirmed."

The president has long favored acting officials and, at least one person familiar with the situation says, he is expected to appoint a secretary on a temporary basis as he enters the final year of his term. It would be tough to get the type of leader he wants confirmed by even the Republican-controlled Senate.

Trump has gone through four DHS secretaries in less than three years in part because he and his allies grew dissatisfied with officials they thought were not sufficiently committed to the president's immigration agenda.

"They can't agree inside the White House on what immigration policy should be," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which pushes for less immigration.

Trump announced two weeks ago that Kevin McAleenan would step down as acting secretary after serving just six months. Although he oversaw a reduction in the number of migrants caught at the southwest border, Trump allies complained he wasn't fully implementing the president's policies.

Next in line to become acting secretary is Pekoske, who has also been serving as acting deputy secretary at DHS, but he has reportedly taken himself out of the running.

Trump has been pushed to give the job to Cuccinelli, a newcomer to the administration who has quickly developed direct access to the president, according to five people familiar with the situation.

Cuccinelli, acting head of the relatively obscure U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, is one of the president's top lieutenants for his aggressive immigration agenda who has the support of leading DHS officials.

Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, is also being considered, according to the people familiar with the situation. He rejoined the Trump administration in May as acting ICE director, but moved to CBP the next month. The appointment represented a rapid ascent for the former Obama official, who left his post as Border Patrol chief during the early days of Trump's presidency.

A statute that governs DHS succession places the deputy secretary and under secretary for management in line for the acting secretary role, although both of those positions are currently filled by acting officials.

A separate federal law that outlines procedures for filling vacancies requires that acting officials be either the "first assistant" to the position, a Senate-confirmed official detailed to the role or a senior employee at the agency for 90 days during a 365-day period before the vacancy occurred.

Cuccinelli and Morgan joined after the departure of Nielsen, the last Senate-confirmed DHS chief.

White House Factions Fight Over Trump's Next Homeland Security Secretary (NPR)

NPR [10/21/2019 6:16 PM, Franco Ordoñez, 5041K]

Immigration hardliners inside and outside the White House are fighting to keep Ken Cuccinelli and Mark Morgan in the running for the top job at the Department of Homeland Security after their candidacies hit a snag.

White House staff have told President Trump that Cuccinelli and Morgan — both viewed as tough on immigration issues — are ineligible to become acting DHS secretary because of technicalities in federal vacancy laws, according to two people familiar with the conversations. Cuccinelli is the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Morgan is the acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Sean Doocey, the White House director of presidential personnel, told Trump that he had to pick from a

small group of eligible individuals — including Chad Wolf, a top DHS official nominated as the department's undersecretary.

"It's more of giving the boss bad advice," a White House official not authorized to discuss the matter told NPR. "This is the last thing we need."

Trump announced two weeks ago that Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan was leaving his post, the latest turnover at the top of the department responsible for protecting U.S. borders.

At the time, Trump said he would announce McAleenan's replacement the following week. That set off a wave of jockeying as various factions inside the White House pushed for candidates who support their agendas.

Cuccinelli is favored by hardliners in part because of his efforts to make it harder for immigrants to obtain legal permanent residency by denying green cards to those who use or are likely to use government benefits, including Medicaid and food stamps. Morgan has been on the front lines of recent efforts to curtail immigration on the border.

Advocates for more immigration restrictions who work inside and outside the White House argue that picking someone like Wolf would continue a pattern of installing DHS leaders who do not support the president's tough immigration agenda. The news was first reported by Politico.

Wolf served as chief of staff to then-DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen who was ousted when Trump said he wanted to pursue "a tougher direction" on immigration. Wolf also worked as a lobbyist on H-1B employment visas, another program that Trump has opposed.

Trump has made tough immigration policy a forefront of his presidency. He wants to build a wall on the southern border with Mexico. He imposed a ban on travel on people from several majority-Muslim countries. He has targeted "sanctuary cities" that protect immigrants who are in the country illegally. And he began prosecuting people who cross the border illegally under what's known as a "zero tolerance" policy.

"This is going to be a vital part of his reelection effort," said Dan Stein, president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a group close to the administration that advocates for immigration restrictions. "To pick an appointee that is tone deaf to that priority is politically short-sighted and not savvy."

Trump has often said he prefers to fill Cabinet positions with acting secretaries rather than sending his candidates through the Senate confirmation process, explaining it gives him greater flexibility.

This will be Trump's fifth DHS secretary, largely because his relationship soured as border numbers fluctuated. The White House official said it's time to install someone who is philosophically aligned with the president on his signature issue.

"It's got to be someone on board with the program," the White House official said.

Trump's top picks for Homeland Security chief are ineligible for job: reports (The Hill)

The Hill [10/21/2019 5:57 PM, Rafael Bernal, 2806K]

The White House personnel office has told President Trump his rumored top picks to fill the Homeland Security secretary position are ineligible by federal law, according to reports in Politico and The Wall Street Journal.

Immigration officials Ken Cuccinelli and Mark Morgan are widely perceived as the president's favorite candidates to become head of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), but neither has been

confirmed by the Senate in their current DHS positions.

Cuccinelli is the acting director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, while Morgan is the chief operating officer of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), but has been performing the duties of commissioner.

But neither Morgan nor Cuccinelli would be eligible to take over as DHS head after acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan leaves at the end of the month, White House Director of Personnel Sean Doocey told Trump, according to the reports in Politico as well as the Journal.

The White House declined to comment.

Doocey gave Trump a list of alternative candidates who could fill the role of DHS head without running afoul of federal employee regulations, including DHS Assistant Secretary Chad Wolf and Transportation Security Administration chief David Pekoske, according to Politico.

In order to take over as acting secretary, an official must have been confirmed by the Senate to their position, or served 90 days of the prior year under the current secretary, according to the reports.

Trump has yet to announce McAleenan's successor.

Cuccinelli is a long shot for any Senate confirmation, amid expectations Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) could oppose the former Virginia attorney general.

Still, supporters and opponents alike expect Trump to nominate a loyalist who shares the administration views on immigration, even if that means having the incumbent indefinitely performing their duties in an acting capacity.

Cuccinelli himself told reporters last week that he finds few practical limitations to having "acting" in his title.

If the administration does strictly adhere to succession rules, Wolf could receive the nomination, according to the reports.

Some immigration hard-liners are concerned, however, because Wolf, who served as chief of staff to former Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, has lobbied for employment visas.

White House personnel director told Trump that Cuccinelli isn't eligible for DHS chief (CNN)

CNN [10/21/2019 4:22 PM, Jeremy Diamond, Priscilla Alvarez, and Geneva Sands, 6094K]

The White House's personnel director has told President Donald Trump that neither immigration hardliner Ken Cuccinelli nor Customs and Border Protection chief Mark Morgan are eligible to succeed Kevin McAleenan as acting Homeland Security secretary, a senior administration official confirmed to CNN.

The Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel concluded that neither of the two men, who were said to be Trump's favorites to succeed McAleenan and filling acting posts at the Department of Homeland Security, are eligible to succeed McAleenan because they had not served at least 90 days under the last Senate-confirmed Homeland Security secretary, Kirstjen Nielsen.

The official said Sean Doocey, the White House personnel chief, was the messenger in conveying Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel's legal opinion to the President.

The Wall Street Journal first reported the story.

The administration is yet again seeking someone to fill the top post at the Department of Homeland

Security, after a year of high border apprehension numbers and leadership turnover. In April, the White House's growing frustration with leadership led to Nielsen's ouster that placed McAleenan at the helm. Since then, many of the leading roles in the department have been filled with people serving in an acting capacity, leaving few choices within the department to fill the acting secretary post.

McAleenan submitted his resignation earlier this month. A source familiar with McAleenan's thinking told CNN that the acting secretary felt he had accomplished all he could given the political realities of today -- specifically the unlikelihood that any legislative deal on immigration will happen in an election year. He also has two young daughters and a wife with whom he wants to spend more time.

Cuccinelli was immediately rumored to be among the candidates considered for the acting secretary job. The former Virginia state attorney general is currently serving as the acting head of US Citizenship and Immigration Services, where he's been out front on the President's immigration agenda.

But there are legal hurdles to installing Cuccinelli as acting Homeland Security secretary.

In order to be eligible to serve as acting secretary, one of three things would have to be true: Cuccinelli would have to be the "first assistant" to the secretary; he'd have to be confirmed by the Senate to some other position; or he'd have to have been a senior DHS official for at least 90 of the 365 days preceding the vacancy, according to Steve Vladeck, a professor at the University of Texas School of Law and CNN contributor.

Cuccinelli joined the department June 10, two months after Nielsen was dismissed.

"The first possibility is precluded by statute (the Deputy DHS secretary is the 'first assistant,' and Cuccinelli isn't that). He hasn't been confirmed by the Senate, which knocks out the second possibility. And he wasn't at DHS for any time before Secretary Nielsen resigned, let alone 90 of the 365 days preceding her departure. That ought to be the end of it," said Vladeck.

Mark Morgan, who's currently heading Customs and Border Protection in an acting capacity, has also been floated as a possible replacement. Morgan assumed the acting commissioner role earlier this year following a brief stint at Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Other options for the secretary position were also proposed, according to an administration official.

It's not immediately clear who Trump would tap to replace McAleenan on an acting basis when he leaves his post, expected to be at the end of the month.

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CNN (confirmed RSVP)

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Reuters (confirmed RSVP)

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As soon as we get word, let's email all these folks and give them the latest time change. Then let's send an updated advisory if there is a new time scheduled and go from there.

December numbers rollout event RSVPs

In-Person

CNN

CBS

New York Times

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Fox News

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Re: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

Thank you for this (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Great work

On Feb 6, 2020, at 7:30 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov wrote:

For the 8 a.m. I'd like to forward this on to DEAC Wagner's team in advance of this morning's testimony and to our PAOs in the field, if appropriate.

BLUF: Fox News, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and other national news outlets are reporting on a DHS decision yesterday to suspend the ability of New York residents to apply for or re-enroll in CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs (TTP). In a letter to the Commissioner of the New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) dated February 5, DHS Secretary Chad Wolf explained that New York's "Green Light Law" prohibits CBP access to Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records and thereby "compromises CBP's ability to confirm whether an individual applying for TTP membership meets program eligibility requirements."

Background:

Officially called the "Driver's License Access and Privacy Act," New York's Green Light Law allows undocumented immigrants to use foreign-issued documents to prove their age and identity when applying for a driver's license. The law also prohibits state officials from providing DMV records to CBP, ICE and USCIS unless ordered to do so by a judge. Passed on June 17, 2019, the law took effect on December 16, 2019.

Without access to New York DMV information, CBP cannot complete vetting of TTP applications and renewals submitted by New York residents. New York residents will no longer be eligible to apply for or renew membership in CBP Trusted Traveler Programs. CBP will cancel pending TTP applications submitted by New York residents. New York residents who are currently enrolled in TTP will retain their benefits until their membership expires.

What People Are Saying:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DHS Secretary Chad Wolf announced the decision yesterday evening on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight," stating that "When we talk about CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs, like Global Entry... they use that DMV data to make sure those individuals are low-risk and meet the eligibility requirements..."
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->(b)(6) an advisor to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, claimed that the move "is obviously political retaliation by the federal government..."
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Former Acting ICE Director (b)(6) said "This is just irrational in the sense that sanctuary policies in no way shape or form affect DHS' ability to vet people for Global Entry and other Trusted Traveler Programs... It's ridiculous, and it's politicizing a program that's not about politics."
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*The New York Times*, CNN and other media outlets have tied the decision to President Trump's remarks against sanctuary cities during his State of the Union address on February 4.

Coverage:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DHS Suspends Global Entry, Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents in Response to Sanctuary Laws [Video]
Fox News • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DHS Bans New Yorkers from Global Entry and Other Programs Over State Law Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Get Driver's Licenses
CNN • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Trump Administration Freezes Global Entry Enrollment in New York Over Immigration Law
The New York Times • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Homeland Security Suspends Enrollment of New Yorkers in Global Entry
The Wall Street Journal • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Trump Suspends Global Entry, Traveler Programs for New York Residents Over 'Sanctuary' Policies
The Washington Post • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->New York Residents Can No Longer Sign Up for Global Entry, DHS Chief Says
NBC 4 New York • February 6, 2020

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**Daily Executive Media Report
Media Division
Monday, February 24th 2020**

Tuesday: C2 hit on Fox & Friends, 7:00am-8:00am Hour. Will confirm exact hit time/length today. Potential Topics: CBP Support To ICE, Green Light Law / Sanctuary Cities, additional Border Wall System Funding, demographic shifts in numbers – more Mexicans.

Tuesday: On February 25th, El Paso sector will host a media walk through of the new modular centralized processing facility that was built at El Paso station. Border Patrol communications staff will allow media to obtain photos/videos of the currently unoccupied facility and answer general questions on the facility will be used ahead of the facility being populated. A full press event including incoming sector chief Gloria Chavez will be coordinated once the CPC facility is populated and operational. The modular will replace soft sided structures that were established to support processing of aliens during the SWB crisis of 2019.

Wednesday: C1 hit on Fox Business Channel Mornings with Maria. 7 am-9 am – will confirm exact hit time/length on Tuesday. Potential topics: CBP support to ICE, NY Green Light Law/Sanctuary Cities.

Wednesday: On February 26th, Tucson Sector will hold a targeted media engagement at the controlled detonation site on Monument Hill. Widespread misinformation exists on traditional and social media platforms regarding the Border Wall System construction near the following locations: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Quitobaquito Springs. This short campaign will share facts on the process, including descriptions of the Roosevelt Easement, the construction process, and environmental and cultural mitigation efforts. Tucson will issue a series of fact based tweets from @USBPChiefTCA.

This week: On February 25-27th, State Department-arranged delegation of Central American media members to RGV for three-day full meal deal tour. S2 planning to attend part of a day. Details from RGV: Ride along will afford the journalists an opportunity to document US Border Patrol agents in action and learn the training and equipment an agent utilizes in their daily duties. This visit will allow journalists to see firsthand the facilities and services provided for the immigrants while in the custody of US Customs and Border Protection. The Donna site visit will show the media some of what the US Government is doing in regards to border security on the Southwest Border. Repatriation Flight processes and interviews will provide the media with an understanding of immigration practices regarding repatriation. Visit with agents from the Missing Migrant Program to the ranchlands in Brooks County will highlight the dangers illegal immigrants encounter at the hands of callous smugglers who treat them as commodities not humans. AMO Ride along will afford the journalists an opportunity to document the Rio Grande and the RGV Sector area of responsibility from a seldom seen perspective.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
February 24, 2020**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

2/14: On February 19 Deputy Chief Raul Ortiz will tape an interview with PBS (b)(6) regarding his childhood in Del Rio, military career, work along the border in California and Texas and how border agents implement immigration policies. Positive tone expected.

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

2/14: Houston DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will participate in a Joint Press Conference with Houston Airport System and Southwest Airlines on February 19 to announce Simplified Arrival launching at William P. Hobby International Airport. This will be the first Texas airport to equip biometric facial comparison technology at all gates. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee invited. Neutral tone.

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

2/13: PBS NewsHour national correspondent and anchor (b)(6) requested an on air interview with Acting Commissioner Morgan regarding "allegations made by Iranian-Americans that they were unduly held and questioned" by the Seattle Field Office in January. OPA respectfully declined the interview request and directed (b)(6) to remarks that AC1 made on this subject during his February 11, 2020 press conference.

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

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

2/12: (b)(6) Photographer for Rotocraft Pro Magazine will Shoot operational video (with interviews) and photography March 25-26 to be used in a cover feature article for the May/June issue which highlights CBP AMO operations in Puerto Rico as the backdrop for the written/photo/video feature. Prior projects can be seen here:

Magazine: <https://content.yudu.com/web/1umli/0A1umlm/RotorcraftMayJun19/html/index.html>

Video: <http://www.justhelicopters.com/Multi-Media/Videos/VideoPlayer/TabId/574/VideoId/770/US-Customs-Protects-Superbowl-LIII.aspx>

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

CENTAM Journalists Border Tour-Visit IHF facilities in Brownsville, Falfurrias Checkpoint(rescue beacons, etc), McAllen AOR ride-along and CPC visit, Donna Wall Site visit(ongoing construction)

Possible COA2-AMO Branch Visit with UH-6t 0 flight

When: Mid-February, dependent upon INA vetting of participants

Where: Rio Grande Valley, Texas

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

1/14: AeroMark Images photographer (b)(6) has inquired about conducting a photo shoot for a double-truck image for the next edition of ROTOR magazine. Currently working with photographer to identify a location and possible option for (b)(6). They are looking to conduct this photo shoot sometime in late February.

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

12/31: Filming will start 1/7 in San Juan, Puerto Rico with Lucky 8 TV Productions for *To Catch a Smuggler* on National Geographic channel. Lucky 8 will film CBP OFO operations, and HSI, throughout the island. Filming schedule will continue through 1/24. Air dates TBD.

1/14 UPDATE: Lucky 8 TV Productions for *To Catch a Smuggler* on National Geographic suspended filming in Puerto Rico due to the repeated earthquakes in the island. Crews were moved to Miami for Super Bowl filming. Date to resume filming in Puerto Rico is TBD.

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

HEADQUARTERS:

1/9: ProPublica, sometimes WaPo reporter (b)(6) queried for two items: first, OPA about the recently released Medical Directive and whether or not it answers the mail on language outlined in the FY20 Appropriations Bill and second,

whether or not CBP launched investigations into the deaths of three minors who died following release from CBP custody (two in HHS / ORR custody, one released with mother on own recognizance). OPA is researching with OCA and OPR for response.

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

12/16: NPR's (b)(6) submitted an inquiry on funding for Office of Chief Counsel in the FY 17 budget. OPA is coordinating with HRM and OCC.

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

Enforcement:

2/20: CQ Roll Call reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about the status of HARP/PACR, the number of people enrolled, Cuccinelli announced expansion.

2/20: (b)(6) from Telemundo inquired about Venezuelan inadmissible stats for a story about Venezuelan ex-pats in the United States.

2/20: AP reporter (b)(6) inquired about how ACA is explained to aliens when DHS is determining their amenability.

2/20: CBS reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about the status of HARP/PACR, the number of people enrolled, and number of people in MPP.

2/19: NY Times reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding criteria for medical exemptions for MPP.

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

2/19: KPBS reporter (b)(6) inquired about CBP's handling of pregnant asylum seekers, and their amenability to MPP.

2/11: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) published an article regarding controlled blasting for border wall construction within the Roosevelt Reservation at Monument Mountain.

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

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

2/11: WSJ's (b)(6) and Washington Post's (b)(6) requested the total number of Mexican nationals apprehended along the SWB during each month of FY20. Information will supplement WSJ and WaPo coverage of the January enforcement results press conference. OPA provided numbers produced by CBP stat. Tone: Neutral.

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

2/5: Voice of America reporter (b)(6) inquired for a video story on the Human Rights Watch report, "Deported to Danger: United States Deportation Policies Expose Salvadorans to Death and Abuse."

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

2/5: Reuters reporter (b)(6) inquired for a CBP/DHS comment on the Human Rights Watch report, "Deported to Danger: United States Deportation Policies Expose Salvadorans to Death and Abuse."

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

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

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

2/4: NPR reporter (b)(6) inquired for a radio and written story about Indian nationals claiming credible fear on the Southwest border.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/3: CQ Roll Call reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Cuban national who was denied an exemption for MPP for medical reasons at the Brownsville POE.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/3: AZ Central reporter (b)(6) published a story about wall construction in Cochise County, Arizona.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/3: Texas Public Radio reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Cuban national who was denied an exemption for MPP for medical reasons at the Brownsville POE.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/3: Freelance reporter (b)(6) published a story about a Ugandan national who died of tuberculosis in a hospital in Juarez. She had not yet presented herself at a U.S. port of entry.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/30: BBC reporter (b)(6) published a story about Brazilians now being amenable to MPP.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/30: Reuters reporter (b)(6) published a story about Brazilians enrolled in MPP waiting in Juarez

1/29: CBS reporter (b)(6) published a story about Brazilians now being amenable to MPP.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/13: (b)(6) of The Washington Post published an article about the Guatemala ACA flights and how asylum seekers arriving in Guatemala City are confused.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/11: (b)(6) of Time Magazine published an article about how all credit for the drop in border enforcement numbers should be given to the Mexican National Guard.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/9: At least 12 articles were posted about the December enforcement statistics, from WaPo, WSJ, Fox, NBC, NPR, CBS, ABC, The Hill, Breitbart, Washington Times, Daily Caller, and Voice of America.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/3: Border Report reporter (b)(6) published an article about the expansion of PACR and HARP to the Rio Grande Valley Sector.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/1: Daily Caller News reporter (b)(6) published an article about the expansion of PACR to the Rio Grande Valley Sector.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/1: KRGV News reporter (b)(6) published an article about the expansion of PACR to the Rio Grande Valley Sector.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

HRM/Workforce/OPR:

12/10: (b)(6) of USA Today interviewed Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the USBP contract with Professional Bull Riding.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/27: Bloomberg Law reporter (b)(6) requested information on our OSHA standings among other government organizations as reported here https://www.osha.gov/dep/fap/statistics/Q4_FY2019.xlsx. OPA provided a statement approved by HRM.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Travel:

2/21: (b)(6) of AP and (b)(6) of *The Houston Chronicle* are preparing stories on a February 20 inadmissibility decision involving a Nigerian national at IAH. Both reporters want to know why the subject was not permitted to enter the United States on his valid non-immigrant visa and whether the decision is related to the Presidential Proclamation on Improving Enhanced Vetting Capabilities, which places restrictions on issuing immigrant visas to Nigerian nationals and which took effect on February 21. OPA is preparing a statement with OFO addressing the inadmissibility decision and explaining that the decision is unrelated to the Presidential Proclamation. Publication is expected 2/22. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/21: NY1's (b)(6) are preparing a story on the impact of New York's decision to block CBP access to state DMV data on used vehicle exports. OPA provided cleared language on used vehicle exports from the GE and NY PAG. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/21: (b)(6) of Vox/Recode is preparing a story on CBP's use of biometric facial comparison technology with a focus on traveler privacy, data protection, and CBP's partnerships with airlines and airports. Reporter asked to clarify whether foreign nationals can opt out of the biometric facial comparison process. OPA provided statement cleared by OFO. OPA previously provided responses to reporter's questions about partners' use of biometric data, data retention practices, and contracts for CBP facial comparison cameras. Reporter has also talked to Delta Airlines, which coordinated its response with CBP. Publication date not disclosed. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative based on reporter's past coverage of facial comparison technology.

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

2/20: *LA Times* travel editor (b)(6) is preparing a story on an *LA Times* employee whose Global Entry application was denied after residents of New York became ineligible for the program on February 6. The employee was a former New York resident who moved to California. *LA Times* wants to know if the employee can appeal the cancellation; the information is for publication. OPA, in consultation with OFO and OCC, provided language from the GE and NY PAG indicating that individuals whose state residency changes can re-apply. Publication date not disclosed. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

2/20: *NextGov* senior technology reporter (b)(6) requested the results of internal evaluations of CBP's facial comparison technology, specifically those evaluations related to accuracy and demographic differentials. OPA is preparing a response with OFO. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/19: (b)(6) Bloomberg Law's senior legal reporter for privacy and technology investigations, is preparing a story about CBP's biometric entry-exit program. (b)(6) requests an interview to discuss the privacy implications of CBP's use of biometric facial comparison technology and steps that CBP is taking to protect travelers' data. He is also interested in the mechanics of the Preclearance program and CBP's authority to use facial comparison technology at Preclearance locations. OPA is consulting with OFO/EXT and OIT on possible interview dates. Story would publish in mid-March. Tone is expected to be neutral to negative based upon reporter's past coverage of facial comparison technology and privacy issues.

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

2/19: (b)(6), a travel columnist with *The Wall Street Journal*, is preparing a story on the Global Entry application process with an emphasis on wait times and difficulties scheduling interviews. He requests an interview to discuss the growth of the program, what new applicants can expect during the enrollment process, and why interview wait times are so long at some enrollment centers. OPA and OFO/TTP provided approved the statement on the Global Entry backlog. Reporter is not on deadline. Tone of article is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/19: (b)(6) a travel writer with The Points Guy, requested CBP comment on scam Trusted Traveler Program websites. OPA, in consultation with OFO, replied with a statement indicating that there is only one TTP website and that third-party websites that offer to process or assist with TTP applications are not endorsed by or affiliated with CBP. Tone: Neutral.

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

Trade / Ag:

1/30: NBC Digital reporter (b)(6) is putting together a story about increase in counterfeits coming into the U.S. market and CBP's efforts to prevent counterfeiting. OPA will host a background call this week with IPR Division director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and NBC will JFK or Newark for visuals on cargo inspections.

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

1/30: NPR's Marketplace host (b)(6) requested a recorded interview about CBP counterfeit prevention operations for a piece highlighting the pervasiveness of counterfeits coming in through eCommerce and the impact of counterfeits on American businesses. On-the-record interview with EAC Brenda Smith is tentative for Monday, Feb. 10.

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

2/3: ITT reporter (b)(6) queried OPA about the impact of Coronavirus on trade operations and DHS guidance. OPA is researching how crews on cargo conveyances could be affected.

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

2/3: German news agency DPA reporter (b)(6) requested breakdown and explanation of revenue generated from Chinese tariffs. OPA walked him through the data presented on the CBP.gov website.

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

2/3: ITT reporter (b)(6) requested information about why a ruling previously reported on CROSS has been removed. OPA is researching.

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

UPDATE 2/3: Coordinating with FDA for response based on recent operations. 1/24: New York based NBC producer is pitching a story on the dangers of counterfeit Juul and has requested data and trend analysis from CBP as well as any possible port / IMF visit to highlight the problem. OPA will work with IPRD, OFO and NY FO to develop.

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

1/24: New York based Bloomberg writer (b)(6) requested a background interview to discuss the process of filtering and auditing import records, implementing automation and other technology to make the process faster and more streamlined. OPA is working with OT to schedule backgrounder with RAAAS the week of 1/27.

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

12/23: (b)(6) International Trade Today reporter asked for a backgrounder or on-the-record discussion with EAC Smith for updates in both forced labor and other issues we'd like to discuss. OPA is working with OT to flesh out topics for an interview on Wednesday, Jan. 29 (will talk Trade and Travel, counterfeits, Section 321 pilot, USMCA).

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

1/3: GQ reporter (b)(6) is interested in doing an in-depth piece on counterfeit shoes / apparel. They'd like to use a couple of recent cases in LA as a backdrop. OPA will coordinate both locally and at HQ.

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

Update 12/12: OT hosted Reuters reporter (b)(6) to discuss details of a Dec. 2018 EAPA case on transshipment of aluminum for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit, tentatively beginning of January, to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility.

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

Technology:

2/21: VICE News's (b)(6) working on an article concerning Fentanyl, seeks total nationwide metrics for Fentanyl seized by CBP at mail processing facilities for FY18/19 and FY20 TD, with a deadline of the end of next week. OPA has contacted CBP Stats to determine if this request is a feasible ask, or if the reporter will need to submit a FOIA request.

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

1/30: Voice of America's (b)(6) following up with ONDCP on the 12 December announcement of the winner of the Opioid detection challenge, would like to shoot interviews and footage of canine handlers and dogs going through Fentanyl detection training. OPA is working with the Front Royal Canine Training Facility to target an early March shooting window, to document OFO classroom and active canine/handler training.

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

2/13 – Update: VOA and Front Royal have selected the week of 09 March to record footage at the training facility. Specifics details TBD.

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

02/21: TCA-PIO conducted a telephonic interview with Telemundo Arizona regarding the increase of meth being smuggled to the U.S.. Reporter (b)(6) asked about the stance that Border Patrol is taking against hard narcotics smuggling, which resulted in Tucson Sector utilizing layered enforcement methods to intercept narcotics before they reach our communities. In addition, it was mentioned that criminal organizations are taking advantage of youth and recruiting many to smuggle the dangerous narcotics into the U.S.

Tone: neutral Airdate: 02/21 Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/21: PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted interview with KGNS-TV (NBC/Telemundo-Laredo) PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) did the same with KLDO-TV (Univision/Fox-Laredo) regarding temporary closure of Juarez-Lincoln Bridge for the International Bridge Ceremony.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/21: (b)(6) a freelance journalist with The Walrus, a Canadian magazine, expressed interest in observing hearings at the Brownsville IHF facility. EOIR had provided some guidance and copied myself. I provide the standard guidance as per the below:

You can arrive at the public entrances to the Immigration Hearing Facility in Brownsville, located at the gate on W. University Blvd. on the side of the facility at least 30 minutes prior to the start of hearings. Hearings are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., so arrival by 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. respectively. Federal Protective Services conducts the screening at the public entrance, no cameras or recording devices are permitted as per EOIR court rules. ICE-ERO escorts you to and from the public entrance to the master hearing room for the hearings and then back out. Defer to EOIR, DHS PAO for any additional information.

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

2/20: (b)(6) The Intercept is working a story on fatal vehicle wreck that occurred in El Paso January 29. The vehicle involved was fleeing from USBP after agents spotted the driver load a group of aliens that had just crossed the border. Moments after fleeing the pickup location the agent came upon the crash site in south El Paso. The reporter claims that she spoke to a BPA who witnessed a portion of the pursuit and heard the rest of it play out on agency radios. The unnamed agent claims BP was operating at a high rate of speed and driver was unfamiliar with El Paso implying that BP caused the wreck. She is also asking about general pursuit policy and if any discipline has been administered. EPPD did issue a news release when the event occurred citing the fatality and that the driver was arrested for multiple charges including drunk driving. Deadline is Friday. Negative tone anticipated.

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

2/20: El Paso sector will host a media walk through of the new modular centralized processing facility that was built at El Paso station. The walk thru is slated for February 25. Border Patrol communications staff will allow media to obtain photos/videos of the currently unoccupied facility and answer general questions on the facility will be used ahead of the facility being populated. A full press event including incoming sector chief Gloria Chavez will be coordinated once the CPC facility is populated and operational. The modular will replace soft sided structures that were established to support processing of aliens during the SWB crisis of 2019. Tone: neutral.

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

2/20: Univision reporter (b)(6) requested a statement on Wednesday's federal court decision regarding CBP detention centers. He was provided the

Following response;

"We are reviewing the ruling and defer to DOJ for matters pending in litigation."

2/20: Tucson Sector is preparing an action plan for holding a Media Day on Feb. 26th @ Monument Hill, near Lukeville. The plan is to allow for a complete explanation of controlled detonations as part of the Border Wall construction efforts. Further details to follow.

Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/20: KLDO-TV (Univision/Fox-Laredo) conducted an interview with PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding a news release on \$2.9M in narcotics seized at Laredo Port of Entry.

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

2/20: NPR Reporter (b)(6) had heard that it appears more undocumented family units in Mexico are sending their children as UACS and was seeking weekly or monthly stats that track these at Brownsville and Hidalgo POEs. Consulted

with LFO border security staff and plan to provide link to SWB Migration Stats on UACs as what we have available. Figures are not broken down beyond Field Office level.

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

2/19: Responded to inquiry from Newsweek Reporter (b)(6) on why a Venezuelan father political activist was granted asylum and his teenage daughter was not with approved statement:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons. Each case is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Further inquiry is directed to EOIR and USCIS PAO.

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

2/19 –CENTAM journalists tour scheduled for February 25-27 in the RGV. Day 1 will involve a USBP ride along in the AM, followed by a pen and pad visit to the Centralized Processing Center(CPC)(request for allowing of audio only of the briefer has been forwarded to RGV Sector). The last stop will be the Donna Wall site where a closed presser will be held by AS2 and RGV Sector leadership. Day 2 will start with ICE repatriation flights in Brownsville, Texas followed by an area overview of the Falfurrias area of responsibility and a stop by a rescue beacon on the North Cage Ranch. Day 3 will involve both Air and Marine Operations and USBP riverine units. While half of the group is on a UH-60 aerial tour, the other half will be provided a riverine familiarization of the Rio Grande. They will land the aircraft at Anzalduas park to swap out for the next group.

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

2/19: Noticias Telemundo assignment editor (b)(6) is gathering information/pictures/stories on border wall related incursions/incidents. She reached out to El Paso regarding a recent story in the El Paso Times that illustrated smugglers using rebar ladders to scale existing 2008 fencing/infrastructure. Apparently she is also pulling video/pics of people being rescued from top of wall in California in recent days and aliens scaling new bollard wall in the Calexico area from late last year. She also mentioned uptick in Mexican aliens being apprehended when compared to a year ago. I did advise that it would be wrong to draw a correlation between recent wall related videos/pics and the uptick of thousands more single Mexican males being apprehended. I expect this will be a story criticizing the effectiveness of infrastructure. Tone: neutral/negative.

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

2/19: (b)(6) reporter, AZ Republic, queried AZ CBP on the expansion of HARP. He was referred to DHS.

Deadline: 2/21 Publication: 2/21 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: Yuma Air Branch provided a ride along to local KYMA ride along.

Deadline: 2/18 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: AMO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: (b)(6) reporter, Harold Review, queried Tucson Sector T.E.A.M. Kids and the Parent Symposium.

RESPONSE: The program caters to 5th grade students educating them on the dangers and consequences of working for criminal organizations. The four-week program is presented in conjunction with prosecuting attorneys, local law enforcement, juvenile probation, and school counselors to send a strong message to our youth about how the bad decision of working in the smuggling trade can impact their lives and those of their loved ones.

Deadline: 2/18 Publication: 2/14 Tone: Positive

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: Local Fox 5 invited Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to be on their morning news show anchored by (b)(6)

(b)(6) for 2/24 at around 0645. This is a live news show. Checking on specific questions and Chief's availability.

2/18 – Set for 2/24 at 0645.

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

2/18: (b)(6), Associated Press, inquired about a female Venezuelan teenager (18) whose father had purportedly been threatened by Venezuela's government for his political activism and whose asylum application was granted but hers apparently was denied and he was asking why that is, she was granted a non-refoulement interview and then returned to Mexico. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt., initially advised that CBP could not discuss individual cases for privacy reasons and deferred further comment to EOIR, USCIS PAO. (b)(6) came back asking if CBP could comment on why would not grant her parole. Provided the following response:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons. Each case is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Further inquiry is directed to EOIR and USCIS PAO.

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

2/18: Univision Network's McAllen-based reporter (b)(6) sought CBP comment on this same case mentioned above and the same response was provided.

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

2/18: McAllen based KENS-TV reporter (b)(6) sought b-roll and an interview regarding the implementation of facial comparison technology at Progreso International Bridge. PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided interview using existing news release and talking points.

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

2/14: Texas Public Radio Reporter (b)(6) asked about three children with disabilities whose attorneys were arguing they shouldn't be enrolled in MPP and questions why a certain CBP was photographing him without his permission. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and provided the following response statement:

It is not uncommon for CBP to photograph incidents on the bridge for historical, documentary reasons. That being said with regard to the cases cited, CBP has the following response:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons. All claims of credible fear are handled on a case-by-case basis. Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. Other individuals from vulnerable populations may be excluded on a case-by-case basis.

On background:

Given that amenability to Migration Protection Protocols enrollment is determined on a case-by-case basis, it is simply not possible nor sufficient to define every potential medical condition or vulnerability scenario as amenable to MPP or not. Each MPP amenability determination takes into account the totality of the facts, circumstances and each decision is made on a case by case basis. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. Other individuals from vulnerable populations may be excluded on a case-by-case basis.

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

2/14: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) did an interview with KRGV-TV(ABC-RGV) reporter (b)(6) on the implementation of facial comparison technology at Progreso Port of Entry.

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

2/13: Multiple media outlets inquired about the Monument Hill detonation issues near Lukeville. The following were provided statement/directed to video posted onto Twitter;

Arizona Republic (b)(6)

KGUN TV9 (b)(6)

KJZZ NPR (b)(6)

Univision (b)(6)

KVOA TV4 (b)(6)

Tucson Sentinel (b)(6)

KJZZ NPR (b)(6)

Associated Press (b)(6)

Arizona Illustrated

KOLD TV

12 News-Phoenix

Arizona Daily Star (b)(6)

Telemundo Phoenix (b)(6)

Associated Press (b)(6)

Fox10 Phoenix (b)(6)

Cronkite News-ASU

AZ Family News-Phoenix

ABC Network (b)(6)

Newsweek

NY Times

Mother Jones News

Washington Post

The Hill

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

2/13: There's a blogger passing through our area named (b)(6) who asked for an opportunity to learn about the new railway bridge between U.S./Mexico and current situation in our area. He did a similar tour along the Southwest Border a few years ago and will be blogging about it again. Intend to amplify the recently released border numbers too. I'd like to have our folks take him to Presidio next Tuesday or Wed. and then to the Pinto Canyon area to see the terrain.

Tone: Positive

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

2/13: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Progreso Port of Entry conducted interviews regarding the implementation of biometric facial comparison technology at Progreso Port of Entry with the following media outlets (b)(6) Border Report, KNVO-TV (Univision/Fox-RGV) reporter (b)(6) and KTMD-TV (Telemundo-RGV) reporter (b)(6) using the news release and talking points. All went well.

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

2/13: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted an interview with KTMD (Telemundo-RGV) regarding the news release issued regarding prohibited flowers, greenery CBP agriculture specialists' efforts to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day.

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

2/13: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted a live interview on the noon newscast at KGNS-TV (NBC-Laredo) along with a visual display of sample flowers from a commercial floral shipment regarding prohibited flowers, greenery and CBP agriculture specialists' efforts to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day. Tweets issued via @CBPSouthTexas with a link to the live interview and via @DFOLaredo.

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

2/12: El Paso Sector is fielding multiple media inquiries including (b)(6) New York Times regarding a social media post that is being widely circulated showing BP agents attempting to take a suspected alien smuggler into custody at an El Paso Burger King restaurant before using a taser to subdue the man. Sector and OPA are developing a RTQ statement to address press questions. Tone: negative.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) El Paso Sector

2/12: Las Cruces Sun News reporter (b)(6) is posing several questions regarding proposed legislation to increase the number of NII systems being used by CBP. CBP will not speak to proposed legislation however general questions regarding NII usage rates and why the systems are beneficial are being addressed. Tone: neutral.

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

2/12: Folha de São Paulo/Brazil reporter (b)(6) is writing about MPP processing and issues being raised by NGO's like Doctors Without Borders regarding the alleged harm MPP is exposing those who have been placed in the system to wait in Mexico. He also is posing generic questions about allegations of unprofessional CBP conduct and training that CBP personnel receive. OPA provided links to recent C1 news conference where many of the issues were addressed as well as links to www.cbp.gov that address TDS, training and complaint process. Tone: negative.

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

2/12: German NDR television reporter (b)(6) is revisiting and updating a story she did in 2019 on Mexican citizens crossing the border to sell plasma at U.S. donation centers. She is checking to see if CBP has changed its enforcement posture in any way and if we have any data on B1/B2 visa that were revoked by CBP officers. OPA checking. Tone: negative. Original story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuuIC5lj4d0>

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

2/12: KLDO-TV (Univision/Fox-Laredo) reporter (b)(6) conducted interviews with PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in English and Spanish regarding prohibited flowers, greenery, agricultural items, what CBP agriculture specialists do to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day.

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

2/12: Several local media outlets, (KGNS-TV, Forte newspaper, Laredo Daily News) inquired about a Mobile Field Force exercise conducted at Gateway to the Americas Bridge that temporarily stopped traffic. Provided the following statement on a RTQ basis:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is charged with facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel while upholding our national border security mission. Balancing these demands, keeping illicit goods and people out of the country, and managing the influx of those seeking asylum requires a careful balance of our resources and space.

The periodic implementation of Mobile Field Force exercises helps CBP to manage traffic flow while effectively eliminating the ability for a large group of migrants to illegally and forcefully surge through the Ports of Entry. These steps help us to ensure everyone's safety and security, to include travelers, asylum seekers, business stakeholders and our own employees.

CBP's mission is to secure our nation's borders and these measures allow us to do just that.

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

2/13: CBP Supervisory Agriculture Specialist/PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will do live interview on KGNS-TV (NBC/Telemundo-Laredo) noon newscast on Thursday, Feb. 13 regarding what CBP agriculture specialists do to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day, prohibited greenery, flowers etc.

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

2/11: (b)(6) reporter, Mother Jones, queried CBP AZ on blasting at Organ Pipe Nation Monument. Response: An approved statement was sent.

Deadline: 2/11 Publication: 2/12 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Media Wrap (b)(6) of Kentucky's WDRB Fox Affiliate, broadcast all three of her series on AZ CBP's border missions. All three pieces positively reflected CBP's counter drug missions and successfully met OPA's strategic communication goals of connecting to non-border, middle American audiences.

Deadline: 1/31 Broadcast: 2/10-12 Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: (b)(6) reporter, LA Times, followed up on her request for a ride along with Tucson Sector.

Response: The request was denied yesterday due to scheduling conflicts. No reply was sent from AZ CBP to her follow-up. It has been referred to CBP OPA HQ.

Deadline: 2/12 Publication: TBD Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Narco Wars Documentary Filming has been confirmed at all three Tucson AOR component the week of March 2.

Deadline: 2/12 Release: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: (b)(6) reporter, Fox News, queried Tucson OFO on how many children have been caught smuggling drugs. Response: For Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 total narcotics seizures at the Arizona ports of entry was 50,384 pounds. Of that, 513 pounds involved juveniles. For FY19, 45,902 were seized with 381 pounds attributed to juveniles. From October 1, 2020 to January 10, 2020, 67 lbs of narcotics have been attributed to juveniles.

Deadline: Flexible Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: The following media outlets requested and were forwarded the updated statement on Monument Mountain controlled blasting/provided by Border Wall Task Force: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

New York Times-Reporter: (b)(6)

KGUN TV9-Tucson ABC: (b)(6)

AjJazeera.net-Reporter: (b)(6)

Newsweek.com-Reporter: (b)(6)

MotherJones.com-Reporter: (b)(6)

2/12: Arizona Daily Star Columnist (b)(6) requested monthly apprehensions/broken down by country of origin, as were referred by CBP. Request was forwarded to CBP Media Relations for consideration.

Deadline: TBD Tone: Neutral Air Date: TBD

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/17: (b)(6) a researcher for the CBS 60 Minutes program, is working for (b)(6) a reporter with 60 Minutes, is covering the issue of contaminated water flowing north from the Tijuana area particularly the TJ River. Recent Mexico/US trade agreements, are expected to allocate millions of dollars to address this and other cross border contamination. They are requesting to interview our representative and to receive a general tour of the areas where cross-border pollutions flows into the US and where agents work in these zones. They would like to understand the precautions that we take and any decontamination methods we deploy. They want to do a scouting event without the reporter the week of 1/27. Interview recording date requested is the week of 2/6. SDC SME is SBPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) They will also look to work with the US Navy SEALs as their beach/ocean ops affected by sewage.

1/23: Date set for scouting event is 1/27.

1/27: Conducted scouting event with 60 Minutes producers to locate several areas where water flows into the US to conduct on-camera interviews at to include the Tijuana River channel, Smuggler's Gulch and drainage tubes were recent rescues occurred.

2/3: Will film with crew early in the day on 2/6 and meet with reporter at around 2pm for the interview.

2/11: Interview conducted on 2/6 at several locations. 60 Minutes has more work to do for their story with others to include Politicians and Mexico officials. No airdate set.

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

2/11: (b)(6) senior producer, Al Jazeera; and (b)(6) People Magazine requested confirmation on explosives being used to clear the construction area at Organ Pipe National Monument. Response: Pending

Deadline: 2/11 Publication: 2/11 Tone: Negative/ Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: (b)(6) followed up on his query from January regarding the relationship between Border Patrol and the Bull Riding Association. Response: Pending BP input

Deadline: Flexible Broadcast: TBD Tone: neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: Buzzfeed reporter (b)(6) had asked what recourse is there for disabled MPP participants that shouldn't have been placed in MPP and why is it that some ports place disabled people in MPP but they are removed when they later present at a port of entry. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and provided the following approved response:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons. All claims of credible fear are handled on a case-by-case basis. Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. Other individuals from vulnerable populations may be excluded on a case-by-case basis.

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

2/10: Tucson CBS affiliate, KOLD TV, reporter (b)(6) inquired about a local trucking company that is reportedly hauling away debris from the current construction

Projects (Border Wall). (b)(6) owner, (b)(6) has been fined for illegal dumping in an unincorporated part of Pima County, instead of at a landfill.

USACE has been contacted, and asked to contact the reporter directly. No USACE contact info has been shared with the reporter at this time.

Tone: Negative Air Date: TBD Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: Reporter (b)(6) from Univision Arizona requested an on camera interview via LiveU about the press release of a sex offender apprehended near Sasabe, Arizona on Thursday afternoon. The interview was conducted and TCA-PIO spoke on the dangers of crossing the border illegally where people such as this may be in a group where there are minors. We gave the name and nationality of this sex offender and what the process of criminal history checks using biometrics.

Tone: Neutral Air Date: 2/10/2020 Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: Multiple media outlets have contacted Tucson Sector, pertaining to obtaining a statement on Controlled blasting connected with Border Wall Construction in southern Arizona. The outlets include:

Arizona Republic (b)(6) (asking about distance of fence constructed near Lukeville as well)

ASU reporter (b)(6)

CNN reporter (b)(6)

Washington Post reporter (b)(6)

TheHill reporter (b)(6)

AZ Cronkite News PBS reporter (b)(6)

CBS News Interactive reporter (b)(6)

2/10: RAI Italy (Italian Television Network) has requested to visit Nogales, Arizona between mid April/May, to prepare a follow-up Special Project. They have requested a 1-day embed with Nogales Station personnel

As well as at the Port of Nogales. They are looking to describe the type of activity that has occurred historically through Southern Arizona, as well as the types of drugs/other contraband that is being smuggled. They

Are also interested in documenting some of the technology that is deployed in the field as well as the collaboration with other agencies that takes place. The INA/IVP packet has been submitted for review/approval.

Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: KVIA-TV/El Paso reporter (b)(6) will present a long form piece on IPR/counterfeit goods enforcement on Sunday, February 9. The reporter visited the El Paso POE multiple times in January to generate content for the piece including an interview with PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Reporter is also likely to include material from the recent HQ IPR event. The story is being heavily promoted and will air following the ABC network Oscar broadcast. Tone: positive.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/24: Marfa Public Radio reporter (b)(6) is developing a story on Mexico's transmigrante program and its pending expansion to the Presidio POE. Mexico limits the number of entry points for non Mexican citizens who are planning to travel through Mexico to destinations further south. Working with OFO to develop a limited response in that this is not a CBP program but will likely have an impact on outbound traffic at the small port.
POSTED: <https://marfapublicradio.org/blog/in-presidio-locals-weigh-the-risks-and-rewards-of-transmigrante-traffic/>
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: KJZZ-NPR Phoenix inquired about the recent designation of a CBP as a security agency. While they requested a telephonic interview with a local CBP representative about the designation, the following statement was provided:

Attributable to a CBP Spokesperson:

This past summer, CBP and DHS became aware of a Twitter account posting employee information commonly found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Open Government releases of salary information for federal employees. The information posted on Twitter was considered by OPM to be public information, and is available through several federal employee salary database search websites. Out of concern for the safety of our workforce, CBP leadership advocated for and recently received OPM's agreement to designate CBP as a Security Agency, protecting CBP employee's information from OPM's disclosure policy. Previously, only CBP's frontline law enforcement, investigative, or intelligence positions held this designation. The new designation protects the entirety of CBP's workforce.

Deadline: 2/7 Broadcast: 2/10 Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: Tucson ABC affiliate, KGUN TV9, asked about whether CBP officers at the ports are either screening for signs of the Coronavirus or are on heightened alert. They cited the fact that Arizona Ports of Entry has traditionally received migrants from China as their concern. They were provided with approved RTQs from the PAG.

Deadline: 2/7 Broadcast: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7 (b)(6) reporter, ASU Cronkite School of Journalism queried CBP AZ on remains reportedly found at Organ Pipe National Monument in the border wall construction area and asked how CBP planned to coordinate with the Tohono O'odham Nation on it. Response: Pending research on the allegation and whether CBP has any involvement if accurate.

Deadline: 2/7 Publication: 2/7 Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7 (b)(6) reporter, CBS interactive; and (b)(6) editor in chief, National Parks Traveler, queried CBP AZ on blasting at Organ Pipe. Each was provided with the OPA approved statement.

Deadline: 2/7 Publication: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7 (b)(6) reporter, AZ Republic, followed up on her query regarding a recent traveler at Sky Harbor who was fined for failure to declare a sandwich in his carry on. Response: The penalty has been reviewed and based on the circumstances of the case and additional information provided, it has been determined that the issuance of the penalty is not in the best interest of the agency to accomplish its mission. U.S. Customs and Border Protection emphasizes unauthorized items pose serious threats to our ecological system.

he traveling public is encouraged and expected to declare all meats, fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds, soil, animals, as well as plant, and animal products including soup or soup products, they may be carrying. Failure to do so may result in fines or penalties if an individual is found to be importing prohibited products. Repeat violators are subject to increased civil penalties.

Deadline: 2/7 Publication: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

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

2/7 (b)(6) Fox News, requested a media engagement with CBP AZ regarding the numbers of hard drugs being seized. Response: Pending scheduling.

Deadline: Flexible Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: (b)(6), reporter, Phoenix News-Talk Radio outlet KTAR, conducted a telephonic interview on 2/6 with Port of San Luis Port Director, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the issue of juveniles being utilized for drug smuggling (fentanyl). The topic was raised recently by PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) during a recent press event in Yuma.
Deadline 2/6: Broadcast: Air Date: 2/6 Tone: Neutral
Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: (b)(6) Christian Science Monitor, asked a series of questions relative to the MPP amenability of a Honduran alien who has a partner of 12 years and whose partner's asylum claim had purportedly been granted in 2019, she was legally married to the partner last Saturday and she and their child remain in Mexico under MPP, what is the purpose of MPP, is family unity an objective of MPP, is marriage to someone with legal U.S. status enough to merit parole or removal from MPP, etc. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and provided the following RTQ statement and information:

Attributable to a CBP official:

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For further reference:

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/01/24/migrant-protection-protocols>

Primary goals of MPP:

To reduce the extraordinary strain on our border security and immigration system by freeing up personnel and resources to better protect U.S. sovereignty and the rule of law.

Another goal of MPP is to discourage the abuse of U.S. laws as well as non-meritorious or false asylum claims. Aliens will not be permitted to disappear into the U.S. before a court issues a final decision on their claim for protection under U.S. law. Instead, they await a determination in Mexico. This allows the United States to more effectively administer its laws, including assisting legitimate asylum seekers and individuals fleeing persecution, while also ensuring that aliens with non-meritorious or even fraudulent claims no longer have an incentive for making the journey.

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

2/6: (b)(6) Texas Public Radio, sought interview with Brownsville Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding a number of issues surrounding MPP amenability. Recommended respectful declination of the interview request and providing of the RTQ statement above. LFO mgmt., HQ OPA concurred. PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided the response.

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

2/6: Producer (b)(6) News 4 San Antonio, sought numbers of Chinese entering the Texas/Mexico border for a story looking at Coronavirus. Provided RTQ statement that prohibits disclosure of specific numbers referred for Coronavirus screening and locations for operational security reasons. (b)(6) called HQ OPA and PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) advised her that DHS Yearbook of Immigration Statistics contains arrival numbers by country of origin and FY 2019 information is not available yet.

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

2/6: (b)(6) reporter Tucson Sentinel, (b)(6) reporter, AZ Daily Star, and (b)(6) Arizona State University, Cronkite News, queried CBP Arizona on explosive blasting being done in preparation for construction of the border wall.

Deadline: 2/6 Publication: 2/6 Tone: Neutral to negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/5: Multiple media inquiries received and replied to regarding appointment of Gloria Chavez as El Paso Sector Chief. Chavez was the interim chief for a several months beginning in the summer of 2019 before returning to her full time post as El Centro chief recently. <https://diario.mx/el-paso/regresa-gloria-i-chavez-como-jefa-de-border-patrol-20200204-1623722.html> <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2020/02/05/border-patrol-names-gloria-chavez-chief-el-paso-sector/4669217002/>

Lead: El Paso Sector, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/5: El Paso Field Office is receiving inquiries from multiple media outlets regarding Valentine's Day floral imports. The EP POE generally hosts a media availability closer to the actual date but we are working to accommodate requests in advance.

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

2/5: Reporter (b)(6) (El Paso Times but writing for USA Today) is requesting an opportunity to speak to Mexican nationals apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol agents. Her reporting would supplement a larger piece being prepared by USA Today on the topic of rising numbers of Mexican nationals being apprehended by CBP. No deadline/timetable.

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

2/4: WORLD Radio reporter (b)(6) is requesting El Paso sector visit/ride along for a story on current trends and what life is like for Border Patrol agents during the ongoing crisis. Sector will meet with the reporter on March 17.

Anticipated tone positive.

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

2/3: KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV) reporter (b)(6) inquired about a case of a 52-year-old female Cuban migrant nearly blind with toxoplasmosis infection enrolled in MPP who was pleading her case for MPP-exception with her attorney at Gateway Bridge in Brownsville. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and electronically provided the following response to query statement:

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

1/28: (b)(6) producer, Arizona 360, AZ PBS, queried OFO on USMCA. Response pending.

Deadline: 2/4 Broadcast: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/28: 60 Minutes Producer (b)(6) inquired about locations where their crew may be able to film from regarding a future shoot in the coming weeks near Gateway Bridge for a story looking at CBP efforts to address the volume of asylum claims at Brownsville Port of Entry. Advised that they may film from public street corners adjacent to Gateway Bridge, including the public park just north of the pedestrian departure area, the parking lot by the UETA store near the southbound lanes and shooting from the Matamoros, Mexico side of the bridge.

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

1/24: Marfa Public Radio reporter (b)(6) is developing a story on Mexico's transmigrante program and it's pending expansion to the Presidio POE. Mexico limits the number of entry points for non Mexican citizens who are planning to travel through Mexico to destinations further south. Working with OFO to develop a limited response in that this is not a CBP program but will likely have an impact on outbound traffic at the small port.

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

1/23: (b)(6) reporter, Phoenix New Times, queried CBP Arizona again on inspection reports made in the Tucson Processing Center and why the burritos served were specifically mentioned by the agents doing the reports. Response: Query was previously answered with a declination to comment on pending litigation. (b)(6) is citing the proceedings are now over. No further response has been sent to the reporter.

Deadline: unk Publication: unk Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/23: Multiple media outlets inquired about a case where a lost five-year old child was separated by her mother. Border Patrol generated a news release and facilitated all media inquiries on the incident.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Tone: Positive

1/23: Laredo Sector Deputy Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will represent the Border Patrol in official capacity at the annual Commander's Media Reception, the official kick-off and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the 123rd Washington's Birthday Celebration Open Press Event. PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will staff the event for media engagement.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Tone: Positive

1/23: Business Insider television reporter (b)(6) is traveling to El Paso in early February to do a story on MPP for their new weekly show called 'A Closer Look'. She is working with a lawyer from Las Americas Advocacy Group from El Paso so it is likely this would be a contentious engagement. She is requesting an opportunity with CBP to discuss what is MPP, how does it work, who does it include, do you think it has been successful and why? What would you say to people who claim that MPP has moved the immigration crisis from this side of the border to Mexico? What are some challenges for Border patrol officers in implementing MPP and how are they working on resolving those challenges. The request is under consideration. No CBP commitment at this time.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/23: Los Angeles Times (b)(6) is writing about ongoing border wall construction at various locations including El Paso sector. OPA provided the following information which was researched and offered by the border wall team earlier on a similar inquiry: As of January 10, 2020, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has constructed approximately five miles of the approximately 46 mile new border wall system project situated near Columbus, New Mexico in the U.S. Border Patrol's El Paso Sector.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/22: Laredo Sector Deputy Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Division Chief of Operational Programs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in addition to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Director of Acquisitions, Real Estate, and Environmental Planning and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Chief Engineer from the U.S. Border Patrol Infrastructure Program Management Office, Assistant U.S. Attorney (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) presented at the City of Laredo, City Council Public Meeting in regards to the border wall system project in the Laredo AOR. This was an open records meeting /open press. A statement was generated and sent to local media outlets on RTQ.

"It is always CBP's preference to work with local communities and stakeholders during the planning process for new border wall system construction. If the Government is unable to obtain a Right of Entry (ROE) voluntarily a condemnation action is required in order to obtain access to the property for surveys and to acquire a final real estate interest in the property to support future construction."

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Tone: Positive to Negative expected

1/22 (b)(6) multimedia reporter, Fox News Phoenix, queried OFO on new forms of liquid marijuana being smuggled through the ports of entry. A media engagement at the Port of Lukeville is being discussed/coordinated.
Deadline: Flexible Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral
Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/22 (b)(6) reporter, Nogales International, queried OFO on a BP environmental clean-up in Nogales. The response is being drafted and coordinated.
Deadline: TBD Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral
Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/22 (b)(6) Wall to Wall Productions, & (b)(6) CBP OPA, contacted CBP AZ to plan a documentary film shoot in Tucson with all three components on approximately March 2, 2020. The production is an educational program for National Geographic on the history of the drug crisis in America. It will be historically focused on the drug wars of 1911, but framed by today's current drug crisis. Planning and coordination to follow (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would like to spend time with Tucson Air Branch, the Port of Nogales, and BP in Tucson and/or Nogales, to see drug seizures, smuggling tunnels, air interdictions, and horse patrol if possible.
Deadline: March 2020 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive
Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

17 Jan (b)(6) Big Bend Radio Personality/reporter requests ride-along to profile Border Patrol Agent with specialized skills (EMT). Date flexible, but in next few weeks.
Tone: Positive
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Alpine Avalanche Editor (b)(6) requests ride-along to better understand Border Patrol mission in Big Bend Sector. Also hopes to profile female agent. Date flexible.
Tone: Positive
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for **January**

1/16: UPDATE Journalist now requesting elements with OFO at San Ysidro; USBP at border wall; and vault, target date Jan. 28. A possible C1 interview is also pending (coordinated by OPA HQ)

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

1/20: Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva will be travelling to Sells, Arizona, to visit the Border Wall. It is believed that some Tohono O'odham Nation members will ask to halt construction. As of this time, there has been no request for BP presence. Tone: Negative expected

1/14 UPDATE- Telephonic interview was conducted between LA Times reporter (b)(6) and ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Topics discussed included: Replacement vs. New Wall, specifics regarding the Donna and Starr county projects (length, total cost and cost per mile), the standardized bidding/contract award process, procurement of materials (identification during design plan and defined in the statement of work), explanation of how current ongoing projects in the RGV come from the different FY appropriations, clarification that the only contact between Fischer Industries (Private Wall) and government has only been between the IBWC and the private company, not CBP, explanation of how RGV (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) RGV (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) and RGV (b)(6), (b)(7)(E) will start to overlap during their different phases.

Expected Rundate: 1/14-15/2020 Expected Tone: Neutral

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

1/13 – RGV Sector received a request from LA Times reporter (b)(6). She is requesting a telephonic interview with ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Topics will include an update for RGV sector on total miles of border barrier built this fiscal year, under construction and planned?, Is the border barrier being built as quickly as possible - have there been any delays and if so, why (b)(6) was in attendance when AS1 conducted his press event at the Donna site and (b)(6) is looking for an update.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

1/13: (b)(6) Magazine writer covering the southwest for Atlantic, Mother Jones and Rolling Stone. Seeks info on background about why the overall numbers of apprehensions have gone down, but in Big Bend Sector the numbers have gone up. Will provide clarification, on background, after having coordinated info with BBT Chief Patrol Agent (already done).

Tone: undetermined

Principal: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) / Big Bend Sector

1/13 – RGV Sector will conduct a swing shift ride along in the McAllen AOR with CNN reporter (b)(6) on 1-16-20. Ride along will start at the Donna wall site and transition to an operational ride along in the McAllen AOR

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

1/13: (b)(6) Fox, requested a media engagement with OFO at the Port of Nogales regarding MPP.

Response: Pending review/scheduling.

Deadline: 1/17 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/13: CNN Producer (b)(6) sought more information regarding the immigration record of the Mexican citizen who committed suicide last week by slicing his own throat at Pharr International Bridge and whether he had applied for asylum. Consulted with LFO, HQ OPA mgmt., as well as with fellow PAC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and provided a statement that had been provided regarding a death in ICE custody that indicated that the INA generally prohibits confirming asylum claims of specific individuals. (b)(6) is still not satisfied, says that doesn't preclude CBP from saying if the person ever came in contact with U.S. immigration authorities, either CBP or ICE and that the Department regularly shares information when someone is deceased. Consulting with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt.. about next steps, perhaps clearing through CBP Privacy that subject had previously been ordered removed in 2008.

On background: The Immigration and Nationality Act generally prohibits disclosing whether a specific individual has entered the credible fear/asylum process. (Please see Section 208.6 for specifics:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-title8-vol1/pdf/CFR-2012-title8-vol1-sec208-6.pdf>

and <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Outreach/Notes%20from%20Previous%20Engagements/2012/December%202012/Asylum-ConfidentialityFactSheet.pdf>

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

1/9: Gizmodo reporter (b)(6) is asking about CBP/USBP interaction with FCC's (b)(6) as referenced in this FCC tweet. [https://twitter.com/\(b\)\(6\)/status/1215306150335270912](https://twitter.com/(b)(6)/status/1215306150335270912). OPA is awaiting a statement to address questions to include how CBP and FCC missions interact, what was the purpose of the meeting, etc.

1/9: (b)(6) transmitted a suggested response to Chief Chavez and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) added his input to it, but I have not heard anything further.

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

1/2: El Diario de El Paso reporter (b)(6) is writing about FY2019 EPFO seizure stats. OPA is working to locate the requested data and possibly set up an interview with local leadership.

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

12/23: DOCUMENTARY: TVA Media line producer (b)(6) is requesting a border line tour/interview with Border Patrol regarding positive impact of new border wall in Santa Teresa/Sunland Park area. We are trying to drill down to see if requestor means government built or private wall before considering request. The information would be included in a documentary project. HQ MMA is looped in as well.

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

12/12: CBS 60 Minutes Producer (b)(6) expressed interest in having 60 Minutes come down to Brownsville Port of Entry in late **January 2020** to do a story looking at immigration, asylum processes there, especially in light of latest November 2019 enforcement figures, wants to get a behind the scenes picture of how things are going on the ground, what challenges are we facing. Have alerted HQ OPA, LFO, port mgmt., will defer to CBP HQ OPA, CBP Front Office direction regarding principal interviews, etc. Advised reporter that we have not allowed MPP IHF access for individual outlets, may consider a group media scenario. Expected tone, neutral to negative. Expected rundate, February 2020.

1/3: Production crew will be headed to San Diego on January 16.

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

12/9: (b)(6) (Fox Business "Primetime") contacted El Paso and Big Bend Sectors. She is interested in researching and possibly visiting border patrol and detention facilities for an inside look. This would involve a few short interview with agents, and a camera crew taking video of the facilities. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told her that we do not take news crews into BP facilities, but can arrange ride-alongs and interviews. Also said El Paso Sector could arrange tours/interviews in early January, due to prior commitments and shortage of personnel between now and 20 December. CBP OPA should let us know if this is high enough priority that we may want to ask BP to shift other engagements; however, Chief/Directors are also planning to be out during this period. Tentative for **January 6-10**.

AMO preferred date is either 7 or 8 December with Fox selecting morning or afternoon. AMO is okay with doing the flight in either El Paso or Big Bend – leaving it up to Fox. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) wants questions in advance, but Fox has told me their policy does not allow for that. They will send topics and promise no "gotchas." Primetime producer will not have answers until next week after she meets with entire team to discuss. Looks like they are preferring El Paso, because they have to fly a whole team in here and to make the cost worthwhile, so they want to ensure they get all three pieces – OFO, AMO, USBP – and plenty of front-line visits/discussions. They will decide many things by next week.

1/3: Delayed by FoxNews. Not yet rescheduled.

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

Tone: Expected Positive

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for **January**

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

11/19: CBP OPA, DHS OPA and DoS are working on an engagement for State involving 10-12 Central American Journalists (3-4 crews) to highlight what has changed along the border. They will be producing video content about what has changed along the border. Timeframe is late December, early January. Tentatively they will be on the ground in the RGV and another city, possibly El Paso for a total of 4 days. All interviews with principals and SMEs will be in Spanish. It is anticipated that each crew will interview independently. On the north side they will interview CBP about what has changed (MPP, and other programs), on the south side, they will talk about the human stories of people waiting and exploitation by the smugglers. They also request to film the boarding of an ENV flight.

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

11/6: (b)(6) Telemundo Network, re-upped her request to ridealong with Border Patrol agents in a Southern border area and had placed a specific interest in seeing processing facilities and access to immigration hearing facilities. I deferred to PAOs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding bandwidth and local mgmt. concurrence to support/accommodate a ridealong request currently and to advise what such a ridealong request would or would not entail. Advised that we are keeping her

request to have access to a MPP immigration hearing facility on file, would advise of any future opportunities and provided CBP-approved RTQ statement regarding media access to MPP immigration hearing facilities.

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

10/21: (b)(6) Aftonbladet newspaper, Stockholm, Sweden and photographer (b)(6) request to join a border patrol to do a story on their work to secure the border. The story will be text/stills and also some TV. The story is highly interesting for a Swedish audience since we have the same issues with migration in Europe. I have followed patrols securing EU borders in Greece and Bulgaria.

They would like to join for two or three nights in January 2020.

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

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

2/21/20: A media advisory was sent to Louisiana media inviting them to see AMO's Mobile Command Center, which will be used to help provide security during the Mardi Gras season. The center will be set up in the Jefferson Parish Police Department's parking lot. AMO routinely flies aircraft over the parades along with local and federal law enforcement as a contribution to keeping the city safe. Photos have also been posted to Twitter. The media visit is scheduled for Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.

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

2/19: Multiple news outlets to include ABC News, NBC News, WWJ Radio, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Flint Journal along with numerous other reached out today in regards to a human brain seized at the Blue Water Bridge on February 14 in a Canada Post mail shipment. ABC News Reporter (b)(6) along with WWJ Radio (b)(6) conducted telephonic and on camera interviews in regards to the seizure.

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

2/19: San Juan Field Operations and OPA held an interview with (b)(6) reporter for Telenoticias, a Telemundo affiliate, regarding the CBP overall processing of travelers into the Luis Munoz Marine International Airport including any cases of infected travelers with coronavirus or influenza. Provided an overall picture of what officers must do working CDC for Enhanced Health Screening. Neutral tone.

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

2/19: TIME reporter (b)(6) inquired about a man named (b)(6) who is a comedian who worked aboard a cruise ship on which a passenger was found to have 2019-nCoV. Reporter wanted to know how he was able to enter U.S. at Sea-Tac. Since (b)(6) is a USC, privacy act was cited and reporter was provided statement on CDC screenings of travelers at airports and referred to CDC.

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

2/19: Univision Seattle reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding CBP deploying with ICE in sanctuary cities. He was informed that Seattle is not one of the cities listed and provided the statement. He also inquired about the arrest of a man at a gas station in Everett, Washington. He was referred to ICE.

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

2/19: American Shipper senior editor (b)(6) inquired about an IPR seizure of LED screens seized at the International Falls POE. PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided additional information. Statistics will also be provided when available.

Leads: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: "The Red and Black" newspaper editor (b)(6) inquired about (b)(6) an Iranian who presented herself on February 11 with valid F1 Visa to POE Atlanta. However, upon further discovery she did not have the financial means to take care of her enrollment and stay at the university as required. (b)(6) was allowed to withdraw her admission and returned on flight the following day. OPA statement was cleared by DFO/Privacy acknowledging her withdraw and bears proof of admissibility. Tone: neutral Publish: later this week.

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

2/18: WKYC reporter (b)(6) in Cleveland, reached out to OPA requesting if any sanctuary cities in Ohio will see an increase in Border Patrol Agents. Approved statements were sent as well as the list of the cities and other key messages found in the PAG. Tone-neutral

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

2/18: KIRO (CBS) reporter (b)(6) interviewed Seattle Assistant Area Port Director (b)(6) regarding ag enforcement and IPR violations. Story is set to run tonight.

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

2/18: Univision Seattle reporter (b)(6) inquired about the leaked Chief Provost memo regarding Greyhound bus inspections. Reporter was provided the approved statement.

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

2/18: CBC reporter (b)(6) inquired about Iranian students and the leaked memo from Blaine. She was provided the approved statement. Follow up questions concerned Canadian citizens and visa requirements. Reporter was provided standard messaging regarding visas and admissibility.

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

2/14: Associated Press reporter (b)(6) requested comment on an internal memo sent to USBP Chiefs regarding policy and procedures for bus checks, specifically because several bus lines in Spokane have denied boarding to agents. Statement provided:

"While CBP does not comment on materials asserted to be leaked internal memos, management regularly disseminates information to reinforce existing protocols. For decades, U.S. Border Patrol agents have routinely engaged in enforcement operations at transportation hubs. Enforcement operations away from the immediate border are performed consistent with law and in direct support of immediate border enforcement efforts, and such operations function as a means of preventing smuggling and other criminal organizations from exploitation of existing transportation hubs to travel further into the United States. The U.S. Border Patrol conducts regular outreach with transportation companies to foster good working relationships."

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

2/14: (b)(6) inquired a lawsuit filed by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) against CBP regarding his questioning on a Greyhound bus in Spokane last year. Reporter was provided pending litigation statement.

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

2/14: Oregonian reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Japanese who was denied entry because he did not have the proper Visa. Reporter was provided the following:

"Tsuyoshi Shimamura, a citizen of Japan, arrived at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Jan. 30. He applied for admission as a WB visitor for business under the visa waiver program."

Upon further inspection, Shimamura admitted to a CBP officer that the purpose of this trip to the United States was to perform acupuncture at a seminar and to be compensated \$5,000. If a traveler is attempting to enter the U.S. under the visa waiver program, they are not eligible to be paid or receive remuneration for their services. Due to the fact Shimamura did not have the proper visa for his intended purpose of visiting the U.S., in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act, he was found inadmissible to the U.S. and returned to Japan the following day."

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

2/13: A reporter from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism requested information on a story regarding drug seizures at seaports in the United States, specifically at the Port of New Orleans. He also requested what agencies CBP partners with for these seizures. He was told that he could only get information from the Field Office level, and is now awaiting a response. Information was requested from OFO Taskings.

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

2/13: A reporter with WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge, La., requested information regarding a passenger (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), who was arrested on an outstanding warrant on the Carnival Cruise ship Valor when it was docked in New Orleans on Feb. 10, 2020. The warrant was issued from the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, so the reporter was referred to them. The warrant wound up being a case of misidentification on the part of EBRSO, but the passenger has been making statements on social media that CBP dislocated her shoulder during the arrest and that she is filing a complaint against CBP with Carnival Cruise lines. She is also expected to be on the local news to clear her name, so CBP may be mentioned in her story. Tone expected to be negative.

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

2/13: USBP New Orleans Sector Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was quoted in a press release from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office announcing the conviction of (b)(6) a known drug trafficker who had also assaulted a Border Patrol agent when being arrested. (b)(6) was sending to 46 months in a federal prison. WKRG and WEAR have picked up the release so far. Tone is neutral to positive.

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

2/13: WGRZ (NBC affiliate) Buffalo reporter (b)(6) and Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Port of Buffalo arrest of a USC who had active Pennsylvania warrants, admitted travel to China (Fujian Province) upon inspection and was not symptomatic. Proper protocols were implemented and followed by CBP and CDC. Subject issued Traveler

Health Advisory Notice (THAN) and turned over to the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) for warrant extradition to Pennsylvania. RTQs were received as a result of ECSO's press release. Tone: Neutral/Educational

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

2/13: Albany Times Union editor (b)(6) inquired about third party (NYS DMV clerk) allegations of NYS vehicles prohibited for overseas shipments in response to NYS Green Light Law. Provided approved OPA talking points and press release dated Feb. 6 <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/new-york-residents-no-longer-eligible-apply-or-renew-trusted>

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

2/12: Scienceline.org reporter (b)(6) will conduct a phone interview with Supervisory Agriculture Specialist (b)(6) on Feb 14 concerning the seizure of 3,400 pounds of mitten crabs over a four month period in Cincinnati. His focus is the seizures, how often CBP sees shipments like this and the illegal trade of mitten crabs. Tone: Positive

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

2/12: Seattle NPR station, KUOW, reporter (b)(6) requested an interview and requested comment regarding a lawsuit filed against CBP today by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project regarding the reports of Iranian Americans held at the U.S./Canada border last month. Reporter was provided the pending litigation statement.

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

2/12: (b)(6), from WSMV in Nashville, requested an interview with CBP Nashville on counterfeit makeup and the types of makeup other beauty products that have been confiscated. The story will address the health risks associated with these items. She is planning on an interview in mid-March. Tone is expected to be neutral to positive.

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

2/12: Methow Valley News reporter (b)(6) inquired into the arrest of an illegal alien by Border Patrol in Twisp, Washington. The man has eight prior deportations as well as criminal convictions. Apparently, the small community is up in arms and rallying around him. The reporter was provided the following:

"U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Feb. 5 in Twisp, Washington. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a citizen of Mexico, repeat immigration violator and in the United States illegally.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been deported from the United States on numerous prior occasions. Additionally, he was arrested by the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office in Oct. 2011 and subsequently convicted of criminal charges.

He was once again deported to Mexico following that conviction. Sometime after his deportation, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) illegally re-entered the U.S. In June 2017, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was again arrested by the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been transferred to the Northwest ICE Processing Center and will be given the opportunity to appear before an immigration judge. Please reach out to the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for information concerning (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) criminal history. Further questions regarding

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) detention should be directed to ICE."

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

2/11: ABC Detroit reporter (b)(6) reached out today in regards to (b)(6) from the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights who was questioned coming off of a flight on Thursday February 6 after arriving from South Korea. Query came after the (b)(6) reached out to ABC after posting his experience in a Facebook post last week. Informed (b)(6) that we are unable to discuss the travelers' information due to the (b)(6) being a USC. Spoke with the reporter on background that we had a conversation with the gentlemen which was very cordial and professional with both sides thanking each other following the inspection. Neutral tone expected

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

2/11: WKBW (ABC affiliate) Buffalo reporter (b)(6) requested an on-camera interview and filming of CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) US Border Patrol Buffalo Sector. CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) participated in the "Snow Ball" challenge to raise money for Feedmore Food Bank of WNY. Tone: Positive

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

2/11: KOMO news (ABC) reporter (b)(6) is working on a story about IPR seizures by CBP in Seattle. She shot b-roll and interviewed PI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and APD (b)(6) and PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding a recent seizure of counterfeit Luis Vuitton and other goods. Story is set to air 2/13.

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

2/7: CBS Chicago reporter (b)(6) contacted the Chicago Field Office requesting CBP's latest statement and the number of flights and passengers screened. The latest CBP statement was shared and he was directed to contact the Chicago Department of Aviation and the CDC to find out the processing numbers.

Tone: Neutral

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

2/7: Miami Field Office CMO will be joined by MIA Airport CEO to host press availability on Tuesday, Feb 11 at Avianca Air cargo highlighting CBPAS cut flower inspection ahead of Valentine's Day (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) APD will join CBPAS for interviews and imagery with media. Spanish press engagement will occur. Publish: same day Tone: Positive

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

2/7: Atlanta OPA and CMO welcoming local press availability to showcase cut flower inspections by CBPAS at ATL air cargo. On Tuesday, Feb 11. Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will be joined by CBPAS for SME opportunity's. Publish: same day Tone: positive

2/11: UPDATE: WSB (ABC), CBS46, 11Alive and Associated Press photojournalist covered the same. Tone: Positive

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

2/7: LA Times Seattle Bureau chief (b)(6) reached out with questions regarding the meeting between Democratic congressional representatives from Washington state and DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Additionally, the reporter requested an interview with the DFO. Reporter was provided the following: Attributable to a CBP official: "We are unable to comment due to the ongoing investigation."

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

2/6: WCAX (CBS affiliate) Burlington reporter (b)(6) interviewed Swanton Sector's Newport Station (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding the USBP's role on the northern border. The story is expected to be neutral to positive. Air date: TBD

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

2/6: AP correspondent (b)(6) will interview Swanton Sector Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Monday 2/10 regarding FY19 Swanton Sector trends. The initial inquiry stemmed from a FOIA response for FY15-19 PWAC data. We expect positive coverage.

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

2/6: Maine Public Radio reporter (b)(6) will conduct a ride along/line tour with Houlton Sector next week. We anticipate neutral to positive coverage. Air Date: TBD

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

2/6: Miami Field Office and US Fish and Wildlife will hosted a local press availability today following a recent joint operation resulting in a seizure of approx. 1400 lbs. of dried shark fins. Local news, Spanish TV, and Patch covered event. NBC with (b)(6) may follow-up. Tone: positive Publish: same day Tone: positive.

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

2/6: OPA was contacted by reporter (b)(6) of the German special interest magazine "Der Hund" (the Dog). She is featuring CBP Beagle canines working at ATL airport and requested current imagery. Cleared imagery shared along with relevant Atlanta CBPAS news release(s). Publish: TBD Tone: Positive

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

02/04: CNBC Digital is doing a story about counterfeited goods and part of that story is what is CBP doing in stopping the flow of these counterfeited goods from entering the United States. They will visit H & M warehouse (CES), Kearney, NJ on Thursday 13 February to collect b-roll of CBPOs conducting inspections, previously seized items (display table) and speaking to CBP SME PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on camera on our role in combatting the flow of IPR items. This is part of a larger story that originates with CBP/HQ.

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

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) desk
cell

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/5/2020 11:22:56 AM
To: DURST, CASEY OWEN; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Fwd: UPDATED Daily Executive Media Report -- Thursday, March 5th, 2020

Ma'am- This has been updated with your requested information. Emailed separately

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Date: March 5, 2020 at 6:21:10 AM EST
To: DailyExecutiveMediaReport; (b)(7)(E)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: UPDATED Daily Executive Media Report -- Thursday, March 5th, 2020

**Daily Executive Media Report
Thursday, March 5th, 2020**

Today: C1 Press Conference at 11 am in CBP press room to discuss February operational update. AC Durst will intro. Notable RSVPs thus far: CBS, ABC, CNN, Fox News, VOA, Bloomberg, Axios, Reuters, Roll Call. (OFO/BP amplification: Quotes from Scott and Owen to reporters for story use and relevant tweets from each account)

Today: C1 on Cavuto Coast to Coast on Fox Business Network. Hit time between 12:45-1 pm. Topics: February operational update. Possible Coronavirus, MPP/Judicial Activism, Temporary Stopping Queue Management. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will staff.

Today: C1 on Lou Dobbs on Fox Business Network 7:34 hit time. Topics: February operational update. Possible Coronavirus, MPP/Judicial Activism, Temporary Stopping Queue Management. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to staff.

Tomorrow: C1 on Fox and Friends, 7-9 am timeframe. Topics: February operational update. Possible: Coronavirus, MPP/Judicial Activism, Temporary Stopping Queue Management. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to staff.

Today or tomorrow: C1 interview with Sinclair Broadcasting. Reporter is (b)(6) (b)(6) longtime friend of federal law enforcement. Topics: February operational update. Possible Coronavirus, MPP/Judicial Activism, Temporary Stopping Queue Management. Sinclair owns/operates 191 stations in 89 markets nationwide. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to staff.

Friday (tentative): B1 on CNN New Day to discuss February Operational Update. Other possible topics: MPP, wall, Coronavirus. OPA will staff.

Friday (tentative): B2 interview with (b)(6) of KOGO radio San Diego (b)(6) is longtime advocate for strong border security and longtime friend and Congressional

staff colleague of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) is also on list of White House preferred radio engagements. OPA will staff.

Saturday: C2 on Fox and Friends. After 7 am hit time. Topics: MPP, Green Light Law. Possible: February operational update, Coronavirus, MPP/Judicial Activism, Temporary Stopping Queue Management. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to staff.

Monday: B1/B2 Media Roundtable to introduce themselves and discuss amplification of February Operations Update. Media invites/location/time/other details TBD.

Next week: C1/C2 Trade Symposium – Anaheim, CA POSTPONED. Attendees notified via email and announcement made on cbp.gov on front page.

Next week: C2 keynote at Border Security Expo – San Antonio. OPA Media Division staffing. BP Chiefs and other principals on hand for media engagements TBD.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
March 4, 2020**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned. The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

1/14: AeroMark Images photographer (b)(6) has inquired about conducting a photo shoot for a double-truck image for the next edition of ROTOR magazine. Currently working with photographer to identify a location and possible option for (b)(6). They are looking to conduct this photo shoot sometime in late February.

2/24 UPDATE: AeroMark Photographer (b)(6) if scheduled to visit Great Lakes Air and Marine Branch to complete this photoshoot for ROTOR magazine on Thursday February 27, 2019.

2/27 UPDATE: This story will also cover AMO assets in Jacksonville, FL, approved by AMO but pending dates.

2/27 (b)(6) seeks to further this opportunity by visiting Big Bend Sector to look at UH-1N Huey and Miami to look at a third helicopter type avail. not shown in Great Lakes or Big Bend.

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

2/25-2/27: CENTAM Journalists Border Tour-Visit IHF facilities in Brownsville, Falfurrias Checkpoint(rescue beacons, etc), McAllen AOR ride-along and CPC visit, Donna Wall Site visit(ongoing construction)

Possible COA2-AMO Branch Visit with UH-6t 0 flight

When: Mid-February, dependent upon INA vetting of participants

Where: Rio Grande Valley, Texas

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

HEADQUARTERS:

Travel:

3/2: CBP received inquiries from CNN, The Washington Examiner, Conde Nast Traveler, and several local media outlets concerning CBP measures at and between POEs to prevent the spread of COVID-19. OPA will use cleared language from the PAG to respond. The PAG is currently awaiting DHS clearance

following updates to account for the February 29 Presidential Proclamation suspending the entry of aliens who have been physically present in Iran in the 14 days immediately prior to their attempted entry. Tone of articles is expected to be neutral.

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

3/2: (b)(6) a freelance writer and airlines marketing professional, is preparing an article for Afar.com concerning the expansion of Preclearance to Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto, Canada. (b)(6) whose deadline is noon Wednesday (3/4), emphasized the cost of the project and time delays in his outreach. OPA is exploring options with Preclearance, including a possible DFO interview. Tone is expected to lean negative. Article will publish at the end of the week.

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

3/2: Reporter (b)(6) is preparing an article on the benefits of NEXUS and Global Entry for *Whatcom Talk*, a Washington state paper serving Whatcom County. OPA granted 30 minute interview to discuss the security and travel facilitation benefits of the program and the application process. Tone is expected to be positive. Article will publish during the week of 3/9.

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

2/28: [UPDATED] (b)(6) Bloomberg Law's senior legal reporter for privacy and technology investigations, is preparing a story about CBP's biometric entry-exit program. (b)(6) requests an on the record interview to discuss the privacy implications of CBP's use of biometric facial comparison technology and steps that CBP is taking to protect travelers' data. He is also interested in the mechanics of the Preclearance program and CBP's authority to use facial comparison technology at Preclearance locations. OPA and OFO are working to schedule the interview during the week of March 9. Story would publish that week. Tone is expected to be neutral to negative based upon reporter's past coverage of facial comparison technology and privacy issues.

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

2/28: (b)(6) a reporter with the German weekly newspaper of record *Die Zeit*, is preparing a story on Lufthansa's use of facial comparison technology and CBP's Traveler Verification Service for baggage check in. Reporter asked to confirm the vendor for the baggage check in process, what CBP does with traveler photos, and where CBP has implemented biometric exit. OPA and OFO replied with a statement that: (1) described CBP's device-agnostic approach to biometric exit and the baggage check-in initiative; (2) explained how CBP uses, stores, and deletes traveler photos; (3) emphasized that airlines are not allowed to keep traveler photos; and (4) provided the number of biometric exit locations. OPA referred reporter to Lufthansa to confirm vendors. Tone is expected to be neutral to negative. Article anticipated to publish during week of 3/1.

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

2/28: (b)(6) an investigative reporter with the *Seattle Times*, is preparing a story on biometric exit at Seattle Tacoma airport as part of ongoing coverage of that issue. (b)(6) requested to know if, following the Port of Seattle's temporary ban on facial recognition technology, CBP plans to implement the biometric exit mission without partnering with the airlines. OPA and OFO replied with a statement indicating that CBP has conducted small-scale biometric exit operations at Sea-Tac since June 2018 (one flight per day) and that in January 2020 CBP switched to using mobile fingerprint readers instead of facial comparison technology. The statement emphasized that CBP only collects fingerprints from in-scope foreign nationals. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/28: (b)(6) a photojournalist with independent Norwegian newspaper *Hallingdølen*, requested information about an unnamed Norwegian national who was denied admission to the United States at an unnamed airport for overstaying her ESTA on two previous occasions. The traveler was subsequently "incarcerated" per (b)(6) OPA, in consultation with OFO and without commenting on the specific case, provided a statement communicating the consequences of overstaying an ESTA and emphasizing that all VWP travelers receive notification ten days in advance of the end date of their term of authorized admission. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/24: (b)(6) of *The New York Times* has been covering Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents and contacted OPA to clarify if New Yorkers would qualify for the one-year membership extensions offered to other TTP applicants who apply for renewal before their current membership expires. (b)(6) also requested to know the average length of time that TTP renewals take to complete.

OPA confirmed that individuals must have a pending Trusted Traveler Program application to qualify for the one-year benefits extension. OPA also provided language on application/renewal processing time from the official statement on pending GE applications. Information will inform future coverage. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

2/24: (b)(6) of PAX Magazine (Canada) is preparing a story about cannabis use and Canadians' eligibility for NEXUS. (b)(6) wants to know why cannabis use, which is legal in Canada, would disqualify a Canadian from enrolling in NEXUS. CBP is preparing a statement to communicate that the possession, production, distribution and sale of marijuana remain illegal under U.S. federal law (which supersedes state law) and that violating any customs, immigration or agriculture regulations or laws in any country or otherwise violating the terms and conditions of CBP Trusted Traveler Programs renders travelers ineligible for membership in these programs. The statement will further clarify that ineligibility for NEXUS does not necessarily imply inadmissibility to the United States. Article will publish by 2/26. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/24: Officials from OPA, OFO, Trade, INA, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative responded to media inquiries from a delegation of visiting media representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The journalists, who were participating in a State Department media program, inquired about the U.S. trade relationship with Central Asia; how CBP works with Canadian and Mexican counterparts to facilitate lawful trade; and how CBP communicates with the media, the public, and industry stakeholders about its trade facilitation and security mission. The delegation will visit the Detroit POE on Wednesday, February 26. Information from the DC and Detroit visits is expected to inform media coverage communicating U.S. trade best practices and contrasts between trade and public communications in the United States and in the journalists' home countries. Coverage is expected to be neutral leaning positive.

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

Enforcement:

3/1: Washington Examiner reporter (b)(6) inquired about CBP preparations for Corona Virus.

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

3/1: Reuters reporter (b)(6) inquired on children being sent unaccompanied across POE bridges to request asylum. Also requested information on two specific minors. We are deferring due to privacy issues.

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

2/29: Buzzfeed employee (b)(6) inquired regarding a specific medical exemption for MPP, and violence inflicted on MPP enrollees in Mexico.

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

2/28: NY Times reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding criteria for medical exemptions for MPP.

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

2/28: WaPo reporter (b)(6) published an article regarding criteria for medical exemptions for MPP, (b)(7)(E) specifically.

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

2/28: BBC reporter (b)(6) inquired about allegations from Brazilian nationals deported and in MPP, about conditions in CBP and ICE facilities.

No deadline

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

2/28: NPR reporter (b)(6) will be publishing a story this week about Indian nationals claiming asylum, and how they work with smugglers for the long journey to the southwest border.

2/26: Breitbart reporter (b)(6) inquired about Chinese nationals apprehended for the last three months this FY and FY19. Deadline unknown.

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

Trade / Aq:

3/2: (b)(6) of Federal Computer Week is preparing an article on CBP's recent blockchain proof of concept, which is intended to protect American businesses from intellectual property rights violations.

(b)(6) asked about the number of companies that participated in the proof of concept (7), which products were tracked (none – fictitious transactions were used to test proof of concept), and which open standards and specifications were used. OPA replied with information provided by Trade. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

Technology:

2/27: Defense Daily's (b)(6) following up on C1s testimony this morning, seeks clarification concerning the Autonomous Surveillance Towers program. OPA and the Innovation Office provided a same day response.

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

2/25: VICE Media's Tech outlet, Motherboard, via reporter (b)(6) is asking for a statement from CBP based on their data collection of 500 iPhone search warrants for calendar year 2019. The warrants included Federal, State and Local, though the majority of the cases were Federal. He cites the fact that the court system VICE utilized, PACER, leans in that direction as part of its design. His deadline is the end of this week. OPA has contacted the CBP Privacy Office for guidance. The reporter indicates that he is likely to also send queries to other DHS components, so a joint response might be wise.

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

1/30: Voice of America's (b)(6) following up with ONDCP on the 12 December announcement of the winner of the Opioid detection challenge, would like to shoot interviews and footage of canine handlers and dogs going through Fentanyl detection training. OPA is working with the Front Royal Canine Training Facility to target an early March shooting window, to document OFO classroom and active canine/handler training.

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

2/13 – Update: VOA and Front Royal have selected the week of 09 March to record footage at the training facility. Specifics details TBD.

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

3/2: USA Today Austin-based correspondent (b)(6) is writing a story about how the border is preparing for coronavirus and if there was anything specific CBP was doing. Put together language from the existing Coronavirus PAG but HQ OPA advised a SWB-specific FAQ was forthcoming and also the Iran-specific language was forthcoming. Will hold pending the latest language. Advised reporter I am checking into it.

3/4 update: Following RTQ language provided to reporter:

Attributable to a CBP official:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection continues to facilitate the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) enhanced health screening of travelers entering or attempting to enter the United States with a nexus to mainland China or Iran due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). Consistent with CBP's procedures, and in accordance with the January 31 and February 29 Presidential Proclamations, exempted individuals encountered by CBP with a nexus to China or Iran within 14 days of the encounter or with symptoms of illness are referred to CDC or local health officials for additional health screening.

All CBP ports of entry are following the same operational guidance as issued by the Presidential Proclamation and the Department of Homeland Security.

With exceptions specified in the Proclamations, foreign nationals (other than immediate family of U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and flight crew) who have been physically present in China or Iran within 14 days of their arrival at a U.S. port of entry will be denied entry into the United States.

Additionally, any traveler exempted from the Proclamations who has been in anywhere in mainland China or Iran within 14 days of their return will be referred to CDC for additional health screening.

CDC has added health screening capabilities at Blaine, Buffalo, and San Ysidro.

Preclearance locations are following the same protocols as the land border ports and referring individuals requiring additional screening to CDC or local health officials.

Consistent with existing CBP procedures, individuals apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol between the ports of entry with symptoms of illness are referred to CDC or local health officials for additional health screening.

Additionally, all persons in U.S. Border Patrol custody who meet the CDC's coronavirus travel history and enhanced screening guidelines are being referred to CDC for additional screening.

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

3/3: (b)(6) from the Reuters Television in Los Angeles sent a request for an interview. (b)(6) would like Border Patrol to speak on our tunnel discoveries, specifically the most recent one in Nogales, AZ. TCA PIO will utilize the latest tunnel talking points and our latest press release about the unfinished tunnel at the Nogales Border. Our team plans to meet (b)(6) in Nogales and give her access to film inside the Morley tunnel.

PIO/BCL: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Deadline: 03/10/2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Request Type: stand up interview
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Outlet: Reuters Television
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Market: Los Angeles/National
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Language: Spanish
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Reporter/Producer: (b)(6)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Reporter/Producer Contact information: (b)(6)@thomsonreuters.com
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Phone number: (b)(6)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Program: TBD
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Probable air date: TBA
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Story focus: Tunnel discoveries in Nogales
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Probable tone/angle: Neutral

The source of the interview will be the recent Press Release detailing the discovery of the 126th Cross-Border Tunnel discovery in the Nogales, Arizona area.

- Tucson Sector agents and Mexico's Guardia Nacional located the tunnel's entrance in the floor of the existing Grand Avenue Drainage System in Mexico.

- The tunnel, located approximately 580 yards west of the DeConcini Port of Entry, is hand-dug with no shoring, ventilation or lighting.

- The tunnel runs approximately 15-20 feet underground at its deepest point and extends approximately 30 feet from beginning to end, where the cartel left it incomplete.

- U.S. authorities will continuously monitor the area until they remediate the tunnel.

- This is the 126th tunnel discovered in the Tucson Sector since 1990 and the second discovered mid-completion this fiscal year.

- Efforts such as tunnel sweeps aim to disrupt smuggling organizations and prevent the smuggling of narcotics and humans across the border.

3/3: (b)(6) CMG Atlanta has requested a media engagement with Tucson Sector regarding drug tunnels. Response: Pending TCA scheduling

Deadline: 4/5 Broadcast: 4/23 Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/3: (b)(6) Type Investigations, queried AZ CBP on how many and what types of plants are being moved and being affected at Organ Pipe National Monument. Response: Pending Wall Task Force input.

Deadline: 3/6 Publication: 3/8 Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/3: Vertical Valor magazine is completing an article and photospread on the San Diego Air and Marine Branch, similar to the project they just completed on the Yuma Air

Branch: https://assets.verticalmag.com/digital/2020/Valor_Winter/index.html The project is approved by AMO HQ and will proceed over the month of March.

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

3/2: Reporter (b)(6) with Univision wanted to meet with San Diego Sector Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and interview him regarding the dangers of crossing in light of recent deaths in the mountain and in the ocean. Reporter asked for 3/3. Checking Chief's availability.

3/3: Held interview. Basic questions on challenges observed in SDC, dangers of crossing, processing of UAC, and countries of interest. Positive coverage expected. Should air this week on Univision.

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

3/2: Reporter (b)(6) with the Voice of America wanted to do a human-interest piece on Division Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (San Diego Union Tribune did a piece). He declined but we have Acting Deputy Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) willing to provide her perspective on being an agent, changes she has seen over the years, presently challenges, etc. It would be videotaped and would occur during a drive along the border. Proposed date is 3/11.

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

3/2: The Intercept reporter (b)(6) is writing about an asylum seeking MPP family that was caught in limbo Friday between the two MPP decisions. An attorney representing the family was unable to locate them but eventually did after conferring with CBP OFO leadership at the port. The attorney shared email correspondence between her and the port with the reporter. Reporter is asking for confirmation and additional content related to the matter. OPA provided the following locally cleared statement: CBP is precluded from confirming or discussing individual asylum cases for privacy reasons. All cases are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please direct your EOIR questions to EOIR. Negative tone anticipated.

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

3/2: OPA/EI Paso handled numerous media inquiries Friday night/Saturday morning regarding temporary closure of the El Paso POE Friday night and into Saturday. OPA shared two tweets about the closure and also the following statement. "CBP officers stopped the flow of northbound traffic at the Paso Del Norte bridge at approximately 7:20 p.m. Friday in an effort to eliminate the ability for a large group of migrants that had formed on the Mexican side of the border to illegally and forcefully surge through the ports of entry. This step helps CBP ensure safety of travelers, facilities and CBP employees. It is anticipated that the facility will remain closed until Saturday morning. Other crossings in El Paso remain open." There was limited speculation that it was coronavirus linked but OPA advised that it was not.

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

3/2: (b)(6) Reuters News Service, inquired about the trend of UACs presenting at the Brownsville Port of Entry, if we have seen this, did we have any stats on UACs and inquired about specific cases involving two UACs. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt., drafted the following RTQ, which met with their concurrence:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP does not discuss individual cases for privacy reasons. Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. CBP determines whether an alien is amenable for the Migrant Protection Protocols on a case-by-case basis.

The Fiscal Year to Date 2020 statistics we have available on unaccompanied alien children are found here:

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/ofo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

Statistics are not broken down below the Field Office level.

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

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

2/20: (b)(6) /The Intercept is working a story on fatal vehicle wreck that occurred in El Paso January 29. The vehicle involved was fleeing from USBP after agents spotted the driver load a group of aliens that had just crossed the border. Moments after fleeing the pickup location the agent came upon the crash site in south El Paso. The reporter claims that she spoke to a BPA who witnessed a portion of the pursuit and heard the rest of it play out on agency radios. The unnamed agent claims BP was operating at a high rate of speed and driver was unfamiliar with El Paso implying that BP caused the wreck. She is also asking about general pursuit policy and if any discipline has been administered. EPPD did issue a news release when the event occurred citing the fatality and that the driver was arrested for multiple charges including drunk driving. Deadline is Friday. Negative tone anticipated.

2/28 UPDATE: Article posted <https://theintercept.com/2020/02/28/border-patrol-el-paso-texas-car-chase/>

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

2/27: San Diego Union Tribune journalist (b)(6) is working on a long-form explainer piece that shows how people move through the immigration court system after arriving at the border. As a part of this story (b)(6) requested a pen and pad tour of the port of entry for herself and the paper's graphic designer, to include the holding and processing areas of the port of entry (as it is one portion of the process.) The tour will take place Thursday, Feb. 27.

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

2/27: Albuquerque Journal reporter (b)(6) is writing about border wall construction in the state of New Mexico. He is looking for basic factual material to include completed/ongoing projects, funding sources, contractors, etc. OPA working with border wall task force to provide answers.

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

2/27: Newsy reporter/anchor (b)(6) is in El Paso and requesting a Border Patrol ride along. He wants to do a story on the current immigration crisis and what has changed in the last year. He may be trying to tie this to the super Tuesday election which includes Texas. Border Patrol considering.

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

1/22: (b)(6) Wall to Wall Productions, & (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) CBP OPA, contacted CBP AZ to plan a documentary film shoot in Tucson with all three components on approximately March 2, 2020. The production is an educational program for National Geographic on the history of the drug crisis in America. It will be historically focused on the drug wars of 1911, but framed by today's current drug crisis. Planning and coordination to follow. (b)(6) would like to spend time with Tucson Air Branch, the Port of Nogales, and BP in Tucson and/or Nogales, to see drug seizures, smuggling tunnels, air interdictions, and horse patrol if possible.

Deadline: March 2020 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

3/3: National NBC reporter (b)(6) spoke with the Chicago Field Office (CFO) concerning past seizures of counterfeit Juul products. It was explained how experienced CBP officers are exceptional at spotting counterfeits, how vital CEE's are and the role they play, and our work with other government agencies. Pictures from recent seizures within CFO were shared. Tone: Positive

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

3/3: (b)(6) reporter for the Miami Herald, queried reports in Puerto Rico about the allegations from a YouTube video placed by a Social media personality (b)(6) who alleges that a CBP officer sexually assaulted her last week before she was denied entry into the country. The reporter shared the post <https://www.meganoticias.cl/tendencias/293435> (b)(6) puerto-rico-que-le-paso-instagram.html. A short statement was provided. Negative tone expected. "CBP does not tolerate inappropriate behavior or misconduct, and any such conduct does not reflect our values of vigilance, integrity and professionalism. We strongly advise travelers to file a formal complaint so alleged misconduct is properly investigated."

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

3/3: (b)(6) reporter for the St. Croix Avis requested more information and WKAQ 580 Radio contacted OPA for a live radio interview regarding a CBP news release on the seizure of 1724 pounds of cocaine and of \$1.3 million dollars in two separate incidents. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/us-border-patrol-fura-seize-1724-pounds-cocaine-and-13-million-two> Positive tone.

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

3/2: FOX24 anchor (b)(6) to feature CBP in Charleston, S.C. for an on the job at seaport. Taping with OFO leadership, officers and specialists occurred in late February covering an overview of operations and career opportunity's with CBP. Tone: Positive Airing: March 2

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/2: Editor with Noonsite, a marine association website requesting information for private vessels entering into the US and the COVID-19 concern. Per our EOC, redirected to USCG Dist. 7 "private vessels (marine) will fall under U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIB) guidance, in coordination with CDC."

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

3/2: (b)(6) NBC News Investigations Producer, reached out to OPA Puerto Rico interested in doing a piece on CBP seizures of counterfeit juuls/vapes. Pending a call on background for some context on the topic. Final production of the piece TBD.

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

2/28: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) secured imagery of OFO Canine Enforcement Officer at the Buffalo port of entry warehouse regarding a children's-section piece on K9s for the New York Times, as a freelance reporter. An educational story on law enforcement (LE) K9s and what they provide to LE agencies. Publication is expected on Mar. 29. Tone: Neutral-Educational

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

2/25: Associated Press Correspondent (b)(6) conducted an interview with Swanton Sector CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Houlton Sector (a)CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding cross-border activity in the northeast region. The genesis for the interview was a FOIA request the reporter received for data for Present Without Admission from Canada (PWAC) broken down by sector, year and nationality for the last 5 fiscal years. Since the reporter had all the data, OPA felt it was in CBP's best interest to engage the reporter to provide appropriate context to the numbers. The reporter was most interested in the increase in PWAC numbers and the existence of TCOs along the northern border—specifically the Swanton and Houlton Sectors. Tone is expected to be positive. Publish date: TBD

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

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/27/2020 11:57:08 AM
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: PAG for Operation SUB zERO

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

I obtained the PAG for ICE and incorporated it into our PAG (attached). The specific ICE talking points, which the Commissioner can hit on, are below. Will distribute if you concur.

(b)(5)

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ
CBP Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

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Message

From:

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Subject:

FW: NY Times Request for HARP Briefing Today

Slightly revised with (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) caught typos corrected:

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 12:04 PM

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Subject: Re: NY Times Request for HARP Briefing Today

Do they have specific questions they want answered?

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

(A) Deputy Chief of Staff - Policy

OC/CBP/DHS

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

On Nov 8, 2019, at 11:01 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

All,

The goal here is to ensure that NYT has background and understanding of what the HARP pilot is and what it isn't in an effort to rein in the narrative before it takes off.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/trump-administration-testing-rapid-asylum-review-deportation-process-in-texas/2019/10/24/caa91a62-f5d8-11e9-a285-882a8e386a96_story.html

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/hamedaleaziz/asylum-pilot-program-border-mexico-deport-trump>

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-shift/2019/11/07/irap-contra-782128>

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Subject: Re: NY Times Request for HARP Briefing Today

I'm out of the office today.

I would also need to clear my participation with OFO leadership and OCC.

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

Director, Enforcement Programs Division
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On Nov 8, 2019, at 11:23 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good Morning, Sir:

(b)(6), the homeland security reporter for the *New York Times*, contacted OPA this morning to request information about HARP. Would you or another official within APP be available for a 10-15 minute telephone conversation with (b)(6) (b)(6) this afternoon? The conversation would be on background and not be for attribution. OPA is prepared to staff the interview and coordinate logistics.

Many thanks,

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

Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 12/11/2019 12:24:00 PM
To: DailyExecutiveMediaReport (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: Daily Executive Media Report: December 11

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

1. **This Week:** Tentative C2 in NYC w/Media
2. **Today:** Chief Rodney Scott with (b)(6) (Fox Business - Evening Edit). Topic of discussion will be drug seizures.
3. **Today:** (b)(6) (NPR) will interview DXD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on background re: land acquisition for the wall.
4. **Tomorrow:** RGV Chief Karisch will conduct an interview with (b)(6) (MSNBC) at the Donna Wall construction site, re: current wall construction and the force multiplier that it will bring to the border security equation.
5. **Thursday:** (b)(6) (NYT) will be in south Texas for a story about the wall. *RGV 101 ride along and interview with ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)*
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7. **Friday:** Chief Hastings will conduct an interview on "Rising" (Hill.TV) to discuss the November stats.
8. **This Week:** (b)(6) (WaPo - Immigration) will be in El Paso, looking for a ride along and interview with a principal.
9. **Highlight:**
 - *USMCA implementation signed by US, Mexico and Canada yesterday... still needs to be ratified by legislatures of all three countries.*
 - *Protestor arrests made in San Diego yesterday evening...defer to CISA.*
 - *El Paso Border Wall Injunction...defer to DOJ*

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
December 11, 2019**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned. The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

HEADQUARTERS:

UPDATE 12/10: OPA facilitated a background interview with CNN's (b)(6) about CBP's response / acceptance of flu preparation recommendations made in a January 2019 report from the CDC. The questions came following Congressional testimony today from CDC's Dr (b)(6). Reporter also requested a visit to facilities to see improvements first-hand. OPA will work with BP to determine feasibility.

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

11/28: Writing for ProPublica, reporters (b)(6) have asked for information to explain the sequence of events the night (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) 16, died while in CBP custody. The reporters have collected numerous documents, photos and video from the Weslaco Police Department. DHS OIG currently has the lead in the investigation. OPA drafted a response and forwarded to DHS OPA for response. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 2.

UPDATE: DHS provided input // Comment to go out Tuesday morning.

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

Enforcement:

12/10: CBS reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about a Honduran asylum seeker and his son being separated due to an alleged speech impediment on the father and the reasons separation may occur.

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

12/10: CNN reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about the Commissioner's statement that CBP has seen an increase in 'extra-continental' aliens.

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

12/10: The Guardian reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about the group of doctors who visited Chula Vista Station to ask to vaccinate detainees.

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

12/6: Voice of America reporter (b)(6) inquired about CBP's vaccination policies and the death of C.G.H. Vasquez for a story she is writing about vaccinations.

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

12/6: The Hill reporter (b)(6) published a story about the Mexican fence climbers in El Centro. Story was updated with El Centro twitter video.

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

12/3: (b)(6) of The Guardian published a story about the Department of the Interior detailing personnel to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

12/2: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) published a story about a Reforma/Dallas Morning News poll of 1,000 Mexicans in all 32 states. The results displayed 68% believed the border wall would not deter illegal crossings.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) asked for a copy of a "letter" or communication between CBP and OPM prior to family separations beginning; the communication is mentioned within an OIG report released last week. OPA is researching, but indications is this would not be a publically releasable inter-agency communication.

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

12/2: Nextgov Senior Tech Writer (b)(6) is preparing a story on the DHS OIG report titled "DHS Lacked Technology Needed to Successfully Account for Separated Migrant Families." Reporter requested CBP comment. OPA directed reporter to DHS.

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

11/27: Vox reporter (b)(6) published a story on southwest border ports of entry queue management in regards to Mexican nationals presenting themselves for asylum.

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

11/27: (b)(6) of The Guardian inquired about the number of Department of the Interior personnel detailing to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

11/18: The WSJ's (b)(6) queried OPA about for comment on a story about court case terminations by judges in San Diego and what happens to migrants after their case is terminated. Expected negative coverage.

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

HRM/Workforce/OPR:

12/10: (b)(6) of USA Today interviewed Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the USBP contract with Professional Bull Riding.

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

11/27: Bloomberg Law reporter (b)(6) requested information on our OSHA standings among other government organizations as reported here https://www.osha.gov/dep/fap/statistics/Q4_FY2019.xlsx. OPA provided a statement approved by HRM.

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

11/27: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) requested information on internal or external reporting of sexual assaults within CBP from 2013-2014. Reporter ran story but will print update when additional info is provided.

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

11/26: PBS Frontline reporter (b)(6) requested information on staffing numbers, and attrition and has requested an interview. OPA is working with HRM front office to schedule an interview with AC Bright the week of Dec. 9.

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

11/26: CBS News Producer (b)(6) is looking to do a story on the next Rodeo recruitment event. OPA is working with HRM to inform the reporter of the next rodeo event.

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

Travel:

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12/11: [Update] On 12/11, CNBC Airline Reporter (b)(6) will interview OFO DEAC Wagner on background. The interview is intended to help (b)(6) identify key security and travel issues to cover in 2020. (b)(6) expressed particular interest in the biometric entry-exit program as well as new and/or significant security threats in the air environment. OPA is coordinating briefing materials with OFO. Reporter has no immediate plans to publish.

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

12/10: [Update] Reuters immigration reporter (b)(6) is tentatively scheduled to interview OFO leadership on the biometric entry-exit program. The request was prompted by inaccurate media reports that CBP would require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. (b)(6) seeks to better understand the Congressional biometric entry-exit mandate, CBP's approach to fulfilling that mandate, and whether/how that approach affects requirements for U.S. citizens entering and exiting the country. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/10: Harper's Magazine assistant editor (b)(6) is preparing an article about evangelical pastors in Brazil for publication in February 2020. (b)(6) sought to verify claims that one of the pastors was recently refused entry to the United States due to visa issues. OPA responded that it cannot provide information about specific individuals for privacy reasons and shared approved background concerning admissibility.

12/10: Reporter (b)(6) of KUOW (Seattle's NPR station) requests a copy of a letter sent by OFO to the Port of Seattle regarding biometric entry-exit. The letter would inform a follow-up piece to (b)(6) November 2019 coverage of the expansion of the biometric entry-exit program, to Seattle. Reporter did not provide deadline. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/9: [Update] Washington Post editorial writer (b)(6) interviewed OFO DEAC John Wagner on the biometric entry-exit program on 12/6. The interview was prompted by inaccurate media reports that CBP would require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. DEAC Wagner indicated that CBP has no plans

to institute such a requirement, reviewed the biometric entry-exit program's built-in privacy protections and expressed full confidence in the accuracy of CBP's biometric facial comparison technology. Editorial was published on 12/7/2019.

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

12/5: NBC technology correspondent (b)(6) requested CBP comment on *Doc Society v. Pompeo*, a lawsuit filed to contest the State Department's collection of social media identifiers during the visa vetting process. CBP replied with standard language indicating that the agency does not as a matter of policy comment on pending litigation.

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

12/4: [Update] OPA contacted more than 40 news organizations on 12/5 and 12/6 to request corrections to inaccurate stories claiming that CBP plans to require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. The claims were prompted by an ACLU statement on a dated item in the Unified Agenda that reads: "DHS is proposing to amend the regulations to provide that all travelers, including U.S. citizens, may be required to be photographed upon entry or departure." ABC, NBC, CNN, FOX, Washington Post and most other outlets corrected their stories or indicated that they would write follow-up articles. Tone has been predominantly negative.

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

12/3: [Update] CBS Transportation Correspondent (b)(6) requests to visit and film at a SWB POE at which CBP has implemented biometric facial comparison technology. Visit would occur in January 2020. (b)(6) is expected to cover traveler experience and privacy concerns, but also expressed interest in law enforcement results. OPA is working with OFO to determine possibilities for a visit to Nogales POE. Segment will air in January or February 2020. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/3: (b)(6) the producer of the BBC programme *Factual*, requests a written CBP statement for a feature on fake ESTA websites that will air between 6-17 January in the UK. The feature is not intended to be critical of the ESTA process, but rather to highlight the problem posed by fake websites and scams. OPA is working with the OFO ESTA PMO to provide a statement by the reporter's deadline of 12/4. Tone is expected to be positive.

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

12/2: NBC Tech Correspondent (b)(6) Washington Post Tech Correspondent (b)(6), and TechCrunch Senior Editor (b)(6) are preparing stories about a proposed final rule concerning CBP's collection of biometric entry-exit data from U.S. citizens. The proposed rule was published in the unified agenda on November 25. Reporters want to know why CBP is proposing the rule and whether U.S. citizens will be able to continue to opt-out from the biometric facial comparison process at ports of entry. OPA is coordinating a response with OFO.

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

12/2: Telemundo DC Bureau Chief (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the implementation of biometric facial comparison technology along the southwest border. OPA coordinated a statement with OFO and provided it to (b)(6). Piece may broadcast this week. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2] On 11/27, KUOW, the NPR station in Seattle, broadcast excerpts of an interview with OFO DEAC John Wagner on the implementation of biometric facial comparison at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. CBP requested and received several corrections to the text article that KUOW published to its website alongside the audio broadcast. Tone of coverage was neutral.

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

11/26: The *Taiwan Apple Daily News* contacted the American Institute in Taiwan (our *de facto* Embassy) and OPA requesting clarification about use of the People's Republic of China flag on the updated ESTA website. OPA is preparing a response with OPA and INA. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2]: Consumer advocate and Washington Post contributor (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the impact of biometric facial comparison technology on air travelers. OPA and OFO reviewed and commented upon an advance copy of the article, which heavily emphasizes privacy concerns and includes extensive, often speculative quotes from opponents of the technology. Article is expected to publish in early 2020. Tone is negative.

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

11/25: (b)(6) of *The West Australian* is publishing a story about a boarding denial involving an elderly Australian couple bound for the United States. The paper alleges that the couple lost \$50,000 due to the incident and asked if CBP would reimburse them. OPA provided a statement reiterating that Visa Waiver Program travelers need valid ESTAs prior

to travel, that it is incumbent upon the traveler to ensure that their ESTA remains valid, and that travelers who feel they have been unduly inconvenienced may seek redress via DHS TRIP. Tone is expected to be negative.

11/21: [Update] *New York Times* national immigration correspondent (b)(6) is preparing a story on visa overstays. Her angle is that overstays defy the image of undocumented immigrants, whom Americans believe come exclusively over the SWB. Reporter interviewed DEAC Wagner on 11/21. Wagner emphasized CBP's commitment to implementing the Congressional biometric entry/exit mandate; walked the reporter step-by-step through the process CBP currently uses to identify overstays; and described CBP's vision a nationwide biometric entry/exit system that secures and facilitates lawful travel while respecting the privacy of all travelers. Reporter indicated that she plans to focus on overstays issue in lieu of technological and privacy aspects of CBP's biometric entry/exit efforts. Reporter expects to publish this weekend. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

Trade / Ag:

12/2: Natural Products Insider Reporter (b)(6) queried OPR about the guidance given to customs officers regarding trade regulations / HTS codes for Hemp products. Working response with OT.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) queried OPA about the implementation of possible steel / aluminum tariffs against Brazil. OPA referred reporter to USTR and is researching.

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

11/18: (b)(6), a reporter with WSHU News/NPR Long Island's NPR station asked for comments for story about Sen. Chuck Schumer calling for the ban of Chinese-made over-the-counter meds in Dollar Trees and Family Dollar stores. OPA provided verbiage on how the agency enforces import and trade regulations from over 40 agencies, including the FDA, from previously approved language.

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

11/8: Travel & Leisure magazine will visit JFK Terminal 4 on Thursday, November 14 to do a feature piece on the 'Day in the Life of a Beagle'. They will capture b-roll of the Beagle Brigade conducting inspections, working among the passengers and interviewing/speaking with the handler.

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

Update 11/4: Reuters reporter (b)(6) is doing a long-story on mis-labeling of merchandise for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility. Background interview held on 9/12 and OT will present options case study and port visit.

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

Update 11/4: Bloomberg's (b)(6) is writing longer piece on AD/CVD and tariff evasion. Preliminary background completed the end of August. Reporter is interested in a specific case which should be adjudicated in November. OPA and OT are working follow-on discussions and possible itinerary for a visit to LA/Long Beach.

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

Technology:

11/20: OPA, working closely with representatives from DHS S&T, USPIS, and ONDCP, helped draft a Media Advisory to be released Thursday, that announces the Winner of the Opioid Detection Challenge, scheduled for 12 December at a TSA lab facility outside Atlantic City, NJ. C2 and several Port Directors will be present, alongside several other agency representatives, and members of Congress. OCA has been working with the Innovation Office on invitations to the Hill.

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

11/20: Aviation International News (b)(6) seeks an update on AMO airframe inventory after the announcement of the C550 late last week. OPA responded with a statement, previously used in a similar RTQ last week.

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

11/18: OPA received a media query from Vice Media's Technology Section: Motherboard's (b)(6) who is seeking details concerning leaked documents from a company called, "Sayari," that specializes in data. OPA's coordinated response: "CBP uses a broad range of government and commercial data to support and enhance our border security and facilitation missions. Sayari is but one example of commercially available data used by CBP to better understand and assess the flows of people and goods entering and exiting the United States." Story published 11/19:

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne8pmm/activist-leaks-files-from-data-broker-sayari-for-demoing-ice

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

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

New Items

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

12/10 (b)(6) AP Reporter assigned to Southwest Border, says he will be posting his story about Brazilians trying to get into US tonight or tomorrow. He says we will be surprised at the level of detail he has obtained. He wasn't able to get reporters sent to Brazil to help, but says he talked to everyone including cabbies and hotel clerks. I think the story will be positive from our perspective – merely highlighting that Brazilians have become a major group since last year, right behind Mexicans.

He'll probably talk about cartels changing their SOP since MPP and other programs have blocked their primary customers. He researched numbers heavily from past three years in order to show trend.

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

12/10: (b)(6) from New York Times. Agents took (b)(6) to Sasabe and to rescue beacons near Sasabe, AZ. The main topic of discussion was BSI topics and rescues within Tucson Sector. Deadline: 12/10 Publication: TBD Tone: neutral Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: Telemundo. LivU interview regarding tunnel discovery in Nogales. Topics covered basic questions regarding the press release posted on cbp website Deadline: 12/10 Publication: 12/10 tone: neutral Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: Univision National. Standup interview at border fence in Nogales regarding Nogales tunnel discovery posted cbp website. Deadline: 12/10 Publication: 12/10 tone: neutral Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10 (b)(6) with Az Public Radio contacted Tucson Sector Public affairs office requesting an interview about the tunnel discovered in Nogales. BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted an interview over the phone.
Tone: neutral Deadline: 12/10 Airdate: 12/10 Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: News Anchor (b)(6) with KVOA (Tucson NBC affiliate) requested an interview with Tucson Sector Public Affairs Office about apprehension numbers and the two recently discovered tunnels in Nogales. (A)SBPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted the interview via LiveU at the TCA FCB studio. Tone: neutral Airdate: 12/10/19 Deadline: 12/10/2019 Lead: (A)SBPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9 (b)(6) AP Phoenix, requested details on tunnel discovered 12/8 with associated arrests. Deadline: 12/9 story Broadcast: unk Tone: Neutral Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9 (b)(6) Senior reporter, National Post (Toronto) (b)(6) requested higher resolution video and photos of Dec 5 Nogales tunnel. Photos and Video were shot with cell phone and we do not have high res files.
Deadline: 12/9 story Broadcast: unk Tone: Neutral Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: St. Louis NBC affiliate will be heading to DRT to do a Middle-America story about CBP and the border. They have a (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in sector whose brother is a firefighter in Kansas City and whose father is a retired Missouri State Highway Patrolman. Dates to be determined, itinerary to be determined.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9 (b)(6) (Fox Business "Primetime") contacted El Paso and Big Bend Sectors. She is interested in researching and possibly visiting border patrol and detention facilities for an inside look. This would involve a few short interview with agents, and a camera crew taking video of the facilities (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told her that we do not take news crews into BP facilities, but can arrange ride-alongs and interviews. Also said El Paso Sector could arrange tours/interviews in early January, due to prior commitments and shortage of personnel between now and 20 December. CBP OPA should let us know if this is high enough priority that we may want to ask BP to shift other engagements; however, Chief/Directors are also planning to be out during this period. Tentative for **January 6-10**.
Leads (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Tone: Expected Positive

12/9: Tucson Sector Chief Roy Villareal is scheduled to appear live on **December 10** during the Fox10 Phoenix morning show, to discuss the recently released November statistics. The Interview (via LiveU) will also touch on other topics such as the recent discovery of a 2nd cross-border tunnel in Nogales, Ariz. Tone: Positive Air Date: 12/10 Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) /SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9: TCA CPA Roy Villareal will take part in a telephonic interview with News923KTAR Arizona's Morning News with (b)(6)
(b)(6) The interview will focus on the most recent release of November Apprehension statistics. The live interview may also touch on the issues of Border Wall construction/MPP.
Tone: Positive Air Date: **December 10**
Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) /SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9: KGNS-TV (NBC-Laredo) reporters (b)(6) inquired about reports of a possible bridge closure due to reports of a group of African migrants wanting to rush the port. An MFF drill was held this afternoon at Laredo Port of Entry. Provided previously approved RTQ statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: CBP is charged with facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel while upholding our national border security mission. Balancing these demands, keeping illicit goods and people out of the country, and managing the influx of those seeking asylum requires a careful balance of our resources and space.

The periodic implementation of Mobile Field Force exercises and utilization of queue management points, helps CBP to manage traffic flow while effectively eliminating the ability for a large group of migrants to illegally and forcefully surge through the Ports of Entry. These steps help us to ensure everyone's safety and security, to include travelers, asylum seekers, business stakeholders and our own employees.

CBP's mission is to secure our nation's borders and these measures allow us to do just that.

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

12/10: Hidalgo PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will host a media academy at Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas Port of Entry, explaining CBP's border security mission in the passenger and cargo environments, PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will address the November 2019 OFO and

Laredo Field Office Inadmissibles data during the academy. Participating outlets include: Televisa Reynosa, KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KVEO-TV (NBC-RGV), The Monitor, KTLM-TV (Telemundo-RGV), KNVO-TV (Univision-RGV).

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

12/9: (b)(6) Del Rio (TX) News-Herald, interviewed Del Rio Sector DCPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and BPA Trainee (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) rendering assistance to injured motorists he encountered en route to Del Rio to enter on duty as a new agent. DCPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also amplified AC1 messaging.

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

12/6: (b)(6) reporter with NBCUniversal, requested an update on his request for a ride along with YUM PAO and an interview with CPA Porvaznik. He was advised we would not be able to accommodate his requests.

Anticipated tone: Negative Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: YUM PAO has submitted a video for release, of an incident from earlier this week that resulted in the seizure of \$617K worth of marijuana. Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: KUAT TV (Arizona PBS) has requested a visit next week to the Port of Nogales. They are interested in several topics to include MPP & wait times. Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Media Engagements - Outstanding

12/5: (b)(6) KVIA TV El Paso is trying to develop a story on IPR enforcement. OPA working with El Paso POE to set up an opportunity where he can film parcel exams and speak to a SME on the topic.

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

11/25: Epoch Times Reporter (b)(6) from KYMA to ride along with BORSTAR during (b)(7)(E) in Yuma.

Deadline: 11/27 Broadcast: 11/27 Tone: Neutral

Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: (b)(6) with Zeta newspaper in Tijuana is doing a story on fentanyl and requested a phone interview to get a CBP official's perspective on the challenges, dangers and statistics of what we have seen at San Diego ports. AD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would conduct the interview. Reporter also requested to have a photographer take b-roll at a port.

12/2: Interview conducted 11/27. /covering basic smugglers' tactics, dangers in handling, opioid epidemic community impact. Story not yet posted [here](#).

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

11/25: In response to a request from (b)(6) Laredo Morning Times, for an interview regarding what CBP Laredo Field Office is doing to facilitate trade at Port Laredo, ADFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Trade Operations, Laredo Field Office, conducted a phone interview and spoke about facilitation measures including a Donations Acceptance Program to develop FAST lanes outside of the import lot at World Trade Bridge, facilitation of agricultural commodities in coordination with SAGARPA officers posted at Colombia Solidarity Bridge, processing arriving shipments in about 38 minutes, plans for arrival of new NII imaging systems in Laredo and Brownsville and plans for placement of NII equipment in pre-primary areas in the coming years. Expected rundate: TBD, expected tone: positive.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with ABC 10 News wants to do a story surrounding recent report on the use of a remote control drone car to drive packages of meth across the border and past use of air drone and also the use of ultralight aircraft. Looking at 11/25.

11/26: SDC is in standby mode as reporter has not yet confirmed her availability.

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

11/20: (b)(6) a publisher with The Carmel Pine Cone out of Pacific Grove Calif., will be in the San Diego area on December 3rd and asked to photograph the wall areas which he covered back in the 1980's when he was a reporter. SDC will support and provide him their Then & Now narrative.

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

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for January

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

11/19: CBP OPA, DHS OPA and DoS are working on an engagement for State involving 10-12 Central American Journalists (3-4 crews) to highlight what has changed along the border. They will be producing video content about what has changed along the border. Timeframe is late December, early January. Tentatively they will be on the ground in the RGV and another city, possibly El Paso for a total of 4 days. All interviews with principals and SMEs will be in Spanish. It is anticipated that each crew will interview independently. On the north side they will interview CBP about what has changed (MPP, and other programs), on the south side, they will talk about the human stories of people waiting and exploitation by the smugglers. They also request to film the boarding of an ENV flight.

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

11/6: (b)(6) Telemundo Network, re-upped her request to ride along with Border Patrol agents in a Southern border area and had placed a specific interest in seeing processing facilities and access to immigration hearing facilities. I deferred to PAOs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding bandwidth and local mgmt. concurrence to support/accommodate a ride along request currently and to advise what such a ride along request would or would not entail. Advised that we are keeping her request to have access to a MPP immigration hearing facility on file, would advise of any future opportunities and provided CBP-approved RTQ statement regarding media access to MPP immigration hearing facilities.

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

10/23: (b)(6) New York Times Magazine, queried Tucson Sector Border Patrol for a media engagement to discuss migrant deaths in the SW deserts. (b)(6) is working closely with the Pima County Medical Examiner on his story.

11/6: the report will concentrate on what happens when BP finds remains and the ruggedness of terrain/dangers of illegal immigrants making this journey. The story will be about a deceased migrant and the migrant's life from his/her original home country to how his/her life ended. The reporter has plans of speaking with the family of the migrant for the story. TCA FCB proposes taking (b)(6) to Sasabe or Lukeville to show him the terrain and distances some illegal aliens traverse. TCA will focus on BSI talking points.

Deadline: **Oct 28** Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/21: (b)(6) Aftonbladet newspaper, Stockholm, Sweden and photographer (b)(6) request to join a border patrol to do a story on their work to secure the border. The story will be text/stills and also some TV. The story is highly interesting for a Swedish audience since we have the same issues with migration in Europe. I have followed patrols securing EU borders in Greece and Bulgaria.

They would like to join for two or three nights in **Jan 2020**.

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

Media Engagements - Completed

11/6: (b)(6) Washington Correspondent for The Economist would like to do a ride-along to include the urban/El Paso area with new bollard wall and areas in NM with new bollard wall and locations where construction is currently underway. OPA will determine if the Sector Chief is available to provide a Sector overview and/or join the ride along. The reporter mentioned speaking to Congressman Hurd who has been a proponent of small border technology instead of physical infrastructure so that may come up. Availability next week is in the afternoon of **Nov 13th or 14th**. May not have time to take him out to new construction area.

11/29: Follow-up call w/XD Singleton Monday, December 2 @ 10:30 AM (telephonic)

11/20: Arranging national follow-up with Chief Martin or DXD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Monday. Coordination phone call today.

11/19: Arranging a follow-up engagement with Chief Martin or Dep Exec Dir (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on wall from a national perspective. Tentatively Nov 25/26.

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

10/10: (b)(6) (FoxNation) has requested a ride along in the RGV for a special in January. Filming for the engagement will occur sometime in First Week of December. OPA is working with USBP, OFO, and AMO to determine locations and topics. Expected to air in January.

11/19: Schedule changed slightly, they will be in RGV for **Dec 4 - 6**.

10/16: Scheduled for December 5 & 6. Routine ground, marine, and aviation ride-longs responding to traffic. No processing. Interview with Chief Karisch or designee.

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

12/4: (b)(6) KABB-TV (Fox – San Antonio), requested a statement regarding a story she is working on about a San Antonio man whose vehicle was reportedly seized after his girlfriend answered a Craigslist ad to drive two illegal aliens, and was ultimately arrested at a Del Rio Sector checkpoint. Unable to verify the case, OPA provided the following statement: attribute to a CBP spokesperson:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *Assisting illegal aliens in entering or continuing their journey into the United States, to include transporting and housing, is a felony. U.S. Border Patrol agents are constantly on the look-out for people who are assisting transnational criminal organizations in their smuggling endeavors. These organizations use various means to recruit drivers and caretakers, including social media and word of mouth. They often offer quick cash and downplay the dangers involved. Do not be fooled by these smugglers. If someone is arrested and charged with alien smuggling they face up to 10 years in prison under 8 USC 1324.*

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

11/14: YUM PAO provided a border tour and several stand up interviews to reporter (b)(6) with German Public Radio. We discussed the current situation in YUM and the crisis that we have been experiencing the past year.

Air date: TBD

Tone: Positive/Neutral

Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/19: Breitbart News six-member crew full meal deal tour tentatively anticipated for week of November 4-8, two days in Laredo (November 5 & 6), two days in RGV (November 7 & 8). Draft itineraries have been circulated amid OFO, USBP, AMO PALS and respective leadership. Tour dates pending confirmation with AMO, USBP partners.

11/13: Laredo portion cancelled due to weather. Crew will travel to RGV and return to Laredo in two weeks.

11/12: Del Rio Sector portion completed. Plans for a boat tour were cancelled due to weather. Engagement consisted of interview at Eagle Pass Station with Del Rio Sector Division Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Eagle Pass PAIC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Assistant Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); and a visit to the Eagle Pass checkpoint. In addition to the six-member Breitbart crew, two Sirius XM personnel were along to gather audio for Patriot Radio.

11/5: Due to late development/USBP senior executive travel in the Laredo area, the ride along originally scheduled with U.S. Border Patrol in the Laredo Sector AOR has shifted to Del Rio Sector, (b)(7)(E) Station AOR for Nov. 12. The rest of the Laredo, RGV itinerary remains intact. PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) organized a conference call where this was discussed with Breitbart and all is good to go. An interview with JTF-West Director Manny Padilla is scheduled in San Antonio for 11/11.

10/21: Engagement now scheduled for the week of **Nov 11-15**.

Laredo Port of Entry mgmt. indicated concurrence with filming date on afternoon of Nov. 6. Laredo Sector Border Patrol advises that there will be a 15-member STAFFDEL on Nov. 5 and is asking to delay to the following week.

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

9/12: (b)(6) is looking to do a 90 minute piece for Fox Nation on "What's behind the headlines" of what is occurring along the border. Correspondent (b)(6)/crew will travel to the Rio Grande Valley to highlight the real issues which CBP and the Border Patrol are dealing with. She will cover

- (1) the cartels behind whats happening,
- (2) Mexico's efforts to stem the flow of Central Americans, and
- (3) the role of CBP.

The 22 minute piece will revolve around an engagement with C1 and highlight CBPs efforts to combat human smuggling as well as human and narcotics trafficking. Highlighting the cartels view of the migrants as simply another form of commodity.

10/9: Crew will be out with RGV Horse Patrol today.

10/7: Filming scheduled for **October 9-11 and 16-18**. The commissioner is expected to be on the ground in RGV. October 17-18.

9/19: RGV and Laredo OPA and USBP are coordinating on the ground.

9/19: Engagement will be October 7-20.

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

Requests for Information/Statement/Other

12/3: Reporter (b)(6) with the San Diego Union Tribune inquired about access and arrests at an area called Friendship Circle located along the border near the Pacific Ocean. He was provided background information on the area. His story is expected to center around an undocumented immigrant who says he was arrested there last year while visiting his mother. The area is not an "immigration free zone" as some may think.

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

12/3: Responded to inquiries from multiple outlets, including KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), Texas Public Radio, Buzzfeed and Brownsville Herald on reports of large numbers of Mexican asylum seekers being processed at Brownsville Port of Entry recently, asking whether the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has been implemented in Brownsville. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA, HQ OFO Enforcement programs and responded with the following response language approved by HQ OFO Enforcement Programs:

Attributable to a CBP official: What has been seen in Brownsville recently are ebbs and flows in migration patterns; the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has not been implemented in that location. CBP continually experiences varying trends with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law. As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but all claims are handled on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases.

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

12/3: Forbes Magazine reporter: (b)(6) calls Yuma Sector to ask if Deployed Resources built the MPP facilities in Yuma and also maintains them. YUM Confirmed.

Deadline: 12/3 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral Lead: SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/3: KVOA reporter: (b)(6) requested a statement to the recent closure of some lanes at the Port of Nogales. TFO PAL: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) issued the following response;

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is committed to the safety of those crossing the border and our local communities. In recent days, there has been an increase of incursions through vehicle lanes at Arizona ports of entry by asylum seekers attempting to evade established entry processes. These tactics interfere with CBP officers conducting their responsibilities and exacerbates wait times for daily commuters.

CBP encourages the traveling public to be mindful of these unusual happenings and visit the Wait Time site to modify travel itineraries, as needed. CBP officers are well-trained law enforcement professionals who stand ready to defend the border and uphold the laws of the United States of America. CBP will not allow ports to be overrun, or unauthorized entry. Security measures will be increased as needed to ensure priorities are safely met.

10/18: El Paso Times: (b)(6) is writing about POE staffing and decisions made on how resources are allocated now that surge has diminished and personnel have returned to the primary duties. OPA provided background to the reporter and working to set up an interview with the port director. No publication date. Tone: neutral.

12/6: UPDATE: Story posted <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2019/12/06/international-bridges-border-residents-brave-longer-lines-migration-crisis-goes/2587424001/>

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

12/5: (b)(6) AP El Paso is writing about Mexican asylum seekers living in tent camps near international bridges across the border from El Paso. He will report that the camps exists because asylum seekers are jockeying for position to apply for entry at area ports. Some are pointing blame at CBP because there now appear to be competing lists of Mexican and Central American asylum seekers not being honored by CBP. OPA provided a statement which was crafted with local and HQ input.

The CBP officers performing queue management operations at the international boundary line are not conducting primary inspections but rather making certain those who intend to apply have entry documents. If the individuals do not have documents and there is no space available at the CBP facility they are instructed to wait until capacity becomes available to ensure safe and secure processing. As you know, CBP has no involvement of any lists, nor do we even engage in any attempt to control, facilitate or distinguish amongst competing lists. CBP has a responsibility to ensure lawful legitimate trade and travel occurs, while at the same time, protecting our borders from those that wish it harm. CBP's ability to process asylum applicants is dependent upon capacity issues as well as our other mission sets: Anti-terrorism, Counter-narcotics, Global Economic Trade, and Facilitation of lawful trade and travel.

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

11/29: (b)(6) The Galveston County Daily News, inquired about an off-duty incident that occurred 11/28 in League City, TX, in which a CBP employee shot and killed his wife. Provided a statement, approved by Houston Field Office: "Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was arrested by the League City Police Department on Nov. 28 while he was off duty. Since, August 2008, he has worked CBP agriculture operations in the Houston Seaport environment. CBP is fully cooperating with the League City Police Department who is leading this investigation." Also confirmed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) deceased wife was a CBPO at the Houston Seaport, from approved RTQs. Referred further questions, regarding the investigation, to League City Police Department.

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

11/26: (b)(6) reporter, with ASU queried Tucson Sector and CBP Media Relations on a letter to Commissioner Morgan from Congresswoman Anne Kirkpatrick yesterday regarding CBP's environmental stewardship plan and wall construction in Southern Arizona. Response: Pending coordination. Deadline: 11/26 Publication: 11/28 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/26: In response to inquiries from Los Angeles Times Reporter (b)(6) Buzzfeed reporter (b)(6) (b)(6) CNN reporter (b)(6) regarding whether we are experiencing a trend of previously MPP'ed family units sending their children across international bridges as UACs in Brownsville and generally and whether we have any stats or statements about this, consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and provided the following on an RTQ basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Unaccompanied alien children are not amenable to MPP enrollment. CBP continually experiences ebbs and flows with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law.*

As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but amenability for enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case.

Relevant links to UAC statistics (note: links for inadmissible stats are not broken down further beyond the Field Office level):

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy-2019>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fo-sw-border-inadmissibles-fy2019>

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

11/25: (b)(6) PBS/NPR Texas Newsroom, inquired about wall development in Starr County, installation of panels and timetable. Consulted with HQ OPA mgmt. and the following response was provided:

Attributable to a CBP official: *That is correct. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will begin installing panels this week for the approximately 3 mile new border wall system project located within Starr County, Texas. Please see the press release [here](#) for more project details.*

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

11/25: (b)(6) Los Angeles Times reporter, asked a series of detail-specific questions regarding former CBP officer (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) including:

- Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) work for CBP for 18 years in RGV sector?
- Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) have a good record, including a national commendation for integrity due to a corruption investigation he assisted?
- Was (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) fired after a USCIS investigation as part of a passport application for his brother revealed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) first birth certificate (filed before his US birth certificate) was issued in Mexico?
- Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) three years to become a citizen and return to his job?
- Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the option of retiring early, but with a penalty?
- Did CBP perform background checks of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (I believe there were at least three)? Why wasn't (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Mexican birth certificate uncovered during those background checks?
- Is CBP working with USCIS, which has been considering (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) citizenship application via his wife, a USCIS employee and former CBP officer, and if not, why?
- 11/26 update: HQ OPA, OCC, LFO concurrence obtained, responded with RTQ statement: (b)(6) followed up asking to confirm years of service and integrity award. Stuck by previous response.

PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) developed the following response to query statement: *CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP and recommends utilizing that statement and indicating from the outset that this is CBP's official statement and we have nothing further to add.* Consulting with LFO mgmt., OCC, HQ OPA mgmt. Reporter is looking to publish her story on 11/27.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with local KPBS is inquiring about a person in SDC custody for supposedly three weeks after his illegal entry case against him was dismissed. Claims family and attorney were not provided any information on his whereabouts.

11/26: Was provided responses to the individual's stay with CBP prior to turn over to ICE. Nothing nefarious happened. Story ran. [Link](#) – reporter never mentioned that fact that detainee had twice refused to contact the Mexican Consulate. Was asked to add that to his story.

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

11/21: (b)(6) Truthout.org reporter is writing about an environmental group that released a [report](#) on what appears to be a 2018 DHS/HHS proposal to build a temporary shelter for migrant families and unaccompanied minors at the Fort Bliss Army base in Texas, where a temporary shelter was established in 2016. He was asking what happened to the 2018 plan. OPA advised reporter to contact HHS regarding UAC's. Reporter was also provided with links to CBP spotlight items on construction of temporary soft-sided facilities at various locations to address the border crisis. Publication date unknown. Tone: negative.

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

11/19: A Staff Reporter –(AZ News Radio Network) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by unscrupulous smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline: 11/19 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Nogales International Newspaper) Inquired about a recent claim by an area rancher (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) who says that an agent he is in contact with has exhibited inappropriate behavior thus causing him to be reassigned to another Border Patrol area. The reporter also inquired about a Border Patrol (b)(7)(E) the aforementioned rancher claimed he found on his property placed there by agents.

TCA-PAO is currently working to gather more information to compose a written response statement. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (KTAR-Radio-AZ) requested information on the latest Border Patrol arrest figures. He wanted to know the reasons why Adult males from Mexico are the largest demographic arrested by Border Patrol in Tucson Sector.

TCA-PAO is preparing a telephonic interview to quantify the numbers and to reiterate that adult males not wanting to be apprehended account for the largest number of arrests, however large number of FAMU and UAJ still are arriving at concerning numbers. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Arizona Daily Star Newspaper) Inquired about a recent gun seizures from persons attempting to smuggle guns and ammunition out of the United States into Mexico. He understood that the OFO officers see the highest amount of seizures of this type but wanted to know what Border Patrol experiences in the same type of smuggling event.

TCA-PAO is constructing a statement that says we do seize guns on their out of the country but not to the extent that OFO officers see. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: (b)(6) reporter for the NYC bureau of the Daily Mail (UK) contacted PAO seeking further information regarding a Business Insider story of a Border Patrol Agent that discovered a Mexican birth certificate after serving for 20 years. OPA indicated that matter likely under an internal investigation, covered by privacy act.

Official statement provided: "CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP."

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) –(AZ News Radio) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by unscrupulous smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline: 11/19 Tone: Neutral

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

11/18: Telemundo and Univision Nacional inquired if CBP had a statement regarding a Brownsville CBP officer that had been terminated after his Mexican birth certificate was discovered and is currently working to correct his citizenship status. Consulted with LFO, OCC and there is concurrence to confirm he was employed with CBP and is currently not employed with CBP. Pending final HQ OPA mgmt. concurrence.

11/19 update: HQ OPA mgmt. concurred. Confirmed to both outlets that he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed with CBP.

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

11/18: KRGV-TV reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding a federal judge's order regarding inspections of electronic devices and sought a statement from CBP. Consulted with HQ OPA.

Approved Statement: U.S. Customs and Border Protection does not as a matter of policy comment on matters in litigation. However, we are able to provide the following information:

In Fiscal Year 2019, CBP processed more than 414 million travelers at U.S. ports of entry. During that same period of time, CBP conducted 40,913 border searches of electronic devices, representing less than .01 percent of arriving international travelers.

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

11/14: AJ+ English reporter: (b)(6) requested high-resolution pics of recent human smuggling cases involving the use of tractor trailers. Three photos were sent to him.

Tone: Positive

Air Date: TBD

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/14: Several national and local media outlets, including CNN, CQ Roll Call, Buzzfeed inquired regarding a case that gained traction from a tweet from the executive director of AILA regarding a previously MPP'ed two-year-old reportedly suffering from sepsis accompanied by her family and AILA attorneys seeking to be paroled into the U.S. who had not been allowed in until late in the evening of Nov. 13. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and with their concurrence the following statement was provided on a response to query basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Amenability to enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Agents and officers implementing the MPP program are directed to review arriving individuals for known physical or mental health conditions or the potential to face persecution or torture in Mexico. All factors need to be considered, including whether the status of the particular medical condition and the immediate health of the migrant at the time of encounter is something requiring immediate medical attention.*

With the sum total of all facts and information considered in this case, this particular family unit was paroled into the U.S. for the child to receive medical treatment. The family will remain in the U.S. pending their hearings before an immigration judge.

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

11/14: (b)(6) a longtime Austin-based NPR reporter, advised he will be relocating to the Brownsville area for the next 30 days to report on border stories and requested permission to attend a hearing within the MPP immigration hearing facility at Brownsville Port of Entry. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and plan to provide the following response: Regarding access to an immigration hearing facility we have noted your request, will keep that on file and will advise if there may be any forthcoming opportunity. In the meantime, please see the below statement with regard to media access to Migration Protection Protocol immigration hearing facilities:

Attributable to a CBP official: *"Because the immigration hearing facilities (IHF) in Laredo and Brownsville are within CBP's secure port of entry property, access to these temporary immigration hearing facilities will operate in accordance with practices for other secure CBP areas. Requests for access by the media or by the public to the IHF will be assessed on a case-by-case basis when operationally feasible and in accordance with procedures for access to any CBP secure facility.*

The media and the public may still be able to observe hearings by visiting the San Antonio, Harlingen, and Port Isabel EOIR immigration courts where immigration judges are located and will be connected via live-streaming video teleconference to the alien at the temporary IHF. Note that access to hearings at immigration courts are subject to DOJ EOIR rules and policies.

Information regarding EOIR immigration court access, hearing schedules, or specific to the master calendar hearings should be obtained directly from DOJ EOIR."

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

11/6: RGV PAO office received a request from Border Report reporter: (b)(6) in regards to a press poll released by the US Immigration Policy Center as follows:

The poll found a "crisis in confidence" with President Trump's immigration policies, according to the poll of 2,700 people in four states: California, Arizona, N.M., and Texas. There are some questions regarding how the public feels about Border Patrol officials protecting their safety.

Reporter: I'm wondering if your agency can comment on this. And, for the record, I specifically used my question time to ask the poll director about the questions that highlighted people were upset when asked if they were US citizens at checkpoints in the interior.

That information is listed here: Border Residents and Border Patrol Checkpoints

- Over 3 out of 10, or 31.1%, have been stopped and questioned about their U.S. citizenship at an interior Border Patrol checkpoint
- Lack of Trust in Border Patrol
 - Only 1 out of 3, or 33.1%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will protect the rights and civil liberties of all people equally.
 - Just over 4 out of 10, or 40.7%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will "keep you and your family safe."
 - Less than 3 out of 10, or 28.6%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials who abuse their authority will be held accountable for their abuses.

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/alliancesandiego/pages/2734/attachments/original/1573060841/usipc-border-poll-final%281%29.pdf?1573060841>

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

11/5: Telemundo 40 (Telemundo-RGV) reporter (b)(6) had made repeated attempted to reach out to several CBP PALs and PAOs seeking an interview regarding the issue of Mexican B1/B2 laser visa holders who donate their blood for pay in the U.S. and whether doing that would jeopardize the terms of their visa for a sweeps story. Utilized previously approved response language used to respond to similar questions in El Paso and Eagle Pass. LFO mgmt. concurred. Response strategy as per PAO Pauza was electronic statement only, no on-camera or follow up interviews. Statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: B1/B2 card holders who cross the border to sell plasma may be in jeopardy of having their document revoked by a CBP officer. The CBP officer has discretion and may handle these situations on a case-by-case basis taking into account all available information present at the time of entry. For further information on B1/B2 and what is allowable please contact the U.S. State Department.

DOS can be contacted here: capressrequests@state.gov

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

11/4: El Diario de Juarez and KERA-FM radio are writing about Mexican asylum seekers in the El Paso/Juarez area, why they are waiting in Mexico, impact on local operations, etc. They were provided latest statement addressing the matter.

Publication immediate. Tone: negative.

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

11/4: Multiple media inquiries on NM BP shooting referred to CBP statement and NMSP news release. Also directed to sector to maintain a single POE for official CBP information.

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

11/4: KGUN Reporter inquired about weekend reports of gunfire heard in Douglas, AZ that viewers said were coming from Mexico. They were referred to Cochise County Sheriff's for possible comment.

Tone: Neutral Air Date: 11/4

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter/producer, Arizona 260, AZ Public Media, queried Tucson Field Operations and (b)(6) on how CBP handles corruption cases.

RESPONSE: Pending

Deadline: 10/31 Broadcast: 11/1 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter, Investigative Reporter Program Berkley College, queried Yuma Sector Border Patrol to confirm an employee by the name (b)(6)

RESPONSE: We don't have a person by that name currently.

Deadline: 10/30 Publication: TBD Tone: Unk

Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) /El Diario de El Paso is writing about the search for a Las Cruces man who disappeared with his two pre-school age sons earlier in the month. Authorities believe h may have traveled to Mexico. Reporter was asking about CBP response/lookout. OPA in conjunction with OFO provided a statement on how CBPO's operate and what would happen if we encounter a subject sought by law. Questions regarding the ongoing investigative efforts in the US and Mexico were redirected. Tone: neutral. Publication: Thursday.

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

10/29: Responded to inquiry from Forte Newspaper and Estereo 91 reporter (b)(6) regarding complaints of excessive wait times in the SENTRI lane, extending 20 blocks into Nuevo Laredo. Consulted with local mgmt. and responded that we have three SENTRI lanes open, a 15-minute wait, are not experiencing significant waits on the bridge and deferred to Government of Mexico regarding traffic within the interior of Mexico.

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

10/28: (b)(6) reporter, Tucson Sentinel, queried CBP Arizona on the migrant death over the weekend. Specifically, how was she located, what type of injuries did she sustain, where was the hospital?

Response: Referred to Tucson Sector for more information.

Deadline: 28 OCT Publication: 29 OCT Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/24: Local San Diego ABC 10 reporter (b)(6) is revisiting his story from June about allegations that CBP was improperly having subjects detox at the San Ysidro port of entry. His story now will highlight interviews from a new person held at San Ysidro in March who discussed these allegations during his trial for criminal entry. The news story will include clips from hours of video from inside a San Ysidro holding room (made public as a part of the subject's criminal hearing.) This same topic was also the subject of a different media story following a letter/news release from the ACLU and a physician's group naming three other individuals with similar allegations. After consulting with the local Field Office and OCC, CBP responded with the following:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *CBP does not comment on matters that are currently under litigation.*

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

10/22: (b)(6) reporter, Cronkite News, queried Tucson OFO on the current hiring processes and how they affect wait times at the ports of entry.

RESPONSE: *The query has been referred to HQ personnel with the recruiting and biometrics accounts.*

Deadline: 10/22 Publication: 10/23 Tone: Neutral

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

10/18: (b)(6) AZ PBS, queried CBP Arizona on the name of a recent fugitive from AZ caught in Mexico and extradited back to the US with help of Yuma Sector.

Response: Pending PII approval.

Deadline: 10/18/19 Broadcast: 10/18 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/8: Arizona Republic/USA Today Reporter (b)(6) inquired whether Arizona POE's are transferring Asylum seekers to other locations?

TFO PAL responded that "Arizona Ports are not transferring arriving migrants claiming fear to MPP facilities for initial process."

Tone: Positive Air Date: 10/9

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

12/10: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) will be conducting an impromptu Facebook Live on their website today from 12-1230 with OPA and OFO on hand to answer Northern Border (NY State AOR) related questions from their Northern Border Security five part piece educational story on Northern Border Security. Tone: Neutral-Educational

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

8/19: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) will be interviewing AC1 on August 21, about Northern Border Security based on their upcoming educational story on Northern Border Security piece to print in September. Tone: Neutral-Educational

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: The Buffalo Field Office will host its monthly television show on LCTV on 12/11 and will share information regarding IPR seizures and investigations that occur in response to the online holiday shopping season. Field Office ADFO Trade and ASAC for Buffalo HSI Field Office will participate. Approved CPA talking points on IPR will be provided.

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

12/10: WHAM Channel 13 (ABC affiliate) Rochester, NY reporter (b)(6) inquired about IPR seizures and asked for an on camera interview to provide IPR awareness during the shopping season to their viewers. Provided recent IPR seizure imagery, information and approved Field Office talking points.

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

12/10: UPDATE As a follow up to "Know Before You Go" media availabilities joint radio travel informational segments with Miami-Dade Aviation Authority planned for Actualidad Radio 1040 AM 12/10 and 880theBiz 12/11 in South Florida during afternoon rush-hour. CBP Public Affairs Liaison (b)(6) with travel tips for those traveling internationally during the holiday season.

11/26: Several local and regional affiliates in Tampa (Tampa Bay Times/ABC Action News/WFLA News Channel 8/Spectrum Bay News 9) and Miami (NBC6/Telemundo 51/CBS 4/WSVN FOX 7/ attended the media availability for coverage on evening newscasts. Neutral to positive tone expected.

11/19: Media availability planned for the morning of **Tuesday, November 26th** at Tampa International Airport and Miami International Airport to share "Know Before You Go" messaging for Floridians traveling internationally during the holiday season. Agriculture specialists and beagle teams participating with backdrop of prohibited and seized food items.

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

11/18: *Real America* with (b)(6) producer (b)(6) reached out regarding Border Patrol agents performing transportation checks of Greyhound buses in Spokane. Currently awaiting further details.

11/21 UPDATE: Response to questions are pending USBP review.

11/22 UPDATE: Approved responses provided

12/10: Episode is set to air Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. [\(b\)\(6\)](https://www.facebook.com/RealAmericaWith(b)(6))

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

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ

CBP Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

Southwest Border Branch Chief - (A)

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

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Other

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Message

Sent: 12/16/2019 2:40:48 PM

(b)(6)

The Hill (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

CNN (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Reuters (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Associated Press (confirmed no- out of town)

(b)(6)

New York Times (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

USA Today (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Los Angeles Times (confirmed RSVP)

Washington Post (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Washington Times (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Wall Street Journal (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Telemundo (TBD)

Message

Sent: 12/12/2019 4:38:19 PM

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

Subject: Media Roundtable invites

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) We need to make phone calls to invite select reports to the Media Roundtable next week. It is scheduled for Wednesday, 12/18 at 11 am. Location is TBD in one of the conference rooms.

Please let your folks know that we are inviting these individuals only, not one of their colleagues. That's why we're not emailing them.

Here are our invitees:

(b)(6)	The Hill
(b)(6)	CNN
(b)(6)	Los Angeles Times
(b)(6)	Reuters
(b)(6)	AP
(b)(6)	NY Times
(b)(6)	USA Today
(b)(6)	Washington Times
(b)(6)	, Wall Street Journal
(b)(6)	San Francisco Chronicle
(b)(6)	Washington Post

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) desk
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Message

From: OC BRIEFING STAFF (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Sent: 12/16/2019 9:06:31 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: Roundtable materials

Thanks!

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

Office of the Executive Secretariat
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Desk: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 4:06 PM
To: OC BRIEFING STAFF (b)(7)(E) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable materials

The original list was in the briefing memo sent yesterday. The below 10 names reflects the most updated list, following some regrets and one reporter addition that DHS asked us to include.

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Subject: RE: Roundtable materials

Was this media attendee list in the Briefing Memo? I am figuring out what I can replace it with.

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

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Roundtable materials

San Diego AMO meth seizure info attached.

Updated list of confirmed media attendees: (10)

(b)(6)

The Hill (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

CNN (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Reuters (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

New York Times (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

USA Today (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Los Angeles Times (confirmed RSVP)

, Washington Post (confirmed RSVP)

Washington Times (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Wall Street Journal (confirmed RSVP)

(b)(6)

Daily Caller (confirmed RSVP)

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

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Subject: RE: Updated materials for Media Roundtable

Correct. Today's materials are get-backs from this morning's briefing.

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated materials for Media Roundtable

Thanks. These are in addition to what was submitted over the weekend (attached), correct?

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

Office of the Executive Secretariat

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Subject: RE: Updated materials for Media Roundtable

Attached is an OPA Medical Public Affairs guidance and rescue numbers with info on the San Diego jet ski rescue over the weekend.

BP Strat Comm is working on more specific medical info, and family separations and I will send when I get them.

OPA will soon have his opening statement as well.

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Subject: RE: Updated materials for Media Roundtable

Hello, have these materials been received yet? I'm starting to compile the ebook.
Thanks,

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

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Subject: RE: Updated materials for Media Roundtable

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

AC1 asked for OPA to draft additional TPs at the prep meeting this morning.
They are working it now.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Assistant Chief, USBP
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Subject: RE: Updated materials for Media Roundtable

Hello,
Will any more updates be coming on these documents, or is what was submitted over the weekend the finals?
Thank you,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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Subject: FW: Updated materials for Media Roundtable
Importance: High

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

Forwarding to OC Briefing Staff.

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Subject: Updated materials for Media Roundtable
Importance: High

Hi all, we've updated the materials for the Monday prep based on current events and updated statistics. Please see attached which we'll use to prepare C1 on Mon. As always, we're continuing to monitor news coverage across the weekend and will of course provide updates to the Q&A as appropriate. Sorry to bother on a weekend, just making sure you have the most relevant docs based on the most current info. Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,

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

Message

From:

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

Sent:

2/6/2020 3:35:08 PM

To:

CC:

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

Subject:

RE: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

FYSA, I have just been informed that some media representatives have appeared at the EWR GE office. Officers have been advised that they are to provide no comments to media. A manager is enroute to provide the PAO contact information.

I will advise on specific media outlets present as soon as I have that information.

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

Public Affairs Specialist
U. S. Customs and Border Protection
New York Field Office

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Subject: RE: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as well.

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Subject: RE: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

Attached is a clean version, approved by OFO/TTP Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Looping in (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

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Subject: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

For the 8 a.m. I'd like to forward this on to DEAC Wagner's team in advance of this morning's testimony and to our PAOs in the field, if appropriate.

BLUF: Fox News, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and other national news outlets are reporting on a DHS decision yesterday to suspend the ability of New York residents to apply for or re-enroll in CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs (TTP). In a letter to the Commissioner of the New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) dated February 5, DHS Secretary Chad Wolf explained that New York's "Green Light Law" prohibits CBP access to Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records and thereby "compromises CBP's ability to confirm whether an individual applying for TTP membership meets program eligibility requirements."

Background:

Officially called the "Driver's License Access and Privacy Act," New York's Green Light Law allows undocumented immigrants to use foreign-issued documents to prove their age and identity when applying for a driver's license. The law also prohibits state officials from providing DMV records to CBP, ICE and USCIS unless ordered to do so by a judge. Passed on June 17, 2019, the law took effect on December 16, 2019.

Without access to New York DMV information, CBP cannot complete vetting of TTP applications and renewals submitted by New York residents. New York residents will no longer be eligible to apply for or renew membership in CBP Trusted Traveler Programs. CBP will cancel pending TTP applications submitted by New York residents. New York residents who are currently enrolled in TTP will retain their benefits until their membership expires.

What People Are Saying:

- DHS Secretary Chad Wolf announced the decision yesterday evening on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight," stating that "When we talk about CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs, like Global Entry... they use that DMV data to make sure those individuals are low-risk and meet the eligibility requirements..."
- (b)(6) an advisor to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, claimed that the move "is obviously political retaliation by the federal government..."

- Former Acting ICE Director (b)(6) said “This is just irrational in the sense that sanctuary policies in no way shape or form affect DHS’ ability to vet people for Global Entry and other Trusted Traveler Programs... It’s ridiculous, and it’s politicizing a program that’s not about politics.”
- *The New York Times*, CNN and other media outlets have tied the decision to President Trump’s remarks against sanctuary cities during his State of the Union address on February 4.

Coverage:

- DHS Suspends Global Entry, Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents in Response to Sanctuary Laws
[Video]
Fox News • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- DHS Bans New Yorkers from Global Entry and Other Programs Over State Law Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Get Driver’s Licenses
CNN • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- Trump Administration Freezes Global Entry Enrollment in New York Over Immigration Law
The New York Times • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- Homeland Security Suspends Enrollment of New Yorkers in Global Entry
The Wall Street Journal • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- Trump Suspends Global Entry, Traveler Programs for New York Residents Over ‘Sanctuary’ Policies
The Washington Post • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- New York Residents Can No Longer Sign Up for Global Entry, DHS Chief Says
NBC 4 New York • February 6, 2020

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

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Message

Sent: 3/3/2020 12:34:27 PM
To: DailyExecutiveMediaReport (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: Daily Executive Media Report -- Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020

**Daily Executive Media Report
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020**

Possible hits working for Thursday, Friday, weekend: FOX AND FRIENDS WEEKDAY / WKEND, AMERICA'S NEWSROOM (b)(6), EVENING EDIT (b)(6)

Wednesday: C1 media roundtable discussion with targeted media members on February operational update. (On the record but will be embargoed until Thursday morning press event) Select reporters from these outlets to be invited: Fox News, CNS, Daily Caller, Breitbart, Washington Examiner and The Washington Times.

Thursday: C1 Press Conference tentatively set for 11 am in CBP press room to discuss February operational update. Possible White House podium briefing as well. TBD.

Next week: C1/C2 Trade Symposium – Anaheim, CA. C1 LAX OFO tour, media TBD. C2 Border Security Expo – San Antonio. OPA Media Division staffing each.

Media Highlights

Latest Coronavirus figures:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- Since the implementation of the Presidential Proclamation on 2 Feb, CBP has refused entry to **14** travelers at air ports of entry, **100** travelers at Preclearance locations, and **210** travelers at land ports of entry.
- Since 1 Jan, USBP has apprehended **322** Chinese nationals.
- Since 13 Jan, CBP has monitored hundreds of flights entering the U.S. and has been coordinating with health professionals and interagency partners to mitigate the threat, minimize risk, and to slow the spread of the virus.
- CBP continues to facilitate the CDC enhanced health screening of travelers entering or attempting to enter the U.S. with a nexus to Wuhan or with recent travel to China due to the outbreak of COVID-19.
- The CBP Occupational Safety and Health Division has been working closely with CBP Office of Field Operations in collecting and coordinating on current Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inventory levels in the field. All Field Offices currently have sufficient PPE supplies and have established a standard goal of approximately 30 days' supply using previous pandemic planning models and are closely monitoring the PPE status.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
March 3, 2020**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

1/14: AeroMark Images photographer (b)(6) has inquired about conducting a photo shoot for a double-truck image for the next edition of ROTOR magazine. Currently working with photographer to identify a location and possible option for (b)(6). They are looking to conduct this photo shoot sometime in late February.

2/24 UPDATE: AeroMark Photographer (b)(6) if scheduled to visit Great Lakes Air and Marine Branch to complete this photoshoot for ROTOR magazine on Thursday February 27, 2019.

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

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

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

2/28: BBC reporter (b)(6) inquired about allegations from Brazilian nationals deported and in MPP, about conditions in CBP and ICE facilities.

No deadline.

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2/28: NPR reporter (b)(6) will be publishing a story this week about Indian nationals claiming asylum, and how they work with smugglers for the long journey to the southwest border.

2/26: Breitbart reporter (b)(6) inquired about Chinese nationals apprehended for the last three months this FY and FY19. Deadline unknown.

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

Trade / Ag:

3/2 (b)(6) of Federal Computer Week is preparing an article on CBP's recent blockchain proof of concept, which is intended to protect American businesses from intellectual property rights violations. (b)(6) asked about the number of companies that participated in the proof of concept (7), which products were tracked (none – fictitious transactions were used to test proof of concept), and which open standards and specifications were used. OPA replied with information provided by Trade. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

Technology:

2/27: Defense Daily's (b)(6) following up on C1s testimony this morning, seeks clarification concerning the Autonomous Surveillance Towers program. OPA and the Innovation Office provided a same day response.

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

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

1/30: Voice of America's (b)(6) following up with ONDCP on the 12 December announcement of the winner of the Opioid detection challenge, would like to shoot interviews and footage of canine handlers and dogs going through Fentanyl detection training. OPA is working with the Front Royal Canine Training Facility to target an early March shooting window, to document OFO classroom and active canine/handler training.

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

2/13 – Update: VOA and Front Royal have selected the week of 09 March to record footage at the training facility. Specifics details TBD.

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

3/3 (b)(6) from the Reuters Television in Los Angeles sent a request for an interview. (b)(6) would like Border Patrol to speak on our tunnel discoveries, specifically the most recent one in Nogales, AZ. TCA PIO will utilize the latest tunnel talking points and our latest press release about the unfinished tunnel at the Nogales Border. Our team plans to meet (b)(6) in Nogales and give her access to film inside the Morley tunnel.

PIO/BCL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

- Deadline: 03/10/2020

- Request Type: stand up interview
- Outlet: Reuters Television
- Market: Los Angeles/National
- Language: Spanish
- Reporter/Producer: (b)(6)
- Reporter/Producer Contact information: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @thomsonreuters.com
- Phone number: (b)(6)
- Program: TBD
- Probable air date: TBA
- Story focus: Tunnel discoveries in Nogales
- Probable tone/angle: Neutral

The source of the interview will be the recent Press Release detailing the discovery of the 126th Cross-Border Tunnel discovery in the Nogales, Arizona area.

- Tucson Sector agents and Mexico's Guardia Nacional located the tunnel's entrance in the floor of the existing Grand Avenue Drainage System in Mexico.

- The tunnel, located approximately 580 yards west of the DeConcini Port of Entry, is hand-dug with no shoring, ventilation or lighting.

- The tunnel runs approximately 15-20 feet underground at its deepest point and extends approximately 30 feet from beginning to end, where the cartel left it incomplete.

- U.S. authorities will continuously monitor the area until they remediate the tunnel.

- This is the 126th tunnel discovered in the Tucson Sector since 1990 and the second discovered mid-completion this fiscal year.

- Efforts such as tunnel sweeps aim to disrupt smuggling organizations and prevent the smuggling of narcotics and humans across the border.

3/2: Reporter (b)(6) with the Voice of America wanted to do a human-interest piece on Division Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (San Diego Union Tribune did a piece). He declined but we have Acting Deputy Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) willing to provide her perspective on being an agent, changes she has seen over the years, presently challenges, etc. It would be videotaped and would occur during a drive along the border. Proposed date is 3/11.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/2: Reporter (b)(6) with Univision wanted to meet with San Diego Sector Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and interview him regarding the dangers of crossing in light of recent deaths in the mountain and in the ocean. Reporter asked for

3/3: Checking Chief's availability.

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

3/2: The Intercept reporter (b)(6) is writing about an asylum seeking MPP family that was caught in limbo Friday between the two MPP decisions. An attorney representing the family was unable to locate them but eventually did after conferring with CBP OFO leadership at the port. The attorney shared email correspondence between her and the port with the reporter. Reporter is asking for confirmation and additional content related to the matter. OPA provided the following locally cleared statement: CBP is precluded from confirming or discussing individual asylum cases for privacy reasons. All cases are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please direct your EOIR questions to EOIR. Negative tone anticipated.

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

3/2: OPA/EI Paso handled numerous media inquiries Friday night/Saturday morning regarding temporary closure of the EI Paso POE Friday night and into Saturday. OPA shared two tweets about the closure and also the following statement. "CBP officers stopped the flow of northbound traffic at the Paso Del Norte bridge at approximately 7:20 p.m. Friday in an effort to eliminate the ability for a large group of migrants that had formed on the Mexican side of the border to illegally and forcefully surge through the ports of entry. This step helps CBP ensure safety of travelers, facilities and CBP employees. It is anticipated that the facility will remain closed until Saturday morning. Other crossings in EI Paso remain open." There was limited speculation that it was coronavirus linked but OPA advised that it was not.

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

3/2: (b)(6) Reuters News Service, inquired about the trend of UACs presenting at the Brownsville Port of Entry, if we have seen this, did we have any stats on UACs and inquired about specific cases involving two UACs. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt., drafted the following RTQ, which met with their concurrence:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP does not discuss individual cases for privacy reasons. Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. CBP determines whether an alien is amenable for the Migrant Protection Protocols on a case-by-case basis.

The Fiscal Year to Date 2020 statistics we have available on unaccompanied alien children are found here:

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

Statistics are not broken down below the Field Office level.

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3/2: USA Today Austin-based correspondent (b)(6) is writing a story about how the border is preparing for coronavirus and if there was anything specific CBP was doing. Put together language from the existing Coronavirus PAG but HQ OPA advised a SWB-specific FAQ was forthcoming and also the Iran-specific language was forthcoming. Will hold pending the latest language. Advised reporter I am checking into it.

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2/28 UPDATE: Article posted <https://theintercept.com/2020/02/28/border-patrol-el-paso-texas-car-chase/>

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

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Deadline: March 2020 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

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**Daily Media Report
Media Division
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2/28: (b)(6) a photojournalist with independent Norwegian newspaper *Hallingdølen*, requested information about an unnamed Norwegian national who was denied admission to the United States at an unnamed airport for overstaying her ESTA on two previous occasions. The traveler was subsequently "incarcerated" per (b)(6). OPA, in consultation with OFO and without commenting on the specific case, provided a statement communicating the consequences of overstaying an ESTA and emphasizing that all VWP travelers receive notification ten days in advance of the end date of their term of authorized admission. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

2/24: (b)(6) of *The New York Times* has been covering Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents and contacted OPA to clarify if New Yorkers would qualify for the one-year membership extensions offered to other TTP applicants who apply for renewal before their current membership expires. (b)(6) also requested to know the average length of time that TTP renewals take to complete.

OPA confirmed that individuals must have a pending Trusted Traveler Program application to qualify for the one-year benefits extension. OPA also provided language on application/renewal processing time from the official statement on pending GE applications. Information will inform future coverage. Tone is expected to be negative.

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

2/24: (b)(6) of PAX Magazine (Canada) is preparing a story about cannabis use and Canadians' eligibility for NEXUS. (b)(6) wants to know why cannabis use, which is legal in Canada, would disqualify a Canadian from enrolling in NEXUS. CBP is preparing a statement to communicate that the possession, production, distribution and sale of marijuana remain illegal under U.S. federal law (which supersedes state law) and that violating any customs, immigration or agriculture regulations or laws in any country or otherwise violating the terms and conditions of CBP Trusted Traveler Programs renders travelers ineligible for membership in these programs. The statement will further clarify that ineligibility for NEXUS does not necessarily imply inadmissibility to the United States. Article will publish by 2/26. Tone is expected to be neutral leaning negative.

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

2/24: Officials from OPA, OFO, Trade, INA, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative responded to media inquiries from a delegation of visiting media representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The journalists, who were participating in a State Department media program, inquired about the U.S. trade relationship with Central Asia; how CBP works with Canadian and Mexican counterparts to facilitate lawful trade; and how CBP communicates with the media, the public, and industry stakeholders about its trade facilitation and security mission. The delegation will visit the Detroit POE on Wednesday, February 26. Information from the DC and Detroit visits is expected to inform media coverage communicating U.S. trade best practices and contrasts between trade and public communications in the United States and in the journalists' home countries. Coverage is expected to be neutral leaning positive.

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

Enforcement:

3/1: Washington Examiner reporter (b)(6) inquired about CBP preparations for Corona Virus.

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

3/1: Reuters reporter (b)(6) inquired on children being sent unaccompanied across POE bridges to request asylum. Also requested information on two specific minors. We are deferring due to privacy issues.

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

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

2/28: NY Times reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding criteria for medical exemptions for MPP.

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

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

2/28: BBC reporter (b)(6) inquired about allegations from Brazilian nationals deported and in MPP, about conditions in CBP and ICE facilities.

No deadline.

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

2/28: NPR reporter (b)(6) will be publishing a story this week about Indian nationals claiming asylum, and how they work with smugglers for the long journey to the southwest border.

2/26: Breitbart reporter (b)(6) inquired about Chinese nationals apprehended for the last three months this FY and FY19. Deadline unknown.

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

Trade / Ag:

3/2: (b)(6) of Federal Computer Week is preparing an article on CBP's recent blockchain proof of concept, which is intended to protect American businesses from intellectual property rights violations.

(b)(6) asked about the number of companies that participated in the proof of concept (7), which products were tracked (none – fictitious transactions were used to test proof of concept), and which open standards and specifications were used. OPA replied with information provided by Trade. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

Technology:

2/27: Defense Daily's (b)(6) following up on C1s testimony this morning, seeks clarification concerning the Autonomous Surveillance Towers program. OPA and the Innovation Office provided a same day response.

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

2/25: VICE Media's Tech outlet, Motherboard, via reporter (b)(6) is asking for a statement from CBP based on their data collection of 500 iPhone search warrants for calendar year 2019. The warrants included Federal, State and Local, though the majority of the cases were Federal. He cites the fact that the court system VICE utilized, PACER, leans in that direction as part of its design. His deadline is the end of this week. OPA has contacted the CBP Privacy Office for guidance. The reporter indicates that he is likely to also send queries to other DHS components, so a joint response might be wise.

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

1/30: Voice of America's (b)(6) following up with ONDCP on the 12 December announcement of the winner of the Opioid detection challenge, would like to shoot interviews and footage of canine handlers and dogs going through Fentanyl detection training. OPA is working with the Front Royal Canine Training Facility to target an early March shooting window, to document OFO classroom and active canine/handler training.

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

2/13 – Update: VOA and Front Royal have selected the week of 09 March to record footage at the training facility. Specifics details TBD.

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

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3/4 update: Following RTQ language provided to reporter:

Attributable to a CBP official:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection continues to facilitate the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) enhanced health screening of travelers entering or attempting to enter the United States with a nexus to mainland China or Iran due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). Consistent with CBP's procedures, and in accordance with the January 31 and February 29 Presidential Proclamations, exempted individuals encountered by CBP with a nexus to China or Iran within 14 days of the encounter or with symptoms of illness are referred to CDC or local health officials for additional health screening.

All CBP ports of entry are following the same operational guidance as issued by the Presidential Proclamation and the Department of Homeland Security.

With exceptions specified in the Proclamations, foreign nationals (other than immediate family of U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and flight crew) who have been physically present in China or Iran within 14 days of their arrival at a U.S. port of entry will be denied entry into the United States.

Additionally, any traveler exempted from the Proclamations who has been in anywhere in mainland China or Iran within 14 days of their return will be referred to CDC for additional health screening.

CDC has added health screening capabilities at Blaine, Buffalo, and San Ysidro.

Preclearance locations are following the same protocols as the land border ports and referring individuals requiring additional screening to CDC or local health officials.

Consistent with existing CBP procedures, individuals apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol between the ports of entry with symptoms of illness are referred to CDC or local health officials for additional health screening.

Additionally, all persons in U.S. Border Patrol custody who meet the CDC's coronavirus travel history and enhanced screening guidelines are being referred to CDC for additional screening.

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

3/3 (b)(6) from the Reuters Television in Los Angeles sent a request for an interview. (b)(6) would like Border Patrol to speak on our tunnel discoveries, specifically the most recent one in Nogales, AZ. TCA PIO will utilize the latest tunnel talking points and our latest press release about the unfinished tunnel at the Nogales Border. Our team plans to meet (b)(6) in Nogales and give her access to film inside the Morley tunnel.

PIO/BCL: Regalado

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Deadline: 03/10/2020
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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Outlet: Reuters Television
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Market: Los Angeles/National
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Language: Spanish
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Reporter/Producer: (b)(6)
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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Phone number (b)(6)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Program: TBD
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Probable air date: TBA
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Story focus: Tunnel discoveries in Nogales
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The source of the interview will be the recent Press Release detailing the discovery of the 126th Cross-Border Tunnel discovery in the Nogales, Arizona area.

- Tucson Sector agents and Mexico's Guardia Nacional located the tunnel's entrance in the floor of the existing Grand Avenue Drainage System in Mexico.

- The tunnel, located approximately 580 yards west of the DeConcini Port of Entry, is hand-dug with no shoring, ventilation or lighting.

- The tunnel runs approximately 15-20 feet underground at its deepest point and extends approximately 30 feet from beginning to end, where the cartel left it incomplete.

- U.S. authorities will continuously monitor the area until they remediate the tunnel.

- This is the 126th tunnel discovered in the Tucson Sector since 1990 and the second discovered mid-completion this fiscal year.

- Efforts such as tunnel sweeps aim to disrupt smuggling organizations and prevent the smuggling of narcotics and humans across the border.

3/3: (b)(6) CMG Atlanta has requested a media engagement with Tucson Sector regarding drug tunnels. Response: Pending TCA scheduling

Deadline: 4/5 Broadcast: 4/23 Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/3: (b)(6) Type Investigations, queried AZ CBP on how many and what types of plants are being moved and being affected at Organ Pipe National Monument. Response: Pending Wall Task Force input.

Deadline: 3/6 Publication: 3/8 Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/3: Vertical Valor magazine is completing an article and photospread on the San Diego Air and Marine Branch, similar to the project they just completed on the Yuma Air

Branch: https://assets.verticalmag.com/digital/2020/Valor_Winter/index.html The project is approved by AMO HQ and will proceed over the month of March.

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

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3/3: Held interview. Basic questions on challenges observed in SDC, dangers of crossing, processing of UAC, and countries of interest. Positive coverage expected. Should air this week on Univision.

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

3/2: Reporter (b)(6) with the Voice of America wanted to do a human-interest piece on Division Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (San Diego Union Tribune did a piece). He declined but we have Acting Deputy Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) willing to provide her perspective on being an agent, changes she has seen over the years, presently challenges, etc. It would be videotaped and would occur during a drive along the border. Proposed date is 3/11.

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3/2: The Intercept reporter (b)(6) is writing about an asylum seeking MPP family that was caught in limbo Friday between the two MPP decisions. An attorney representing the family was unable to locate them but eventually did after conferring with CBP OFO leadership at the port. The attorney shared email correspondence between her and the port with the reporter. Reporter is asking for confirmation and additional content related to the matter. OPA provided the following locally cleared statement: CBP is precluded from confirming or discussing individual asylum cases for privacy reasons. All cases are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please direct your EOIR questions to EOIR. Negative tone anticipated.

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

3/2: OPA/EI Paso handled numerous media inquiries Friday night/Saturday morning regarding temporary closure of the El Paso POE Friday night and into Saturday. OPA shared two tweets about the closure and also the following statement. "CBP officers stopped the flow of northbound traffic at the Paso Del Norte bridge at approximately 7:20 p.m. Friday in an effort to eliminate the ability for a large group of migrants that had formed on the Mexican side of the border to illegally and forcefully surge through the ports of entry. This step helps CBP ensure safety of travelers, facilities and CBP employees. It is anticipated that the facility will remain closed until Saturday morning. Other crossings in El Paso remain open." There was limited speculation that it was coronavirus linked but OPA advised that it was not.

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

3/2: (b)(6) Reuters News Service, inquired about the trend of UACs presenting at the Brownsville Port of Entry, if we have seen this, did we have any stats on UACs and inquired about specific cases involving two UACs. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt., drafted the following RTQ, which met with their concurrence:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP does not discuss individual cases for privacy reasons. Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. CBP determines whether an alien is amenable for the Migrant Protection Protocols on a case-by-case basis.

The Fiscal Year to Date 2020 statistics we have available on unaccompanied alien children are found here:

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/ofo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

Statistics are not broken down below the Field Office level.

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2/20: (b)(6) /The Intercept is working a story on fatal vehicle wreck that occurred in El Paso January 29. The vehicle involved was fleeing from USBP after agents spotted the driver load a group of aliens that had just crossed the border. Moments after fleeing the pickup location the agent came upon the crash site in south El Paso. The reporter claims that she spoke to a BPA who witnessed a portion of the pursuit and heard the rest of it play out on agency radios. The unnamed agent claims BP was operating at a high rate of speed and driver was unfamiliar with El Paso implying that BP caused the wreck. She is also asking about general pursuit policy and if any discipline has been administered. EPPD did issue a news release when the event occurred citing the fatality and that the driver was arrested for multiple charges including drunk driving. Deadline is Friday. Negative tone anticipated.

2/28 UPDATE: Article posted <https://theintercept.com/2020/02/28/border-patrol-el-paso-texas-car-chase/>

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

2//27: San Diego Union Tribune journalist (b)(6) is working on a long-form explainer piece that shows how people move through the immigration court system after arriving at the border. As a part of this story, (b)(6) requested a pen and pad tour of the port of entry for herself and the paper's graphic designer, to include the holding and processing areas of the port of entry (as it is one portion of the process.) The tour will take place Thursday, Feb. 27.

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

2/27: Albuquerque Journal reporter (b)(6) is writing about border wall construction in the state of New Mexico. He is looking for basic factual material to include completed/ongoing projects, funding sources, contractors, etc. OPA working with border wall task force to provide answers.

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

2/27: Newsy reporter/anchor (b)(6) is in El Paso and requesting a Border Patrol ride along. He wants to do a story on the current immigration crisis and what has changed in the last year. He may be trying to tie this to the super Tuesday election which includes Texas. Border Patrol considering.

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

1/22: (b)(6) Wall to Wall Productions, & (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) CBP OPA, contacted CBP AZ to plan a documentary film shoot in Tucson with all three components on approximately March 2, 2020. The production is an educational program for National Geographic on the history of the drug crisis in America. It will be historically focused on the drug wars of 1911, but framed by today's current drug crisis. Planning and coordination to follow. (b)(6) would like to spend time with Tucson Air Branch, the Port of Nogales, and BP in Tucson and/or Nogales, to see drug seizures, smuggling tunnels, air interdictions, and horse patrol if possible.

Deadline: March 2020 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

3/3: National NBC reporter (b)(6) spoke with the Chicago Field Office (CFO) concerning past seizures of counterfeit Juul products. It was explained how experienced CBP officers are exceptional at spotting counterfeits, how vital CEE's are and the role they play, and our work with other government agencies. Pictures from recent seizures within CFO were shared. Tone: Positive

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

3/3: (b)(6) reporter for the Miami Herald, queried reports in Puerto Rico about the allegations from a YouTube video placed by a Social media personality (b)(6) who alleges that a CBP officer sexually assaulted her last week before she was denied entry into the country. The reporter shared the post [https://www.meganoticias.cl/tendencias/293435-\(b\)\(6\)-puerto-rico-que-le-paso-instagram.html](https://www.meganoticias.cl/tendencias/293435-(b)(6)-puerto-rico-que-le-paso-instagram.html). A short statement was provided. Negative tone expected. "CBP does not tolerate inappropriate behavior or misconduct, and any such conduct does not reflect our values of vigilance, integrity and professionalism. We strongly advise travelers to file a formal complaint so alleged misconduct is properly investigated."

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

3/3: (b)(6) reporter for the St. Croix Avis requested more information and WKAQ 580 Radio contacted OPA for a live radio interview regarding a CBP news release on the seizure of 1724 pounds of cocaine and of \$1.3 million dollars in two separate incidents. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/us-border-patrol-fura-seize-1724-pounds-cocaine-and-13-million-two> Positive tone.

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

3/2: FOX24 anchor (b)(6) to feature CBP in Charleston, S.C. for an on the job at seaport. Taping with OFO leadership, officers and specialists occurred in late February covering an overview of operations and career opportunity's with CBP. Tone: Positive Airing: March 2

Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3/2: Editor with Noonsite, a marine association website requesting information for private vessels entering into the US and the COVID-19 concern. Per our EOC, redirected to USCG Dist. 7 "private vessels (marine) will fall under U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIB) guidance, in coordination with CDC."

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

3/2: (b)(6) NBC News Investigations Producer, reached out to OPA Puerto Rico interested in doing a piece on CBP seizures of counterfeit juuls/vapes. Pending a call on background for some context on the topic. Final production of the piece TBD.

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

2/28: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) secured imagery of OFO Canine Enforcement Officer at the Buffalo port of entry warehouse regarding a children's-section piece on K9s for the New York Times, as a freelance reporter. An educational story on law enforcement (LE) K9s and what they provide to LE agencies. Publication is expected on Mar. 29. Tone: Neutral-Educational

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

2/25: Associated Press Correspondent (b)(6) conducted an interview with Swanton Sector CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Houlton Sector (a)CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding cross-border activity in the northeast region. The genesis for the interview was a FOIA request the reporter received for data for Present Without Admission from Canada (PWAC) broken down by sector, year and nationality for the last 5 fiscal years. Since the reporter had all the data, OPA felt it was in CBP's best interest to engage the reporter to provide appropriate context to the numbers. The reporter was most interested in the increase in PWAC numbers and the existence of TCOs along the northern border—specifically the Swanton and Houlton Sectors. Tone is expected to be positive. Publish date: TBD

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

Message

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The New York Times • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
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The Wall Street Journal • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
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The Washington Post • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
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Subject: Media Wrap Up for NY Global Entry Suspension

For the 8 a.m. I'd like to forward this on to DEAC Wagner's team in advance of this morning's testimony and to our PAOs in the field, if appropriate.

BLUF: Fox News, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and other national news outlets are reporting on a DHS decision yesterday to suspend the ability of New York residents to apply for or re-enroll in CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs (TTP). In a letter to the Commissioner of the New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) dated February 5, DHS Secretary Chad Wolf explained that New York's "Green Light Law" prohibits CBP access to Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records and thereby "compromises CBP's ability to confirm whether an individual applying for TTP membership meets program eligibility requirements."

Background:

Officially called the "Driver's License Access and Privacy Act," New York's Green Light Law allows undocumented immigrants to use foreign-issued documents to prove their age and identity when applying for a driver's license. The law also prohibits state officials from providing DMV records to CBP, ICE and USCIS unless ordered to do so by a judge. Passed on June 17, 2019, the law took effect on December 16, 2019.

Without access to New York DMV information, CBP cannot complete vetting of TTP applications and renewals submitted by New York residents. New York residents will no longer be eligible to apply for or renew membership in CBP Trusted Traveler Programs. CBP will cancel pending TTP applications submitted by New York residents. New York residents who are currently enrolled in TTP will retain their benefits until their membership expires.

What People Are Saying:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DHS Secretary Chad Wolf announced the decision yesterday evening on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight," stating that "When we talk about CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs, like Global Entry... they use that DMV data to make sure those individuals are low-risk and meet the eligibility requirements..."
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->(b)(6) an advisor to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, claimed that the move "is obviously political retaliation by the federal government..."
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Former Acting ICE Director (b)(6) said "This is just irrational in the sense that sanctuary policies in no way shape or form affect DHS' ability to vet

people for Global Entry and other Trusted Traveler Programs... It's ridiculous, and it's politicizing a program that's not about politics."

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->The New York Times, CNN and other media outlets have tied the decision to President Trump's remarks against sanctuary cities during his State of the Union address on February 4.

Coverage:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DHS Suspends Global Entry, Trusted Traveler Programs for New York Residents in Response to Sanctuary Laws [Video]
Fox News • (b)(6) • February 5, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DHS Bans New Yorkers from Global Entry and Other Programs Over State Law Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Get Driver's Licenses
CNN • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Trump Administration Freezes Global Entry Enrollment in New York Over Immigration Law
The New York Times • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Homeland Security Suspends Enrollment of New Yorkers in Global Entry
The Wall Street Journal • (b)(6) • February 6, 2020
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I obtained the PAG for ICE and incorporated it into our PAG (attached). The specific ICE talking points, which the Commissioner can hit on, are below. Will distribute if you concur.

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Subject: Daily Executive Media Report: December 13

Friday, December 13, 2019

1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Today:** AC1 "mornings on the Mall," WMAL
2. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Monday: Tentative:** Chief Hastings will conduct an interview on "Rising" (Hill.TV) to discuss the November stats (drugs).
3. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Monday: Tentative:** Chief Hastings will conduct an operational brief on "The Buck Sexton Show" (Premiere Networks/iHeart Media).
4. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Tuesday:** (b)(6) (WaPo - Immigration) will be in El Paso, looking for tour/ride along (CBP101) and interview @ w/PDN Port Director and walk and talk interview in the field w/EPT Chief Chavez.
5. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Wednesday:** (b)(6) (Reuters - Immigration) will interview (on the record) DEAC Wagner biometric entry-exit program. Seeks understand the Congressional mandate, CBP's approach, and whether/how that approach affects requirements for USCs.
6. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Working:** San Diego Sector requested that Dr. Tarantino, or someone from HQ, call the protest group Doctors for Camp Closures (D4CC) to explain why they are not allowed in to vaccinate migrants in custody.
7. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->**Highlight:**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Arizona 360 PBS), interviewed TFO, on the surge of asylum seekers attempting to circumvent queuing processes at AZ POEs.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->CIS has a statement re: death in Tijuana, but has not been given the green light to use.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->The Discipline Report did NOT post yesterday. It is ready to post as soon as we give green light (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is working to get a backgrounder set up with a couple of reporters and SMEs from HRM/OPR.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->DRT project with Fort Drum and Campbell cancelled by USBP and DOD.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Multiple news outlets reported this week that the Port of Seattle is resisting the federal government push for facial recognition at airports.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Reuters reporter (b)(6) is requesting Jones Act waiver information submitted by oil / energy sector companies.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
December 13, 2019**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

HEADQUARTERS:

UPDATE 12/12: OPA facilitated a second background interview with CNN's (b)(6) about why CBP does not vaccinate and the agency's response / acceptance of flu preparation recommendations made in a January 2019 report from the CDC. The questions came following Congressional testimony today from CDC's Dr. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Reporter also requested a visit to facilities to see improvements first-hand. OPA will work with BP to determine feasibility.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Enforcement:

12/10: CBS reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about a Honduran asylum seeker and his son being separated due to an alleged speech impediment on the father and the reasons separation may occur.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: CNN reporter (b)(6) published a story about the Commissioner's statement that CBP has seen an increase in 'extra-continental' aliens, and focused on Brazilian and South American apprehension numbers.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: The Guardian reporter (b)(6) inquired for a story about the group of doctors who visited Chula Vista Station to ask to vaccinate detainees.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: Voice of America reporter (b)(6) inquired about CBP's vaccination policies and the death of C.G.H. Vasquez for a story she is writing about vaccinations.

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

12/6: The Hill reporter (b)(6) published a story about the Mexican fence climbers in El Centro. Story was updated with El Centro twitter video.

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

12/3: (b)(6) of The Guardian published a story about the Department of the Interior detailing personnel to the southwest border to assist CBP.

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

12/2: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) published a story about a Reforma/Dallas Morning News poll of 1,000 Mexicans in all 32 states. The results displayed 68% believed the border wall would not deter illegal crossings.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) asked for a copy of a "letter" or communication between CBP and OPM prior to family separations beginning; the communication is mentioned within an OIG report released last week. OPA is researching, but indications is this would not be a publically releasable inter-agency communication.

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

HRM/Workforce/OPR:

12/10: (b)(6) of USA Today interviewed Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the USBP contract with Professional Bull Riding.

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

11/27: Bloomberg Law reporter (b)(6) requested information on our OSHA standings among other government organizations as reported here https://www.osha.gov/dep/fap/statistics/Q4_FY2019.xlsx. OPA provided a statement approved by HRM.

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

11/27: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) requested information on internal or external reporting of sexual assaults within CBP from 2013-2014. Reporter ran story but will print update when additional info is provided.

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

11/26: PBS Frontline reporter (b)(6) requested information on staffing numbers, and attrition and has requested an interview. OPA is working with HRM front office to schedule an interview with AC Bright the week of Dec. 9.

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

11/26: CBS News Producer (b)(6) is looking to do a story on the next Rodeo recruitment event. OPA is working with HRM to inform the reporter of the next rodeo event.

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

Travel:

12/12: [Update] Reuters immigration reporter (b)(6) will interview OFO DEAC John Wagner on 12/18 on the biometric entry-exit program. The interview will be on the record. (b)(6) request was prompted by inaccurate media reports that CBP would require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. He seeks to better understand the Congressional biometric entry-exit mandate, CBP's approach to fulfilling that mandate, and whether/how that approach affects requirements for U.S. citizens entering and exiting the country. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/12: Multiple news outlets reported this week that the Port of Seattle is resisting the federal government push for facial recognition at airports. The coverage follows a December 10, 2019 decision by the Port of Seattle to halt the introduction of public-facing biometric technologies at Seattle ports until at least March 2020, when a working group appointed by the Commission will deliver recommendations on that subject. OFO is coordinating with OPA on a statement responding to the decision.

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

12/11: [Update] On 12/11, CNBC Airline Reporter (b)(6) will interview OFO DEAC Wagner on background. The interview is intended to help (b)(6) identify key security and travel issues to cover in 2020. (b)(6) expressed particular interest in the biometric entry-exit program as well as new and/or significant security threats in the air environment. OPA is coordinating briefing materials with OFO. Reporter has no immediate plans to publish.

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

12/10: Harper's Magazine assistant editor (b)(6) is preparing an article about evangelical pastors in Brazil for publication in February 2020. (b)(6) sought to verify claims that one of the pastors was recently refused entry to the United States due to visa issues. OPA responded that it cannot provide information about specific individuals for privacy reasons and shared approved background concerning admissibility.

12/10: Reporter (b)(6) of KUOW (Seattle's NPR station) requests a copy of a letter sent by OFO to the Port of Seattle regarding biometric entry-exit. The letter would inform a follow-up piece to (b)(6) November 2019 coverage of the expansion of the biometric entry-exit program, to Seattle. Reporter did not provide deadline. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/9: [Update] Washington Post editorial writer (b)(6) interviewed OFO DEAC John Wagner on the biometric entry-exit program on 12/6. The interview was prompted by inaccurate media reports that CBP would require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. DEAC Wagner indicated that CBP has no plans to institute such a requirement, reviewed the biometric entry-exit program's built-in privacy protections and expressed full confidence in the accuracy of CBP's biometric facial comparison technology. Editorial was published on 12/7/2019.

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

12/5: NBC technology correspondent (b)(6) requested CBP comment on Doc Society v. Pompeo, a lawsuit filed to contest the State Department's collection of social media identifiers during the visa vetting process. CBP replied with standard language indicating that the agency does not as a matter of policy comment on pending litigation.

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

12/4: [Update] OPA contacted more than 40 news organizations on 12/5 and 12/6 to request corrections to inaccurate stories claiming that CBP plans to require U.S. citizens to be photographed when entering and exiting the United States. The claims were prompted by an ACLU statement on a dated item in the Unified Agenda that reads: "DHS is proposing to amend the regulations to provide that all travelers, including U.S. citizens, may be required to be photographed upon entry or departure." ABC, NBC, CNN, FOX, Washington Post and most other outlets corrected their stories or indicated that they would write follow-up articles. Tone has been predominantly negative.

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

12/3: [Update] CBS Transportation Correspondent (b)(6) requests to visit and film at a SWB POE at which CBP has implemented biometric facial comparison technology. Visit would occur in January 2020. (b)(6) is expected to cover traveler experience and privacy concerns, but also expressed interest in law enforcement results. OPA is working with OFO to determine possibilities for a visit to Nogales POE. Segment will air in January or February 2020. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

12/3: (b)(6), the producer of the BBC programme *Factual*, requests a written CBP statement for a feature on fake ESTA websites that will air between 6-17 January in the UK. The feature is not intended to be critical of the ESTA process, but rather to highlight the problem posed by fake websites and scams. OPA is working with the OFO ESTA PMO to provide a statement by the reporter's deadline of 12/4. Tone is expected to be positive.

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

12/2: NBC Tech Correspondent (b)(6) Washington Post Tech Correspondent (b)(6) and TechCrunch Senior Editor (b)(6) are preparing stories about a proposed final rule concerning CBP's collection of biometric entry-exit data from U.S. citizens. The proposed rule was published in the unified agenda on November 25. Reporters want to know why CBP is proposing the rule and whether

U.S. citizens will be able to continue to opt-out from the biometric facial comparison process at ports of entry. OPA is coordinating a response with OFO.

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

12/2: Telemundo DC Bureau Chief (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the implementation of biometric facial comparison technology along the southwest border. OPA coordinated a statement with OFO and provided it to (b)(6). Piece may broadcast this week. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2] On 11/27, KUOW, the NPR station in Seattle, broadcast excerpts of an interview with OFO DEAC John Wagner on the implementation of biometric facial comparison at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. CBP requested and received several corrections to the text article that KUOW published to its website alongside the audio broadcast. Tone of coverage was neutral.

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

11/26: The *Taiwan Apple Daily News* contacted the American Institute in Taiwan (our *de facto* Embassy) and OPA requesting clarification about use of the People's Republic of China flag on the updated ESTA website. OPA is preparing a response with OPA and INA. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

11/26: [Updated 12/2]: Consumer advocate and *Washington Post* contributor (b)(6) is preparing a piece on the impact of biometric facial comparison technology on air travelers. OPA and OFO reviewed and commented upon an advance copy of the article, which heavily emphasizes privacy concerns and includes extensive, often speculative quotes from opponents of the technology. Article is expected to publish in early 2020. Tone is negative.

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

11/25: (b)(6) of *The West Australian* is publishing a story about a boarding denial involving an elderly Australian couple bound for the United States. The paper alleges that the couple lost \$50,000 due to the incident and asked if CBP would reimburse them. OPA provided a statement reiterating that Visa Waiver Program travelers need valid ESTAs prior to travel, that it is incumbent upon the traveler to ensure that their ESTA remains valid, and that travelers who feel they have been unduly inconvenienced may seek redress via DHS TRIP. Tone is expected to be negative.

11/21: [Update] *New York Times* national immigration correspondent (b)(6) is preparing a story on visa overstays. Her angle is that overstays defy the image of undocumented immigrants, whom Americans believe come exclusively over the SWB. Reporter interviewed DEAC Wagner on 11/21. Wagner emphasized CBP's commitment to implementing the Congressional biometric entry/exit mandate; walked the reporter step-by-step through the process CBP currently uses to identify overstays; and described CBP's vision a nationwide biometric entry/exit system that secures and facilitates lawful travel while respecting the privacy of all travelers. Reporter indicated that she plans to focus on overstays issue in lieu of technological and privacy aspects of CBP's biometric entry/exit efforts. Reporter expects to publish this weekend. Tone is expected to be neutral.

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

Trade / Ag:

Update 12/12: OT hosted Reuters reporter (b)(6) to discuss details of a Dec. 2018 EAPA case on transshipment of aluminum for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit, tentatively beginning of January, to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility.

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

12/12: Reuters reporter (b)(6) is requesting Jones Act waiver information submitted by oil / energy sector companies. OPA is researching.

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

12/2: Natural Products Insider Reporter (b)(6) queried OPR about the guidance given to customs officers regarding trade regulations / HTS codes for Hemp products. Working response with OT.

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

12/2: Washington Post reporter (b)(6) queried OPA about the implementation of possible steel / aluminum tariffs against Brazil. OPA referred reporter to USTR and is researching.

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

11/18: (b)(6) a reporter with WSHU News/NPR Long Island's NPR station asked for comments for story about Sen. Chuck Schumer calling for the ban of Chinese-made over-the-counter meds in Dollar Trees and Family Dollar stores. OPA provided verbiage on how the agency enforces import and trade regulations from over 40 agencies, including the FDA, from previously approved language.

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

11/8: Travel & Leisure magazine will visit JFK Terminal 4 on Thursday, November 14 to do a feature piece on the 'Day in the Life of a Beagle'. They will capture b-roll of the Beagle Brigade conducting inspections, working among the passengers and interviewing/speaking with the handler.

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

Update 11/4: Reuters reporter (b)(6) is doing a long-story on mis-labeling of merchandise for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility. Background interview held on 9/12 and OT will present options case study and port visit.

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

Technology:

11/20: OPA, working closely with representatives from DHS S&T, USPIIS, and ONDCP, helped draft a Media Advisory to be released Thursday, that announces the Winner of the Opioid Detection Challenge, scheduled for 12 December at a TSA lab facility outside Atlantic City, NJ. C2 and several Port Directors will be present, alongside several other agency representatives, and members of Congress. OCA has been working with the Innovation Office on invitations to the Hill.

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

11/20: Aviation International News' (b)(6) seeks an update on AMO airframe inventory after the announcement of the C550 late last week. OPA responded with a statement, previously used in a similar RTQ last week.

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

11/18: OPA received a media query from Vice Media's Technology Section: Motherboard's (b)(6) who is seeking details concerning leaked documents from a company called, "Sayari," that specializes in data. OPA's coordinated response: *"CBP uses a broad range of government and commercial data to support and enhance our border security and facilitation missions. Sayari is but one example of commercially available data used by CBP to better understand and assess the flows of people and goods entering and exiting the United States."* Story published 11/19:

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne8pmm/activist-leaks-files-from-data-broker-sayari-for-demoing-ice

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

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

New Items

12/11: (b)(6) Laredo Morning Times reporter, asked multiple questions regarding the facial comparison technology implementation at Laredo Port of Entry. Consulted with LFO and answers were ultimately cleared through CBP HQ OFO PPAE and provided to the reporter on 12/11. Expected rundate: TBD, Expected tone: neutral.

1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->What is CBP's goal in collecting this facial recognition data?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*CBP is using biometric facial comparison technology to fulfill a Congressional mandate to biometrically record the entry and exit of foreign nationals. By incorporating this technology into the existing travel process, CBP is able to make travel more secure and convenient while protecting traveler privacy.*
2. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Is every single bridge crossers' photo being taken? What about passenger and commercial vehicles?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*The facial comparison technology is deployed in the bus passenger and pedestrian lanes only. A total of 22 lanes encompassing the bus passenger processing lanes at Juarez-Lincoln Bridge and the pedestrian lanes at Gateway to the Americas Bridge will be equipped with the facial comparison cameras. U.S. citizens may request alternative processing by notifying a CBP officer.*

CBP will manually inspect those individuals' travel documents, as is standard practice today.

3. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->What other data is CBP collecting to accompany the profile of each crosser?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*CBP does not attach biographic information to the photos taken during the biometric facial comparison process. The photos are "templatized," which means they are converted to a sequence of characters and numbers that cannot be reverse-engineered to recreate a biometric image. CBP deletes the new photos of U.S. citizens within 12 hours. Photos of foreign nationals are transmitted to the Department of Homeland Security's IDENT database.*
4. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Is there any way you could provide an example of what the profiles look like?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*Due to security and privacy protections in place, CBP is unable to share this information.*
5. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Has CBP weighed the privacy concerns of this information? Especially considering the recent data breach of this very information over the summer?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*CBP provides notification to the public of its biometric entry-exit program through Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) and System of Records Notices (SORNs), published at www.dhs.gov/privacy and through program information, such as Frequently Asked Questions, which is readily available at www.cbp.gov/biometrics. DHS has published ten PIAs on the biometric entry-exit program. These PIAs explain all aspects of CBP's biometric entry-exit program, to include policies and procedures for the collection, storage, analysis, use, dissemination, retention, and deletion of data. Please see [here](#) for additional information. CBP also consults with Congress and privacy groups on an ongoing basis. As a result of those consultations, CBP reduced the maximum retention period for photos of U.S. citizens from 14 days to 12 hours.*
6. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->How was this program funded, and how much did it cost for Laredo?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*Through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Congress authorized up to \$1 billion in visa fee surcharges through 2027 to support the development of a nationwide biometric entry-exit system.*
7. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->What other ports are now using this facial recognition technology?
 - a. <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->*CBP has implemented the biometric facial technology at four land ports of entry, 25 airports and three seaports.*

See these links:

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-introduces-biometric-facial-comparison-el-paso-port-entry-secure>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-resumes-mobile-passport-control-washington-dulles-international>

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

12/11: KOAT-TV Albuquerque, (b)(6) is preparing a story on border wall. He inquired regarding construction in New Mexico, any eminent domain issues, etc. OPA provided materials regarding ongoing wall system construction and related matters. Story slated to air during a special December 20. Tone: neutral.

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

12/11: El Paso OFO PAL is assisting U.S. Passport Office/El Paso is publicizing a passport information event at the Paso Del Norte international crossing Dec 17. Passport officials will be on site to try to enroll border crossers to increase number of USC's using passports/passport cards. CBP is playing no role other than offering space in an area where the target audience will be EP OFO PAL will be on site for the event.

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

12/10: (b)(6) WOAI Radio – San Antonio (Flagship station of iHeartMedia), conducted a phone interview with Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz regarding recent border enforcement efforts. AC1 messaging amplified.

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

12/11: (b)(6) Sinclair Broadcasting Group (NBC & Fox – San Antonio), interviewed Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz on camera regarding the recent deployment of a new active duty Army unit, replacing outgoing military personnel. Interview included discussion of current enforcement challenges and stats. AC1 messaging amplified. Air date 12/11.

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

12/11: (b)(6) KENS5 (CBS – San Antonio), interviewed Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz on camera regarding the a variety of border enforcement topics. AC1 messaging amplified. Air date 12/13.

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

12/11: (b)(6) XENY radio reporter in Nogales, Sonora queried Tucson Field Office on the number of travelers who entered the United States through the Nogales checkpoints between December 10 and December 31 of the year 2018. Response: In the month of December 2018 the Port of Nogales had 307,889 vehicles and 295,702 pedestrians.

Deadline: 12/11 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: (b)(6) Visual Journalist, UC Berkley School of Journalism, queried AZ CBP on conditions in processing centers. Response: Pending input and coordination

Deadline: TBD Publication: TBD Tone: UNK possibly negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: (b)(6) reporter, Cronkite News, followed up on his recent query to AZ CBP to ask how many miles are currently affected by environmental waivers. Response: Pending input and coordination.

Deadline: 12/13 Publication: 12/14 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: Tucson BPAs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted a ride along with New York Times Magazine reporter: (b)(6) through Sasabe, AZ focused on what a typical line agent does in patrol operations. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will speak on how human smuggling is intertwined with fatalities in the desert, he expressed that he needed to understand the dynamics at the border. Agents perceived the engagement to be positive.

Deadline: 3/20 Publication: Flex Tone: Neutral

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/11: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) are arranging tours and interviews for (b)(6) Washington Post Reporter recently assigned to Texas. She is stationed in San Antonio, but will be in EL Paso area from 15-18 December. This will mostly be an exercise to familiarize her with El Paso Sector. AMO has declined ride-along and interviews due to operational requirements and staff availability. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is working OFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is working through USBP.

12/13: Chief Chavez wants to do interview on 17th at 2pm. She has asked that we meet her in the field during the ride-along, so I will coordinate that with BPAs.

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

12/10 – RGV Sector CPA Karisch will conduct an interview with MSNBC Reporter (b)(6) at the Donna Wall construction site on 12-12-19. Topic of discussion will be current wall construction and the force multiplier that it will bring to the border security equation. (b)(6) will also participate in an operational USBP riverine ride along in the McAllen AOR. Principal for riverine will be McAllen PAIC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). This will be followed by a USBP ground 101 as this is (b)(6) first trip to the RGV.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

12/10 – ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will conduct and interview with New York Times reporter (b)(6) at RGV Sector HQ on 12-12-19. Topic will be current status in RGV's ongoing wall construction projects. (b)(6) will be taken on a McAllen AOR familiarization ride along afterwards.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

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

12/10 – ACPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will conduct and interview with NPR Radio reporter (b)(6) at RGV Sector HQ on 12-12-19. Topic will be current status in RGV's ongoing wall construction projects. (b)(6) (b)(6) had inquired about increased cost in current construction, the land acquisition process and local environmental issues. These topics will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel for action.
Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: (b)(6) AP Reporter assigned to Southwest Border, says he will be posting his story about Brazilians trying to get into US tonight or tomorrow. He says we will be surprised at the level of detail he has obtained. He wasn't able to get reporters sent to Brazil to help, but says he talked to everyone including cabbies and hotel clerks. I think the story will be positive from our perspective – merely highlighting that Brazilians have become a major group since last year, right behind Mexicans. He'll probably talk about cartels changing their SOP since MPP and other programs have blocked their primary customers. He researched numbers heavily from past three years in order to show trend.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: (b)(6) from New York Times. Agents took (b)(6) to Sasabe and to rescue beacons near Sasabe, AZ. The main topic of discussion was BSI topics and rescues within Tucson Sector. Deadline: 12/10 Publication: TBD Tone: neutral Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9: (b)(6) AP Phoenix, requested details on tunnel discovered 12/8 with associated arrests. Deadline: 12/9 story Broadcast: unk Tone: Neutral Lead: BPA: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: St. Louis NBC affiliate will be heading to DRT to do a Middle-America story about CBP and the border. They have a (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in sector whose brother is a firefighter in Kansas City and whose father is a retired Missouri State Highway Patrolman. Dates to be determined, itinerary to be determined.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9: (b)(6) (Fox Business "Primetime") contacted El Paso and Big Bend Sectors. She is interested in researching and possibly visiting border patrol and detention facilities for an inside look. This would involve a few short interview with agents, and a camera crew taking video of the facilities. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told her that we do not take news crews into BP facilities, but can arrange ride-alongs and interviews. Also said El Paso Sector could arrange tours/interviews in early January, due to prior commitments and shortage of personnel between now and 20 December. CBP OPA should let us know if this is high enough priority that we may want to ask BP to shift other engagements; however, Chief/Directors are also planning to be out during this period. Tentative for **January 6-10**.

AMO preferred date is either 7 or 8 December with Fox selecting morning or afternoon. AMO is okay with doing the flight in either El Paso or Big Bend – leaving it up to Fox. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) wants questions in advance, but Fox has told me their policy does not allow for that. They will send topics and promise no "gotchas." Primetime producer will not have answers until next week after she meets with entire team to discuss. Looks like they are preferring El Paso, because they have to fly a whole team in here and to make the cost worthwhile, so they want to ensure they get all three pieces – OFO, AMO, USBP – and plenty of front-line visits/discussions. They will decide many things by next week.

Leads: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Tone: Expected Positive

12/9: KGNS-TV (NBC-Laredo) reporters: (b)(6) inquired about reports of a possible bridge closure due to reports of a group of African migrants wanting to rush the port. An MFF drill was held this afternoon at Laredo Port of Entry. Provided previously approved RTQ statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: CBP is charged with facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel while upholding our national border security mission. Balancing these demands, keeping illicit goods and people out of the country, and managing the influx of those seeking asylum requires a careful balance of our resources and space.

The periodic implementation of Mobile Field Force exercises and utilization of queue management points, helps CBP to manage traffic flow while effectively eliminating the ability for a large group of migrants to illegally and forcefully surge through the Ports of Entry. These steps help us to ensure everyone's safety and security, to include travelers, asylum seekers, business stakeholders and our own employees.

CBP's mission is to secure our nation's borders and these measures allow us to do just that.

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

12/10: Hidalgo PAL (b)(6) will host a media academy at Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas Port of Entry, explaining CBP's border security mission in the passenger and cargo environments, PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will address the November 2019 OFO and Laredo Field Office Inadmissibles data during the academy. Participating outlets include: Televisa Reynosa, KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KVEO-TV (NBC-RGV), The Monitor, KTLN-TV (Telemundo-RGV), KNVO-TV (Univision-RGV).
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: YUM PAO has submitted a video for release, of an incident from earlier this week that resulted in the seizure of \$617K worth of marijuana. Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/6: KUAT TV (Arizona PBS) has requested a visit next week to the Port of Nogales. They are interested in several topics to include MPP & wait times. Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Media Engagements - Outstanding

12/5: (b)(6) KVIA TV El Paso is trying to develop a story on IPR enforcement. OPA working with El Paso POE to set up an opportunity where he can film parcel exams and speak to a SME on the topic.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: Epoch Times Reporter (b)(6) from KYMA to ride along with BORSTAR during (b)(7)(E) in Yuma.
Deadline: 11/27 Broadcast: 11/27 Tone: Neutral
Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: (b)(6) with Zeta newspaper in Tijuana is doing a story on fentanyl and requested a phone interview to get a CBP official's perspective on the challenges, dangers and statistics of what we have seen at San Diego ports. AD: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would conduct the interview. Reporter also requested to have a photographer take b-roll at a port.

12/2: Interview conducted 11/27. /covering basic smugglers' tactics, dangers in handling, opioid epidemic community impact. Story not yet posted here.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/25: In response to a request from (b)(6) Laredo Morning Times, for an interview regarding what CBP Laredo Field Office is doing to facilitate trade at Port Laredo, ADFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Trade Operations, Laredo Field Office, conducted a phone interview and spoke about facilitation measures including a Donations Acceptance Program to develop FAST lanes outside of the import lot at World Trade Bridge, facilitation of agricultural commodities in coordination with SAGARPA officers posted at Colombia Solidarity Bridge, processing arriving shipments in about 38 minutes, plans for arrival of new NII imaging systems in Laredo and Brownsville and plans for placement of NII equipment in pre-primary areas in the coming years. Expected rundate: TBD, expected tone: positive.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/20: (b)(6) a publisher with The Carmel Pine Cone out of Pacific Grove Calif., will be in the San Diego area on **December 3rd** and asked to photograph the wall areas which he covered back in the 1980's when he was a reporter. SDC will support and provide him their Then & Now narrative.

12/12: Story ran here on Page 28A.

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

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for **January**
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/19: CBP OPA, DHS OPA and DoS are working on an engagement for State involving 10-12 Central American Journalists (3-4 crews) to highlight what has changed along the border. They will be producing video content about what has changed along the border. Timeframe is late December, early January. Tentatively they will be on the ground in the RGV and another city, possibly El Paso for a total of 4 days. All interviews with principals and SMEs will be in Spanish. It is anticipated that each crew will interview independently. On the north side they will interview CBP about what has changed (MPP, and other programs), on the south side, they will talk about the human stories of people waiting and exploitation by the smugglers. They also request to film the boarding of an ENV flight.

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

11/6: (b)(6) Telemundo Network, re-upped her request to ride along with Border Patrol agents in a Southern border area and had placed a specific interest in seeing processing facilities and access to immigration hearing facilities. I deferred to PAOs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding bandwidth and local mgmt. concurrence to support/accommodate a ride along request currently and to advise what such a ride along request would or would not entail. Advised that we are keeping her request to have access to a MPP immigration hearing facility on file, would advise of any future opportunities and provided CBP-approved RTQ statement regarding media access to MPP immigration hearing facilities.

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

10/23: (b)(6) New York Times Magazine, queried Tucson Sector Border Patrol for a media engagement to discuss migrant deaths in the SW deserts. (b)(6) is working closely with the Pima County Medical Examiner on his story.

11/6: the report will concentrate on what happens when BP finds remains and the ruggedness of terrain/dangers of illegal immigrants making this journey. The story will be about a deceased migrant and the migrant's life from his/her original home country to how his/her life ended. The reporter has plans of speaking with the family of the migrant for the story. TCA FCB proposes taking (b)(6) to Sasabe or Lukeville to show him the terrain and distances some illegal aliens traverse. TCA will focus on BSI talking points.

Deadline: **Oct 28** Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/21: (b)(6) Aftonbladet newspaper, Stockholm, Sweden and photographer (b)(6) request to join a border patrol to do a story on their work to secure the border. The story will be text/stills and also some TV. The story is highly interesting for a Swedish audience since we have the same issues with migration in Europe. I have followed patrols securing EU borders in Greece and Bulgaria.

They would like to join for two or three nights in **Jan 2020**.

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

Media Engagements - Completed

11/6: (b)(6) Washington Correspondent for The Economist would like to do a ride-along to include the urban/El Paso area with new bollard wall and areas in NM with new bollard wall and locations where construction is currently underway. OPA will determine if the Sector Chief is available to provide a Sector overview and/or join the ride along. The reporter mentioned speaking to Congressman Hurd who has been a proponent of small border technology instead of physical infrastructure so that may come up. Availability next week is in the afternoon of **Nov 13th or 14th**. May not have time to take him out to new construction area.

11/29: Follow-up call w/XD Singleton Monday, December 2 @ 10:30 AM (telephonic)

11/20: Arranging national follow-up with Chief Martin or DXD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Monday. Coordination phone call today.

11/19: Arranging a follow-up engagement with Chief Martin or Dep Exec Dir (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on wall from a national perspective. Tentatively Nov 25/26.

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

10/10: (b)(6) (FoxNation) has requested a ride along in the RGV for a special in January. Filming for the engagement will occur sometime in First Week of December. OPA is working with USBP, OFO, and AMO to determine locations and topics. Expected to air in January.

11/19: Schedule changed slightly, they will be in RGV for **Dec 4 - 6**.

10/16: Scheduled for December 5 & 6. Routine ground, marine, and aviation ride-longs responding to traffic. No processing. Interview with Chief Karisch or designee.

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

12/4: (b)(6) KABB-TV (Fox – San Antonio), requested a statement regarding a story she is working on about a San Antonio man whose vehicle was reportedly seized after his girlfriend answered a Craigslist ad to drive two illegal aliens, and was ultimately arrested at a Del Rio Sector checkpoint. Unable to verify the case, OPA provided the following statement: attribute to a CBP spokesperson:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *Assisting illegal aliens in entering or continuing their journey into the United States, to include transporting and housing, is a felony. U.S. Border Patrol agents are constantly on the look-out for people who are assisting transnational criminal*

organizations in their smuggling endeavors. These organizations use various means to recruit drivers and caretakers, including social media and word of mouth. They often offer quick cash and downplay the dangers involved. Do not be fooled by these smugglers. If someone is arrested and charged with alien smuggling they face up to 10 years in prison under 8 USC 1324.

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

11/14: YUM PAO provided a border tour and several stand up interviews to reporter (b)(6) with German Public Radio. We discussed the current situation in YUM and the crisis that we have been experiencing the past year.

Air date: TBD

Tone: Positive/Neutral

Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/19: Breitbart News six-member crew full meal deal tour tentatively anticipated for week of November 4-8, two days in Laredo (November 5 & 6), two days in RGV (November 7 & 8). Draft itineraries have been circulated amid OFO, USBP, AMO PALS and respective leadership. Tour dates pending confirmation with AMO, USBP partners.

11/13: Laredo portion cancelled due to weather. Crew will travel to RGV and return to Laredo in two weeks.

11/12: Del Rio Sector portion completed. Plans for a boat tour were cancelled due to weather.

Engagement consisted of interview at Eagle Pass Station with Del Rio Sector Division Chief

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Eagle Pass: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and Assistant Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and a visit to the Eagle Pass checkpoint. In addition to the six-member Breitbart crew, two Sirius XM personnel were along to gather audio for Patriot Radio.

11/5: Due to late development/USBP senior executive travel in the Laredo area, the ride along originally scheduled with U.S. Border Patrol in the Laredo Sector AOR has shifted to Del Rio Sector, Eagle Pass Station AOR for Nov. 12. The rest of the Laredo, RGV itinerary remains intact. PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) organized a conference call where this was discussed with Breitbart and all is good to go. An interview with JTF-West Director Manny Padilla is scheduled in San Antonio for 11/11.

10/21: Engagement now scheduled for the week of **Nov 11-15**.

Laredo Port of Entry mgmt. indicated concurrence with filming date on afternoon of Nov. 6. .

Laredo Sector Border Patrol advises that there will be a 15-member STAFFDEL on Nov. 5 and is asking to delay to the following week.

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

9/12: (b)(6) is looking to do a 90 minute piece for Fox Nation on "What's behind the headlines" of what is occurring along the border. Correspondent: (b)(6)/crew will travel to the Rio Grande Valley to highlight the real issues which CBP and the Border Patrol are dealing with. She will cover

(1) the cartels behind whats happening,

(2) Mexico's efforts to stem the flow of Central Americans, and

(3) the role of CBP.

The 22 minute piece will revolve around an engagement with C1 and highlight CBPs efforts to combat human smuggling as well as human and narcotics trafficking. Highlighting the cartels view of the migrants as simply another form of commodity.

10/9: Crew will be out with RGV Horse Patrol today.

10/7: Filming scheduled for **October 9-11 and 16-18**. The commissioner is expected to be on the ground in RGV. October 17-18.

9/19: RGV and Laredo OPA and USBP are coordinating on the ground.

9/19: Engagement will be October 7-20.

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

Requests for Information/Statement/Other

12/3: Reporter (b)(6) with the San Diego Union Tribune inquired about access and arrests at an area called Friendship Circle located along the border near the Pacific Ocean. He was provided background information on the area. His story is expected to center around an undocumented immigrant who says he was arrested there last year while visiting his mother. The area is not an "immigration free zone" as some may think.

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

12/3: Responded to inquiries from multiple outlets, including KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV), Texas Public Radio, Buzzfeed and Brownsville Herald on reports of large numbers of Mexican asylum seekers being processed at Brownsville Port of Entry recently, asking whether the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has been implemented in Brownsville. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA, HQ OFO Enforcement programs and responded with the following response language approved by HQ OFO Enforcement Programs:

Attributable to a CBP official: *What has been seen in Brownsville recently are ebbs and flows in migration patterns; the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process has not been implemented in that location. CBP continually experiences varying trends with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law.*

As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but all claims are handled on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases.

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

12/3: Forbes Magazine reporter (b)(6) calls Yuma Sector to ask if Deployed Resources built the MPP facilities in Yuma and also maintains them. YUM Confirmed.

Deadline: 12/3 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral Lead: SOS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/3: KVOA reporter (b)(6) requested a statement to the recent closure of some lanes at the Port of Nogales. TFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) issued the following response;

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is committed to the safety of those crossing the border and our local communities. In recent days, there has been an increase of incursions through vehicle lanes at Arizona ports of entry by asylum seekers attempting to evade established entry processes. These tactics interfere with CBP officers conducting their responsibilities and exacerbates wait times for daily commuters.

CBP encourages the traveling public to be mindful of these unusual happenings and visit the Wait Time site to modify travel itineraries, as needed. CBP officers are well-trained law enforcement professionals who stand ready to defend the border and uphold the laws of the United States of America. CBP will not allow ports to be overrun, or unauthorized entry. Security measures will be increased as needed to ensure priorities are safely met.

10/18: El Paso Times (b)(6) is writing about POE staffing and decisions made on how resources are allocated now that surge has diminished and personnel have returned to the primary duties. OPA provided background to the reporter and working to set up an interview with the port director. No publication date. Tone: neutral.

12/6: UPDATE: Story posted <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2019/12/06/international-bridges-border-residents-brave-longer-lines-migration-crisis-goes/2587424001/>

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

12/5: (b)(6) /AP El Paso is writing about Mexican asylum seekers living in tent camps near international bridges across the border from El Paso. He will report that the camps exists because asylum seekers are jockeying for position to apply for entry at area ports. Some are pointing blame at CBP because there now appear to be competing lists of Mexican and Central American asylum seekers not being honored by CBP. OPA provided a statement which was crafted with local and HQ input.

The CBP officers performing queue management operations at the international boundary line are not conducting primary inspections but rather making certain those who intend to apply have entry documents. If the individuals do not have documents and there is no space available at the CBP facility they are instructed to wait until capacity becomes available to ensure safe and secure processing. As you know, CBP has no involvement of any lists, nor do we even engage in any attempt to control, facilitate or distinguish amongst competing lists. CBP has a responsibility to ensure lawful legitimate trade and travel occurs, while at the same time, protecting our borders from those that wish it harm. CBP's ability to process asylum applicants is dependent upon capacity issues as well as our other mission sets: Anti-terrorism, Counter-narcotics, Global Economic Trade, and Facilitation of lawful trade and travel.

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

11/29: (b)(6) The Galveston County Daily News, inquired about an off-duty incident that occurred 11/28 in League City, TX, in which a CBP employee shot and killed his wife. Provided a statement, approved by Houston Field Office: "Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was arrested by the League City Police Department on

Nov. 28 while he was off duty. Since, August 2008, he has worked CBP agriculture operations in the Houston Seaport environment. CBP is fully cooperating with the League City Police Department who is leading this investigation." Also confirmed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) deceased wife was a CBPO at the Houston Seaport, from approved RTQs. Referred further questions, regarding the investigation, to League City Police Department.

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

11/26: (b)(6) reporter, with ASU queried Tucson Sector and CBP Media Relations on a letter to Commissioner Morgan from Congresswoman Anne Kirkpatrick yesterday regarding CBP's environmental stewardship plan and wall construction in Southern Arizona. Response: Pending coordination. Deadline: 11/26 Publication: 11/28 Tone: Neutral Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/26: In response to inquiries from Los Angeles Times Reporter (b)(6) BuzzFeed reporter (b)(6) CNN reporter (b)(6) regarding whether we are experiencing a trend of previously MPP'ed family units sending their children across international bridges as UACs in Brownsville and generally and whether we have any stats or statements about this, consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and provided the following on an RTQ basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: Unaccompanied alien children are not amenable to MPP enrollment. CBP continually experiences ebbs and flows with migration patterns due to many factors, but in each case CBP officers consider the sum total of all facts and circumstances and everyone is processed in accordance with the law.

As a rule, CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons, but amenability for enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case.

Relevant links to UAC statistics (note: links for inadmissible stats are not broken down further beyond the Field Office level):

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fo-sw-border-inadmissibles>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy-2019>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fo-sw-border-inadmissibles-fy2019>

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

11/25: (b)(6) PBS/NPR Texas Newsroom, inquired about wall development in Starr County, installation of panels and timetable. Consulted with HQ OPA mgmt. and the following response was provided:

Attributable to a CBP official: That is correct. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will begin installing panels this week for the approximately 3 mile new border wall system project located within Starr County, Texas. Please see the press release [here](#) for more project details.

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

11/25: (b)(6) Los Angeles Times reporter, asked a series of detail-specific questions regarding former CBP officer (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) including:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) work for CBP for 18 years in RGV sector?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) have a good record, including a national commendation for integrity due to a corruption investigation he assisted?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Was (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) fired after a USCIS investigation as part of a passport application for his brother revealed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) first birth certificate (filed before his US birth certificate) was issued in Mexico?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) three years to become a citizen and return to his job?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Did CBP give (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the option of retiring early, but with a penalty?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Did CBP perform background checks of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (I believe there were at least three)? Why wasn't (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Mexican birth certificate uncovered during those background checks?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Is CBP working with USCIS, which has been considering (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) citizenship application via his wife, a USCIS employee and former CBP officer, and if not, why?

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->11/26 update: HQ OPA, OCC, LFO concurrence obtained, responded with RTQ statement (b)(6) followed up asking to confirm years of service and integrity award. Stuck by previous response.

PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) developed the following response to query statement: *CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP and recommends utilizing that statement and indicating from the outset that this is CBP's official statement and we have nothing further to add.* Consulting with LFO mgmt., OCC, HQ OPA mgmt. Reporter is looking to publish her story on 11/27.

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

11/22: Reporter (b)(6) with local KPBS is inquiring about a person in SDC custody for supposedly three weeks after his illegal entry case against him was dismissed. Claims family and attorney were not provided any information on his whereabouts.

11/26: Was provided responses to the individual's stay with CBP prior to turn over to ICE. Nothing nefarious happened. Story ran. Link – reporter never mentioned that fact that detainee had twice refused to contact the Mexican Consulate. Was asked to add that to his story.

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

11/21: (b)(6) Truthout.org reporter is writing about an environmental group that released a report on what appears to be a 2018 DHS/HHS proposal to build a temporary shelter for migrant families and unaccompanied minors at the Fort Bliss Army base in Texas, where a temporary shelter was established in 2016. He was asking what happened to the 2018 plan. OPA advised reporter to contact HHS regarding UAC's. Reporter was also provided with links to CBP spotlight items on construction of temporary soft-sided facilities at various locations to address the border crisis. Publication date unknown. Tone: negative.

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

11/19: A Staff Reporter –(AZ News Radio Network) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by unscrupulous smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline:

11/19 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Nogales International Newspaper) Inquired about a recent claim by an area rancher (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) who says that an agent he is in contact with has exhibited inappropriate behavior thus causing him to be reassigned to another Border Patrol area. The reported also inquired about a Border Patrol (b)(7)(E) the aforementioned rancher claimed he found on his property placed their by agents.

TCA-PAO is currently working to gather more information to compose a written response statement. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (KTAR-Radio-AZ) requested information on the latest Border Patrol arrest figures. He wanted to know the reasons why Adult males from Mexico are the largest demographic arrested by Border Patrol in Tucson Sector.

TCA-PAO is preparing a telephonic interview to quantify the numbers and to reiterate that adult males not wanting to be apprehended account for the largest number of arrests, however large number of FAMU and UAJ still are arriving at concerning numbers. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) (Arizona Daily Star Newspaper) Inquired about a recent gun seizures from persons attempting to smuggle guns and ammunition out of the United States into Mexico. He understand that the OFO officers see the highest amount of seizures of this type but wanted to know what Border Patrol experiences in the same type of smuggling event.

TCA-PAO is constructing a statement that says we do seize guns on their out of the country but not to the extent that OFO officers see. Deadline: 11/21 Tone: Neutral

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

11/19: (b)(6) reporter for the NYC bureau of the Daily Mail (UK) contacted PAO seeking further information regarding a Business Insider story of a Border Patrol Agent that discovered a Mexican birth

certificate after serving for 20 years. OPA indicated that matter likely under an internal investigation, covered by privacy act.

Official statement provided: "CBP confirms he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed by CBP."

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

11/19: Reporter (b)(6) –AZ News Radio) inquired about the News Release (200 Illegal aliens arrested near Sasabe). He was given a brief interview on the situation, as was told the groups are a concern since large numbers of migrants in a single group require a lot of resources and they are placed there by unscrupulous smugglers. Additionally large groups cause a strain on resources. Deadline:

11/19. Tone: Neutral

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

11/18: Telemundo and Univision Nacional inquired if CBP had a statement regarding a Brownsville CBP officer that had been terminated after his Mexican birth certificate was discovered and is currently working to correct his citizenship status. Consulted with LFO, OCC and there is concurrence to confirm he was employed with CBP and is currently not employed with CBP. Pending final HQ OPA mgmt. concurrence.

11/19 update: HQ OPA mgmt. concurred. Confirmed to both outlets that he was previously employed with CBP; he currently is no longer employed with CBP.

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

11/18: KRGV-TV reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding a federal judge's order regarding inspections of electronic devices and sought a statement from CBP. Consulted with HQ OPA.

Approved Statement: *U.S. Customs and Border Protection does not as a matter of policy comment on matters in litigation. However, we are able to provide the following information: In Fiscal Year 2019, CBP processed more than 414 million travelers at U.S. ports of entry. During that same period of time, CBP conducted 40,913 border searches of electronic devices, representing less than .01 percent of arriving international travelers.*

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

11/14: AJ+ English reporter (b)(6) requested high-resolution pics of recent human smuggling cases involving the use of tractor trailers. Three photos were sent to him.

Tone: Positive

Air Date: TBD

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/14: Several national and local media outlets, including CNN, CQ Roll Call, BuzzFeed inquired regarding a case that gained traction from a tweet from the executive director of AILA regarding a previously MPP'ed two-year-old reportedly suffering from sepsis accompanied by her family and AILA attorneys seeking to be paroled into the U.S. who had not been allowed in until late in the evening of Nov. 13. Consulted with LFO mgmt., HQ OPA and with their concurrence the following statement was provided on a response to query basis:

Attributable to a CBP official: *Amenability to enrollment in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis and there are different levels of granularity, facts and circumstances that are unique to each case. Agents and officers implementing the MPP program are directed to review arriving individuals for known physical or mental health conditions or the potential to face persecution or torture in Mexico. All factors need to be considered, including whether the status of the particular medical condition and the immediate health of the migrant at the time of encounter is something requiring immediate medical attention.*

With the sum total of all facts and information considered in this case, this particular family unit was paroled into the U.S. for the child to receive medical treatment. The family will remain in the U.S. pending their hearings before an immigration judge.

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

11/14: (b)(6) a longtime Austin-based NPR reporter, advised he will be relocating to the Brownsville area for the next 30 days to report on border stories and requested permission to attend a hearing within the MPP immigration hearing facility at Brownsville Port of Entry. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and plan to provide the following response:

Regarding access to an immigration hearing facility we have noted your request, will keep that on file and will advise if there may be any forthcoming opportunity. In the meantime, please see the below statement with regard to media access to Migration Protection Protocol immigration hearing facilities:

Attributable to a CBP official: "Because the immigration hearing facilities (IHF) in Laredo and Brownsville are within CBP's secure port of entry property, access to these temporary immigration hearing facilities will operate in accordance with practices for other secure CBP areas. Requests for access by the media or by the public to the IHF will be assessed on a case-by-case basis when operationally feasible and in accordance with procedures for access to any CBP secure facility.

The media and the public may still be able to observe hearings by visiting the San Antonio, Harlingen, and Port Isabel EOIR immigration courts where immigration judges are located and will be connected via live-streaming video teleconference to the alien at the temporary IHF. Note that access to hearings at immigration courts are subject to DOJ EOIR rules and policies.

Information regarding EOIR immigration court access, hearing schedules, or specific to the master calendar hearings should be obtained directly from DOJ EOIR."

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

11/6: RGV PAO office received a request from Border Report reporter (b)(6) in regards to a press poll released by the US Immigration Policy Center as follows:

The poll found a "crisis in confidence" with President Trump's immigration policies, according to the poll of 2,700 people in four states: California, Arizona, N.M., and Texas. There are some questions regarding how the public feels about Border Patrol officials protecting their safety.

Reporter: I'm wondering if your agency can comment on this. And, for the record, I specifically used my question time to ask the poll director about the questions that highlighted people were upset when asked if they were US citizens at checkpoints in the interior.

That information is listed here: Border Residents and Border Patrol Checkpoints

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Over 3 out of 10, or 31.1%, have been stopped and questioned about their U.S. citizenship at an interior Border Patrol checkpoint
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Lack of Trust in Border Patrol
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Only 1 out of 3, or 33.1%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will protect the rights and civil liberties of all people equally.
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Just over 4 out of 10, or 40.7%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials will "keep you and your family safe."
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Less than 3 out of 10, or 28.6%, trust "a great deal" or "a lot" that Border Patrol officials who abuse their authority will be held accountable for their abuses.

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/alliancesandiego/pages/2734/attachments/original/1573060841/0841/usipc-border-poll-final%281%29.pdf?1573060841>

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

11/5: Telemundo 40 (Telemundo-RGV) reporter (b)(6) had made repeated attempted to reach out to several CBP PALs and PAOs seeking an interview regarding the issue of Mexican B1/B2 laser visa holders who donate their blood for pay in the U.S. and whether doing that would jeopardize the terms of their visa for a sweeps story. Utilized previously approved response language used to respond to similar questions in El Paso and Eagle Pass. LFO mgmt. concurred. Response strategy as per PAO

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was electronic statement only, no on-camera or follow up interviews.

Statement:

Attributable to a CBP official: B1/B2 card holders who cross the border to sell plasma may be in jeopardy of having their document revoked by a CBP officer. The CBP officer has discretion and may handle these situations on a case-by-case basis taking into account all available information present at the time of entry. For further information on B1/B2 and what is allowable please contact the U.S. State Department.

DOS can be contacted here: capressrequests@state.gov

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

11/4: El Diario de Juarez and KERA-FM radio are writing about Mexican asylum seekers in the El Paso/Juarez area, why they are waiting in Mexico, impact on local operations, etc. They were provided latest statement addressing the matter.

Publication immediate. Tone: negative.

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

11/4: Multiple media inquiries on NM BP shooting referred to CBP statement and NMSP news release. Also directed to sector to maintain a single POE for official CBP information.

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

11/4: KGUN Reporter inquired about weekend reports of gunfire heard in Douglas, AZ that viewers said were coming from Mexico. They were referred to Cochise County Sheriff's for possible comment.

Tone: Neutral Air Date: 11/4

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter/producer, Arizona 260, AZ Public Media, queried Tucson Field Operations and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on how CBP handles corruption cases.

RESPONSE: Pending

Deadline: 10/31 Broadcast: 11/1 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) reporter, Investigative Reporter Program Berkley College, queried Yuma Sector Border Patrol to confirm an employee by the name (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

RESPONSE: We don't have a person by that name currently.

Deadline: 10/30 Publication: TBD Tone: Unk

Lead: BP PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/30: (b)(6) El Diario de El Paso is writing about the search for a Las Cruces man who disappeared with his two pre-school age sons earlier in the month. Authorities believe h may have traveled to Mexico. Reporter was asking about CBP response/lookout. OPA in conjunction with OFO provided a statement on how CBPO's operate and what would happen if we encounter a subject sought by law. Questions regarding the ongoing investigative efforts in the US and Mexico were redirected.

Tone: neutral. Publication: Thursday.

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

10/29: Responded to inquiry from Forte Newspaper and Estereo 91 reporter (b)(6) (b)(6) regarding complaints of excessive wait times in the SENTRI lane, extending 20 blocks into Nuevo Laredo. Consulted with local mgmt. and responded that we have three SENTRI lanes open, a 15-minute wait, are not experiencing significant waits on the bridge and deferred to Government of Mexico regarding traffic within the interior of Mexico.

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

10/28: (b)(6) reporter, Tucson Sentinel, queried CBP Arizona on the migrant death over the weekend. Specifically, how was she located, what type of injuries did she sustain, where was the hospital?

Response: *Referred to Tucson Sector for more information.*

Deadline: 28 OCT Publication: 29 OCT Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/24: Local San Diego ABC 10 reporter (b)(6) is revisiting his story from June about allegations that CBP was improperly having subjects detox at the San Ysidro port of entry. His story now will highlight interviews from a new person held at San Ysidro in March who discussed these allegations during his trial for criminal entry. The news story will include clips from hours of video from inside a San Ysidro holding room (made public as a part of the subject's criminal hearing.) This same topic was also the subject of a different media story following a letter/news release from the ACLU and a physician's group naming three other individuals with similar allegations. After consulting with the local Field Office and OCC, CBP responded with the following:

Attributable to a CBP spokesperson: *CBP does not comment on matters that are currently under litigation.*

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

10/22: (b)(6) reporter, Cronkite News, queried Tucson OFO on the current hiring processes and how they affect wait times at the ports of entry.

RESPONSE: *The query has been referred to HQ personnel with the recruiting and biometrics accounts.*

Deadline: 10/22 Publication: 10/23 Tone: Neutral

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

10/18: (b)(6) AZ PBS, queried CBP Arizona on the name of a recent fugitive from AZ caught in Mexico and extradited back to the US with help of Yuma Sector.

Response: Pending PII approval.
Deadline: 10/18/19 Broadcast: 10/18 Tone: Neutral
Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/8: Arizona Republic/USA Today Reporter (b)(6) inquired whether Arizona POE's are transferring Asylum seekers to other locations?
TFO PAL responded that "Arizona Ports are not transferring arriving migrants claiming fear to MPP facilities for initial process."
Tone: Positive Air Date: 10/9

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

12/13: Houlton Sector CPA will do an interview on Maine's morning drive-time radio program (b)(6) at 7:04 a.m. to discuss border patrol operations in Maine. Interview will focus on several recent apprehensions as well as any update on the SWB. Expected Tone: Positive
Lead: PAC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/11: WCAX Channel 3 (CBS affiliate) reporter (b)(6) inquired about Agriculture Specialists from Champlain, NY POE preventing invasive pests entering the U.S. on a Christmas Tree shipment from Canada and destined to southern U.S. states. Provided press release, additional approved imagery, and approved Field Office talking points.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/11: Chicago Tribune reporter (b)(6) contacted CBP concerning the legalization of marijuana in Chicago, and if CBP had a comment regarding if marijuana use or suspected marijuana use was enough for CBP to deny non-citizens entry into the country if they arrive at Chicago airports. The approved marijuana messaging talking points were sent to the reporter. Tone: Negative/Neutral
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/11: Multiple local media outlets attended a joint press conference hosted by CBP and HSI to discuss IPR seizures ahead of the holiday season. CBP was represented by the Boston Field Office DFO and HSI was represented by the Boston SAC. Tone: Positive
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) will be conducting an impromptu Facebook Live on their website today from 12-1230 with OPA and OFO on hand to answer Northern Border (NY State AOR) related questions from their Northern Border Security five part piece educational story on Northern Border Security. Tone: Neutral-Educational
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

8/19: Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) will be interviewing AC1 on August 21, about Northern Border Security based on their upcoming educational story on Northern Border Security piece to print in September. Tone: Neutral-Educational
Lead: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: The Buffalo Field Office will host its monthly television show on LCTV on 12/11 and will share information regarding IPR seizures and investigations that occur in response to the online holiday shopping season. Field Office ADFO Trade and ASAC for Buffalo HSI Field Office will participate. Approved CPA talking points on IPR will be provided.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: WHAM Channel 13 (ABC affiliate) Rochester, NY reporter (b)(6) inquired about IPR seizures and asked for an on camera interview to provide IPR awareness during the shopping season to their viewers. Provided recent IPR seizure imagery, information and approved Field Office talking points.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/10: UPDATE As a follow up to "Know Before You Go" media availabilities joint radio travel informational segments with Miami-Dade Aviation Authority planned for Actualidad Radio 1040 AM 12/10 and 880theBiz 12/11 in South Florida during afternoon rush-hour. CBP Public Affairs Liaison (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with travel tips for those traveling internationally during the holiday season.
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/26: Several local and regional affiliates in Tampa (Tampa Bay Times/ABC Action News/WFLA News Channel 8/Spectrum Bay News 9) and Miami (NBC6/Telemundo 51/CBS 4/WSVN FOX 7) attended the media availability for coverage on evening newscasts. Neutral to positive tone expected.

11/19: Media availability planned for the morning of **Tuesday, November 26th** at Tampa International Airport and Miami International Airport to share "Know Before You Go" messaging for Floridians traveling internationally during the holiday season. Agriculture specialists and beagle teams participating with backdrop of prohibited and seized food items.

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

11/18: *Real America with* (b)(6) producer (b)(6) reached out regarding Border Patrol agents performing transportation checks of Greyhound buses in Spokane. Currently awaiting further details.

11/21 UPDATE: Response to questions are pending USBP review.

11/22 UPDATE: Approved responses provided

12/10: Episode is set to air Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. [https://www.facebook.com/RealAmericaWith \(b\)\(6\) /](https://www.facebook.com/RealAmericaWith(b)(6)/)

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

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(b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: Re: NYT Request

Just following up here. Thanks!

On Tue, Nov 5, 2019 at 1:09 PM (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com> wrote:
Hello Gents,

Just following up here on some reporting I've been working on. I've been asking for awhile now to meet with someone overseeing work on the border wall. I thought it would help to send some of the lines of questioning along. This information seems rather straightforward and something that wouldn't be hard to find.

--One thing we're curious about is the location and geography of the new wall. Do you already have a potential route for the construction. Can you provide the latitude and longitude of that route?

--Have you not determined a route for the border wall? What facet of planning have you done yet then?

--What hurdles are you running into as you continue construction? Have you determined which locations are private land and will need a declaration of eminent domain? Have you determined areas with environmental concerns that will slow construction? Can you specify where those areas are?

Looking forward to hearing what would be possible here.

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]
Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6) [redacted]
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Subject:

Social Media Listening Report: November 1, 2019

Attachments:

Social Listening 11.01.19.docx

- New Day: Arrests of migrant families and unaccompanied children at the southern border reached record highs over the past year, driven by a surge in asylum seekers, acting CBP chief Mark Morgan said. (b)(6) reports on the conditions for asylum seekers. VIDEO [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (WaPo): 1990s: Most convicted migrant smugglers were other migrants. Now: Most are US citizens. —> More U.S. citizens are being convicted of smuggling immigrants across the border - The Washington Post [LINK](#)
- ProPublica: The Trump administration is creating a center that will give immigration agents access to information from U.S. intelligence agencies. Migrants and others denied entry will be unable to see the evidence against them because it is classified. [LINK](#)

Outlets:

- El Paso Times: Trump promised to 'build the wall.' Here's what's been built in Texas and NM [LINK](#)
- PBS NewsHour: Trump administration officials have been promoting their efforts to build 450 miles of new border wall by the end of 2020. However, most of the projects involve replacing old barriers or adding secondary fencing rather than creating entirely new barriers [LINK](#)
- Roll Call: Stripped-down defense authorization bill lacks details that could affect Trump's border wall funding plan [LINK](#)
- TIME: Exclusive: "They're screaming for help." See drawings from children stuck in Mexico as they seek U.S. asylum. [LINK](#)
- AP: A sloppy antidrug operation and subsequent days of changing explanations has revealed not so much that Mexico has a failing security strategy as some had worried, but no real strategy at all, experts say. [LINK](#)
- Motherboard: Over 200 employees at a Seattle-based data visualization company publicly called out their employer for the first time this week, demanding it cut ties with ICE and CBP. [LINK](#)
- KGNS: KGNS sat down with the deputy chief of the Laredo Border Patrol sector to talk about the number of migrant apprehensions, rescues, and agents having been attacked in the line of duty. [LINK](#)

Reporters:

- (b)(6) (CNN): SCOOP: Trump administration officials are discussing adding more countries to the travel ban list. Story w/ (b)(6): [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (CNN): Customs and Border Protection has recently ramped up its efforts to hold companies and suppliers accountable for forced labor, including an order Friday to detain US imports of tobacco from Malawi [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (CNN): This is what @realDonaldTrump's Remain in Mexico policy looks and smells like. My report from the U.S.-Mexico border [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (NYT): The Times Editorial Board on @DHSgov—> The Mess at D.H.S. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (WaPo): A messy year at the border distilled into clear, clean visuals here by @PewHispanic Immensely useful [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (WaPo): NEW w/ AUDIO: (thread) Smugglers are still advertising trips to the US, including this radio clip that ran in Guatemala on 9/23, when DHS declared "catch and release" over. LISTEN: [LINK](#) (it ran again a few days ago, too)
- (b)(6) (Reuters): DHS officials observing Guatemalan border agents said they "were unaware of their own immigration laws" and "lacked basic knowledge about detention techniques, weapons handling and interrogation." (b)(6) reports from Guatemala: [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (WaPo): NEW: @ICEgov has begun temporarily moving detainees from the West Texas Detention Facility in Sierra Blanca over the water supply issues that (b)(6) highlighted earlier this week for @TexasTribune [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Ozy): (b)(6) has seen it all: heroin, cocaine, crack, meth, marijuana. But in September, in the border city of Mexicali, he tried something new: fentanyl. America's Opioid Crisis Heads South to Mexico [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (DC Examiner): Doctors Without Borders @MSF USA says employees working on Mexico's southern border with Guatemala are seeing an increase in # of migrants kidnapped after crossing border. They helped 11 victims in October — same as the total treated in first eight months of the year.

- (b)(6) (Telemundo): A WTO arbitration panel has given the green light for China to hit the US with more than \$3.5 billion worth of new trade sanctions as retaliation for restrictions on Chinese furniture, solar panels and steel products. The case dates back to the Obama Administration.
- (b)(6) (Telemundo): Fact checking the misleading immigration statistic from Trump's World Series ad [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Politico): New from me, (b)(6) The White House is poised to name Chad Wolf acting Homeland Security secretary. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (BuzzFeed): There was a lot of fear this morning from immigrants in MPP living in an encampment in Matamoros after a rep from Mexico's child protective services agency threatened to forcibly take their kids if they did not go to a shelter. The agency has since walked back the comments.
 - The city is opening a new shelter at a Rec center but people at the camp don't want to go. They're worried volunteers who give them food, as well legal and health aid from the US won't go to the shelter. It's a 30 min walk from the bridge.
- (b)(6) (WaPo): Trump administration officials frequently the word "smugglers" in the immigration/ US-Mexico border context to connote an unequivocally evil and greedy--but generally faceless--bad guy. i.e. America vs. the smugglers; the cruel and exploitative smugglers, etc. (1/2)
 - There truth to that. But like most things, it's more complicated. Here (b)(6) brings us some nuance, unmasking the US citizens--"down-on-their-luck truck drivers, single mothers, oil-field workers & high school students"--who so often fill the smuggler job description [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Washington Examiner): Border Patrol took a total 859,501 people into custody nationwide for illegal entry in FY2019. The 976 arrests of gang members nationwide make up 0.113554% of that total. Meanwhile 55.1% (473,682 people) were families (only from SW border) [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (The Texas Tribune): INBOX: .@CBP in Laredo will start using "biometric facial comparison" later this month at pedestrian lanes. [#border](#)
- (b)(6) (WBUR): Inbox: @DHSgov provides dates of extensions to #TPS for several countries including #ElSalvador, #Haiti and #Honduras — all documentation now expires on Jan. 4, 2021. This is a result of a number of prelim injunctions blocking the administration's efforts to end TPS.
- (b)(6) (Mashable): Is There a Connection Between Undocumented Immigrants and Crime? [LINK](#) via @MarshallPro

Congressional/Govt:

- VP: Thanks to President @realDonaldTrump's leadership, the great work of @DHSgov & cooperation with Mexico, Apprehensions at the Border have declined by 60% in the last four months. This Administration has been committed to keeping Americans safe since Day One!
- Rep. Cardenas: The journey to the our border is long and dangerous. This altar was a reminder of the brave children and families who lost their lives seeking safety and freedom in America. [LINK](#)
- Rep. DesJarlais: The USMCA trade deal should have been done months ago. It would have passed easily. We've got legislation to lower prescription drug prices. We've got to secure the border. [LINK](#) But Democrats would rather see America fail than Donald Trump succeed. @TheTNStar

Other:

- Pew Research Fact Tank: Border Patrol agents apprehended more migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in FY 2019 than in any year since FY 2007. The influx of migrants has strained border facilities. Here's a close look at the shifting dynamics at the southwestern border [LINK](#)
- TRAC: Incomplete and Garbled Immigration Court Data Suggest Lack of Commitment to Accuracy announces TRAC in a new special report. [LINK](#)
- ACLU of TX: Our team is down in Matamoros, MX just across the border from Brownsville, TX, and we're continuing to get updates on the dire effect of Trump's administration's asylum policies. #AsylumIsARight
 - Under this admin's so-called "Migrant Protection Protocol" (MPP), asylum seekers are forced to stay in Mexico, rely on charity & live on streets or in tents as they await court dates months away. @CBP tells them it can only admit X amount of ppl per day under its 'metering' rule.

- RAICES TX: (*Thread*^{(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)}) is one of 50,000 people sent back under the Remain in Mexico policy. She's living in a tent city w/1,600 others in Matamoros, a dangerous city in a dangerous state, marked by the State Dept. as "Level 4: Do Not Travel," where kidnappings, murder, sexual assault are common.
 - So let's be clear: A *pregnant woman* who was already kidnapped in Mexico after fleeing violent gangs was sent back to live in a squalid encampment w/her kids. CBP gave her no chance to properly explain her situation. This is how the US treats pregnant women fleeing danger.
 - The scale of human suffering under Remain in Mexico is new & intense. Thousands & thousands are being harmed daily by our gov. & representatives. Some of the most brave people, who've risked everything to save their lives & their family's lives, treated like this. It must end.

Message

From:

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

Sent:

10/22/2019 9:21:47 PM

To:

CC:

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

(b)(7)(E)

OFO-FIELD LIAISON

(b)(7)(E)

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ALL OCA STAFF

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

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

Subject: Social Media Listening Report: October 22, 2019

Attachments: Social Listening 10.22.19.docx

- White House: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at the Ajo Border Patrol Station, has experienced firsthand how border security works with and without a wall. The difference a wall makes: VIDEO
- (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (WSJ): The Mexican government is concerned with the Trump administration's plan to test migrants' DNA at the border
 - Embassy of Mexico in the US: #PressRelease @SRE_mx expresses concern over U.S. measure to collect DNA from migrants. LINK

Outlets:

- The Points Guy: Using Global Entry is about to get even easier LINK
- CBS 13: Federal prosecutors dropped an immigration charge against a Guatemalan man after the U.S. Border Patrol said agents followed a family who looked Central American into a Bangor thrift shop and overheard them speaking Spanish: LINK

Reporters:

- (b)(6) (ProPublica): Migrants who've already had their final asylum hearings are now being held in detention while an immigration judge and ICE prosecutors figure out if they're eligible for asylum at all...thanks to a reg they were told wouldn't apply to them. LINK
- (b)(6) (NBC San Diego): 9 y/o girl and mother held past the 72 hour limit at a border patrol station in San Diego talk about the conditions inside. Translation: "They would give us spoiled burritos with beans to eat, crackers and juice". VIDEO
- (b)(6) (Buzzfeed): There's no way DHS could collect DNA samples from all of those who cross w/o authorization at this point, but DOJ/DHS are working on a pilot project: LINK
- (b)(6) (CNN): With asylum seekers blocked from reaching safe haven in US, volunteers take help south to them LINK My latest
- (b)(6) (El Paso Times): Plaintiffs El Paso County & Border Network for Human Rights on Monday asked a federal judge to issue a nationwide injunction against construction of the #BorderWall using #military funds. @elpasotimes The government has 5 days to respond.
- (b)(6) (MSNBC): IMPORTANT UPDATE: (b)(6) of @ACLU tells me the number of additional separated kids reported by Trump administration is low. It's more like 2000. Many if not most parents have *already* been deported. Would bring total number of separated kids in this case to nearly 5,000.
- (b)(6) (Reforma): US Embassy in Mexico says US/MX Govts agreed on new operation dealing with "firearms". No specific details/timeline/goals of what this new operation would entail. Wording is so timid that US Embassy even avoids using the term "firearms trafficking" Operation name: 'Frozen
- (b)(6) (Reforma): "People who say: 'Ah well, President Trump won the last time [in 2016] because he campaigned against the Mexicans. And he is going to campaign against the Mexicans again [in 2020] because that's what his base likes'. I strongly disagree with that" (b)(6) today
 - FACT CHECK: Per @pewresearch polls, Mexicans confidence in Trump is the lowest in the world: 6%. This is directly tied to fact that in 2015 Trump literally opened his 2016 campaign by saying: "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best
- (b)(6) (San Diego Union Tribune): If you're wondering why so many people from Cameroon have been in the news lately as asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border or in southern Mexico, this story may give you some context. LINK
- (b)(6) (San Diego Union Tribune): Asylum-seekers in Mexico expected to double by end of 2019 amid Trump administration immigration crackdown LINK
- (b)(6) (NYT): The president is struggling to find someone for the "impossible job," a head of @DHSgov. A look at that agency. LINK w/ (b)(6)
- (b)(6) (KRGV): Migrant toddler is of indigenous descent and is waiting with his Chiapas family by the Matamoros bridge to request asylum. The driver who struck him Sunday fled and left him in critical condition. Tamaulipas PGJE confirms ongoing investigation. LINK

- (b)(6) (Reforma): "No matter if they come from Mars we will deport them!" "This is a warning to all transcontinental migration...to India, to Cameroon, to Africa" Mexico's migration chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (KGBT): [#BORDERNEWS](#) Over \$4-million dollars worth of meth and cocaine were found by Border Patrol (b)(7)(E) in Falfurrias and Kingsville within a few days of each other. Full details found here: [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (KGBT): [#BORDERNEWS](#) CBP Office of Field Operations officers at the Roma Port of Entry seized 14 packages of heroin and methamphetamine during an inspection on Friday. The drugs have a street value of about \$793,000 dollars and the 49-year-old Mexican national was arrested. [#RGV](#) [#Roma](#)
- (b)(6) (Huff Post): NEW — Kirstjen Nielsen appeared at [@FortuneMPW](#) summit today, despite activist pressure for her to be disinvited. She defended her legacy, got some supportive applause from audience (not for her DHS policies, but for her business comments) [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Vox): The Trump administration apparently grants exemptions to Remain in Mexico for certain "vulnerable populations," including unaccompanied kids — but advocates say they're incredibly rare. I tried to get hard numbers, but a [@CBP](#) spokesperson told me they don't track exemptions.
- (b)(6) (Fox): Up at the northern border, in preparation for the unthinkable.... Border Patrol agents are training teachers how to respond to 'mass causality' emergencies. My story on [#FoxReport](#). VIDEO
- (b)(6) (Telemundo): Trump admin weighing drafter of family separation policy for DHS head [LINK](#)

Congressional/Govt:

- [Rep. Lee](#): It's official — Trump is collecting DNA from asylum seekers for a criminal database. This is an intrusive and dangerous plan that further dehumanizes those fleeing violence. This is not who we are as a country. [#DontLookAway](#)
- [Rep. Steil](#): I joined Your Talk Show on (b)(6) to discuss my recent visit to the border. Listen below! [LINK](#)
- [Sen. Rosen](#): Migrant children will forever be scarred and traumatized from the effects of being separated from their families. Now, they're being forced into adoption while their parents are deported.

Other:

- (b)(6) (Strauss Center): On October 28th, Matamoros officials will dismantle the tent camp of asylum seekers near the international bridge and attempt to move all 1,600 people to a convention center turned shelter that is 10km away [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Migration Policy Institute): These 2 articles really bookend a new phenomenon: Increasing flows of Africans & Asians transiting S. & Central America to reach US or Canada [LINK](#) More "extracontinental" migrants transiting US to seek asylum in Canada [LINK](#)

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 12/4/2019 4:07:33 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) cbpmediarelations
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Question

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has it.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 11:07 AM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: NYT Question

Anybody working this??

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

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For more info about CBP visit: www.cbp.gov
"America is best described by one word, freedom." -President Dwight D.Eisenhower.

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:04 AM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT Question

Here is the incident I'm referring to:

<https://twitter.com/fotornelas/status/1202065077328924672?s=20>

On Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 9:01 AM (b)(6) @nytimes.com> wrote:

All,

Wondering where this incident took place? What sector?

Also, is this not the new wall that is being constructed? What's the strategy to prevent this kind of thing from happening? Is the new Wall not being built in a way to prevent someone from simply climbing over it with a ladder?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]

Sent: 12/9/2019 8:26:15 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted]

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

cbpmediarelations

(b)(7)(E)

Subject: NYT Follow

Hi all,

I just wanted to send an email since commissioner Morgan said that I should follow-up on my question with an email (and said that the data I'm looking for was available).

How much of the 162 miles of private land in South Texas has CBP acquired for border wall construction? And can you confirm that of the 166 miles in South Texas planned for border wall construction, 162 of those miles are on private land?

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal:

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Sent: 10/23/2019 1:39:38 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Subject: FW: Pregnancy story
Attachments: Privacy waivers for (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).pdf

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 11:50 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Pregnancy story

Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) I'm working on a feature story about pregnant women and immigration and wondering if you can help -- I'd like to request medical info for a couple of women who were briefly in CBP custody before being returned to Mexico under MPP.

Normally I get medical info from ICE, but since these women never made it into ICE custody, I'm sure that ICE will just send me back to you. One of the women was hospitalized while in custody -- it seems because she went into premature labor -- before being returned, but she's not exactly sure what kind of medications she was given because of the language barrier and the haze of labor, etc.

I've attached privacy waivers for them here so that you have permission to disclose the info.

The women's names and A-numbers are:

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

Please let me know ASAP when you might be able to get back to me on this. Thank you!

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Reporter
cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6) [REDACTED]@nytimes.com]

Sent: 1/7/2020 8:57:22 PM

To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]
(b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]

Subject: RSVP

I'll be there tomorrow.

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(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6) [REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Message

From: (b)(6) [REDACTED]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 12/11/2019 1:02:13 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]
CC: (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED] cbpmediarelations
Subject: Re: NYT Inquiry

Thanks: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]

On Tue, Dec 10, 2019 at 8:00 PM: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:
Evening (b)(6) [REDACTED]

Statement attributable to a CBP Spokesperson:

It has not been a CBP practice to administer vaccines and this not a new policy. While CBP does not administer vaccines, we are part of a larger system that has these processes in place. Both ICE and HHS have comprehensive medical support services and can provide vaccinations as appropriate to those in their custody.

Individuals in CBP custody should generally not be held for longer than 72 hours in either CBP hold rooms or holding facilities, every effort is made to hold detainees for the minimum amount of time required for their processing, transfer, release or repatriation as appropriate and operationally feasible.

CBP has significantly expanded medical support efforts, and now has more than 250 medical personnel engaged along the Southwest Border. To try and layer a comprehensive vaccinations system on to that would be logistically very challenging for a number of reasons. The system and process for implementing vaccines – including vaccine supply chains, quality control, documentation, informed consent—are already in place at other steps in the immigration process as appropriate.

Please see the link for CBP's Transport, Escort, Detention and Search (TEDS) Directive, which governs conditions in temporary detention areas: <https://www.cbp.gov/document/directives/cbp-national-standards-transport-escort-detention-and-search>

Additional background:

CBP currently has more than 250 medical personnel engaged along the SWB – this is a significant increase from just a few months ago, and a dramatic increase from about 20 medical personnel a year ago. Both ICE and HHS have comprehensive medical support services and can provide vaccinations as appropriate to those in their custody. You can reach out to them for their specific details.

Medical personnel at CBP include a mix of Advanced Practice Providers (Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants) who are licensed and credentialed to provide care for children, pregnant women, and adults (mirroring our population in custody), as well as emergency medicine technicians, certified medical assistants, and other medical support personnel.

Also, a result of CBP's expedited expansion of medical support, most of the facilities in our highest volume sectors (such as Rio Grande Valley and El Paso) have 24/7 medical support available on site. Medical personnel on site conduct initial intake interviews to identify health/medical issues as well as more detailed medical assessments on juveniles or persons identified with medical issues. Medical personnel on site are available 24/7 to provide medical diagnosis and treatment, address infectious disease issues, and coordinate

referral to and follow up from local health system/emergency rooms.

Individuals with flu are handled as appropriate depending on the specific circumstances. Those migrants with the flu may be diagnosed and treated on site by CBP medical personnel, or may be referred as appropriate to the local health system for diagnosis and treatment.

In general, due to the short term nature of CBP holding and the complexities of operating vaccination programs, neither CBP nor its medical contractors administer vaccinations to those in our custody. Persons in our custody who require vaccination are referred to the local health system and may receive vaccinations by medical personnel at a local medical facility, if determined necessary by the medical professional during their assessment. In circumstances with public health considerations regarding vaccination, CBP coordinates with local health authorities and CDC for support as appropriate.

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

CBP Public Affairs

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

On Dec 10, 2019, at 5:28 PM, (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
wrote:

Hi there,

I'm wondering why CBP doesn't administer flu vaccinations to those in its custody. This is in response to this tweet from the twitter account of the DHS press secretary.

<https://twitter.com/SpoxDHS/status/1204495969439625216?s=20>

I noticed you gave this statement to the Post a couple weeks ago.

Officials with CBP have never provided immunizations for detained migrants and does not plan to do so now, according to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) an agency spokeswoman.

“CBP has significantly expanded medical support efforts, and now has more than 250 medical personnel engaged along the Southwest border. To try and layer a comprehensive vaccinations system on to that would be logistically very challenging for a number of reasons,” she said. “The system and process for implementing vaccines — for supply chains, for quality control, for documentation, for informed consent, for adverse reactions — is complex, and those programs are already in place at other steps in the immigration process as appropriate.”

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
Sent: 1/21/2020 3:07:19 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: FW: Iranian Student - Boston
Attachments: 20200120 Boston, MA - CBP Officers Encounter Iranian with ties to IRGC Congress and Media Attn - Copy.docx

FYSA - bullets are attached.

Talked to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and there is a hearing happening now that the subject will clearly not be at because he has been returned to Iran (via Paris). (b)(6) is the only media that has this info, but following the hearing which he will not be at, it will be out.

Per the bullets attached:
CBP Office of Chief Counsel engaged the U.S. Attorney's Office and determined that although the writ of Habeas Corpus was filed with the court, the court did not issue any order or notice to CBP barring the removal of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

Additionally, this was his first semester at Northeastern so he did NOT have prior entries recently.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will work up a statement with Counsel regarding the issue of the writ of Habeas Corpus.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:28 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Iranian Student - Boston

FYI -

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV> On Behalf Of OFO-FIELD LIAISON
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:27 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV>
Cc: OFO-FIELD LIAISON (b)(7)(E)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Iranian Student - Boston

As requested.

This information is being provided in response to the OCA inquiry. Field Liaison Division (FLD) has not received an authorization to release information and FLD defers to OCA on what is appropriate to release beyond CBP.

Respectfully,

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Program Manager, Field Liaison Division
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U.S. Customs & Border Protection
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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:08 AM
To: OFO-FIELD LIAISON (b)(7)(E)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Iranian Student - Boston

OFO - are you able to share the AC BULLETS on the Iranian student? Thanks

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/2/2020 8:09:47 PM
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) cbpmediarelations
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: Re: QUESTIONS FROM THE NYT ON CORONAVIRUS PROCESS

Working this now.

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

Branch Chief, Northern and Coastal Regions
CBP Public Affairs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (office)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (cell)

For urgent after-hours media matters, contact:
cbpmediarelations@dhs.gov

On Feb 2, 2020, at 2:00 PM, (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

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All,

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What are the nearby facilities where people will be quarantined? Are they hospitals? Temporary facilities? Has the administration already identified and secured these facilities? Do they already have resources such as hospital beds, medical supplies and doctors ready?

What happens to an American traveler coming from Hubei who is not on a flight heading to one of the 7 ports? Are they redirected in China to a plane going to one of the 7? Or do they land at one of the non-7 ports in the US and are redirected?

Can you provide more details on what an American traveling from Hubei province can expect once they land at an airport that's not one of the 7 designated ports? Will there be a flight waiting for them to take them to one of the 7? Where will they be held in the meantime?

Also, how will DHS/CBP know who needs to be screened on arrival? Are you tapping into APIS system to estimate total of passengers who will need to be screened and diverted to the ports today? What is that estimate?

Thank you.

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/2/2020 10:13:10 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) cbpmediarelations
Subject: RE: QUESTIONS FROM THE NYT ON CORONAVIRUS PROCESS

-NYT. This has been closed out.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 2:51 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>;
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Additionally, how will those who show symptoms be transferred from the 7 airports to these facilities?

On Sun, Feb 2, 2020 at 3:40 PM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

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(b)(6)@cbsinteractive.com; (b)(6)@bgov.com]

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

Subject: MPP numbers for today.

Good afternoon everyone,

Thanks for coming today and we appreciated the questions.

On background:

CBP audited its MPP data in November. It was noted during the audit that some individuals enrolled in MPP were counted a second time when apprehended *after they attempted re-entry*. The current number includes only initial MPP returns – As of this morning, it was just over 54K.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us for MPP numbers as we want to make sure you have the latest and most accurate.

Also, the numbers we give are cumulative from January 2019 to the day before they are given out. So as of December 8, just over 54,000.

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

Public Affairs Specialist
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Washington, DC HQ
Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Mobile: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
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To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov];
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Also, how will DHS/CBP know who needs to be screened on arrival? Are you tapping into APIS system to estimate total of passengers who will need to be screened and diverted to the ports today? What is that estimate?

Thank you.

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 1/29/2020 11:39:31 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E) [redacted]

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

Subject: NYT Request

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Hi all,

I saw the report on the longest ever tunnel being found in Tijuana/San Diego sector. I would love to tour at least a part of this tunnel with video producer. It would make for a great multimedia story and show readers in an actually engaging way one of the things agents have to grapple with along the border.

Is this something we can do? And when?

Here's the report -->

<https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/longest-ever-u-s-mexico-border-tunnel-found-in-otay-mesa>

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 12/23/2019 9:42:17 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted]
CC: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: Re: NYTimes Inquiry

Hi, thanks (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] It's our policy to say why an official doesn't want to be named in a straight forward comment like this. How should a describe the reason for remaining anonymous here?

On Mon, Dec 23, 2019 at 4:36 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

(b)(6) [redacted]

Attributable to a CBP Spokesperson

The investigation into the death (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] is ongoing. While we cannot discuss specific information or details of this investigation, we can tell you that the Department of Homeland Security and this agency are looking into all aspects of this case to ensure all procedures were followed.

For Background:

CBP has over 500 medical personnel on contract, with over 250 engaged on any given day at over 40 facilities along the Southwest border, providing 24/7 onsite medical support. This is a dramatic increase from about 20 medical personnel a year ago. These medical personnel include a mix of Advanced Practice Provider (e.g. Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants) who are licensed and credentialed to provide care for children, pregnant women, and adults, as well as emergency medical technicians and certified medical assistants. CBP has also contracted multiple physician supervisors and pediatric advisors to provide consultation, oversight, and medical quality management of medical support efforts.

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 12:43 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYTimes Inquiry

Hello,

Hope you're all well. I'm reaching out to see if you have comment on the House Oversight and Reform Committee requesting documents for an investigation into a "troubling pattern of abuse and poor treatment" of migrants in federal custody.

The House Oversight and Reform Committee sent the letter to acting secretary Wolf, questioning the care provided to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) why CBP said he was discovered during a welfare check when he was really discovered by a cellmate and how did (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) go undiscovered after he collapsed for four hours?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

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

Sent: 2/2/2020 7:16:47 PM

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

CC:

Subject: Re: NYT inquiry

Let me see if I can find out from OFO. There is still quite a bit that operationally is still being worked.

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

Branch Chief, Northern and Coastal Regions
CBP Public Affairs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (office)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (cell)

For urgent after-hours media matters, contact:
cbpmediarelations@dhs.gov

On Feb 2, 2020, at 1:06 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

From (b)(6) via text:

“Big question here is whether CBP knows how many flights and travelers are expected to come today and where. We’re hearing that’s not the case from local officials and I’ve been given no information to prove otherwise.”

On Feb 2, 2020, at 1:24 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

I’m tied up for the next hour or so but can after that.

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

Branch Chief, Northern and Coastal Regions
CBP Public Affairs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (office)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (cell)

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cbpmediarelations@dhs.gov

On Feb 2, 2020, at 12:09 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

(b)(6) says the release is going out now...

So that's good. He says we can respond where appropriate but acknowledges that there are operational details that are not yet in place.

(b)(5), (b)(6)

On Feb 2, 2020, at 12:45 PM, **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** <[@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Yesterday he asked that we wait to talk to anyone until they had put out their press release. I inquired about responding to CNN and that was his guidance.

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

Branch Chief, Northern and Coastal Regions
CBP Public Affairs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (office)
(cell)

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cbpmediarelations@dhs.gov

On Feb 2, 2020, at 11:35 AM, **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** <[@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Reach out to **(b)(6)** and seek his guidance. I'm concerned that NYT will move their story forward and state that CBP was unresponsive, if we don't act quickly.

On Feb 2, 2020, at 12:07 PM, **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** <[@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.dhs.gov)> wrote:

We don't have anything yet. DHS was supposed to publish a press release yesterday we could point to, but I don't see it still.

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

Branch Chief, Northern and Coastal Regions
CBP Public Affairs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (office)
(cell)

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cbpmediarelations@dhs.gov

On Feb 2, 2020, at 11:00 AM, **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** <[@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.dhs.gov)> wrote:

(b)(6) is ping me on this...

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Date: February 2, 2020 at 11:41:59 AM EST
To: cbpmediarelations <CBPMediaRelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT inquiry

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Hello,

Hope all is well. What is the current guidance being issued to CBP agents in regards to screening travelers from China? Where will travelers who come to the US from China be held? What guidance is being given to state and local officials regarding travelers from China?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/5/2020 12:27:37 AM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
CC: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT inquiry

Yes, Monday, Feb.3 apologies for the confusion.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:17 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT inquiry

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Wait, Tuesday Feb. 3? It's the 4th. Do you mean Monday?

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good Morning (b)(6)- we can confirm there was a Canadian citizen deemed inadmissible on Tuesday, Feb. 3, based on the Presidential Proclamation suspending entry for individuals who pose a risk of transmitting the coronavirus.

I'll get back with you on your request for the total number.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:29 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT inquiry

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Hello. Would someone please confirm that a Canadian was deemed inadmissible at the border due to coronavirus concerns? How many people total have been deemed inadmissible due to the coronavirus since Friday?

Please get back to me by the AM. Ken Cuccinelli apparently already gave this information to CNN so it should be something that can be confirmed.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/03/politics/border-coronavirus-travel-restrictions/index.html>

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/3/2020 4:34:15 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]; cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT request
Attachments: CBP Border Wall Status Paper_as of 01242020 FINAL.pdf

Latest which is out.

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ
CBP Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (iPhone)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Desk)

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

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:15 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT request

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Hello,

Would someone please send me this week's wall fact sheet.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
Sent: 2/6/2020 10:34:16 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: Re: Data question

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Understood. Thank you for working on it!

(b)(6) Reporter
cell: (b)(6)

On Thu, Feb 6, 2020 at 5:30 PM (b)(6)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:
(b)(6) sorry I didn't respond...checking into it...it's a big data grab.

Sent from my iPad

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

On Feb 6, 2020, at 5:28 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Received (b)(6), please work this and get back to (b)(6)

Thanks,

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

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:10 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Data question

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Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Following up on our call last week about data on secondary screenings, I would like to resubmit this request and broaden as you suggested. (I also don't want to broaden it so much that I never hear back).

With that in mind, I'd like to request data on secondary screenings at ports of entry going back to 2015. For each screening, I'd like to know 1) the port of entry 2) the passenger's country of origin 3) the type of visa the passenger arrived with, if applicable 4) the outcome of the screening (for example: passenger found inadmissible/processed through expedited removal, passenger withdrew their application for entry, passenger allowed to enter the US, etc.)

Please be in touch as soon as possible to let me know how quickly you can get back to me on this. I'm working on another related story with an ASAP deadline, so I'm hoping that we can make this happen in the next couple of weeks.

Many thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Reporter

cell:

(b)(6)

On Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 11:07 AM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) I'm following up on this request from nearly 10 days ago. I am working on a story -- the deadline is ASAP -- and am very much hoping to hear back from you soon. Please be in touch.

Thanks and talk soon,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Reporter

cell:

(b)(6)

On Wed, Jan 15, 2020 at 11:45 AM: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
wrote:

Hi: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Question that I thought I'd run by you before using FOIA, to see if you can come up with quicker results:

I'm looking for data on visas that have been cancelled by CBP officers **and/or** withdrawn by applicants at ports of entry (airports, land bridges, or others) over the last 12 months.

For each month and each port of entry, I'd like to know the number of visas that were cancelled and the number that were withdrawn (separately), as well as the applicants' countries of origin.

Let me know if this makes sense, when you think you'll be able to get back to me, and if there's anything I can do to help with the process.

Many thanks and talk soon,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Reporter

cell:

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/4/2020 3:48:14 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com
CC: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT inquiry

We will not be able to share that information due to operational and security sensitivities.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:33 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT inquiry

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Thank you (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Where did this occur? What sector?

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good Morning (b)(6) we can confirm there was a Canadian citizen deemed inadmissible on Tuesday, Feb. 3, based on the Presidential Proclamation suspending entry for individuals who pose a risk of transmitting the coronavirus.

I'll get back with you on your request for the total number.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:29 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT inquiry

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<https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/03/politics/border-coronavirus-travel-restrictions/index.html>

Thanks,

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 2/13/2020 8:57:05 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted] cbpmediarelations
(b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: Re: NYT Request

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adding the main email

On Thu, Feb 13, 2020 at 3:56 PM (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com> wrote:
Thanks. Does the \$6.1 billion represent the total amount of funding for the wall outside of money allocated by Congress?

On Thu, Feb 13, 2020 at 2:42 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

In the future it is more efficient to use the cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov box rather than individual's addresses.

Please find our responses below:

Hope you're well. On background, should I expect a reprogramming request regarding wall funding to come today? This question should be deferred to the Department of Defense.

Also, hoping you can fact check something for me. I have in my notes that the administration has so far transferred a total of 6.7 billion from DOD to the wall. But when I checked the fact sheet, it notes 2.5 billion being transferred from 284 funding and 3.6 billion from 2808 funding. Adding those gets you to 6.1 billion. But I thought the total was 6.7 billion in DOD funding to the wall. What am I missing here? The CBP Border Wall Status Paper is correct, the total is \$6.1 billion in DoD funding.

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 12:53 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Request

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

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Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Sent: 2/14/2020 11:30:40 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Subject: Re: Operation SUB zERO - CBP support to ICE/ERO statement

Please share with ICE and DHS counterparts before we send for their visibility.

On Feb 13, 2020, at 8:39 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov wrote:

Cleared statement:

“CBP is deploying 100 officers and agents to supplement ICE Enforcement Removal Operations in order to enhance the integrity of the immigration system, protect public safety, and strengthen our national security.”

On Feb 13, 2020, at 8:37 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov wrote:

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

(b)(6) (ICE) is on the string...

Should we consider a joint statement?

Or keep separate?

Statement:

(b)(5)

Sent from my iPhone

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

On Feb 13, 2020, at 8:29 PM, (b)(6)
(b)(6)@ice.dhs.gov> wrote:

Thanks (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). we were talking to nyt also (b)(6)
(b)(6)

We hadn't sent this yet.. but here's where we were going to send. I'm adding in the rest of our press crew watching this.. so please feel free to respond to all and add any you need to on your end.

I combined the statements.. what do you all think about this?

Statement:

(b)(5)

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Date: Thursday, Feb 13, 2020, 7:15 PM
To: (b)(6) @ice.dhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Operation SUB zERO - CBP support to ICE/ERO statement

This is what we sent to our front office, but it isn't approved yet. Short and sweet.

Sent from my iPhone

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Date: February 13, 2020 at 8:11:41 PM EST
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Operation SUB zERO - CBP support to ICE/ERO statement

Still waiting to hear back from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Date: February 13, 2020 at 7:06:12 PM EST
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Operation SUB zERO - CBP support to ICE/ERO statement

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) The New York Times has asked for comment on CBP providing personnel assistance to ICE/ERO on a temporary basis as a result of the Gonzalez decision. We anticipate further media inquiries and would like to use the following statement. We seek FO concurrence:

(b)(5)

Thank you,

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

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

Message

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]

Sent: 2/14/2020 2:45:25 AM

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

Subject: Re: CBP statement

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Thank you

On Thu, Feb 13, 2020 at 9:18 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:
Just making sure you got this:

“CBP is deploying 100 officers and agents to supplement ICE Enforcement Removal Operations in order to enhance the integrity of the immigration system, protect public safety, and strengthen our national security.”

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal:

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

From:

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

Sent:

10/1/2019 9:35:38 PM

To:

CC:

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

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

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

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

CBPPAO

(b)(7)(E)

Subject: Social Media Listening Report: October 1, 2019

Attachments: Social Listening 10.01.19.docx

- (b)(6) (LA Times): The latest: Mexican asylum seekers at multiple border crossings grow frustrated with waiting [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (WaPo): OK the 9th adjourned in two critical cases: 1. Asylum ban 1 [LINK](#) 2. Migrant Protection Protocols. [LINK](#) Now, we wait.
- VP: A vote to pass the [#USMCA](#) should be a top priority for Congress but instead Democrats would rather obstruct, delay, and distract from putting Americans first.

Outlets:

- [WBEZ](#): "In Matamoros, I was a bystander. But a month later, the sounds of toddlers playing on the sidewalk, the prayers coming out of the tents, the sight of Ramon's quiet face staring hopelessly at the bridge — have kept me up at night," writes (b)(6) [LINK](#)
- [Voice of San Diego](#): An asylum-seeker who was part of the Migrant Protection Protocols program won her case, but was held in custody anyway. Border Patrol now says that's exactly how things should have gone. [LINK](#)
- [WaPo](#): Perspective: For 25 years, Operation Gatekeeper has made life worse for border communities [LINK](#)
- [San Diego Union Tribune](#): Commentary: 25 years later, my work with Border Patrol and Operation Gatekeeper still haunts me [LINK](#) [Opinion]
- [San Diego Union Tribune](#): Commentary: How 1994's Operation Gatekeeper made Border Patrol better and ended the 'chaos' [LINK](#) [Opinion]
- [WFXR](#): Laredo and its neighboring city in Mexico, Nuevo Laredo, are separated by about a 150-foot span of the Rio Grande - so close, that border patrol agents can talk to people on the other side. [#BorderReport](#) [LINK](#)
- [KXAN](#): On Monday, our crews captured video of people swimming across the river and Border Patrol agents having to tell those swimmers to head back to Mexico. [LINK](#)
- [InSight Crime](#): Four competing drug cartels are extorting avocado producers in Michoacán, Mexico, showing how the fruit is becoming an increasingly important source of illicit profits in the context of shifting criminal dynamics in the state. [LINK](#)
- [Roll Call](#): 5 border misconceptions blurring the immigration debate WATCH the full video: [LINK](#)
- [NPR](#): White liberals are now more likely than in decades past to support more liberal immigration policies, embrace racial diversity and uphold affirmative action — a seismic transformation in the last 5 to 7 years, researchers say. [LINK](#)
- [BuzzFeed](#): Opinion: 7 children have died in immigration custody. Remember their names. [LINK](#)
- [Marshall Project](#): All of the existing banking partners to GEO Group — including JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and others — have now officially committed to ending ties with the private prison and immigrant detention industry. More at [@forbes](#): [LINK](#)

Reporters:

- (b)(6) (My Desert): Gloria Chavez became interim chief of the Border Patrol's El Paso sector in July at arguably the sector's worst moment: following the discovery that 100s of unaccompanied migrant kids were being held too long in overcrowded cell blocks. [LINK](#) (b)(6)

- (b)(6) (AZ Central): After nearly 6 months, the Salvation Army has officially shut its operations to help migrant families released in Yuma. This shelter once housed up to 200 people each night. But has been unused since border apprehensions and family releases decreased significantly in July.
- (b)(6) (WaPo): The border wall has become such a gold mine for construction companies that they are re-naming themselves after the project. A company called (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) just won contracts worth up to \$500 million to build 43 miles of wall.
 - And guess what? Its mother company, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) made donations earlier this year to Trump's re-election campaign.
- (b)(6) (Newsweek): Border wall status update: As of this week, the Trump administration has built 69 miles of its border wall, with at least another 381 miles to go before the end of 2020, according to @CBP [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (BuzzFeed): An increasing number of Mexican asylum-seekers are being sent back by US border authorities to the country from which they are fleeing, advocates say, leaving them in potentially dangerous circumstances while they wait to ask for protection [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (WSJ): More than 2,500 companies filed by the midnight Monday deadline for requests to be exempted from tariffs implemented on imports from China; (b)(6) [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Border Report): Border Patrol and governor of Tamaulipas about to brief press on Se Busca Informacion program, in which people from Mexico or the United States can call if they see the border's 10:most wanted fugitives. #BorderReport
- (b)(6) (LA Times): 1/Tamaulipas Gov. (b)(6) told me afterward that Mexico's federal Govt needs to erect shelters for migrants on the US border
 - 4/ (b)(6) said the influx of migrants since the start of MPP aka "Remain in Mexico" is "creating a problem, a big problem, for Tamaulipas. These people, no matter if they are accepted (into the US) or not, they will try to cross again."
- (b)(6) (KGBT): #BORDERNEWS DHS has issued a new waiver which will speed up construction of new border wall located within the Rio Grande Valley, according to CBP. The project includes automated border wall gates, equipment and site improvements at openings in the existing barrier in the RGV.
 - The waiver was published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2019. and construction may begin as early as today according to CBP. The contract for the project was awarded to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on July 31, 2019. The sites affected are Hidalgo County and Cameron County.
- (b)(6) (ProPublica): I missed this last week, but SPLC and other groups are starting a court fight on behalf of the people trapped by the new asylum regulation because they tried to come in "the right way," as I wrote about here [LINK](#)
 - The motion to stop the new asylum rule based on it punishing people for coming the right way is here: [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (CBS News): As the 9th Circuit hears arguments on challenges to the "Remain in Mexico" policy, @CBP says the number of asylum seekers returned to Mexico has surpassed 50,000. A few days ago, DHS said MPP had been "effectively" implemented across the entire border. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (freelance): Migrants have started to give up their asylum cases when they're forced to wait in Mexico under the Migrant Protection Protocols. I traveled to Chiquirines, Guatemala, to talk to people about the terror and extreme debt they face once they return home. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (BuzzFeed): The right to counsel during non-refoulement interviews has been one of the many concerns attorneys with clients in MPP have. Asylum-seekers have also told me they wish they had a document explaining why they weren't taken out of "Remain in Mexico" after these interviews. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (freelance): Asylum seekers returned under "Migrant Protection Protocols" are being systematically targeted for extortion, kidnapping and rape by Mexican cartels. Meanwhile, the U.S. @DHSgov and Mexico @sre claim they know nothing about it.
 - (b)(6) (Human Rights First): A new @humanrights1st report "Orders from Above" finds over 343 public reports of rape, kidnapping, torture, and other violent attacks against asylum seekers and migrants sent to Mexico under the Trump Admin's forced return policy. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (freelance): The U.S. State Dept. unexpectedly declares El Salvador safe for travel. Maybe this is what El Salvador gets in exchange for agreeing to accept thousands of asylum seekers rejected by the U.S.? [LINK](#)

- **(b)(6)** (freelance): Former undocumented immigrant uses her past to argue for border wall. [LINK](#) By
- **(b)(6)** (CNN): Two of the Trump admin's asylum policies—so-called "remain in Mexico" and asylum ban—will be before the Ninth Circuit today: [LINK](#)
- **(b)(6)** (San Diego Union Tribune): San Diego attorneys push back on denial of orientation program for 'Remain in Mexico' asylum seekers [LINK](#)
- **(b)(6)** (LA Times): My latest! **(b)(6)** believes in #Trump **(b)(6)** dismisses Trump as a "despicable human being." But there's one mission that continues to bind them: lugging water into the desert for thirsty migrants. [#immigration @latimes LINK](#)
- **(b)(6)** (SF Chronicle): DHS issues 25 pages of corrections to its public charge rule: [LINK](#)
- **(b)(6)** (NYT): I talked to the law enforcement officials around the country about the Department of Homeland Security beginning to address white supremacy as a primary domestic terrorism threat. [LINK](#)

Congressional/Govt:

- The White House: If House Democrats tank USMCA out of continued unwillingness to work with President Trump, "it will have drained potential prosperity from all 50 states and killed a huge number of American jobs," [@senatemajldr](#) & [@GOPLeader](#) write. Why we need #USMCAnow: <http://45.wh.gov/8V3xFi>
- DHS Press Secretary: Incredible work by the passionate and professional men and women of U.S. Border Patrol. [LINK](#)
- USCIS Acting Director Ken Cuccinelli: Another great job by [@CBP!](#) [LINK](#)
- U.S. Embassy Harare: U.S. Customs & Border Protection issued a Withhold Release Order for artisanal rough cut diamonds from Zimbabwe's Marange diamond fields on Oct. 1, 2019 due to evidence of forced labor. U.S. law prohibits importation of goods made with forced labor. [LINK](#) [@CBP](#)
- Rep. Cuellar: Today, [@CBP](#) **(b)(6)** & I announced the expansion of [@cspsebusca](#) to the RGV. This cooperative effort between our countries' law enforcement, governments & private industries will continue to enhance security & improve the quality of life throughout the South Texas Corridor. PHOTOS
- Rep. LaMalfa: #ICYMI Dems called [@POTUS](#)'s emergency declaration at our border unprecedented. Unprecedented is an immigration system overwhelmed by 1 million immigrants. Unprecedented is Congress refusing to fund national security agencies & threatening to abolish [@ICEgov](#) for doing their job.
 - This situation is unprecedented, but it's not the President's actions that are unprecedented – it is the actions of my Democratic colleagues who refuse to acknowledge this crisis.
- Sen. Durbin: On Pres. Trump's watch, we have an unprecedented humanitarian crisis at our southern border, w/ overcrowded & inhumane conditions at detention centers. One of the worst episodes in this humanitarian crisis was when Trump Admin separated thousands of children from their parents.
 - But last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee was able to come together on a bipartisan basis to pass my amendment with **(b)(6)** preventing any further funds in our spending bill from being used to support this abhorrent and inhumane policy.
- Rep. Roy: "In his plea agreement with the government, Veytia, 48, admitted to conspiring with a drug cartel operating in his home state to smuggle thousands of kilograms of narcotics from Mexico into the United States." [LINK](#) [#StateOfOurBorder](#) [#EndBorderCrisisNow](#)
- Rep. Tim Ryan: This is gut-wrenching. There's not a single community in Ohio or across the country that hasn't been devastated by the opioid epidemic. The United States needs to do more to confront this national crisis. [LINK](#)
- Rep. Roe: ICYMI: I wrote last week's column on the opioid crisis and how although opioid related deaths have dropped nationally last year, Tennessee's rates are still on the rise. Read what steps I believe Congress should take to help end opioid abuse here: [LINK](#)
- Hispanic Caucus: 25 years ago today, [@CBP](#) launched "Operation Gatekeeper" – a program that began the militarization of our southern border at the expense of communities. We need a [#NewBorderVision](#) that protects the dignity and lives of immigrants and American communities. [LINK](#)

Other:

- (b)(6) (Bipartisan Policy Center): Excellent reporting on steps taken by @DHS to recognize & help combat the threats from domestic terrorism, white supremacy and homegrown extremism. But the out sized focus on the SW border risks stealing attention and needed funding from this effort. Priorities matter. And \$.
 - (b)(6) (NYT): I talked to the law enforcement officials around the country about the Department of Homeland Security beginning to address white supremacy as a primary domestic terrorism threat. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (Bipartisan Policy Center): That's 69 miles of "new border wall system...in place of," meaning new replacing old but not new miles of wall where it previously didn't exist. Using the term "new" to describe recent construction is imprecise, unless "replacement" is also part of the description.
 - (b)(6) (Newsweek): Border wall status update: As of this week, the Trump administration has built 69 miles of its border wall, with at least another 381 miles to go before the end of 2020, according to @CBP [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) Sign if you agree: Border patrol should not have a show on @Netflix [LINK](#) #RejectHate via @CREDOMobile

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/19/2020 3:29:02 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Inquiry --- MPP

-minus reporter, I'll handle this and leave CBPmediaRelations off. Thanks.

From: (b)(6) .@nytimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 10:25 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
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Yes and thank you. On the human smugglers piece, are you saying that if you made qualifying medical exemptions public, smugglers might then tell migrants to say they have those medical issues at the border?

Also, one follow up I have is *how* officers make these determinations on a case by case basis? Are they evaluating the physical appearance of a migrant? Are they required to bring a doctor's report? Do they bring in a medical contractor on site?

On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 10:22 AM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

What factors CBP evaluates to determine if someone has enough known physical/mental issues" to be allowed in the United States and be exempt from MPP?

CBP determines whether an alien is amenable for the Migrant Protection Protocols on a case-by-case basis. CBP consults with medical professionals where appropriate in making such determinations. If specific medical issues guaranteeing exemptions were to be standardized and made public, they would be exploited by human smugglers.

Also, what is the updated number for migrants who have been returned to Mexico under MPP?

Just under 59,500 aliens returned to Mexico since the start of the program.

Does CBP have numbers on how many of those cases have been adjudicated and what the outcomes of those cases are? How many people who have entered MPP have won asylum?

The number of people with positive determinations on their asylum claims would be a question for USCIS and EOIR. CBP does not adjudicate asylum claims.

Also, how many people entered into MPP have chosen to deport to their home country?

We do not have this number. Off the record, it can be difficult to gauge, since an individual could be at different points in their immigration proceedings, and have already decided to leave, and the U.S. would not know until they did not show up for their hearing. We do not know how many people in Mexico have decided to leave Mexico or not show up for their hearings. For number of immigration cases closed due to no-shows, this would be a question for USCIS/EOIR.

How many people entered into MPP still have active ongoing asylum cases?

A question for USCIS/EOIR. CBP is only the border point of contact for individuals in MPP.

Have you reached out to USCIS /EOIR and DHS HQ with your questions?

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Hi,

I just saw the statement you have sent. There's no mention of any of the questions I've asked regarding data. At the very least, you should be able to tell me how many people have been returned at this point. All of the questions seem legitimate to be answered by the agency.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 5:13 PM (b)(6) <[redacted]@nytimes.com> wrote:

One more: How many times has CBP actually exercised this exemption and allowed a migrant to wait in the United States for their asylum adjudication as a result of the medical exemption.

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/29/2020 3:00:42 AM
To: (b)(6) @nytimes.com]; cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Question

(b)(6)

Statement attributable to CBP Spokesperson:

To confirm, we have issued the cessation of processing under MPP per the injunction. However, we are continuing to utilize every tool at CBP's disposal to ensure the integrity of our immigration system and processing programs.

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 8:42 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT Question

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I never heard on this. Has any guidance been issued to Cbp agents on this injunction?

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 6:04 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Received. Thanks

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 5:56 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Question

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Just sending an email to follow up on what guidance has been issued to CBP following the MPP decision?

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Message

From:

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

Sent:

2/29/2020 2:44:47 AM

To:

CC:

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

Subject:

Re: NYT question ON DEADLINE

No issues here.

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

(A) Deputy Assistant Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs
Customs and Border Protection
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2020, at 9:42 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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If we are clear to say anything - that's consistent with what we have been saying.

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

ADFO Border Security
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Office
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Perfect.

If LFO, HQ OPA mgmt. concur, we can provide the below scaled back version of the statement:

Attributable to a CBP official:

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

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@cbp.dhs.gov

On Feb 28, 2020, at 8:07 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

ADFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and company,

(b)(6) from NYT was asking if one of the bridges connecting Brownsville to Matamoros has closed. Is this accurate?

If it is, I recommend a statement that incorporates the following:

Attributable to a CBP official:

(b)(5)

Please advise and we can go from there,

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

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Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)
(b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Date: February 28, 2020 at 7:44:30 PM CST
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Subject: NYT question ON DEADLINE

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Has the international bridge connecting Matamoros to Brownsville been closed? We're hearing it has. This is for TONIGHT.

Thanks,
(b)(6)

(b)(6)
Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)
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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV]
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To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
CC: cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: Re: NYT question ON DEADLINE

(b)(6)

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is charged with facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel while upholding our national border security mission. Balancing these demands, keeping illicit goods and people out of the country, and managing the influx of those seeking asylum requires a careful balance of our resources and space.

The periodic implementation of Mobile Field Force exercises and utilization of queue management points helps CBP to manage traffic flow while effectively eliminating the ability for a large group of migrants to illegally and forcefully surge through the Ports of Entry. These steps help us to ensure everyone's safety and security, to include travelers, asylum seekers, business stakeholders and our own employees.

CBP's mission is to secure our nation's borders and these measures allow us to do just that.

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2/29/2020 1:04:54 PM

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Subject:

Re: NYT question ON DEADLINE

All,

Acting Commissioner Morgan tweeted the following message late last night regarding the stay of the earlier Ninth Circuit Court enjoinder of MPP. It indicates that CBP will immediately reinstate MPP.

This was just tweeted from @MarkMorgan

“This evening, with support of DOJ attorneys and CBP’s declaration, the 9th Circuit granted a stay of its earlier order enjoining MPP. CBP will immediately reinstate MPP!”

Here is a Washington Post story on the stay:

https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/trump-remain-in-mexico-halted-federal-court/2020/02/28/87bbf85e-e481-11e9-b403-f738899982d2_story.html%3foutputType=amp

Will advise if there is any further guidance from HQ OPA. I will be at a ranch today and in case you can’t get through on my government cell , my personal cell is (b)(6)

Thanks,

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

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(b)(6) from NYT was asking if one of the bridges connecting Brownsville to Matamoros has closed. Is this accurate?

If it is, I recommend a statement that incorporates the following:

Attributable to a CBP official:

(b)(5)

Please advise and we can go from there,

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

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)
(b)(6) @nytimes.com>
Date: February 28, 2020 at 7:44:30 PM CST
To: cbpmediarelations
<cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT question ON DEADLINE

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with questions or concerns.

Hello all,

Has the international bridge connecting Matamoros
to Brownsville been closed? We're hearing it has.
This is for TONIGHT.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal

(b)(6)

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Message

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

Sent: 3/12/2020 4:30:54 PM

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

CC:

Subject: FW: who is the person I need to go to for OFO specific questions?

Bad article coming from (b)(6) ..do we want to consider a statement?

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Assistant Chief, USBPHQ
CBP Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (iPhone)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Desk)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:38 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Re: who is the person I need to go to for OFO specific questions?

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On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 12:55 PM (b)(6) @nytimes.com> wrote:

But it doesn't just take a visible symptom for CBP to refer someone to CDC screening, right? I was told by CBP when this rolled out that officers had a number of other resources, such as searching through travel records. So if someone flies from Italy or South Korea and doesn't show visible symptoms, they should still be screened right?

Thanks.

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 12:51 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Yes. The CDC has issued Level 3 travel health notices for Italy and South Korea. The State Department has also issued guidance on travel to Italy and South Korea.

Best wishes,

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

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 12:35 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Re: who is the person I need to go to for OFO specific questions?

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Thank you! So Italy has a level three travel warning too?

Thanks.

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 12:21 PM: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

(b)(6) Greetings:

Please see below for CBP's response to your questions.

Attributable to a CBP Spokesperson:

"CBP continues to implement the January 31 and February 29 presidential proclamations that suspend the entry of foreign nationals who were physically present in China or Iran in the 14 days preceding their attempted entry to the United States. Every applicant for admission to the United States is subject to complete inspection by a CBP officer upon arrival at a U.S. port of entry. If CBP observes an individual with symptoms of COVID-19 who has travelled to a country with a Level 3 travel warning, such as South Korea, we will refer him or her to CDC for enhanced health screening. As of March 4, 2020, CBP had referred more than 63,000 travelers at U.S. air, land and sea ports of entry to CDC for enhanced health screening."

Additional Background:

The governments of Italy and South Korea have implemented health screenings for travelers on U.S.-bound flights prior to departure.

The statistics provided by Deputy Secretary Cuccinelli during his testimony are the latest that are publicly available. CBP does not release statistics at the port level.

Best wishes,

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

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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

@cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:15 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>;

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @CBP.DHS.GOV>

Subject: Re: who is the person I need to go to for OFO specific questions?

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Also, one more question: Last week Ken Cuccinelli said 113 Canadians who recently traveled to China had been denied entry to the United States at the northern border. He added 90 Chinese nationals have also been denied entry at the U.S.-Canada Border. What's the breakdown of this by sector or port?

Thanks.

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM (b)(6) @nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks. Why are these described incidents occurring and what is CBP's process for backtracking someone who may later be confirmed to have coronavirus after going through a routine screening at an airport (no secondary medical screening)?

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 12:01 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) have point for CoronaVirus.

I'm curious about potential lapses in coronavirus screening at airports. Were seeing many accounts from travelers on social media of people who traveled from South Korea or China or were sick and faced little screening. Some said it was the routine process they usually face at an airport and there was no medical screening.

Also adding (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ

CBP Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (iPhone)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Desk)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:57 AM
To: (b)(6) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: who is the person I need to go to for OFO specific questions?

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Thanks.

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 11:43 AM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Cbpmediarelatios@cbp.dhs.gov

What's the question? Trade/Travel/Enforcement?

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ

CBP Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (iPhone)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Desk)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:34 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: who is the person I need to go to for OFO specific questions?

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Message

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
Sent: 3/15/2020 2:40:14 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E) cbpmidiarelations
Subject: Re: NYT request

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Also, what is dhs doing now to remedy this?

On Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:
Hello all,

I saw the acting secretary's tweet about the long lines at Chicago O'hare last night. My question more so is HOW this happened. Were more travelers funneled to that airport than anticipated? Was there not enough medical professionals at the airport? If the screening only takes 60 seconds, how is it that there was a 7 hour wait?

Thanks,

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Message

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]

Sent: 3/15/2020 4:02:21 PM

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

Subject: Re: NYT request

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Also, why did customs agents board a flight from Paris that landed in NY? Is that part of the screening process?

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/20/2020 6:44:53 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Questions ON Deadline

-Answered, but trying to get more info. ICE handles repatriation mentioned in inquiry.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:21 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Questions ON Deadline

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Hi there,

I have a number of questions following that press conference.

Asked about OTMs that would be immediately returned under this policy, Chad Wolf said they would be taken into custody and immediately driven to an airfield and sent to their home country.

Is that true for every foreigner? So you're going to fly Haitians to Haiti? Cubans to Cuba? Chinese migrants to China?

Can you please elaborate on this? What would happen to those foreigners?

Also, I want to be sure we're understanding this correctly that those who cross illegally would not be detained or provided an opportunity for a credible fear or withholding of removal screening?

This is essential to ensure an accurate article.

Thanks,

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/16/2020 2:27:06 AM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]; cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Question

(b)(6) please see the statement below attributable to CBP Acting Commissioner Mark Morgan:

"In order to address long processing times, CBP has engaged all local federal partners and stakeholders to develop operational plans at the 13 funneling airports to determine the most efficient and safe process flow for the traveling public. CBP has increased staffing at all locations to process travelers impacted by the proclamation as well as refined the screening process logistics to ease impacts caused by the large volume of travelers requiring enhanced health screening. Implementing these measures helped reduce the wait times."

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Question

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Hello,

Can someone please elaborate on what was done to "fix" this problem as stated in this tweet by the acting deputy secretary.

<https://twitter.com/HomelandKen/status/1239296319073726464?s=20>

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 3/20/2020 8:25:51 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted] cbpmidiarelations
(b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: Re: NYT Request

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Thanks but this doesn't answer the question. I'm asking if it's happened yet. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] said at the presser today it's already happened.

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:
This is exactly what we are trying to prevent.

Sent from my iPhone

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

On Mar 20, 2020, at 12:40 PM, (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com>
wrote:

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Hello,

Are there already examples of migrants in holding facilities that have been confirmed to have the coronavirus and have spread it to agents?

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal (b)(6) [redacted]

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Sent: 3/30/2020 4:40:29 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Question

Minus reporter

DPA: Delegation of Procurement Authority.

I'll reach out to our contracting folks I guess, unless anyone else has a clue about this topic?

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

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Thanks so much.

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/30/2020 4:58:12 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Question

Yeah, it's the Defense Production Act and he has a deadline of 1630 today.

Uh huh...

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

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Message

From:

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

Sent:

10/16/2019 8:57:08 PM

To:

CC:

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

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

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

; ALL OCA STAFF

(b)(7)(E)

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

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

Subject: Social Media Listening Report: October 16, 2019

Attachments: Social Listening 10.16.19.docx

- POTUS: Guatemala, Honduras & El Salvador have all signed historic Asylum Cooperation Agreements and are working to end the scourge of human smuggling. To further accelerate this progress, the U.S. will shortly be approving targeted assistance in the areas of law enforcement & security.
 - (b)(6) (WaPo): It's \$143 million for counter-narcotics (INL), military and various USAID programs. McAleenan brought a proposal to the White House last week, Kushner and others backed it. [LINK](#)
 - (b)(6) (CBS): After Pres. Trump's tweet, @SecPompeo says @StateDept and @USAID funding to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras "will resume at this time" to foster: Economic opportunity, Rule of law, Institution building, Good governance, Asylum capacity No word on specific amount.
- White House: "We have absolutely no help from the Democrats on our borders. Absolutely nothing. The closure of loopholes, which would be very easy to do, they refuse to do."
- (b)(6) (Buzzfeed): Two members of @PuebloSF and a humanitarian volunteer filed a lawsuit against CBP, ICE, and FBI for "repeated and prolonged detentions and interrogations at the border" alleging their Fourth and First Amendment rights were violated. [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (KERA News): UT Social Work Dean (b)(6) has been outspoken about the damage family separation can do to children's mental health. He shares powerful accounts of his interviews with detained children in his new TED Talk - and weighs in on how to change the system: [LINK](#)

Outlets:

- CQ Now: USCIS defends using Border Patrol agents to oversee asylum claims (\$) <http://bit.ly/2MQeTnb>
(b)(6)
- LA Times: San Diego County refugee arrivals increase in 2019 as Trump lowers refugee arrival cap [LINK](#)
- USA Today: The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol says the couple deliberately crossed into Washington state from Canada. [LINK](#)
- NYT: President Trump issued his second veto against legislation seeking to end his national emergency at the southwestern border, rejecting bipartisan objections to his efforts to obtain funds for a border wall [LINK](#)

Reporters:

- (b)(6) (AZ Central): Saguaro are protected in [#Arizona](#). As the construction company bulldozes saguaros they deem "unhealthy," CBP says they've removed dozens more along the path of [#BorderWall](#) construction to be replanted elsewhere along protected desert wilderness. MORE: [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (LA Times): "Exhausted passengers emerge from a sleek convoy of silver and red-streaked buses, looking confused and disoriented...There is no greeter here to provide guidance on their pending immigration cases in the United States or on where to seek shelter" <https://lat.ms/32jgg4c>
- (b)(6) (CQ Roll Call): When (b)(6) asked [@USCISCuccinelli](#) about the advocacy group's concerns that agents may be prejudice when conducting these interviews, his response was: "Its not a new subject for them, its just a new element of it and I do expect to see some more of this cross-training."
 - (b)(6) (SF Chronicle): He also said that most of the interviews are on the phone, so immigrants don't really know who they're speaking to anyway, and that the training is effective enough that CBP agents essentially operate the same way as asylum officers.
- (b)(6) (Buzzfeed): Asylum officers told a federal court yesterday that the policy they have to enforce -- an asylum ban at the southern border -- is the "most inhumane and counterproductive" immigration measure yet under the Trump administration. [LINK](#)
 - (b)(6) (SF Chronicle): At the [@csmonitor](#) breakfast this morning, Cuccinelli brushed aside their concerns, saying the administration believes it has acted lawfully and expects its employees to carry out its policies (unless they're blocked by a court).
- (b)(6) (NextGov): Border Patrol agents might be getting body cameras in the near future, and [@CBP](#) wants to know if they can integrate it with the [#FacialRecognition](#) system they've developed [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (SF Chronicle): This AM at a [@csmonitor](#) breakfast, I asked [@USCISCuccinelli](#) about his Twitter feed and tendency to engage on ICE and CBP affairs. "Ordinary Americans to whom I'm trying to communicate don't know, nor do they care about the difference. They care about what's being done," he said.
- (b)(6) (Politico): [#News](#): U.S. Chamber tries to head off talks of federal freeze on facial recognition ahead of Senate airport security hearing. <http://bit.ly/2BdGo4u>
- (b)(6) (LA Times): Senate Dems decry DOD "unprecedented funding maneuver" moving \$129m from counternarcotics funding in Afghanistan (not that that's been remotely effective) to border wall - bringing total \$ moved counter to congressional intention to \$6.2b (neither that): <https://bit.ly/2ptj000>
- (b)(6) (Reuters): Sticks and carrots: U.S. says Guatemala must agree to asylum pact to get development aid [LINK](#)
- (b)(6) (NYT): Asked today about the [@DHSgov](#) acting secretary position, [@USCIS](#) acting director Ken Cuccinelli said he had no update and wouldn't elaborate on his conversations with the President.
- (b)(6) (KGBT): [#BORDERNEWS](#) 53 people found hiding in the brush by Border Patrol agents near Rincon Village. 1:30 am. VIDEO

Congressional/Govt:

- [Sen Udall](#): Glad to see federal courts rule against the president's unlawful plan to sidestep Congress and use military \$ to fund his border wall. This \$ was clearly set aside by Congress to keep Americans safe, not for [@POTUS](#)' hateful, wasteful vanity project.
- [Sen. Sanders](#): In our system of government, Congress alone controls government spending. And we did not give Trump the money to waste on his damn wall. I say this with no great pleasure, but we have a President of the United States who has not read, or does not understand, the Constitution.
- [Rep. Sanchez](#): As part of its anti-immigrant agenda, the Trump admin. wants to strip rights from immigration judges. It's never been more important to maintain a fair & impartial judiciary. I'm leading 80 Members of Congress to urge DOJ to protect collective bargaining. <https://bit.ly/2oLd3vy>
- [Rep. Johnson](#): Bad actors continue to take advantage of our lax immigration laws every single day. We have a plan to fix it, but we need our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to join us. Proud to fight alongside [@RepDougCollins](#) to protect and secure our borders.
- [Rep. Haaland](#): Everyone deserves to see a doctor when they're sick but immigrant women are forced to rely on a patchwork of healthcare because of a 5 year bar on access to programs like Medicaid. [@RepJayapal](#) & I are working to remove that barrier so immigrants can access care. [#HEAL4Immigrants](#)

- Rep. McKinley: Over the last year a million illegal migrants were taken into custody at our southern border — the highest level since 2007. Congress must do something to address this crisis.

Other:

- (b)(6) (GeoPolitics): 'flooding has worsened at almost every other place where Customs and Border Protection has built steel fences over the past 15 years' [LINK](#)
- Migration Policy Institute: Interviews of asylum seekers entering Canada via unofficial land crossing found 60% had spent just a handful of days in US, using it as a transit point Remaining 40% had lived in US on average 6 years [LINK](#)
- CATO Institute: The Border Patrol is keeping children in cages. The good news is that the Trump administration can stop separating the families of asylum seekers today without backpedaling on its commitment to border security. <http://j.mp/2M8VqvT> [#DemDebate](#) [#Cato2020](#) [#CatoImmigration](#)
- U.S. Travel: When the economy thrives, so does travel. The [#USMCA](#) would deliver \$1.7 billion in travel-generated economic output and create 15,000 American jobs. [#USMCAnow](#)

From:

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

Sent:

12/12/2019 5:33:53 PM

To:

(b)(6)

@nytimes.com]

(b)(6)

Are you in DC next Wednesday, 12/18 or still on travel?

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

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

desk
cell

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 11/21/2019 5:22:58 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Re: QUESTION: Social Media Listening Report: August 19, 2019
Attachments: Social Listening 8.19.19.docx; ATT00001.htm

Have not on my end

On Nov 21, 2019, at 12:21 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

ALCON

Earlier, this was to be discussed with (b)(6) at Vistra and (b)(6) at Meltwater to see if they can do this report. Were y'all able to determine if they are able or willing to do this report?

If not, we can request market research estimate for what it would take and cost. Please advise if you have approached them for this work or if would like to ask them about the work.

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

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PMP, COR level 3
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
CBP Mobile (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 5:36 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Social Media Listening Report: August 19, 2019

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

Can we get our contractor to do this daily report? I want to free up (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and her team as best I can.

What would it take?

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (CBS): The U.S. has returned about 32,000 migrants to Mexico under the controversial MPP program, a @DHSgov official told @CBSNews. "This is a program that we're building to last," the official said when asked if the policy would continue indefinitely. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Acting USCIS Director Ken Cuccinelli: Thx to @CBP Port Director Ortiz for showing me around the Brownsville, Tx #MPP soft-sided facility. It's looking good and will be operating soon!
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Texas Observer): Ok, emergency motion is in out in the California Asylum Ban 2.0 case -- adding evidence to support a nationwide injunction (i.e. re-un-ban asylum in Texas/New Mexico) [LINK](#)

Outlets:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->NYT Politics: The Trump administration's policies have left nearly 58,000 people seeking asylum stranded in Mexico [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Texas Observer: If CBP builds the border wall, they will be abandoning their oath to "protect the American public" —instead sacrificing South Texas towns, people, and wildlife to please a president who does not care about us, writes Scott Nicol. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Gov Tech News: A @CBP technology outage Friday afternoon delayed travelers throughout the U.S., but officials gave no details on what the cause might have been <http://bit.ly/2Z6ulxX> #govtech #network
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Politico: Immigration advocates claim official policies and lack of oversight related to the border and immigration crisis have led to major lapses in medical and mental health care in nearly 160 detention facilities [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Mother Jones: Court documents and interviews suggest that his checkered career speaks to a much broader problem in the Border Patrol: its inability or unwillingness to identify and discipline problem agents. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->CBS Evening News: Officials say they seized \$2.3 million worth of marijuana mixed in with a shipment of jalapeño peppers at a Southern California port; officers discovered more than 7,500 pounds, nearly 4 tons, of marijuana in the peppers' pallets, a CBP news release says [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->KYW Newsradio: "According to CBP, about 30% of the families presenting themselves at the border are not organic families, meaning that they are arriving with a child that's not theirs," @RepBrianFitz said. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Fronteras Desk: In the fourth installment in the #MigrantJourney, @MurphyWoodhouse reports from San Luis Rio Colorado, one of many cities along the border where there are waitlists for people hoping to cross at ports of entry to request asylum. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->Brownsville News: Sidewalk School is a project created by volunteers who are teaching children who are waiting with their parents for asylum at the Gateway International Bridge in Matamoros. #RGV [LINK](#)

Reporters:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Buzzfeed): NEWS: USCIS officials informed staff Saturday morning that the policy barring asylum for

those who cross through Mexico was in effect for migrants at the New Mexico and Texas border. Background: [LINK](#)

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Reveal): NEW: Immigration judges are working under a secretive instruction that requires them to complete family cases within a year. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (San Diego Union Tribune): Chickenpox and flu: Migrants are getting sick at the U.S.-Mexico border [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (CQ Roll Call): With Border Patrol this morning in McAllen, TX. All throughout the morning agents have been finding mattresses and other things that migrants have been using to cross the Rio Grande to the US. PHOTOS
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (ProPublica): Three times in 2018, @DeptVetAffairs had a chance to weigh in on an expansive Trump immigration policy and argue for an exemption for veterans. Each time, it declined to do so. My latest, with (b)(6)
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> This was revealed in emails we received through a Freedom of Information Act request. See those emails here: [LINK](#)
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> Also notable: as the White House scrambled to release an initial version of the “public charge” rule, it warned federal agencies that the decision to propose changing the policy had “been made at a very high level and will not be changing”
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (WSJ): White House officials have expressed interest in finding ways to block undocumented students from attending public schools, despite a 1982 Supreme Court ruling giving such students that right, per Bloomberg. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (NYT): Important story from (b)(6) on the domestic violence and lack of accountability for offenders that drives migrants from Guatemala to the southwest border. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Huff Post): Shooting at a moving vehicle whose occupants are unarmed is a bad idea, many policing experts say. My story looks at CBP's policy on this — and how advocates have, for years, urged the agency to change it: [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (CQ Roll Call): Rep. Dan Lipinski is fending off a Justice Democrats-backed challenger by uh *checks notes* writing a Fox News op-ed commending CBP agents [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Washington Examiner): MCALLEN, Texas — A Texas dirt road located a few hundred feet from the Rio Grande international boundary that for months has been one of the busiest illegal crossing spots on the entire 1,954-mile southern border was silent this hot, lazy August afternoon. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (El Paso Times): “The U visa was created for people like them who are living in the shadows,” said (b)(6) (b)(6) an El Paso #immigration attorney. “Their voice matters, and they should feel like their voice matters.” [LINK](#) via @elpasotimes
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) (Politico): USCIS issued new policy guidance today that toughens the path to work permits for immigrants “paroled” into the United States. More on @POLITICOPro: [LINK](#)

Congressional/Govt:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> Oversight Committee Republicans: #ICYMI: (b)(6) Shuts Down @OversightDems' Attempt to Demonize Border Patrol Agents VIDEO

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->[Rep. Burgess](#): America's [@CBP](#) law enforcement officers are committed federal employees that Congress has tasked with a difficult job. I am grateful for their work to secure our nation + provide compassionate care to migrants on the border.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->[Sen. Cornyn](#): 111 degree heat index and the Mexican military - no thanks to congressional Ds - combine to bring relief to besieged Border Patrol agents
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->[Sen. Murray](#): The Trump Administration shouldn't need a court order to start giving the children at our southern border toothbrushes. This inhumane and cruel treatment needs to stop—and Congress needs to pass our bill to address this crisis.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->[Rep. Roy](#): ICYMI my op-ed in [@ExpressNews](#): Political Rhetoric Only Fuels Chaos On The Border [LINK](#)

Other:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->[AFT Union](#): Armed border patrol guards prevented AFT educators and nurses from checking on the children living in a detention center at the U.S.-Mexico border recently. This [@UFT](#) member tells the story [#ClassroomsNotCages](#) [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) .[@CBP](#) Agents at [#SouthernBorder](#) fear of being charged for any altercation with [#illegalalien](#) attempting to escape custody. Cases like fmr Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) "have a chilling effect on agents in the field." [@POTUS](#) please (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]-->[Human Rights First](#): Asylum seekers are routinely being detained by [@CBP](#) for far longer than the 72-hour legal limit, often without access to phones or lawyers. We're thankful for all the lawyers working to protect the legal rights of asylum seekers. [LINK](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><![endif]--> (b)(6) The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to undergo a live test of "Intellectual Property Rights Proof of Concept", applying [#blockchain](#) in running shipments. [LINK](#) via [@cointelegraph](#) (b)(6)

Message

From:

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

Sent:

12/13/2019 5:03:25 PM

To:

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

BCC:

(b)(6) @usatoday.com; (b)(6) @washpost.com; (b)(6) @turner.com];

(b)(6) @ap.org; (b)(6) @thehill.com; (b)(6) @latimes.com]; (b)(6)

(b)(6) @nytimes.com]; (b)(6) @wsj.com];

(b)(6) @thomsonreuters.com; (b)(6) washingtontimes.com; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

Subject:

CBP Media Roundtable changed to Tuesday, 12/17 at 11 am

Importance:

High

Folks, my apologies. The CBP Media Roundtable with Acting Commissioner Morgan is now Tuesday, 12/17 at 11 am.

Thanks,

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) desk
cell

Message

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

Sent: 12/16/2019 1:56:56 PM

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

BCC: (b)(6)@washpost.com; (b)(6)@turner.com; (b)(6)@ap.org; (b)(6)@thehill.com;
(b)(6)@latimes.com; (b)(6)@nytimes.com];
(b)(6)@usatoday.com; (b)(6)@wsj.com; (b)(6)@thomsonreuters.com;
(b)(6)-washingtontimes.com (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

Subject: CBP Media Roundtable Tuesday, 12/17 at 11 am

Importance: High

We are looking forward to tomorrow's Media Roundtable/Pen and Pad at CBP with Acting Commissioner Morgan.

Please use the CBP lobby entrance on 14th Street side of the Reagan Building and we will come down to get you.

See you all tomorrow.

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) desk
cell

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 12/17/2019 6:37:12 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Fwd: Latest Border Wall Status Paper

Can you send her MPP numbers if we have them

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)@washpost.com>
Date: December 17, 2019 at 1:35:55 PM EST
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Latest Border Wall Status Paper

Thanks so much, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Thank you again for organizing that.

Please send us any follow-up data on how many are in MPP and how many people have been sent to Guatemala, Honduras or anywhere else under the ACA?

Thanks so much,

(b)(6)

Immigration reporter

The Washington Post

Desk (b)(6)

Signal/WhatsApp/Mobile (b)(6)

(b)(6)@washpost.com

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 1:15 PM
To: (b)(6)@thomsonreuters.com; (b)(6)@nytimes.com>;
(b)(6)@latimes.com>; (b)(6)@washingtontimes.com
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(b)(6)@dailyallernewsfoundation.org>; (b)(6)@usatoday.com (b)(6)
(b)(6)@turner.com>; (b)(6)@washpost.com>;
(b)(6)@thehill.com; (b)(6)@ap.org
Subject: Latest Border Wall Status Paper
Importance: High

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

From:

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

Sent:

2/18/2020 10:21:27 PM

To:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]

Subject:

Re: NY Times reporter

Thank you sir

On Feb 18, 2020, at 5:11 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Sir –

I only just got an OCC greenlight to respond. They are comfortable with us sharing this from the PAG:

(b)(5)

Best wishes,

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

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:37 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: NY Times reporter

Please reach out for NY Times reporter (b)(6) (sp?) about the NY vehicle title transfer issue related to the recent Trusted Traveler change to NY residents.

(b)(6)

She is apparently on 6 pm deadline. Thanks

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

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

desk

cell

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/29/2020 2:48:11 AM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
Subject: Re: Morgan statement on MPP

To confirm, we have issued the cessation of processing under MPP per the injunction. However, we are continuing to utilize every tool at CBP's disposal to ensure the integrity of our immigration system and processing programs.

On Feb 28, 2020, at 9:38 PM, (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of DHS. DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you recognize and/or trust the sender. Contact the CBP Security Operations Center with questions or concerns.

Thanks! But what guidance has been issued to agents? Are agents ceasing the processing of migrants to MPP?

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 9:25 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

"Once again, the courts have taken action to undermine efforts to prevent illegal migration with a judicially created legal loophole," said CBP Acting Commissioner Mark Morgan. "This ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court oversteps and re-opens the door to the exploitation of migrants by transnational criminal organizations. It erroneously sends the message that anyone who comes to the border will be released into the United States. Everyone should understand that CBP will utilize every tool at our disposal to maintain the integrity of our immigration system and border security."

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/27/2020 8:53:29 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: Fwd: UAC issue

We're still working this. Some info below

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Date: March 27, 2020 at 4:52:04 PM EDT
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPR)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @CBP.DHS.GOV>, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: UAC issue

Good afternoon,

This is what the reporters know about the UACs issue:

-NYT (b)(6) article with DAC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) quoted.

From Leanos:

"I also saw today a letter from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to DHS asking for more info: <https://chc.house.gov/sites/congressionalhispaniccaucus.house.gov/files/CHC%20cdc%20letter.pdf>

I also did hear from someone in Guatemala that two UAC were sent back. I've also spoken to some other advocates who say this is happening and etc, so I'm really just trying to piece these things together to see if UACs are being sent back and deported."

Key phrase from the end of the congressional letter, where they basically ask for all info about title 42 encounters, UACs, asylum seekers etc..

"Our shared commitment to protecting the country from COVID-19 should not come at the cost of disregarding fundamental human rights, including the right to seek asylum and availing other legal protections."

That is incredible in how it really lays it bare.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPR) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @CBP.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:27 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: UAC issue

Still waiting on Counsel. Only thing I've been able to find is the lawsuit they did saying ICE and ERO need to release everyone in detention.

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

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:26 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPR) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@CBP.DHS.GOV>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: UAC issue

Sir,

Any further info on the litigation using (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) settlement plaintiffs? Reporters don't seem to know anything, otherwise they would be asking us to confirm. Nothing on Twitter either, not even among the most litigation following, most active tweeters...

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

Public Affairs Specialist
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Washington, DC HQ

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

From: (b)(6)@newshour.org]
Sent: 10/29/2019 11:18:52 PM
To: Media Inquiry [MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV]; cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: Re: confirming number of detained migrant children FY2019
Sensitivity: Company Confidential

Thank you!

From: Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 6:34:49 PM
To: (b)(6)@newshour.org>; Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>; CBPMEDIARELATIONS <CBPMediaRelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: confirming number of detained migrant children FY2019

Good evening (b)(6)

Below is the link to CBP's posting of the stats.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-releases-fiscal-year-2019-southwest-border-migration-stats-0>

And here is the Official YouTube link to the press conference –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72xguxrcIzo&spfreload=10>

Regards,

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

From: (b)(6)@newshour.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 6:20 PM
To: Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>; CBPMEDIARELATIONS <CBPMediaRelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: confirming number of detained migrant children FY2019
Sensitivity: Confidential

Hello, I'm working to confirm the below reported numbers, citing CBP as a source.

Can you please confirm this is accurate? And if so, where I can find the original data for these?

“American immigration authorities apprehended 76,020 minors, most of them from Central America, traveling without their parents in the fiscal year that ended in September — 52 percent more than during the last fiscal year, according to United States Customs and Border Protection.”

Many thanks,

(b)(6)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/29/world/americas/unaccompanied-minors-border-crossing.html>

U.S. Detains Record Number of Child Migrants, Surpassing Crisis Under Obama

Detentions have surged as the Trump administration's aggressive policy toward migrants has collided with an exodus of children fleeing Central America.

By Paulina Villegas

- Oct. 29, 2019, 5:48 p.m. ET
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TENOSIQUE, Mexico — The United States has detained more children trying to cross the nation's southwest border on their own over the last year than during any other period on record, surpassing the surge of unaccompanied minors that set off a crisis during the Obama administration, according to new figures released Tuesday.

American immigration authorities apprehended 76,020 minors, most of them from Central America, traveling without their parents in the fiscal year that ended in September — 52 percent more than during the last fiscal year, according to United States Customs and Border Protection.

Mexico is experiencing the same surge. Under pressure from the Trump administration, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador stepped up immigration enforcement and detained about 40,500 underage migrants traveling north without their parents in the same period — pushing the total number of these children taken into custody in the region to more than 115,000.

In interviews, nearly two dozen children who were heading toward the United States said they knew the trip was dangerous — and that if they were caught they could end up in overcrowded, dirty facilities on both sides of the border, without adequate food, water or health care. But they took their chances anyway, looking to escape dead-end poverty, violence and a lack of opportunities to study or work, despite President Trump's aggressive efforts to block immigration through the southwest border.

The young migrants came alongside a historic wave of families traveling together, also largely from Central America. They travel by foot, hitch rides or climb onto trains, carrying only what they can fit in tattered backpacks, and face a staggering array of threats, from thieves and rapists to hunger, loneliness and death.

Marvel, a 16-year-old Honduran boy, said he had been on the road for weeks when, somewhere in Guatemala, he came upon a cluster of roadside graves: the final resting place of other migrants who had died on their journey north. He was alone and far from home. Fear crawled up his spine. But he thought of the gang threats he faced — and he pressed on.

"Quitting was not an option," Marvel said, giving only his first name for fear of gang retribution. "You wipe your tears and carry on."

For the young migrants, the risks at home outweigh the potential dangers of the road. Most are teenage boys, though girls and children also attempt the trip. For Marvel, the decision to leave came when a gang in his hometown, Olancho, told him that if he didn't join their ranks, they'd kill him and his family. There was no doubt they were serious, Marvel said. Gang members had already murdered his older brother.

His parents encouraged him to leave, Marvel said. "We can't bear losing another son," they told him. "You have to go."

He left home in the spring, with \$40 dollars in his pocket and no plan except to find work in a safer place.

As for most underage migrants traveling without their parents, his trip north has been a feat of improvisation and courage. He walked and hitchhiked through Honduras and Guatemala. He slept in churches, under trees or wherever he found himself when night fell.

Along the way, he gathered crucial bits of information from fellow migrants: the best route to take, locations of shelters up ahead, places to avoid, where to forage for food.

As huge numbers of young migrants from Central America began arriving at the United States' southern border in 2014, the Obama administration scrambled to house them until they could be released to sponsors — adults who applied to care for them. The shelter system grew dramatically as a result.

The Trump administration experienced similar backups at the border just a few years later — this time because of new, more stringent policies that made the sponsors themselves, who are often undocumented, vulnerable to immigration authorities. This discouraged people from coming forward, leaving thousands of children to languish in the system.

The Trump administration has also sought to deter migration by separating thousands of children from their relatives, again driving up the number of children in federally contracted shelters.

On the road, while trying to avoid detention, fear and hunger are constant companions for many young migrants.

With little or no money in their pockets, they relied on strangers for snacks or meals. They pawed through garbage and scanned drifts of debris on the roadside, hoping to spot an edible morsel.

Wilson, a 17-year-old Honduran, said he had feasted on rotten mangos discarded by street vendors.

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United States Border Patrol

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New Orleans	63	798	445	19	0	41	0	N/A	N/A
Ramey	38	280	280	0	1,809	70	0	N/A	N/A
Coastal Border Sectors Total	212	3,247	2,297	731	1,701	342	1	N/A ****	N/A ****
Blaine	310	359	289	0	0	13	0	N/A	N/A
Buffalo	286	384	244	0	0	36	2	N/A	N/A
Detroit	416	1,930	893	7	7	200	1	N/A	N/A
Grand Forks	185	461	146	0	0	38	2	N/A	N/A
Havre	177	47	26	0	0	4	0	N/A	N/A
Houllon	186	52	45	0	0	18	0	N/A	N/A
Spokane	236	347	65	1	1	59	0	N/A	N/A
Swanton	301	736	563	2	2	313	6	N/A	N/A
Northern Border Sectors Total	2,097	4,316	2,071	1,465	10	681	11	N/A ****	N/A ****
Big Bend (formerly Marfa)	499	8,045	4,634	26,651	65	5,128	11	1,622	10
Del Rio	1,366	15,833	8,359	1,870	80	10,925	12	71	24
El Centro	844	29,230	10,449	623	165	2,718	34	110	17
El Paso	2,171	31,561	22,159	15,156	324	13,048	54	14	4
Laredo	1,779	32,641	10,362	59,237	387	13,882	31	13	69
Rio Grande Valley (formerly McAllen)	3,096	162,262	130,809	294,323	1,857	24,547	422	1,509	96
San Diego	2,202	38,591	11,509	8,787	1,821	6,978	84	25	4
Tucson	3,681	52,172	22,386	134,084	62	28,086	93	923	56
Yuma	844	26,244	23,655	8,103	78	4,005	33	20	1
Southwest Border Sectors Total**	16,608	396,579	244,322	456,834	4,836	109,317	774	4,307	283
Nationwide Total***	19,555	404,142	248,690	461,030	6,550	110,340	786	4,307	283

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Other Than Mexican Apprehensions	2,297	2,071	244,322	248,690
Marijuana (pounds)	731	1,465	458,834	461,030
Cocaine (pounds)	1,701	10	4,838	6,550
Heroin (ounces)	4	54	11,302	11,314
Methamphetamine (pounds)	3	9	10,273	10,328
Ecstasy (pounds)	0	0	1	2
Other Drugs* (pounds)	26	33	891	951
Marijuana Seizures	99	437	7,505	8,041
Cocaine Seizures	58	48	453	559
Heroin Seizures	3	31	204	238
Methamphetamine Seizures	8	42	897	947
Ecstasy Seizures	1	8	55	64
Other Drugs* Seizures	22	82	769	873
Conveyances	79	119	8,391	8,589
Firearms	17	73	314	404
Ammunition (rounds)	274	344	18,302	18,920
Currency (value)	\$131,976	\$378,302	\$6,665,864	\$7,176,142

**Other Drugs include: All USBP drug seizures excluding marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and ecstasy (MDMA).*

Coastal Border Sectors include: Miami, New Orleans, and Ramey, Puerto Rico.

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Drug quantities are rounded to the nearest whole number

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

Southwest Border Branch Chief (A)

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

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 6:17 PM

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

Subject: FW: CBP annual 2019 report?

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Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 5:47 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

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Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 11/5/2019 11:57:29 PM
To:
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
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It should be in the FY19 spreadsheets that BP sent us, but I'd have to look to be sure.

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 12/9/2019 9:34:06 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted]
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted]; cbpmediarelations [redacted]
(b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: Re: NY Times request

Great thanks

On Mon, Dec 9, 2019 at 3:30 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

(b)(6) [redacted]
Received. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2019, at 4:14 PM, (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com> wrote:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] Greetings. I wanted to make sure you saw this email I sent last week.

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2019 at 2:43 PM

Subject: NY Times request

To: CBP Media Relations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com>

Greetings. This is (b)(6) [redacted] with The New York Times, the reporter who covers Texas and the border for the paper.

We're working on a story about the sexual harassment and sexual assault of Border Patrol agents and Customs officers by their fellow agents, officers and supervisors. I had four questions below. We'll likely have other questions as we do more reporting, but these are the initial questions. Feel free to contact me via email or on my cell phone at (b)(6) [redacted] if there's any questions.

1. How many formal EEO complaints alleging sexual harassment have been filed against Customs and Border Protection from January 1, 2010, to December 2, 2019?

Please include what agency within CBP was involved (CBP's Border Patrol or Air and Marine Operations, for example) and a general description of the alleged discriminatory action or practice for each complaint.

2. What were the outcomes of all of those formal complaints filed in that time period against CBP? For example, how many of those complaints were dismissed, and how many resulted in a hearing and decision from an EEOC Administrative Judge?
3. What were the Final Agency Decisions for each of those complaints filed in that time period against CBP?
4. How many complaints have been filed with the Joint Intake Center by CBP employees alleging that they were sexually harassed or sexually assaulted by other CBP employees, and what were the outcomes of those JIC complaints?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Houston Bureau Chief

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6) [REDACTED]@nytimes.com]

Sent: 12/6/2019 8:35:04 PM

To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]
(b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]

Subject: RSVP

I'll be attending that press conference on Monday. I would appreciate if CBP could provide the stats **before** the press conference on an embargo basis --- like most law enforcement agencies --- so that we are able to ask informed questions. It's hard to ask such questions when we don't know the statistics the commissioner is referencing at the podium.

(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6) [REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 12/24/2019 2:14:50 AM
CC: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Re: NYT Request

Menos reporter

I have reached out to local OFO PAL for information

Sent from my iPhone

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

Public Affairs Officer
Rio Grande Valley-Texas
Office of Public Affairs-Media Division
US Customs and Border Protection

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

> On Dec 23, 2019, at 7:35 PM, (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

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> Hello,

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> We're hearing reports of an American citizen getting shot at the international bridge connecting Texas to Reynosa. Do you have any information you can provide on this? Did CBP respond?

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> Thanks,

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(b)(6)

> Homeland Security Correspondent

> The New York Times

> Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

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Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 1/5/2020 10:11:19 PM
To: cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]
Subject: NYT FOLLOW

Hi,

I just asked this to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] on the phone but I want to send an email. Your statement says that CBP detaining Iranian-Americans and refusing their entry because of country of origin is false. But my understanding is these people were referred for a secondary screening and questioned. Are you saying that country of origin generally, and in this case, is not a factor in referring somebody for a secondary screening? That doesn't seem with what CBP officials have said previously.

Were these people referred for a secondary screening? And on what basis were they referred?

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]
Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6) [redacted]
(b)(6) [redacted]

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 1/5/2020 7:28:30 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Request On Deadline

I have received your request and will have a statement for you shortly

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 11:27 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Request On Deadline

Hi all,

I'm reaching out to see if these reports out of Blaine, Wash., that more than 60 Iranians and Iranian-Americans were detained at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Washington on Saturday night. The Council on American-Islamic relations say they are assisting detainees who were held for 8 to 10 hours after trying to return to their homes in the US after attending a Iranian pop concert in Vancouver.

The group is saying the detainees were questioned about their political views and allegiances.

The group is also saying (attributed to a CBP source) that DHS sent out a national directive to report anyone with Iranian heritage who is deemed potentially suspicious or adversarial, regardless of US citizenship status. Has such a national directive been issued?

Has any national directive been issued to increase the vetting or security protocol for those of Iranian heritage in the wake

How many Iranian Americans were detained yesterday in Washington state?

How long were they detained?

Were any of their passports confiscated?

People are obviously very rattled right now and in an effort to ensure an accurate report, I would appreciate answers to these questions AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 1/30/2020 9:20:25 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: FW: NYT Inquiry

Providing response

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:19 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>;
cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Inquiry

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HI folks,

I'm reading that CBP is investigating this document published by Northern Light that seems to direct agents to screen Iranians for extra vetting. Is that investigation indeed underway?

Thanks,

(b)(6)
Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]

Sent: 1/3/2020 6:03:20 PM

To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E) [redacted]

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

Subject: NYT Request

Hi there,

(b)(6) [redacted] reaching out from the Times. Hope you're all well. I'm curious how/if CBP is stepping up security at ports and airports after Iran promised retaliation against the United States following the American drone strike. Are more resources being deployed at ports and airports? Can I say that the agency is tightening security at air and sea ports? Is the agency warning Americans of any potential threats following the killing of Suleimani?

Hoping to have a response ASAP.

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6) [redacted]

(b)(6) [redacted]

Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]

Sent: 1/31/2020 4:21:35 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted]

CC: cbpmediarelations [redacted] (b)(7)(E)
[redacted] (b)(7)(E)

Subject: Re: NYT Request ON DEADLINE

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Thanks, but I'm still wondering if CBP has received any guidance?

On Fri, Jan 31, 2020 at 11:19 AM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Hi (b)(6) [redacted] would recommend checking with the White House press office.

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com>

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:09 AM

To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: NYT Request ON DEADLINE

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Hi there,

I'm wondering if Customs and Border Protection has received any new guidance on restrictions on flights coming from China. Is the administration preparing to institute restrictions on flights coming from China?

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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The New York Times

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Message

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

Sent: 1/6/2020 6:46:50 PM

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

CC:

Subject: FW: NYT Request

Can you guys take this please? Thanks! (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:36 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: NYT Request

Hi there,

Is CBP now returning Mexican nationals, including families, back to Guatemala under the asylum cooperative agreement with Guatemala? I'm seeing reports that Mexicans can now be returned to Guatemala under the deal. Is this true? I know acting commissioner Mark Morgan said at his last press conference that the agency was looking for ways to push down the number of Mexican crossings at the border.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Sent: 2/5/2020 6:40:33 PM
To: cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: RE: NYT Request

Got this.

From: (b)(6)>@nytimes.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:38 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Request

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Thanks so much,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/4/2020 6:28:19 PM
CC: cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT inquiry

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From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:19 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT inquiry

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So given this proclamation, this citizen had to have traveled to China in the past 14 days, correct?

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good Morning (b)(6) we can confirm there was a Canadian citizen deemed inadmissible on Tuesday, Feb. 3, based on the Presidential Proclamation suspending entry for individuals who pose a risk of transmitting the coronavirus.

I'll get back with you on your request for the total number.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:29 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT inquiry

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Hello. Would someone please confirm that a Canadian was deemed inadmissible at the border due to coronavirus concerns? How many people total have been deemed inadmissible due to the coronavirus since Friday?

Please get back to me by the AM. Ken Cuccinelli apparently already gave this information to CNN so it should be something that can be confirmed.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/03/politics/border-coronavirus-travel-restrictions/index.html>

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Sent: 2/3/2020 7:40:38 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E) cbpmediarelations
Subject: RE: NYT Request

Yes, me.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:03 AM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: NYT Request

Anybody working this??

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

Communications Specialist
Office of Public Affairs-Media Relations Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20229

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

E-mail: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov

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"America is best described by one word, freedom."-President Dwight D.Eisenhower.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:00 AM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
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Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Would you please update me on how many travelers who have landed in the US since 5 pm yesterday were referred by CBP to CDC for screening?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/5/2020 8:42:37 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
CC: cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Request

We do not have that information available for individuals deemed inadmissible under the new travel restriction at any CBP location.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 2:10 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT Request

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Okay then let's take away airports. How many people have been deemed inadmissible at the land ports due to the restrictions put in place by the coronavirus screening?

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 3:05 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Hi (b)(6) please see the statement on background below, attributable to a CBP official:

"CBP continues to actively work with its partners to identify and refer individuals arriving to the U.S. requiring additional health screening in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation and supplemental guidance issued by DHS. Specific data or details on flight arrivals, travelers referred to CDC or individuals deemed inadmissible under the new travel restriction is not available at this time due to operational sensitivities and because information such as flight schedules and arriving passenger data changes rapidly."

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The New York Times

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 2/4/2020 12:24:39 AM
To: Media Inquiry (b)(7)(E) [redacted]
(b)(7)(E) [redacted] cbpmediarelations
(b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: NYT Question

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Hi,

In a segment on (b)(6) [redacted], acting secretary Chad Wolf just said that screening is also being done at land ports of entry at the southwest border. What kind of screening is taking place there for the coronavirus?

Thanks,

(b)(6) [redacted]

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6) [redacted]

(b)(6) [redacted]

Message

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]

Sent: 2/6/2020 8:39:53 PM

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

CC: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E)

Subject: Re: NYT Request

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Just checking on this. Does the agency plan on addressing these questions?

On Thu, Feb 6, 2020 at 2:39 PM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:
Thanks. This doesn't answer my question though. Is that still coming?

On Thu, Feb 6, 2020 at 2:36 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

New York Residents No Longer Eligible to Apply for or Renew Trusted Traveler Programs

State Law Prevents CBP from Determining Program Eligibility

February 6, 2019

Contact: CBP Media Relations

(202) 344-1780

WASHINGTON — Effective immediately, residents of the State of New York will no longer be eligible to apply for or renew membership in U.S. Customs and Border Protection Trusted Traveler Programs due to state legislation that restricts CBP's access to certain criminal history information maintained by the New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

In addition, the Vehicle Exports program will be affected. Vehicles titled in New York may be de-prioritized for export, as resource limitations require, when supporting documents cannot be authenticated through information sharing with New York DMV.

The decision comes as the State of New York implements the “Driver’s License Access and Privacy Act,” which prohibits CBP from accessing information maintained by the New York DMV. Without access to this information, CBP cannot properly complete security checks for Trusted Traveler Program applications and renewals submitted by New York residents, greatly increasing our security risk.

“Nothing is more important than the safety of the United States and our citizens, and the New York Green Light law makes us less safe and shields criminals,” said CBP Acting Commissioner Mark Morgan. “We recognize that many New York residents and businesses will be negatively affected by this change, but we cannot compromise the safety and security of our homeland. When states take negative measures that hinder our ability to protect our great country, we must respond.”

New York residents will no longer be eligible to apply for or renew membership in CBP Trusted Traveler Programs and CBP will cancel all pending Trusted Traveler Program applications submitted by residents of New York. Refunds will be processed automatically.

New York residents who are currently enrolled in Trusted Travel Programs will retain their benefits until their memberships expire.

CBP’s Trusted Traveler Programs provide secure, expedited processing for pre-approved, low-risk travelers. The programs include Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI and FAST.

For more information about Trusted Traveler Programs, please visit [ttp.dhs.gov](http://dhs.gov).

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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:39 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Re: NYT Request

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Thanks, looking forward to the release but I'm also asking for answers to my specific questions.

On Thu, Feb 6, 2020 at 1:38 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We will have a release on this as soon as we can, Thank You for your patience on this.

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

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Hello,

What data from the DMV databases is specifically needed for the vetting of the TTP applicants? Since a passport is the required document, isn't the vetting already done by the State Dep?

Thanks so much for your responsiveness,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/13/2020 6:42:35 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]; cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: Out of the office RE: NYT Request

Hi (b)(6) Added the team for awareness.
Thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 1:36 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Out of the office RE: NYT Request

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Hello,

I am traveling on assignment and out of the office until Feb 13. Feel free to send breaking news to (b)(6)@nytimes.com.

Thank you.

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(b)(6)
Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/whatsapp/Signal: (b)(6)
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Sent: 2/14/2020 8:55:07 PM
To: cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: RE: NYT inquiry re: cars with NY titles

Minus reporter. I'll handle.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 3:49 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT inquiry re: cars with NY titles

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Hello,

I just spoke with (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) I am a reporter at the NYT writing about how the recent changes relating to traveler programs like Global Entry for New Yorkers also affect the export of cars with NY titles. Could you please provide a statement on the ongoing negotiations around this and also confirm the following:

- 1) That this concerns all vehicles with NY titles, not just those vehicles leaving NY ports. So, for example, an ocean carrier in Newark loaded with vehicles with NY plates would have to be returned to port to unload containers if they contained cars with a NY title.
- 2) How many exported cars CBP checked in 2019 at NY/NJ ports with New York titles last year.
- 3) Has CBP been involved in discussions between state and federal authorities and how is it addressing the complaints of ports, exporters, et al.

My deadline is 6 p.m. today, Friday.

Thank you,

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Reporter
The New York Times

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C: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
Sent: 2/19/2020 2:39:27 PM
To: cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: Re: NYT Inquiry --- MPP

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

On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 9:38 AM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:
Hi,

I just saw the statement you have sent. There's no mention of any of the questions I've asked regarding data. At the very least, you should be able to tell me how many people have been returned at this point. All of the questions seem legitimate to be answered by the agency.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 5:13 PM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:
One more: How many times has CBP actually exercised this exemption and allowed a migrant to wait in the United States for their asylum adjudication as a result of the medical exemption.

Thanks!

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 12:35 PM (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:
Hello all,

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Also, what is the updated number for migrants who have been returned to Mexico under MPP?

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Also, how many people entered into MPP have chosen to deport to their home country?

How many people entered into MPP still have active ongoing asylum cases?

Hoping to have answers by tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks so much,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/13/2020 6:38:07 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) cbpmediarelations
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: FW: NYT Request

(b)(6) Has sent in the below request for assistance on a fact check.

Thanks,

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

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 12:53 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Request

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

Hoping you can help fact check something for me. I have in my notes that the administration has so far transferred a total of 6.7 billion from DOD to the wall. But when I checked the fact sheet, it notes 2.5 billion being transferred from 284 funding and 3.6 billion from 2808 funding. Adding those gets you to 6.1 billion. But I thought the total was 6.7 billion in DOD funding to the wall. What am I missing here?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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(b)(6)

Message

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

Sent: 2/18/2020 6:05:10 PM

To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)

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

Subject: RE: NYT Inquiry --- MPP

Minus requestor. To maintain consistency with how we have responded to similar inquiries from other national media outlets to include Buzzfeed, Associated Press, NPR, I would recommend providing the total national MPP enrollment number plus the following statement and on background information:

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

Public Affairs Officer
Office of Public Affairs-Media Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Laredo, TX

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

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From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:35 AM

To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: NYT Inquiry --- MPP

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/21/2020 7:04:20 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(E); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: Can someone send me the latest border stat sheet?

-Got it.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 1:56 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Can someone send me the latest border stat sheet?

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Thanks.

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/1/2020 5:40:51 AM
To: cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Re: NYT Question

I deferred him to WH press office for POTUS comments.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 3:13:38 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT Question

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Hello,

President Trump said today that the US is considering new travel restrictions at the U.S.-Mexico border. What are those restrictions? Is he referring to the already established guidance given to port officers to turn away travelers who have recently visited China?

Would appreciate some clarity.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Sent: 3/3/2020 9:50:01 PM
CC: cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Subject: Re: NYT Request

I have this.

Sent from my iPhone

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

On Mar 3, 2020, at 4:44 PM, (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
wrote:

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Hello,

We're working on a follow up to CBP redeployment, which includes BORTAC agents, to supplement ERO operations. **Any context you would like to include is appreciated.** We're writing that HSI agents are also being transferred for this operation. Two specific questions I have...

1. We've heard from those within BORTAC specifically that there is frustration in the unit about this redeployment on it not being the best use of their skills. Any comment on this?
2. I'm also curious 1. Where the BORTAC agents came from (what sector/location) and 2. how many TOTAL BORTAC agents are there? Not just the total number deployment but the total number in CBP.

If you can have something back ASAP, I would appreciate it. Deadline would be tomorrow morning.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 3/6/2020 6:11:36 PM
To: cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: NYT Follow Up

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Hey a quick follow up. Why deploy the military to a port of entry in Texas instead of Arizona? If the Supreme Court does not grant the government's request to take up its appeal of the Ninth Circuit's injunction, the appeals court's original decision to block MPP would only impact California and Arizona.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

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Sent: 3/10/2020 7:36:44 PM
To: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: Separate question for NYT

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and I have this.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:28 PM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov;
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
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Hello,

Separate from my other inquiry, Have any ports of entry along the northern border been closed in response to the coronavirus outbreak? What about traffic lanes in those ports?

Thanks,

(b)(6)
Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/18/2020 8:32:34 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Question

(b)(6)

Off the record -- I would expect this to come from the White House.

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

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:04 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>;
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For planning purposes, what can we expect here?

Thank you,

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Sent: 3/18/2020 8:07:23 PM
To: cbpmediarelations [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov]
Subject: RE: NYT Question

Anybody working this??

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/20/2020 6:40:52 PM
To: cbpmediarelations (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT Request

Anybody working this??

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Subject: NYT Request

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Hello,

Are there already examples of migrants in holding facilities that have been confirmed to have the coronavirus and have spread it to agents?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent
The New York Times
Cell/WhatsApp/Signal (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Message

Sent: 3/20/2020 6:52:25 PM

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

Subject: RE: NYT Questions ON Deadline

I think we can and

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:45 PM

To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: NYT Questions ON Deadline

-Answered, but trying to get more info. ICE handles repatriation mentioned in inquiry.

From: (b)(6) @nytimes.com>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:21 PM

To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: NYT Questions ON Deadline

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Hi there,

I have a number of questions following that press conference.

Asked about OTMs that would be immediately returned under this policy, Chad Wolf said they would be taken into custody and immediately driven to an airfield and sent to their home country.

Is that true for every foreigner? So you're going to fly Haitians to Haiti? Cubans to Cuba? Chinese migrants to China?

Can you please elaborate on this? What would happen to those foreigners?

Also, I want to be sure we're understanding this correctly that those who cross illegally would not be detained or provided an opportunity for a credible fear or withholding of removal screening?

This is essential to ensure an accurate article.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Sent: 3/21/2020 5:55:34 PM

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

CC:

Subject: RE: NYT Question

Agreed.

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Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:53 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

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Subject: Re: NYT Question

Exactly.

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Re: NYT Question

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Sent from my iPad

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

Assistant Chief, USBPHQ

CBP - Office of Public Affairs - Media Division

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

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

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:31:12 PM

To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>; Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Subject: NYT Question

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Hello,

Thanks for sending Mark Morgan's interview on Fox News. I noticed that Mr. Morgan confirmed that asylum applications will be suspended between the ports of entry.

What guidance has been issued to CBP agents on carrying this out? What are the factors that will be weighed when assessing each case? What happens when a migrant claims fear of returning and asks for asylum? They will still be sent to the ports or airfields and be returned?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Sent: 3/20/2020 11:30:52 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [redacted] cbpmidiarelations
(b)(7)(E) [redacted]
Subject: have you issued a new statement?

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 3/20/2020 2:46:10 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: RE: NYT question

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:44 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT question

Tell him to see 11:45 WH press announcement

On Mar 20, 2020, at 10:40 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

I think we are awaiting guidance on this.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:39 AM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: NYT question

Anybody working this??

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

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"A well informed citizenry is the best defense against tyranny." -President Thomas Jefferson.

From: (b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:37 AM
To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NYT question

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Hello,

Question: how would this ban on non essential travel at the ports of entry on the southern border impact migrants who approach the port and request asylum? Would they still be deemed inadmissible, detained and processed or would they be immediately turned around?

The state department directed me to you on this.

Thanks!

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(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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Message

From: (b)(6) [REDACTED]@nytimes.com]

Sent: 3/25/2020 6:39:40 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]

CC: cbpmediarelations [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: NYT Request ON DEADLINE

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Thanks very much!

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 2:38 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Please see this link on our "Cargo Systems Messaging Service."

CSMS is one of the ways CBP communicates with the trade industry and trade partners.

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSCBP-2825bb2?wgt_ref=USDHSCBP_WIDGET_2

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

From: (b)(6) [REDACTED]@nytimes.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:32 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]@cbp.dhs.gov>; cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: NYT Request ON DEADLINE

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Hi all,

Can you confirm that CBP has sent notices to companies informing that delays in some tariff payments will be approved? Can you forward me that notice that has gone out to companies?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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Homeland Security Correspondent

The New York Times

Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 10/18/2019 5:43:04 PM
To: (b)(6)@nytimes.com]
CC: cbpmediarelations; (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Re: NYTimes Inquiry

(b)(6)

We will release all of that data when we release our end of the year numbers.

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

CBP Public Affairs

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

Chicago, IL 60607

> On Oct 18, 2019, at 12:39 PM, (b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

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> Hello,

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> I was wondering why the apprehension numbers for September haven't been updated on the CBP website?

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> Also, where can I go to find a month by month breakdown of apprehensions by demographic? (Mexican, Guatemalan, Honduran, etc.)

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> Thanks,

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> (b)(6)

> Homeland Security Correspondent

> The New York Times

> Cell/WhatsApp/Signal: (b)(6)

> (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Sent: 2/18/2020 10:21:26 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov
Subject: Re: NY Times reporter

Thank you sir

On Feb 18, 2020, at 5:11 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Sir –

I only just got an OCC greenlight to respond. They are comfortable with us sharing this from the PAG:

(b)(5)

Best wishes,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:37 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: NY Times reporter

Please reach out for NY Times reporter (b)(6) (sp?) about the NY vehicle title transfer issue related to the recent Trusted Traveler change to NY residents.

(b)(6)

She is apparently on 6 pm deadline. Thanks

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

Director, CBP Media Relations Division (A)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) desk
cell

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov]
Sent: 2/20/2020 12:59:01 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@msn.com]
Subject: Fwd: Daily Executive Media Report: February 20

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Date: February 20, 2020 at 6:14:42 AM EST
To: DailyExecutiveMediaReport: (b)(7)(E)@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Daily Executive Media Report: February 20

**Daily Executive Media Report
Media Division
Thursday, February 20th 2020**

C1 NY trip for JFK tour and in-studio Fox hits Thursday and Friday cancelled

Tomorrow: Chief Hastings to sit down for a backgrounder with (b)(6) from CNN.com. Topics will include:

- what steps are being taken now to address the flow of migrants/concerns it will go up
- facilities: are they being revamped to deal with families vs single adults
- what do you hope to accomplish in RGV
- what was the hardest part of the past year from an operations perspective
- staffing: is BP where it needs to be
- facebook, as a member of CBP leadership do you think the online culture needs to change
- were you on these groups
- PACR/HARP programs: what do they do
- wall: will you work to get it up faster in RGV
- how will you connect with the community in RGV
- can BP afford to send agents to ICE, what is the purpose of this
- is it important for BP to stay out of the political fray

Tomorrow: EAC Smith and EAC Owen tour of JFK with CBS 60 Minutes crew and White House Trade Advisor (b)(6) Tour will include operational briefing of (b)(7)(E) which culminates this Wednesday-Friday to identify counterfeit goods trafficked through express consignment. CBS will have exclusive tour access to film B-roll and possible walk and talks. No formal sit-down interview will take place. Very preliminary prep work, per 60 Minutes producer. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to staff from OPA)

Tomorrow: 6pm and 10 pm CST Oklahoma News 9 will air two pieces on CBP AMO. The first will highlight the National Air Training Center in OKC as a tease and hometown connection for their 10pm feature story on AMO operations in the Big Bend AOR.

Next week: State Department-arranged delegation of Central American media members to RGV for three-day full meal deal tour. S2 planning to attend part of a day.

Details from RGV: Ride along will afford the journalists an opportunity to document US Border Patrol agents in action and learn the training and equipment an agent utilizes in their daily duties. This visit will allow journalists to see firsthand the facilities and services provided for the immigrants while in the custody of US Customs and Border Protection. The Donna site visit will show the media some of what the US Government is doing in regards to border security on the Southwest Border. Repatriation Flight processes and interviews will provide the media with an understanding of immigration practices regarding repatriation. Visit with agents from the Missing Migrant Program to the ranchlands in Brooks County will highlight the dangers illegal immigrants encounter at the hands of callous smugglers who treat them as commodities not humans. AMO Ride along will afford the journalists an opportunity to document the Rio Grande and the RGV Sector area of responsibility from a seldom seen perspective.

**Daily Media Report
Media Division
February 19, 2020**

GUIDANCE: Entries in blue are new or updated. Black entries previously mentioned.

The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

C1/C2/LEADERSHIP EVENTS:

2/14: On February 19 Deputy Chief Raul Ortiz will tape an interview with PBS (b)(6) regarding his childhood in Del Rio, military career, work along the border in California and Texas and how border agents implement immigration policies. Positive tone expected.

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

2/14: Houston DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will participate in a Joint Press Conference with Houston Airport System and Southwest Airlines on February 19 to announce Simplified Arrival launching at William P. Hobby International Airport. This will be the first Texas airport to equip biometric facial comparison technology at all gates. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee invited. Neutral tone.

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

2/13: PBS NewsHour national correspondent and anchor (b)(6) requested an on air interview with Acting Commissioner Morgan regarding "allegations made by Iranian-Americans that they were unduly held and questioned" by the Seattle Field Office in January. OPA respectfully declined the interview request and directed (b)(6) to remarks that AC1 made on this subject during his February 11, 2020 press conference.

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

CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

2/12: (b)(6) Photographer for Rotocraft Pro Magazine will Shoot operational video (with interviews) and photography March 25-26 to be used in a cover feature article for the May/June issue which highlights CBP AMO operations in Puerto Rico as the backdrop for the written/photo/video feature. Prior projects can be seen here:

Magazine: <https://content.yudu.com/web/1umli/0A1umlm/RotorcraftMayJun19/html/index.html>

Video: <http://www.justhelicopters.com/Multi-Media/Videos/VideoPlayer/TabId/574/VideoId/770/US-Customs-Protects-Superhowl-LIII.aspx>

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

CENTAM Journalists Border Tour-Visit IHF facilities in Brownsville, Falfurrias Checkpoint(rescue beacons, etc), McAllen AOR ride-along and CPC visit, Donna Wall Site visit(ongoing construction)
Possible COA2-AMO Branch Visit with UH-6t 0 flight

When: Mid-February, dependent upon INA vetting of participants

Where: Rio Grande Valley, Texas

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

1/14: AeroMark Images photographer (b)(6) has inquired about conducting a photo shoot for a double-truck image for the next edition of ROTOR magazine. Currently working with photographer to identify a location and possible option for (b)(6). They are looking to conduct this photo shoot sometime in late February.

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

12/31: Filming will start 1/7 in San Juan, Puerto Rico with Lucky 8 TV Productions for To Catch a Smuggler on National Geographic channel. Lucky 8 will film CBP OFO operations, and HSI, throughout the island. Filming schedule will continue through 1/24. Air dates TBD.

1/14 UPDATE: Lucky 8 TV Productions for To Catch a Smuggler on National Geographic suspended filming in Puerto Rico due to the repeated earthquakes in the island. Crews were moved to Miami for Super Bowl filming. Date to resume filming in Puerto Rico is TBD.

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

HEADQUARTERS:

1/9: ProPublica, sometimes WaPo reporter (b)(6) queried for two items: first, OPA about the recently released Medical Directive and whether or not it answers the mail on language outlined in the FY20 Appropriations Bill and second, whether or not CBP launched investigations into the deaths of three minors who died following release from CBP custody (two in HHS / ORR custody, one released with mother on own recognizance). OPA is researching with OCA and OPR for response.

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

12/16: NPR's (b)(6) submitted an inquiry on funding for Office of Chief Counsel in the FY 17 budget. OPA is coordinating with HRM and OCC.

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

Enforcement:

2/11: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) published an article regarding controlled blasting for border wall construction within the Roosevelt Reservation at Monument Mountain.

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

2/11: New York Times reporter (b)(6) published an article regarding controlled blasting for border wall construction within the Roosevelt Reservation at Monument Mountain.

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

2/11: WSJ's (b)(6) and Washington Post's (b)(6) requested the total number of Mexican nationals apprehended along the SWB during each month of FY20. Information will supplement WSJ and WaPo coverage of the January enforcement results press conference. OPA provided numbers produced by CBP stat. Tone: Neutral.

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

2/5: Voice of America reporter (b)(6) inquired for a video story on the Human Rights Watch report, "Deported to Danger: United States Deportation Policies Expose Salvadorans to Death and Abuse.

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

2/5: Reuters reporter (b)(6) inquired for a CBP/DHS comment on the Human Rights Watch report, "Deported to Danger: United States Deportation Policies Expose Salvadorans to Death and Abuse.

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

2/5: Newsweek reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding controlled blasting for border wall construction within the Roosevelt Reservation at Monument Mountain.

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

2/5: The Intercept reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding controlled blasting for border wall construction within the Roosevelt Reservation at Monument Mountain.

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

2/4: NPR reporter (b)(6) inquired for a radio and written story about Indian nationals claiming credible fear on the Southwest border.

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

2/3: CQ Roll Call reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Cuban national who was denied an exemption for MPP for medical reasons at the Brownsville POE.

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

2/3: AZ Central reporter (b)(6) published a story about wall construction in Cochise County, Arizona.

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

2/3: Texas Public Radio reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Cuban national who was denied an exemption for MPP for medical reasons at the Brownsville POE.

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

2/3: Freelance reporter (b)(6) published a story about a Ugandan national who died of tuberculosis in a hospital in Juarez. She had not yet presented herself at a U.S. port of entry.

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

1/30: BBC reporter (b)(6) published a story about Brazilians now being amenable to MPP.

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

1/30: Reuters reporter (b)(6) published a story about Brazilians enrolled in MPP waiting in Juarez

1/29: CBS reporter (b)(6) published a story about Brazilians now being amenable to MPP.

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

1/13: (b)(6) of The Washington Post published an article about the Guatemala ACA flights and how asylum seekers arriving in Guatemala City are confused.

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

1/11: (b)(6) of Time Magazine published an article about how all credit for the drop in border enforcement numbers should be given to the Mexican National Guard.

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

1/9: At least 12 articles were posted about the December enforcement statistics, from WaPo, WSJ, Fox, NBC, NPR, CBS, ABC, The Hill, Breitbart, Washington Times, Daily Caller, and Voice of America.

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

1/3: Border Report reporter (b)(6) published an article about the expansion of PACR and HARP to the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

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

1/1: Daily Caller News reporter (b)(6) published an article about the expansion of PACR to the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

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

1/1: KRGV News reporter (b)(6) published an article about the expansion of PACR to the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

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

HRM/Workforce/OPR:

12/10: (b)(6) of USA Today interviewed Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the USBP contract with Professional Bull Riding.

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

11/27: Bloomberg Law reporter (b)(6) requested information on our OSHA standings among other government organizations as reported here https://www.osha.gov/dep/fap/statistics/Q4_FY2019.xlsx. OPA provided a statement approved by HRM. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Travel:

2/19: (b)(6) Bloomberg Law's senior legal reporter for privacy and technology investigations, is preparing a story about CBP's biometric entry-exit program. (b)(6) requests an interview to discuss the privacy implications of CBP's use of biometric facial comparison technology and steps that CBP is taking to protect travelers' data. He is also interested in the mechanics of the Preclearance program and CBP's authority to use facial comparison technology at Preclearance locations. OPA is consulting with OFO/EXT and OIT on possible interview dates. Story would publish in mid-March. Tone is expected to be neutral to negative based upon reporter's past coverage of facial comparison technology and privacy issues. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: (b)(6) a travel columnist with *The Wall Street Journal*, is preparing a story on the Global Entry application process with an emphasis on wait times and difficulties scheduling interviews. He requests an interview to discuss the growth of the program, what new applicants can expect during the enrollment process, and why interview wait times are so long at some enrollment centers. OPA and OFO/TTP are updating the standard Global Entry backlog statement. Reporter is not on deadline. Tone of article is expected to be neutral leaning negative. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: (b)(6) a travel writer with The Points Guy, requested CBP comment on scam Trusted Traveler Program websites. OPA, in consultation with OFO, replied with a statement indicating that there is only one TTP website and that third-party websites that offer to process or assist with TTP applications are not endorsed by or affiliated with CBP. Tone: Neutral. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/14: Reporter (b)(6) of *The New York Times* requested information about the effects of a New York State decision to block CBP access to DMV information on used vehicle exports. Reporter asked to confirm how many vehicles are exported annually from New York and how CBP is addressing complaints from ports and exporters. Reporter indicated that some exporters claim they are afraid to speak with media about the issue for fear of reprisal from CBP. With OCC concurrence, OPA replied with language from the OFO-cleared PAG on Global Entry and New York, which also discusses impact on vehicle exports. Tone: Negative. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: Freelance reporter (b)(6) is preparing a story on a European cruise company's planned expansion to the Great Lakes later this year (the unnamed company is likely Viking). (b)(6) understands that researchers from an unnamed federal agency will work aboard one of the ships and asked if that would be permissible under the Jones Act. Per OFO Cargo, (b)(6) question relates not to the Jones Act, but to the Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA), which is the coastwise law pertaining to the transportation of passengers. OPA provided (b)(6) with a links to CBP's PVSA guidance for the trade community, the Customs Rulings Online Search System (which includes information about PVSA-related rulings) and the e-allegation link on the CBP website. OPA did not comment on the particulars of the scenario described by (b)(6). Tone: Neutral. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: CNN's (b)(6) requested an on the record interview with Acting Commissioner Morgan to clarify his remarks about Global Entry during the January enforcement results press conference. (b)(6) seeks to clarify when DHS notified CBP of the decision to suspend New Yorker residents from CBP Trusted Traveler Programs and what role the Commissioner played in the decision-making process. Information will inform CBP's ongoing coverage of the Global Entry decision. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: (b)(6) of *The Markup* is preparing a consumer-focused article on opting out of the biometric facial comparison process at airports. He requested and OPA is working to supply clarification about the differences between biometric entry and biometric exit; the differences between biometric entry and APC; and opt out procedures for U.S. and Canadian citizens. Tone is expected to be neutral to negative. Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: OPA addressed media inquiries from *CNN*, *Fox*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and more than two dozen other media outlets concerning a DHS decision that made residents of the State of New York ineligible for membership in CBP Trusted Traveler Programs. The DHS decision was taken in response to New York's Green Light Law, which blocks CBP access to DMV information necessary to determine Trusted Traveler Program eligibility. OPA, in concert with OFO, OIT and OCC, provided RTQ language to the aforementioned outlets' inquiries concerning the reasons for which CBP needs DMV data; reimbursement for cancelled applications and renewals; the categories of travelers affected by the DHS decision; and whether the DHS decision would apply to residents of other states. Tone of coverage leaned negative.

[Update 2/10] This matter is now in litigation. Per OCC guidance, OPA is providing the standard statement on pending litigation when responding to media inquiries about this topic. New public statements on this topic must be coordinated with OCC and DOJ.

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

Trade / Ag:

1/30: NBC Digital reporter (b)(6) is putting together a story about increase in counterfeits coming into the U.S. market and CBP's efforts to prevent counterfeiting. OPA will host a background call this week with IPR Division director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and NBC will JFK or Newark for visuals on cargo inspections.

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

1/30: NPR's Marketplace host (b)(6) requested a recorded interview about CBP counterfeit prevention operations for a piece highlighting the pervasiveness of counterfeits coming in through eCommerce and the impact of counterfeits on American businesses. On-the-record interview with EAC Brenda Smith is tentative for Monday, Feb. 10.

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

2/3: ITT reporter (b)(6) queried OPA about the impact of Coronavirus on trade operations and DHS guidance. OPA is researching how crews on cargo conveyances could be affected.

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

2/3: German news agency DPA reporter (b)(6) requested breakdown and explanation of revenue generated from Chinese tariffs. OPA walked him through the data presented on the CBP.gov website.

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

2/3: ITT reporter (b)(6) requested information about why a ruling previously reported on CROSS has been removed. OPA is researching.

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

UPDATE 2/3: Coordinating with FDA for response based on recent operations. 1/24: New York based NBC producer is pitching a story on the dangers of counterfeit Juul and has requested data and trend analysis from CBP as well as any possible port / IMF visit to highlight the problem. OPA will work with IPRD, OFO and NY FO to develop.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/24: New York based Bloomberg writer (b)(6) requested a background interview to discuss the process of filtering and auditing import records, implementing automation and other technology to make the process faster and more streamlined. OPA is working with OT to schedule backgrounder with RAAAS the week of 1/27.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/23: (b)(6), International Trade Today reporter asked for a backgrounder or on-the-record discussion with EAC Smith for updates in both forced labor and other issues we'd like to discuss. OPA is working with OT to flesh out topics for an interview on Wednesday, Jan. 29 (will talk Trade and Travel, counterfeits, Section 321 pilot, USMCA).

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/3: GQ reporter (b)(6) is interested in doing an in-depth piece on counterfeit shoes / apparel. They'd like to use a couple of recent cases in LA as a backdrop. OPA will coordinate both locally and at HQ.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Update 12/12: OT hosted Reuters reporter (b)(6) to discuss details of a Dec. 2018 EAPA case on transshipment of aluminum for tariff evasion. Reporter has requested a port visit, tentatively beginning of January, to see firsthand how agents look for products and any examples of recent cases. OPA will work with OT, field offices / ports to gauge feasibility.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Technology:

2/13: NY Times (b)(6) is seeking CBP comment concerning factual details culled for her article concerning employee activism at Google over Contracted Google support for cloud services for CBP. After speaking with OIT and Procurement, OPA declined to offer any statement.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/30: Voice of America's (b)(6) following up with ONDCP on the 12 December announcement of the winner of the Opioid detection challenge, would like to shoot interviews and footage of canine handlers and dogs going through Fentanyl detection training. OPA is working with the Front Royal Canine Training Facility to target an early March shooting window, to document OFO classroom and active canine/handler training.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13 – Update: VOA and Front Royal have selected the week of 09 March to record footage at the training facility. Specifics details TBD.

SOUTHWEST BORDER:

2/19 –CENTAM journalists tour scheduled for February 25-27 in the RGV. Day 1 will involve a USBP ride along in the AM, followed by a pen and pad visit to the Centralized Processing Center(CPC)(request for allowing of audio only of the briefer has been forwarded to RGV Sector). The last stop will be the Donna Wall site where a closed presser will be held by AS2 and RGV Sector leadership. Day 2 will start with ICE repatriation flights in Brownsville, Texas followed by an area overview of the Falfurrias area of responsibility and a stop by a rescue beacon on the North Cage Ranch. Day 3 will involve both Air and Marine Operations and USBP riverine units. While half of the group is on a UH-60 aerial tour, the other half will be provided a riverine familiarization of the Rio Grande. They will land the aircraft at Anzalduas park to swap out for the next group.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: Noticias Telemundo assignment editor (b)(6) is gathering information/pictures/stories on border wall related incursions/incidents. She reached out to El Paso regarding a recent story in the El Paso Times that illustrated smugglers using rebar ladders to scale existing 2008 fencing/infrastructure. Apparently she is also pulling video/pics of people being rescued from top of wall in California in recent days and aliens scaling new bollard wall in the Calexico area from late last year. She also mentioned uptick in Mexican aliens being apprehended when compared to a year ago. I did advise that it would be wrong to draw a correlation between recent wall related videos/pics and the uptick of thousands more single Mexican males being apprehended. I expect this will be a story criticizing the effectiveness of infrastructure. Tone: neutral/negative.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: (b)(6) reporter, AZ Republic, queried AZ CBP on the expansion of HARP. He was referred to DHS.

Deadline: 2/21 Publication: 2/21 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: Yuma Air Branch provided a ride along to local KYMA ride along.

Deadline: 2/18 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: AMO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: (b)(6) reporter, Harold Review, queried Tucson Sector T.E.A.M. Kids and the Parent Symposium. RESPONSE: The program caters to 5th grade students educating them on the dangers and consequences of working for criminal organizations. The four-week program is presented in conjunction with prosecuting attorneys, local law enforcement, juvenile probation, and school counselors to send a strong message to our youth about how the bad decision of working in the smuggling trade can impact their lives and those of their loved ones.

Deadline: 2/18 Publication: 2/14 Tone: Positive
Lead: BPA PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: Local Fox 5 invited Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to be on their morning news show anchored by (b)(6) (b)(6) for 2/24 at around 0645. This is a live news show. Checking on specific questions and Chief's availability.

2/18 – Set for 2/24 at 0645.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: (b)(6) Associated Press, inquired about a female Venezuelan teenager (18) whose father had purportedly been threatened by Venezuela's government for his political activism and whose asylum application was granted but hers apparently was denied and he was asking why that is, she was granted a non-refoulement interview and then returned to Mexico. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt., initially advised that CBP could not discuss individual cases for privacy reasons and deferred further comment to EOIR, USCIS PAO. (b)(6) came back asking if CBP could comment on why would not grant her parole. Provided the following response:

Attributable to a CBP official:

CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons. Each case is handled on a case-by-case basis. Further inquiry is directed to EOIR and USCIS PAO.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: Univision Network's McAllen-based reporter (b)(6) sought CBP comment on this same case mentioned above and the same response was provided.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: McAllen based KENS-TV reporter (b)(6) sought b-roll and an interview regarding the implementation of facial comparison technology at Progreso International Bridge. PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided interview using existing news release and talking points.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/14: Texas Public Radio Reporter (b)(6) asked about three children with disabilities whose attorneys were arguing they shouldn't be enrolled in MPP and questions why a certain CBP was photographing him without his permission. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and provided the following response statement:

It is not uncommon for CBP to photograph incidents on the bridge for historical, documentary reasons. That being said with regard to the cases cited, CBP has the following response:

Attributable to a CBP official:

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Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/14: PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) did an interview with KRGV-TV(ABC-RGV) reporter (b)(6) on the implementation of facial comparison technology at Progreso Port of Entry.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: Multiple media outlets inquired about the Monument Hill detonation issues near Lukeville. The following were provided statement/directed to video posted onto Twitter;

Arizona Republic (b)(6)
KGUN TV9 (b)(6)
KJZZ NPR (b)(6)

Univision: (b)(6)
KVOA TV4: (b)(6)
Tucson Sentinel: (b)(6)
KJZZ NPR: (b)(6)
Associated Press: (b)(6)
Arizona Illustrated: (b)(6)
KOLD TV
12 News-Phoenix
Arizona Daily Star: (b)(6)
Telemundo Phoenix: (b)(6)
Associated Press: (b)(6)
Fox10 Phoenix: (b)(6)
Cronkite News-ASU
AZ Family News-Phoenix
ABC Network: (b)(6)
Newsweek
NY Times
Mother Jones News
Washington Post
The Hill
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: There's a blogger passing through our area named: (b)(6) who asked for an opportunity to learn about the new railway bridge between U.S./Mexico and current situation in our area. He did a similar tour along the Southwest Border a few years ago and will be blogging about it again. Intend to amplify the recently released border numbers too.
I'd like to have our folks take him to Presidio next Tuesday or Wed. and then to the Pinto Canyon area to see the terrain.
Tone: Positive
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: PAL: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Progreso Port of Entry conducted interviews regarding the implementation of biometric facial comparison technology at Progreso Port of Entry with the following media outlets, (b)(6) (b)(6) Border Report, KNVO-TV (Univision/Fox-RGV) reporter (b)(6) and KTMD-TV (Telemundo-RGV) reporter (b)(6) using the news release and talking points. All went well.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: PAL: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted an interview with KTMD (Telemundo-RGV) regarding the news release issued regarding prohibited flowers, greenery CBP agriculture specialists' efforts to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: PAL: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted a live interview on the noon newscast at KGNS-TV (NBC-Laredo) along with a visual display of sample flowers from a commercial floral shipment regarding prohibited flowers, greenery and CBP agriculture specialists' efforts to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day. Tweets issued via @CBPSouthTexas with a link to the live interview and via @DFOLaredo.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: El Paso Sector is fielding multiple media inquiries including (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) New York Times regarding a social media post that is being widely circulated showing BP agents attempting to take a suspected alien smuggler into custody at an El Paso Burger King restaurant before using a taser to subdue the man. Sector and OPA are developing a RTQ statement to address press questions. Tone: negative.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) El Paso Sector

2/12: Las Cruces Sun News reporter (b)(6) is posing several questions regarding proposed legislation to increase the number of NII systems being used by CBP. CBP will not speak to proposed legislation however general questions regarding NII usage rates and why the systems are beneficial are being addressed. Tone: neutral.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Folha de São Paulo/Brazil reporter (b)(6) is writing about MPP processing and issues being raised by NGO's like Doctors Without Borders regarding the alleged harm MPP is exposing those who have been placed in the system to wait in Mexico. He also is posing generic questions about allegations of unprofessional CBP conduct and training that CBP personnel receive. OPA provided links to recent C1 news conference where many of the issues were addressed as well as links to www.cbp.gov that address TDS, training and complaint process. Tone: negative.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: German NDR television reporter (b)(6) is revisiting and updating a story she did in 2019 on Mexican citizens crossing the border to sell plasma at U.S. donation centers. She is checking to see if CBP has changed its enforcement posture in any way and if we have any data on B1/B2 visa that were revoked by CBP officers. OPA checking. Tone: negative. Original story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUJIC5lj4d0>
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: KLDO-TV (Univision/Fox-Laredo) reporter (b)(6) conducted interviews with PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in English and Spanish regarding prohibited flowers, greenery, agricultural items, what CBP agriculture specialists do to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Several local media outlets, (KGNS-TV, Forte newspaper, Laredo Daily News) inquired about a Mobile Field Force exercise conducted at Gateway to the Americas Bridge that temporarily stopped traffic. Provided the following statement on a RTQ basis:
Attributable to a CBP official:
CBP is charged with facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel while upholding our national border security mission. Balancing these demands, keeping illicit goods and people out of the country, and managing the influx of those seeking asylum requires a careful balance of our resources and space. The periodic implementation of Mobile Field Force exercises helps CBP to manage traffic flow while effectively eliminating the ability for a large group of migrants to illegally and forcefully surge through the Ports of Entry. These steps help us to ensure everyone's safety and security, to include travelers, asylum seekers, business stakeholders and our own employees. CBP's mission is to secure our nation's borders and these measures allow us to do just that.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: CBP Supervisory Agriculture Specialist/PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will do live interview on KGNS-TV (NBC/Telemundo-Laredo) noon newscast on Thursday, Feb. 13 regarding what CBP agriculture specialists do to ensure pest-free flowers for Valentine's Day, prohibited greenery, flowers etc.
Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: (b)(6), reporter, Mother Jones, queried CBP AZ on blasting at Organ Pipe Nation Monument. Response: An approved statement was sent.
Deadline: 2/11 Publication: 2/12 Tone: Neutral
Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Media Wrap (b)(6) of Kentucky's WDRB Fox Affiliate, broadcast all three of her series on AZ CBP's border missions. All three pieces positively reflected CBP's counter drug missions and successfully met OPA's strategic communication goals of connecting to non-border, middle American audiences.
Deadline: 1/31 Broadcast: 2/10-12 Tone: Positive
Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: (b)(6) reporter, LA Times, followed up on her request for a ride along with Tucson Sector. Response: The request was denied yesterday due to scheduling conflicts. No reply was sent from AZ CBP to her follow-up. It has been referred to CBP OPA HQ.
Deadline: 2/12 Publication: TBD Tone: Negative
Lead: PAS (b)(6)

2/12: Narco Wars Documentary Filming has been confirmed at all three Tucson AOR component the week of March 2.
Deadline: 2/12 Release: TBD Tone: Positive
Lead: PAS (b)(6)

2/12: (b)(6) reporter, Fox News, queried Tucson OFO on how many children have been caught smuggling drugs. Response: For Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 total narcotics seizures at the Arizona ports of entry was 50,384 pounds. Of that, 513 pounds involved juveniles. For FY19, 45,902 were seized with 381 pounds attributed to juveniles. From October 1, 2020 to January 10, 2020, 67 lbs of narcotics have been attributed to juveniles.

Deadline: Flexible Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: The following media outlets requested and were forwarded the updated statement on Monument Mountain controlled blasting/provided by Border Wall Task Force: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

New York Times-Reporter: (b)(6)

KGUN TV9-Tucson ABC: (b)(6)

AjJazeera.net-Reporter: (b)(6)

Newsweek.com-Reporter: (b)(6)

MotherJones.com-Reporter: (b)(6)

2/12: Arizona Daily Star Columnist: (b)(6) requested monthly apprehensions/broken down by country of origin, as were referred by CBP. Request was forwarded to CBP Media Relations for consideration.

Deadline: TBD Tone: Neutral Air Date: TBD

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/17: (b)(6) a researcher for the CBS 60 Minutes program, is working for (b)(6) a reporter with 60 Minutes, is covering the issue of contaminated water flowing north from the Tijuana area particularly the TJ River. Recent Mexico/US trade agreements, are expected to allocate millions of dollars to address this and other cross border contamination. They are requesting to interview our representative and to receive a general tour of the areas where cross-border pollutions flows into the US and where agents work in these zones. They would like to understand the precautions that we take and any decontamination methods we deploy. They want to do a scouting event without the reporter the week of 1/27. Interview recording date requested is the week of 2/6. SDC SME is SBPA: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). They will also look to work with the US Navy SEALs as their beach/ocean ops affected by sewage.

1/23: Date set for scouting event is 1/27.

1/27: Conducted scouting event with 60 Minutes producers to locate several areas where water flows into the US to conduct on-camera interviews at to include the Tijuana River channel, Smuggler's Gulch and drainage tubes where recent rescues occurred.

2/3: Will film with crew early in the day on 2/6 and meet with reporter at around 2pm for the interview.

2/11: Interview conducted on 2/6 at several locations. 60 Minutes has more work to do for their story with others to include Politicians and Mexico officials. No airdate set.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: (b)(6) senior producer, Al Jazeera; and (b)(6) People Magazine requested confirmation on explosives being used to clear the construction area at Organ Pipe National Monument. Response: Pending

Deadline: 2/11 Publication: 2/11 Tone: Negative/ Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: (b)(6) followed up on his query from January regarding the relationship between Border Patrol and the Bull Riding Association. Response: Pending BP input

Deadline: Flexible Broadcast: TBD Tone: neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: BuzzFeed reporter: (b)(6) had asked what recourse is there for disabled MPP participants that shouldn't have been placed in MPP and why is it that some ports place disabled people in MPP but they are removed when they later present at a port of entry. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and provided the following approved response:

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Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: Tucson CBS affiliate, KOLD TV, reporter (b)(6) inquired about a local trucking company that is reportedly hauling away debris from the current construction Projects (Border Wall). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) owner, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been fined for illegal dumping in an unincorporated part of Pima County, instead of at a landfill. USACE has been contacted, and asked to contact the reporter directly. No USACE contact info has been shared with the reporter at this time.

Tone: Negative Air Date: TBD Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: Reporter (b)(6) from Univision Arizona requested an on camera interview via LiveU about the press release of a sex offender apprehended near Sasabe, Arizona on Thursday afternoon. The interview was conducted and TCA-PIO spoke on the dangers of crossing the border illegally where people such as this may be in a group where there are minors. We gave the name and nationality of this sex offender and what the process of criminal history checks using biometrics.

Tone: Neutral Air Date: 2/10/2020 Lead: BPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/10: Multiple media outlets have contacted Tucson Sector, pertaining to obtaining a statement on Controlled blasting connected with Border Wall Construction in southern Arizona. The outlets include: Arizona Republic (b)(6) (asking about distance of fence constructed near Lukeville as well)

ASU reporter (b)(6)

CNN reporter (b)(6)

Washington Post reporter (b)(6)

TheHill reporter (b)(6)

AZ Cronkite News PBS reporter (b)(6)

CBS News Interactive reporter (b)(6)

2/10: RAI Italy (Italian Television Network) has requested to visit Nogales, Arizona between mid April/May, to prepare a follow-up Special Project. They have requested a 1-day embed with Nogales Station personnel

As well as at the Port of Nogales. They are looking to describe the type of activity that has occurred historically through Southern Arizona, as well as the types of drugs/other contraband that is being smuggled. They

Are also interested in documenting some of the technology that is deployed in the field as well as the collaboration with other agencies that takes place. The INA/IVP packet has been submitted for review/approval.

Tone: Positive Air Date: TBD Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: KVIA-TV/El Paso reporter (b)(6) will present a long form piece on IPR/counterfeit goods enforcement on Sunday, February 9. The reporter visited the El Paso POE multiple times in January to generate content for the piece including an interview with PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Reporter is also likely to include material from the recent HQ IPR event. The story is being heavily promoted and will air following the ABC network Oscar broadcast. Tone: positive.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/24: Marfa Public Radio reporter (b)(6) is developing a story on Mexico's transmigrante program and it's pending expansion to the Presidio POE. Mexico limits the number of entry points for non Mexican citizens who are planning to travel through Mexico to destinations further south. Working with OFO to develop a limited response in that this is not a CBP program but will likely have an impact on outbound traffic at the small port.

POSTED: <https://marfapublicradio.org/blog/in-presidio-locals-weigh-the-risks-and-rewards-of-transmigrante-traffic/>

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: KJZZ-NPR Phoenix inquired about the recent designation of a CBP as a security agency. While they requested a telephonic interview with a local CBP representative about the designation, the following statement was provided:

Attributable to a CBP Spokesperson:

This past summer, CBP and DHS became aware of a Twitter account posting employee information commonly found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Open Government releases of salary information for federal employees. The information posted on Twitter was considered by OPM to be public information, and is available through several federal employee salary database search websites. Out of concern for the safety of our workforce, CBP leadership advocated for and recently received OPM's agreement to designate CBP as a Security Agency, protecting CBP employee's information from OPM's disclosure policy. Previously, only CBP's frontline law enforcement, investigative, or intelligence positions held this designation. The new designation protects the entirety of CBP's workforce.

Deadline: 2/7 Broadcast: 2/10 Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: Tucson ABC affiliate, KGUN TV9, asked about whether CBP officers at the ports are either screening for signs of the Coronavirus or are on heightened alert. They cited the fact that Arizona Ports of Entry has traditionally received migrants from China as their concern. They were provided with approved RTQs from the PAG.

Deadline: 2/7 Broadcast: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: (b)(6) reporter, ASU Cronkite School of Journalism queried CBP AZ on remains reportedly found at Organ Pipe National Monument in the border wall construction area and asked how CBP planned to coordinate with the Tohono O'Odham Nation on it. Response: Pending research on the allegation and whether CBP has any involvement if accurate.

Deadline: 2/7 Publication: 2/7 Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: (b)(6) reporter, CBS interactive; and (b)(6) editor in chief, National Parks Traveler, queried CBP AZ on blasting at Organ Pipe. Each was provided with the OPA approved statement.

Deadline: 2/7 Publication: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: (b)(6) reporter, AZ Republic, followed up on her query regarding a recent traveler at Sky Harbor who was fined for failure to declare a sandwich in his carry on. Response: The penalty has been reviewed and based on the circumstances of the case and additional information provided, it has been determined that the issuance of the penalty is not in the best interest of the agency to accomplish its mission. U.S. Customs and Border Protection emphasizes unauthorized items pose serious threats to our ecological system.

he traveling public is encouraged and expected to declare all meats, fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds, soil, animals, as well as plant, and animal products including soup or soup products, they may be carrying. Failure to do so may result in fines or penalties if an individual is found to be importing prohibited products. Repeat violators are subject to increased civil penalties.

Deadline: 2/7 Publication: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: (b)(6) Fox News, requested a media engagement with CBP AZ regarding the numbers of hard drugs being seized. Response: Pending scheduling.

Deadline: Flexible Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: (b)(6) reporter, Phoenix News-Talk Radio outlet KTAR, conducted a telephonic interview on 2/6 with Port of San Luis Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about the issue of juveniles being utilized for drug smuggling (fentanyl). The topic was raised recently by PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) during a recent press event in Yuma.

Deadline 2/6: Broadcast: Air Date: 2/6 Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: (b)(6) Christian Science Monitor, asked a series of questions relative to the MPP amenability of a Honduran alien who has a partner of 12 years and whose partner's asylum claim had purportedly

been granted in 2019, she was legally married to the partner last Saturday and she and their child remain in Mexico under MPP, what is the purpose of MPP, is family unity an objective of MPP, is marriage to someone with legal U.S. status enough to merit parole or removal from MPP, etc. Consulted with LFO mgmt.. HQ OPA and provided the following RTQ statement and information:

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For further reference:

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/01/24/migrant-protection-protocols>

Primary goals of MPP:

To reduce the extraordinary strain on our border security and immigration system by freeing up personnel and resources to better protect U.S. sovereignty and the rule of law.

Another goal of MPP is to discourage the abuse of U.S. laws as well as non-meritorious or false asylum claims. Aliens will not be permitted to disappear into the U.S. before a court issues a final decision on their claim for protection under U.S. law. Instead, they await a determination in Mexico. This allows the United States to more effectively administer its laws, including assisting legitimate asylum seekers and individuals fleeing persecution, while also ensuring that aliens with non-meritorious or even fraudulent claims no longer have an incentive for making the journey.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: (b)(6) Texas Public Radio, sought interview with Brownsville Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding a number of issues surrounding MPP amenability. Recommended respectful declination of the interview request and providing of the RTQ statement above. LFO mgmt.. HQ OPA concurred. PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided the response.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: Producer (b)(6) News 4 San Antonio, sought numbers of Chinese entering the Texas/Mexico border for a story looking at Coronavirus. Provided RTQ statement that prohibits disclosure of specific numbers referred for Coronavirus screening and locations for operational security reasons. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) called HQ OPA and PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) advised her that DHS Yearbook of Immigration Statistics contains arrival numbers by country of origin and FY 2019 information is not available yet.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: (b)(6) reporter Tucson Sentinel (b)(6) reporter, AZ Daily Star, and (b)(6) (b)(6) Arizona State University, Cronkite News, queried CBP Arizona on explosive blasting being done in preparation for construction of the border wall.

Deadline: 2/6 Publication: 2/6 Tone: Neutral to negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/5: Multiple media inquiries received and replied to regarding appointment of Gloria Chavez as El Paso Sector Chief. Chavez was the interim chief for a several months beginning in the summer of 2019 before returning to her full time post as El Centro chief recently. <https://diario.mx/el-paso/regresa-gloria-i-chavez-como-jefa-de-border-patrol-20200204-1623722.html>
<https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2020/02/05/border-patrol-names-gloria-chavez-chief-el-paso-sector/4669217002/>

Lead: El Paso Sector, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/5: El Paso Field Office is receiving inquiries from multiple media outlets regarding Valentine's Day floral imports. The EP POE generally hosts a media availability closer to the actual date but we are working to accommodate requests in advance.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/5: Reporter (b)(6) (El Paso Times but writing for USA Today) is requesting an opportunity to speak to Mexican nationals apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol agents. Her reporting would supplement a larger piece being prepared by USA Today on the topic of rising numbers of Mexican nationals being apprehended by CBP. No deadline/timetable.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/4: WORLD Radio reporter (b)(6) is requesting El Paso sector visit/ride along for a story on current trends and what life is like for Border Patrol agents during the ongoing crisis. Sector will meet with the reporter on March 17. Anticipated tone positive.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/3: KRGV-TV (ABC-RGV) reporter (b)(6) inquired about a case of a 52-year-old female Cuban migrant nearly blind with toxoplasmosis infection enrolled in MPP who was pleading her case for MPP-exception with her attorney at Gateway Bridge in Brownsville. Consulted with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and electronically provided the following response to query statement:

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CBP is precluded from discussing individual cases for privacy reasons. All claims of credible fear are handled on a case-by-case basis. Generally, those migrants not otherwise amenable to MPP are turned over to ICE-ERO or HHS-ORR depending on the specifics of their respective cases. Those who are amenable to MPP are returned to Mexico pending their next hearing. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. Other individuals from vulnerable populations may be excluded on a case-by-case basis.

On background:

Given that amenability to Migration Protection Protocols enrollment is determined on a case-by-case basis, it is simply not possible nor sufficient to define every potential medical condition or vulnerability scenario as amenable to MPP or not. Each MPP amenability determination takes into account the totality of the facts, circumstances and each decision is made on a case by case basis. Unaccompanied alien children and aliens in expedited removal proceedings will not be subject to MPP. Other individuals from vulnerable populations may be excluded on a case-by-case basis.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/28: (b)(6) producer, Arizona 360, AZ PBS, queried OFO on USMCA. Response pending.

Deadline: 2/4 Broadcast: 2/7 Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/28: 60 Minutes Producer (b)(6) inquired about locations where their crew may be able to film from regarding a future shoot in the coming weeks near Gateway Bridge for a story looking at CBP efforts to address the volume of asylum claims at Brownsville Port of Entry. Advised that they may film from public street corners adjacent to Gateway Bridge, including the public park just north of the pedestrian departure area, the parking lot by the UETA store near the southbound lanes and shooting from the Matamoros, Mexico side of the bridge.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/24: Marfa Public Radio reporter (b)(6) is developing a story on Mexico's transmigrante program and it's pending expansion to the Presidio POE. Mexico limits the number of entry points for non Mexican citizens who are planning to travel through Mexico to destinations further south. Working with OFO to develop a limited response in that this is not a CBP program but will likely have an impact on outbound traffic at the small port.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/23: (b)(6) reporter, Phoenix New Times, queried CBP Arizona again on inspection reports made in the Tucson Processing Center and why the burritos served were specifically mentioned by the agents doing the reports. Response: Query was previously answered with a declination to comment on pending litigation. (b)(6) is citing the proceedings are now over. No further response has been sent to the reporter.

Deadline: unk Publication: unk Tone: Negative

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/23: Multiple media outlets inquired about a case where a lost five-year old child was separated by her mother. Border Patrol generated a news release and facilitated all media inquiries on the incident.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Tone: Positive

1/23: Laredo Sector Deputy Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will represent the Border Patrol in official capacity at the annual Commander's Media Reception, the official kick-off and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the 123rd Washington's Birthday Celebration. Open Press Event. PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will staff the event for media engagement.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Tone: Positive

1/23: Business Insider television reporter (b)(6) is traveling to El Paso in early February to do a story on MPP for their new weekly show called 'A Closer Look'. She is working with a lawyer from Las Americas Advocacy Group from El Paso so it is likely this would be a contentious engagement. She is requesting an opportunity with CBP to discuss what is MPP, how does it work, who does it include, do you think it has been successful and why? What would you say to people who claim that MPP has moved the immigration crisis from this side of the border to Mexico? What are some challenges for Border patrol officers in implementing MPP and how are they working on resolving those challenges. The request is under consideration. No CBP commitment at this time.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/23: Los Angeles Times (b)(6) is writing about ongoing border wall construction at various locations including El Paso sector. OPA provided the following information which was researched and offered by the border wall team earlier on a similar inquiry: As of January 10, 2020, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has constructed approximately five miles of the approximately 46 mile new border wall system project situated near Columbus, New Mexico in the U.S. Border Patrol's El Paso Sector.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/22: Laredo Sector Deputy Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Division Chief of Operational Programs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Assistant Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in addition to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Director of Acquisitions, Real Estate, and Environmental Planning and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Chief Engineer from the U.S. Border Patrol Infrastructure Program Management Office, Assistant U.S. Attorney, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) presented at the City of Laredo, City Council Public Meeting in regards to the border wall system project in the Laredo AOR. This was an open records meeting /open press. A statement was generated and sent to local media outlets on RTQ.

"It is always CBP's preference to work with local communities and stakeholders during the planning process for new border wall system construction. If the Government is unable to obtain a Right of Entry (ROE) voluntarily a condemnation action is required in order to obtain access to the property for surveys and to acquire a final real estate interest in the property to support future construction."

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Tone: Positive to Negative expected

1/22: (b)(6) multimedia reporter, Fox News Phoenix, queried OFO on new forms of liquid marijuana being smuggled through the ports of entry. A media engagement at the Port of Lukeville is being discussed/coordinated.

Deadline: Flexible Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/22: (b)(6) reporter, Nogales International, queried OFO on a BP environmental clean-up in Nogales. The response is being drafted and coordinated.

Deadline: TBD Publication: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/22: (b)(6) Wall to Wall Productions, & (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) CBP OPA, contacted CBP AZ to plan a documentary film shoot in Tucson with all three components on approximately March 2, 2020. The production is an educational program for National Geographic on the history of the drug crisis in America. It will be historically focused on the drug wars of 1911, but framed by today's current drug crisis. Planning and coordination to follow (b)(6) would like to spend time with Tucson Air Branch, the Port of Nogales, and BP in Tucson and/or Nogales, to see drug seizures, smuggling tunnels, air interdictions, and horse patrol if possible.

Deadline: March 2020 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: PAS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

17 Jan. (b)(6) Big Bend Radio Personality/reporter requests ride-along to profile Border Patrol Agent with specialized skills (EMT). Date flexible, but in next few weeks.

Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Alpine Avalanche Editor: (b)(6) requests ride-along to better understand Border Patrol mission in Big Bend Sector. Also hopes to profile female agent. Date flexible.

Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for **January**

1/16: UPDATE Journalist now requesting elements with OFO at San Ysidro; USBP at border wall; and vault, target date Jan. 28. A possible C1 interview is also pending (coordinated by OPA HQ)

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/20: Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva will be travelling to Sells, Arizona, to visit the Border Wall. It is believed that some Tohono O'odham Nation members will ask to halt construction. As of this time, there has been no request for BP presence. Tone: Negative expected

1/14 UPDATE- Telephonic interview was conducted between LA Times reporter: (b)(6) and ACPA: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Topics discussed included: Replacement vs. New Wall, specifics regarding the Donna and Starr county projects (length, total cost and cost per mile), the standardized bidding/contract award process, procurement of materials (identification during design plan and defined in the statement of work), explanation of how current ongoing projects in the RGV come from the different FY appropriations, clarification that the only contact between Fischer Industries (Private Wall) and government has only been between the IBWC and the private company, not CBP, explanation of how RGV: (b)(7)(E) RGV: (b)(7)(E) and RGV: (b)(7)(E) will start to overlap during their different phases.

Expected Rundate: 1/14-15/2020 Expected Tone: Neutral

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/13 – RGV Sector received a request from LA Times reporter: (b)(6). She is requesting a telephonic interview with ACPA: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Topics will include an update for RGV sector on total miles of border barrier built this fiscal year, under construction and planned?, Is the border barrier being built as quickly as possible - have there been any delays and if so, why? (b)(6) was in attendance when AS1 conducted his press event at the Donna site and (b)(6) is looking for an update.

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/13: (b)(6) Magazine writer covering the southwest for Atlantic, Mother Jones and Rolling Stone. Seeks info on background about why the overall numbers of apprehensions have gone down, but in Big Bend Sector the numbers have gone up. Will provide clarification, on background, after having coordinated info with BBT Chief Patrol Agent (already done).

Tone: undetermined

Principal: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Big Bend Sector

1/13 – RGV Sector will conduct a swing shift ride along in the McAllen AOR with CNN reporter: (b)(6) on 1-16-20. Ride along will start at the Donna wall site and transition to an operational ride along in the McAllen AOR

Expected Rundate: TBD Expected Tone: Neutral

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/13: (b)(6) Fox, requested a media engagement with OFO at the Port of Nogales regarding MPP. Response: Pending review/scheduling.

Deadline: 1/17 Broadcast: TBD Tone: Neutral

Lead: OFO PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/13: CNN Producer: (b)(6) sought more information regarding the immigration record of the Mexican citizen who committed suicide last week by slicing his own throat at Pharr International Bridge and whether he had applied for asylum. Consulted with LFO, HQ OPA mgmt., as well as with fellow PAO Wasiluk and provided a statement that had been provided regarding a death in ICE custody that indicated that the INA generally prohibits confirming asylum claims of specific individuals. (b)(6) is still not satisfied, says that doesn't preclude CBP from saying if the person ever came in contact with U.S. immigration authorities, either CBP or ICE and that the Department regularly shares information when someone is deceased. Consulting with HQ OPA, LFO mgmt.. about next steps, perhaps clearing through CBP Privacy that subject had previously been ordered removed in 2008.

On background: The Immigration and Nationality Act generally prohibits disclosing whether a specific individual has entered the credible fear/asylum process. (Please see Section 208.6 for specifics: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-title8-vol1/pdf/CFR-2012-title8-vol1-sec208-6.pdf>) and <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Outreach/Notes%20from%20Previous%20Engagements/2012/December%202012/Asylum-ConfidentialityFactSheet.pdf>)

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/9: Gizmodo reporter (b)(6) is asking about CBP/USBP interaction with FCC's (b)(6) as referenced in this FCC tweet. <https://twitter.com/FCC/status/1215306150335270912>. OPA is awaiting a statement to address questions to include how CBP and FCC missions interact, what was the purpose of the meeting, etc.

1/9: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) transmitted a suggested response to Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) added his input to it, but I have not heard anything further.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1/2: El Diario de El Paso reporter (b)(6) is writing about FY2019 EPFO seizure stats. OPA is working to locate the requested data and possibly set up an interview with local leadership.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/23: DOCUMENTARY: TVA Media line produce (b)(6) is requesting a border line tour/interview with Border Patrol regarding positive impact of new border wall in Santa Teresa/Sunland Park area. We are trying to drill down to see if requestor means government built or private wall before considering request. The information would be included in a documentary project. HQ MMA is looped in as well.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/12: CBS 60 Minutes Producer (b)(6) expressed interest in having 60 Minutes come down to Brownsville Port of Entry in late **January 2020** to do a story looking at immigration, asylum processes there, especially in light of latest November 2019 enforcement figures, wants to get a behind the scenes picture of how things are going on the ground, what challenges are we facing. Have alerted HQ OPA, LFO, port mgmt., will defer to CBP HQ OPA, CBP Front Office direction regarding principal interviews, etc. Advised reporter that we have not allowed MPP IHF access for individual outlets, may consider a group media scenario. Expected tone, neutral to negative. Expected rundate, February 2020.

1/3: Production crew will be headed to San Diego on January 16.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

12/9: (b)(6) (Fox Business "Primetime") contacted El Paso and Big Bend Sectors. She is interested in researching and possibly visiting border patrol and detention facilities for an inside look. This would involve a few short interview with agents, and a camera crew taking video of the facilities. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told her that we do not take news crews into BP facilities, but can arrange ride-alongs and interviews. Also said El Paso Sector could arrange tours/interviews in early January, due to prior commitments and shortage of personnel between now and 20 December. CBP OPA should let us know if this is high enough priority that we may want to ask BP to shift other engagements; however, Chief/Directors are also planning to be out during this period. Tentative for **January 6-10**.

AMO preferred date is either 7 or 8 December with Fox selecting morning or afternoon. AMO is okay with doing the flight in either El Paso or Big Bend – leaving it up to Fox. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) wants questions in advance, but Fox has told me their policy does not allow for that. They will send topics and promise no "gotchas." Primetime producer will not have answers until next week after she meets with entire team to discuss. Looks like they are preferring El Paso, because they have to fly a whole team in here and to make the cost worthwhile, so they want to ensure they get all three pieces – OFO, AMO, USBP – and plenty of front-line visits/discussions. They will decide many things by next week.

1/3 : Delayed by FoxNews. Not yet rescheduled.

Leads: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Tone: Expected Positive

11/19: (b)(6) (CBS) beginning plans on drug story with San Diego. All three components will be represented. First/second week in December.

12/10: Now scheduled for **January**

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/19: CBP OPA, DHS OPA and DoS are working on an engagement for State involving 10-12 Central American Journalists (3-4 crews) to highlight what has changed along the border. They will be producing video content about what has changed along the border. Timeframe is late December, early January. Tentatively they will be on the ground in the RGV and another city, possibly El Paso for a total of 4 days. All interviews with principals and SMEs will be in Spanish. It is anticipated that each crew will interview independently. On the north side they will interview CBP about what has changed (MPP, and other programs), on the south side, they will talk about the human stories of people waiting and exploitation by the smugglers. They also request to film the boarding of an ENV flight.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

11/6: (b)(6) Telemundo Network, re-upped her request to ride along with Border Patrol agents in a Southern border area and had placed a specific interest in seeing processing facilities and access to immigration hearing facilities. I deferred to PAOs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding bandwidth and local mgmt. concurrence to support/accommodate a ride along request currently and to advise what such a ride along request would or would not entail. Advised that we are keeping her request to have access to a MPP immigration hearing facility on file, would advise of any future opportunities and provided CBP-approved RTQ statement regarding media access to MPP immigration hearing facilities.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

10/21: (b)(6) Aftonbladet newspaper, Stockholm, Sweden and photographer (b)(6) request to join a border patrol to do a story on their work to secure the border. The story will be text/stills and also some TV. The story is highly interesting for a Swedish audience since we have the same issues with migration in Europe. I have followed patrols securing EU borders in Greece and Bulgaria.

They would like to join for two or three nights in January 2020.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:

2/19: Multiple news outlets to include ABC News, NBC News, WWJ Radio, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Flint Journal along with numerous other reached out today in regards to a human brain seized at the Blue Water Bridge on February 14 in a Canada Post mail shipment. ABC News Reporter (b)(6) (b)(6) along with WWJ Radio (b)(6) conducted telephonic and on camera interviews in regards to the seizure.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: San Juan Field Operations and OPA held an interview with (b)(6) reporter for Telenoticias, a Telemundo affiliate, regarding the CBP overall processing of travelers into the Luis Munoz Marine International Airport including any cases of infected travelers with coronavirus or influenza. Provided an overall picture of what officers must do working CDC for Enhanced Health Screening. Neutral tone.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: TIME reporter (b)(6) inquired about a man named (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who is a comedian who worked aboard a cruise ship on which a passenger was found to have 2019-nCoV. Reporter wanted to know how he was able to enter U.S. at Sea-Tac. Since (b)(6) is a USC, privacy act was cited and reporter was provided statement on CDC screenings of travelers at airports and referred to CDC.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: Univision Seattle reporter (b)(6) inquired regarding CBP deploying with ICE in sanctuary cities. He was informed that Seattle is not one of the cities listed and provided the statement. He also inquired about the arrest of a man at a gas station in Everett, Washington. He was referred to ICE.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/19: American Shipper senior editor (b)(6) inquired about an IPR seizure of LED screens seized at the International Falls POE. PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided additional information. Statistics will also be provided when available.

Leads: PAL Lakefield (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: "The Red and Black" newspaper editor (b)(6) inquired about (b)(6) an Iranian who presented herself on February 11 with valid F1 Visa to POE Atlanta. However, upon further discovery she did not have the financial means to take care of her enrollment and stay at the university as required. (b)(6) was allowed to withdraw her admission and returned on flight the following day. OPA statement was cleared by DFO/Privacy acknowledging her withdraw and bears proof of admissibility. Tone: neutral Publish: later this week.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: WKYC reporter (b)(6) in Cleveland, reached out to OPA requesting if any sanctuary cities in Ohio will see an increase in Border Patrol Agents. Approved statements were sent as well as the list of the cities and other key messages found in the PAG. Tone-neutral

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: KIRO (CBS) reporter (b)(6) interviewed Seattle Assistant Area Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding ag enforcement and IPR violations. Story is set to run tonight.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: Univision Seattle reporter (b)(6) inquired about the leaked Chief Provost memo regarding Greyhound bus inspections. Reporter was provided the approved statement.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/18: CBC reporter (b)(6) inquired about Iranian students and the leaked memo from Blaine. She was provided the approved statement. Follow up questions concerned Canadian citizens and visa requirements. Reporter was provided standard messaging regarding visas and admissibility.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/14: Associated Press reporter (b)(6) requested comment on an internal memo sent to USBP Chiefs regarding policy and procedures for bus checks, specifically because several bus lines in Spokane have denied boarding to agents. Statement provided:

"While CBP does not comment on materials asserted to be leaked internal memos, management regularly disseminates information to reinforce existing protocols. For decades, U.S. Border Patrol agents have routinely engaged in enforcement operations at transportation hubs. Enforcement operations away from the immediate border are performed consistent with law and in direct support of immediate border enforcement efforts, and such operations function as a means of preventing smuggling and other criminal organizations from exploitation of existing transportation hubs to travel further into the United States. The U.S. Border Patrol conducts regular outreach with transportation companies to foster good working relationships."

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/14: (b)(6) inquired a lawsuit filed by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) against CBP regarding his questioning on a Greyhound bus in Spokane last year. Reporter was provided pending litigation statement.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/14: Oregonian reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Japanese who was denied entry because he did not have the proper Visa. Reporter was provided the following:

(b)(6) a citizen of Japan, arrived at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Jan. 30. He applied for admission as a WB visitor for business under the visa waiver program.

Upon further inspection, (b)(6) admitted to a CBP officer that the purpose of this trip to the United States was to perform acupuncture at a seminar and to be compensated \$5,000. If a traveler is attempting to enter the U.S. under the visa waiver program, they are not eligible to be paid or receive remuneration for their services. Due to the fact (b)(6) did not have the proper visa for his intended purpose of visiting the U.S., in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act, he was found inadmissible to the U.S. and returned to Japan the following day."

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: A reporter from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism requested information on a story regarding drug seizures at seaports in the United States, specifically at the Port of New Orleans. He also requested what agencies CBP partners with for these seizures. He was told that he could only get information from the Field Office level, and is now awaiting a response. Information was requested from OFO Taskings.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: A reporter with WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge, La., requested information regarding a passenger (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who was arrested on an outstanding warrant on the Carnival Cruise ship Valor when it was docked in New Orleans on Feb. 10, 2020. The warrant was issued from the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, so the reporter was referred to them. The warrant wound up being a case of misidentification on the part of EBRSO, but the passenger has been making statements on social media that CBP dislocated

her shoulder during the arrest and that she is filing a complaint against CBP with Carnival Cruise lines. She is also expected to be on the local news to clear her name, so CBP may be mentioned in her story. Tone expected to be negative.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: USBP New Orleans Sector Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was quoted in a press release from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office announcing the conviction of Edwin Tercero, a known drug trafficker who had also assaulted a Border Patrol agent when being arrested. Tercero was sentenced to 46 months in a federal prison. WKRG and WEAR have picked up the release so far. Tone is neutral to positive.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: WGRZ (NBC affiliate) Buffalo reporter (b)(6) and Buffalo News reporter (b)(6) inquired about a Port of Buffalo arrest of a USC who had active Pennsylvania warrants, admitted travel to China (Fujian Province) upon inspection and was not symptomatic. Proper protocols were implemented and followed by CBP and CDC. Subject issued Traveler Health Advisory Notice (THAN) and turned over to the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECISO) for warrant extradition to Pennsylvania. RTQs were received as a result of ECISO's press release. Tone: Neutral/Educational

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/13: Albany Times Union editor (b)(6) inquired about third party (NYS DMV clerk) allegations of NYS vehicles prohibited for overseas shipments in response to NYS Green Light Law. Provided approved OPA talking points and press release dated Feb. 6 <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/new-york-residents-no-longer-eligible-apply-or-renew-trusted>

Lead: (b)(6)

2/12: Scienceline.org reporter (b)(6) will conduct a phone interview with Supervisory Agriculture Specialist (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Feb 14 concerning the seizure of 3,400 pounds of mitten crabs over a four month period in Cincinnati. His focus is the seizures, how often CBP sees shipments like this and the illegal trade of mitten crabs. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Seattle NPR station, KUOW, reporter (b)(6) requested an interview and requested comment regarding a lawsuit filed against CBP today by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project regarding the reports of Iranian Americans held at the U.S./Canada border last month. Reporter was provided the pending litigation statement.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: (b)(6) from WSMV in Nashville, requested an interview with CBP Nashville on counterfeit makeup and the types of makeup other beauty products that have been confiscated. The story will address the health risks associated with these items. She is planning on an interview in mid-March. Tone is expected to be neutral to positive.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/12: Methow Valley News reporter (b)(6) inquired into the arrest of an illegal alien by Border Patrol in Twisp, Washington. The man has eight prior deportations as well as criminal convictions. Apparently, the small community is up in arms and rallying around him. The reporter was provided the following:

"U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Feb. 5 in Twisp, Washington. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a citizen of Mexico, repeat immigration violator and in the United States illegally.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been deported from the United States on numerous prior occasions. Additionally, he was arrested by the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office in Oct. 2011 and subsequently convicted of criminal charges. He was once again deported to Mexico following that conviction. Sometime after his deportation, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) illegally re-entered the U.S. In June 2017, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was again arrested by the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been transferred to the Northwest ICE Processing Center and will be given the opportunity to appear before an immigration judge. Please reach out to the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for information concerning (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) criminal history. Further questions regarding (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) detention should be directed to ICE."

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: ABC Detroit reporter (b)(6) reached out today in regards to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) from the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights who was questioned coming off of a flight on Thursday February 6 after arriving from South Korea. Query came after the (b)(6) reached out to ABC after posting his experience in a Facebook post last week. Informed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) that we are unable to discuss the travelers' information due to the (b)(6) being a USC. Spoke with the reporter on background that we had a conversation with the gentlemen which was very cordial and professional with both sides thanking each other following the inspection. Neutral tone expected

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: WKBW (ABC affiliate) Buffalo reporter (b)(6) requested an on-camera interview and filming of CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) US Border Patrol Buffalo Sector. CPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) participated in the "Snow Ball" challenge to raise money for Feedmore Food Bank of WNY. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/11: KOMO news (ABC) reporter (b)(6) is working on a story about IPR seizures by CBP in Seattle. She shot b-roll and interviewed PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and APD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and PAL (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding a recent seizure of counterfeit Luis Vuitton and other goods. Story is set to air 2/13.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: CBS Chicago reporter (b)(6) contacted the Chicago Field Office requesting CBP's latest statement and the number of flights and passengers screened. The latest CBP statement was shared and he was directed to contact the Chicago Department of Aviation and the CDC to find out the processing numbers.

Tone: Neutral

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: Miami Field Office CMO will be joined by MIA Airport CEO to host press availability on Tuesday, Feb 11 at Avianca Air cargo highlighting CBPAS cut flower inspection ahead of Valentine's Day. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) APD will join CBPAS for interviews and imagery with media. Spanish press engagement will occur. Publish: same day Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: Atlanta OPA and CMO welcoming local press availability to showcase cut flower inspections by CBPAS at ATL air cargo. On Tuesday, Feb 11. Port Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will be joined by CBPAS for SME opportunity's. Publish: same day Tone: positive

2/11: UPDATE: WSB (ABC), CBS46, 11Alive and Associated Press photojournalist covered the same.

Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/7: LA Times Seattle Bureau chief (b)(6) reached out with questions regarding the meeting between Democratic congressional representatives from Washington state and DFO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Additionally, the reporter requested an interview with the DFO. Reporter was provided the following: Attributable to a CBP official: "We are unable to comment due to the ongoing investigation."

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: WCAX (CBS affiliate) Burlington reporter (b)(6) interviewed Swanton Sector's Newport Station PAIC regarding the USBP's role on the northern border. The story is expected to be neutral to positive.

Air date: TBD

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: AP correspondent (b)(6) will interview Swanton Sector Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on Monday 2/10 regarding FY19 Swanton Sector trends. The initial inquiry stemmed from a FOIA response for FY15-19 PWAC data. We expect positive coverage.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: Maine Public Radio reporter (b)(6) will conduct a ride along/line tour with Houlton Sector next week. We anticipate neutral to positive coverage. Air Date: TBD

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: Miami Field Office and US Fish and Wildlife will hosted a local press availability today following a recent joint operation resulting in a seizure of approx. 1400 lbs. of dried shark fins. Local news, Spanish

TV, and Patch covered event. NBC with (b)(6) may follow-up. Tone: positive Publish: same day
Tone: positive.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

2/6: OPA was contacted by reporter (b)(6) of the German special interest magazine "Der Hund" (the Dog). She is featuring CBP Beagle canines working at ATL airport and requested current imagery. Cleared imagery shared along with relevant Atlanta CBPAS news release(s). Publish: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

02/04: CNBC Digital is doing a story about counterfeited goods and part of that story is what is CBP doing in stopping the flow of these counterfeited goods from entering the United States. They will visit H & M warehouse (CES), Kearney, NJ on Thursday 13 February to collect b-roll of CBPOs conducting inspections, previously seized items (display table) and speaking to CBP SME PD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on camera on our role in combatting the flow of IPR items. This is part of a larger story that originates with CBP/HQ.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov]
Sent: 2/29/2020 2:48:10 AM
To: (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com]
Subject: Re: Morgan statement on MPP

To confirm, we have issued the cessation of processing under MPP per the injunction. However, we are continuing to utilize every tool at CBP's disposal to ensure the integrity of our immigration system and processing programs.

On Feb 28, 2020, at 9:38 PM, (b)(6) [redacted]@nytimes.com> wrote:

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Thanks! But what guidance has been issued to agents? Are agents ceasing the processing of migrants to MPP?

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 9:25 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

"Once again, the courts have taken action to undermine efforts to prevent illegal migration with a judicially created legal loophole," said CBP Acting Commissioner Mark Morgan. "This ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court oversteps and re-opens the door to the exploitation of migrants by transnational criminal organizations. It erroneously sends the message that anyone who comes to the border will be released into the United States. Everyone should understand that CBP will utilize every tool at our disposal to maintain the integrity of our immigration system and border security."

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From: (b)(6) [redacted]@hq.dhs.gov
Sent: 1/4/2020 4:40:24 PM
Subject: NYT: Homeland Security Sees 'No Specific, Credible Threat' From Iran, but Warns of Cyberattacks

New York Times: Homeland Security Sees 'No Specific, Credible Threat' From Iran, but Warns of Cyberattacks

January 3, 2020 | By Zolan Kanno-Youngs

The leaders of the Department of Homeland Security met to hash over threats from Iran amid concerns that the department has become more focused on immigration than terrorism.

Soon after Maj. Gen. Qassim Suleimani, Iran's top military leader, was killed in a drone strike, the chief of cybersecurity at the Department of Homeland Security warned the public that it was "time to brush up" on Iran's efforts to attack computer systems in the United States, even as the department's acting secretary said that "no specific, credible threats" to the country had emerged since the general's death.

Chad F. Wolf, the department's acting chief, convened senior officials on Thursday night and Friday morning to discuss how to respond to Iran's threat of a "forceful revenge" against the United States for the death of the country's second most powerful official.

Computer systems quickly emerged as potential targets. Christopher C. Krebs, the department's leader on cybersecurity, made clear on Twitter that the threat went beyond the federal government.

"Pay close attention to your critical systems," Mr. Krebs said. "Make sure you're also watching third party accesses!"

The warning was the most specific security action described by the Department of Homeland Security on Friday in light of General Suleimani's death.

Some Democrats and former homeland security officials raised concerns that the lack of information from the Trump administration on plans to defend the country showed that a department created after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to protect the United States from terrorism had been transformed into one increasingly focused on immigration.

"We have seen little of substance from the administration — including the Department of Homeland Security — on how it is planning for any contingencies," said Representative Bennie Thompson, Democrat of Mississippi and the chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. "D.H.S.'s core mission is to keep us safe from potential attacks, but under this administration, it has been almost singularly focused on immigration and has been without a permanent leader since April."

Mr. Wolf said in a statement that he met with agency officials on Thursday night and Friday morning "to assess potential new threats and component actions to respond to the constantly evolving threat landscape." Later on Friday, he tweeted that "there is no specific, credible threat against the homeland," but that the department's agencies would increase security "when necessary and prudent."

He said the agency was monitoring the situation in the Middle East with local and federal law enforcement agencies. Some police departments, including in New York City and Chicago, deployed additional officers to potential targets.

The Department of Homeland Security may also update the National Terrorism Advisory System to warn of a potential cyberattack from Iran, according to an official familiar with the discussions. The system's bulletins, which are shared among law enforcement throughout the country, had not been updated with that information as of Friday night.

Lt. Cmdr. Scott McBride, a spokesman for the Coast Guard, said that "no known specific threats" to the nation's ports had emerged to "warrant an increase in our operating posture." There was also no indication from the Transportation Security Administration that airports were responding to a rising threat.

Typically, after an attack or threat is made against the United States, the Department of Homeland Security will host a call with leaders of the 50 states to share information and advise on security protocols. Information on potential threats or leads for investigations are shared through dozens of fusion centers that are partly funded by the department.

Homeland security also typically communicates with faith-based or community organizations that may be specifically targeted by a threat. Customs and Border Protection, an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, is responsible for vetting who enters and exits the country, in addition to patrolling the border.

The department also oversees the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, which will take the lead on communicating with the private sector to prevent a large scale retaliation from Iran, current and former department officials said.

In his tweet, Mr. Krebs referenced a statement issued last summer from his agency warning of “a rise in malicious cyber activity directed at United States industries and government agencies by Iranian regime actors and proxies.”

In that statement from June, Mr. Krebs said Iran does not just aim to steal data and money. “What might start as an account compromise, where you think you might just lose data, can quickly become a situation where you’ve lost your whole network,” he said.

But former Homeland Security Department officials said there is concern that as Iran’s efforts have grown more sophisticated — to include cyberattacks and proxy organizations to carry out targeted acts of violence — the department is less prepared as it has moved away from its original mission in order to implement Mr. Trump’s immigration agenda.

The White House this past year purged multiple career officials from the agency and replaced them with officials willing to aggressively restrict immigration — including some who share Mr. Trump’s taste for harsh rhetoric in describing such migrants. The concern over the state of the agency was expressed publicly in September, when former secretaries of the department convened for a Senate hearing hosted at the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York.

“Any assessment of Homeland Security must include an assessment of today’s Department of Homeland Security,” Jeh Johnson, a former Homeland Security secretary in the Obama administration, said at the hearing. “I confess that I view today’s D.H.S. with despair and dismay. The department appears to be under constant siege and constant crisis.”

But Michael Chertoff, former Homeland Security secretary in the Bush administration, said in an interview that the department has the tools to defend against an Iranian attack through the Transportation Security Administration and the cybersecurity division.

“Certainly this isn’t a new threat,” Mr. Chertoff said.

John Cohen, a former acting under secretary of Homeland Security for intelligence who led the agency’s efforts to counter Iran, said the White House and the Homeland Security Department must develop a comprehensive plan after Iran’s threat, and then work with local governments to implement it. He is dubious that will happen.

“There has been real concern that the focus on immigration enforcement and the border wall have degraded our capabilities to address not only the threat posed by domestic terrorists but sophisticated threats like this,” he said. “Time will only tell.”

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