

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Title: Violent Extremist and Domestic Terrorist Threats or Use of Violence Dangerous to Human Life

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Organic Collection Requirement (OCR): ~~(b)(3)~~

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Background: ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Background: DHS I&A is seeking collection and reporting on targets and tactics of violent extremist and non-ideologically motivated acts of targeted violence that threaten homeland security as well as the conditions that would cause these actors to conduct or threaten violence against targets in the United States. Of particular concern are violent acts and threats of violence that pose danger to human life or potential destruction of critical infrastructure targets (including government facilities), public gatherings, places of worship, law enforcement and other government officials across the nation.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ The nation has experienced violence or significant threats of violence that endanger human life from domestic terrorists and violent extremists over the past several years. Flashpoint issues that may spur violent acts that endanger human life include violence against minority groups and government entities, or anger over land use issues. In addition, ideologically motivated violence against minority groups, such as the 2015 shooting of a predominantly African American church in Charleston, SC and a disrupted 2016 plot targeting Muslim communities and mosques in Kansas demonstrate the threat of violent extremist attacks against ethnic and religious groups and places of worship.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ We are additionally concerned that some violent ideologically motivated acts may shut down or endanger even minimal government operations. This information will assist DHS in better understanding the national domestic terrorist picture, and will help address DHS Priority Intelligence Requirement ~~(b)(3)~~ "~~(U//FOUO)~~ What is the threat posed by violent domestic extremists to the U.S.?" as well as ~~(b)(3)~~ "~~(U//FOUO)~~ Under what conditions would domestic terrorist organizations conduct attacks against critical infrastructure targets, including government facilities?"

Questions:

1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Bad Actors' Exploitation of Lawful Protests to Engage in Violence Dangerous to Human Life
 - a. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report on transnational criminal organizations, transnational drug trafficking organizations, domestic terrorists, adversarial nation state actors, or violent extremists' using protests as cover for acts of violence against law enforcement personnel or persons engaging in activities protected by the U.S. Constitution, or furtherance of their illegal activities.
 - b. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Domestic Terrorist exploitation of civil unrest to engage in violence against U.S. law enforcement or against others engaging in activities protected by the U.S. Constitution.
 - c. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report plans or intentions to engage in acts of violence dangerous to human life against law enforcement personnel or critical infrastructure for the purpose of enacting revenge upon law enforcement related shootings.
 - d. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report on transnational criminal organizations, transnational drug trafficking organizations, domestic terrorists, adversarial nation state actors, or violent extremists' plans or intentions to violently co-opt legal protests to foment rioting or engaging in violence.
 - e. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report on transnational criminal organizations, transnational drug trafficking organizations, domestic terrorists, adversarial nation state actors, or violent extremists' efforts to incite violence through the use of misinformation.

- f. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report on transnational criminal organizations, transnational drug trafficking organizations, domestic terrorists, adversarial nation state actors, or violent extremists' plans or intentions to usurp peaceful activities protected by the U.S. Constitution to move forward a violent agenda.
- g. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Describe instances where domestic terrorists or violent extremists have expressed or written how their beliefs, including conspiracy theories, motivated them to commit or threaten violence, or acquire or attempt to acquire weapons, explosives, or explosive precursor material in order to commit violence in furtherance of those beliefs. Include PII of violent extremists if available.
- h. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ To the extent necessary to facilitate an appropriate government response, information on activities of protestors to the extent they are so disruptive that they endanger the minimal operations of state and local governments to protect from, respond to, or otherwise address:
 - ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Threats to critical infrastructure and key national resources;
 - Significant threats to the national economic security, national public health, or national public safety;
 - ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Violence or disorder of such magnitude that it hinders the execution of the laws of that State, or the laws of; the United States within that State, to such a degree as to deprive any individuals of rights or protections guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution;
 - ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Threats of such severity and magnitude that they exceed State and local government capabilities such that federal assistance would be necessary and authorized as a matter or law; and
 - ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Major disasters and catastrophes.

2. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Violence dangerous to human life directed against government or SLTT officials and infrastructure.

- a. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report ideologically motivated violent threats directed against government officials or law enforcement, including threats to arrest, kill, shoot, detain, or forcefully remove, any government official.
- b. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report details of ideologically motivated attacks dangerous to human life against law enforcement or government officials. Include PII of violent extremists if available.
- c. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report on violent Extremists or Domestic terrorists' plans, policies, and intents to incite violence dangerous to human life to SLTT partners and potentially destructive of critical infrastructure to include, but not limited to the following:
 - Efforts damage, interrupt, or destroy critical infrastructure and lines of communication.
 - Threats to destroy or impact the minimal operations of federal and SLTT government buildings and facilities
 - Threats or acts of violence dangerous to human life against federal and SLTT civil servants and LE personnel
 - Threats or acts of terrorism against the local population and businesses
- d. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Identify and report information related to individuals conducting suspicious surveillance such as individuals attempting to photograph or access restricted or sensitive areas, or individuals who have expressed plans to endanger the life of personnel or potentially destroy critical infrastructure.
- e. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Describe and/or provide examples of beliefs, including conspiracy theories, that have caused domestic terrorists or violent extremists to commit or threaten violence against critical infrastructure, U.S. government agencies or officials, or ethnic/minority groups where such causation is supported by actual evidence (e.g., words or statements by the offender, or physical evidence) of the causal link in each particular instance.

- f. (U//FOUO) Describe suspicious incidents of apparent or intentional damage, destruction, manipulation, or dismantling of operational components or equipment where the intention or motivation of the perpetrator is unknown, but could reasonably be to interrupt service, endanger human life or potentially destroy critical infrastructure, conduct surveillance, or evade or hinder security.
- g. (U//FOUO) Describe plans, intentions, capabilities, motivations, preparations, strategies, or goals of individuals or groups plotting to attack U.S. FLSTT law enforcement and/or government, or critical infrastructure targets.
- h. (U//FOUO) Provide information on target selection and methodology including specific locations, buildings, people, modes of transportation, or information systems. Include information about what characteristics were considered when selecting a location for attack.
- i. (U//FOUO) Describe violent extremist ideologies whose members advocate, plan, facilitate, or engage in specific acts of violence dangerous to the lives of U.S. FSLTT law enforcement and/or government personnel, or potentially destructive of critical infrastructure targets.
- j. (U//FOUO) Identify and report individuals conducting online research, target selection, or other preparation online in order to plan or carry out a terrorist attack against U.S. FSLTT law enforcement and/or government, or critical infrastructure. Identify the methods used to conduct research and describe any results or findings.
- k. (U//FOUO) Report the theft, loss, suspicious purchase, manufacture, or other suspicious acquisition of uniforms, vehicles, or access keys that could be used to circumvent security or allow access to restricted or otherwise sensitive critical infrastructure locations. Provide details of plans to acquire and/or use uniforms or vehicles as part of preparation for or conducting of an attack.
- l. (U//FOUO) Describe instances of criminal activities used to fund potential terrorist plots to include non-violent means such as sales of narcotics, trading in counterfeit goods, and benefits fraud, or violent activities similar to armed robbery, theft, and related crimes.
- m. (U//FOUO) Report the theft, loss, or other suspicious acquisition of blueprints or other proprietary or sensitive materials that could assist malicious actors in preparing for or conducting an attack by providing information on critical infrastructure security measures or vulnerabilities.

3. (U//FOUO) Violent Extremism

- a. (U//FOUO) Provide examples of illegal acts or suspicious activity in preparation or execution of violence dangerous to human life or potentially destructive of critical infrastructure by anarchist extremists¹, anti-government extremists², militia extremists³, racist skinhead extremists⁴, animal

¹ DHS defines anarchist extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence as a means of changing the government and society in support of the belief that all forms of capitalism and corporate globalization should be opposed and that governing institutions are unnecessary and harmful to society.

² DHS defines anti-government extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in unlawful acts of violence directed at federal, state, or local law enforcement, other government officials, critical infrastructure or government facilities in order to affect the conduct of a government or influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion, in response to their belief that their liberties are being taken away by the perceived unconstitutional or otherwise illegitimate actions of government officials or law enforcement.

³ DHS defines militia extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed at federal, state, or local government officials or infrastructure in response to their belief that the government is deliberately stripping Americans of their freedoms and is attempting to establish a totalitarian

rights extremists⁵, anti-abortion extremists⁶, environmental rights extremists⁷, white supremacist extremists⁸, black supremacist extremists⁹ who threaten law enforcement with physical acts of life-endangering violence because of their extremist views. Examples include, but are not limited to the making, acquiring, or researching explosives or explosive material for these purposes.

- b. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report violent encounters between law enforcement officials and anarchist extremists, anti-government extremists, militia extremists, racist skinhead extremists, animal rights extremists, anti-abortion extremists, environmental rights extremists, white supremacist extremists, black supremacist extremists, including during traffic stops or calls to residences, that resulted from and evidenced violent beliefs where such causation is supported by actual evidence (e.g., words or statements by the offender, or physical evidence) of the causal link in each particular instance. Include PII of violent extremists if available.
- d. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Describe attempts to destroy, disrupt, impede the regular working order of, deny access to, or shut down critical infrastructure—including government facilities—through violent threats or armed takeover;

4. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Anti-Immigrant and Ethnic/Religious Violence

- a. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Describe incidents of ideologically motivated violent threats or attacks against the lives of specific ethnic or religious groups and/or organizations.
- b. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report violent threats to life through intimidation tactics such as armed confrontations or mock "interviews" (also termed "inspections") by violent extremists at places of worship, community centers, or similar institutions used by or identified with immigrant, religious, or ethnic groups.
- c. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Describe incidents of violent extremists planning or preparing for the forceful, violent, or illegal removal of ethnic or religious groups from a locality.
- d. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report violent criminal acts such as arson or assault when they endanger human life directed against ethnic or religious groups and related facilities by ideologically motivated actors.

regime. These individuals consequently oppose many federal authorities' laws and regulations (particularly those related to firearms ownership), and often belong to armed paramilitary groups.

⁴ DHS defines racist skinhead extremists as groups or individuals who are a sub-category of white supremacist extremists that facilitate, support, or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed toward the federal government, ethnic minorities, or Jewish persons in support of their belief that Caucasians are intellectually and morally superior to other races and their perception that the government is controlled by Jewish persons.

⁵ DHS defines animal rights extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed against people, businesses, or government entities perceived to be exploiting or abusing animals.

⁶ DHS defines anti-abortion extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence against the providers of abortion-related services, their employees, and their facilities in support of the belief that the practice of abortion should end.

⁷ DHS defines environmental rights extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in unlawful acts of violence against people, businesses, or government entities perceived to be destroying, degrading, or exploiting the natural environment.

⁸ DHS defines white supremacist extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of violence directed at the federal government, ethnic minorities, or Jewish persons in support of their belief that Caucasians are intellectually and morally superior to other races and their perception that the government is controlled by Jewish persons.

⁹ DHS defines black supremacist extremists as groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of violence as a means to oppose racial integration, to eliminate non-black or Jewish people, or to enact revenge upon police related/officer involved shootings of African-Americans.

5. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Land Use Issues Driving Violence

- a. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report violent disputes endangering human life between domestic terrorists or violent extremists and government entities related to the use of federal land. Include PII of violent extremists if available.
- b. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report threats of violence dangerous to human life by domestic terrorists or violent extremists to federal officials or agencies, to include, but not limited to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forestry Service, the U.S. National Park Service, or game wardens. Include PII of violent extremists if available.
- c. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Provide details of unsanctioned or illicit events planned on or adjacent to federal land by domestic terrorists or violent extremists, including plans to illegally occupy federal property through the use or threat of violence that endangers human life.
- d. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Report ideologically-motivated threats of violence endangering the lives of visiting U.S. government officials or to U.S. government events taking place on or adjacent to federal land.

~~(U)~~ Comments:

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Expiration: 30 May 2022

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