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MEMORANDUM FOR INTELLIGENCE ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS

FROM: (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)
Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence Enterprise Operations

SUBJECT: ~~(U)~~ **Reporting Thresholds for Notifying Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Leadership During Emerging Events**

~~(U)~~ **Purpose:** To provide guidance on reporting emerging events to I&A leadership.

~~(U)~~ **Background:** I&A leadership remains focused on providing timely and accurate information on evolving threats in the Homeland to senior DHS leadership. As a result, clear thresholds for reporting requirements for both headquarters and field employees are needed to ensure intelligence and information requirements are satisfied in a timely manner.

~~(U)~~ **Guidance:** Effective immediately, the following events will trigger notification to I&A leadership through the Current and Emerging Threats Center (CETC):

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Emerging Incidents**

- Terrorist incident, imminent, credible threat (including both international and domestic and suspected targeted violence)
- Active shooter with actual or potential for a mass shooting (4)
- Attacks or threats against law enforcement or public figures with potential connections to terrorism or transnational organized crime
- Any incident that triggers a NOC notification to the Chief of Staff or the Secretary
- Any CRITIC or NOIWON notification for the IC
- Any violent or potentially violent event that garners WHSR or national media outlet attention
- Significant security incident at a U.S. Government facility or on US Government property
- Mass arrests or injuries or significant damage to infrastructure /DHS or other federal facilities

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Other Transnational Organized Crime or Terrorism Issues**

- Encounter of a watchlisted individual with terrorism-related or other derogatory information amid irregular migration to or travel within the US

- Indication of imminent violence near the Southwest Border directed against or potentially affecting US personnel
- Credible reporting on threats of violence directed at DHS Component personnel or US diplomatic facilities in Mexico or Central America
- Notification from partners of impending disruption of a terrorist attack, cell, or individual
- Impending arrest of a KST or domestic violent extremist
- Terrorist threats to DHS personnel or operations

~~*(U//FOUO)*~~ **Counterintelligence**

- Arrest of DHS employee/s abroad, law enforcement arrest of or detention of DHS employee/s
- Mass compromise of DHS employees personal identifying information
- Credible foreign intelligence service or officer threat against DHS operations, personnel, resources, or information
- Investigation or arrest of an insider threat related to a DHS employee, or of a DHS employee

~~*(U//FOUO)*~~ **Cyber Security**

- Reporting of cyber actor successful compromise of US federal, state, or local elections networks (including election infrastructure and supporting vendors)
- Reporting of unauthorized exfiltration of bulk quantities of elections-related data
- Election security: significant foreign influence operations designed to incite violence and successful cyber-attacks on election infrastructure/networks
- Cyber incident affecting U.S. Government systems, including space assets, resulting in the significant degradation of mission capacity or the inability to perform essential functions
- Ransomware attack against critical infrastructure, USG, or large-scale private entities

~~*(U)*~~ Once an incident is identified as one of the above events, CETC will provide I&A leadership with all available information, with appropriate caveats for credibility and accuracy. This includes but is not be limited to field reporting, investigative leads, social media findings, and DHS database results. These thresholds will be reviewed and updated quarterly, or as needed.

~~(U)~~ All reporting will be sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)@hq.dhs.gov or (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)