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From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:21 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: BIE

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I made one minor edit in the first bullet.

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So, could we say something like

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Just my two cents. Thanks!

From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:08 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: BIE

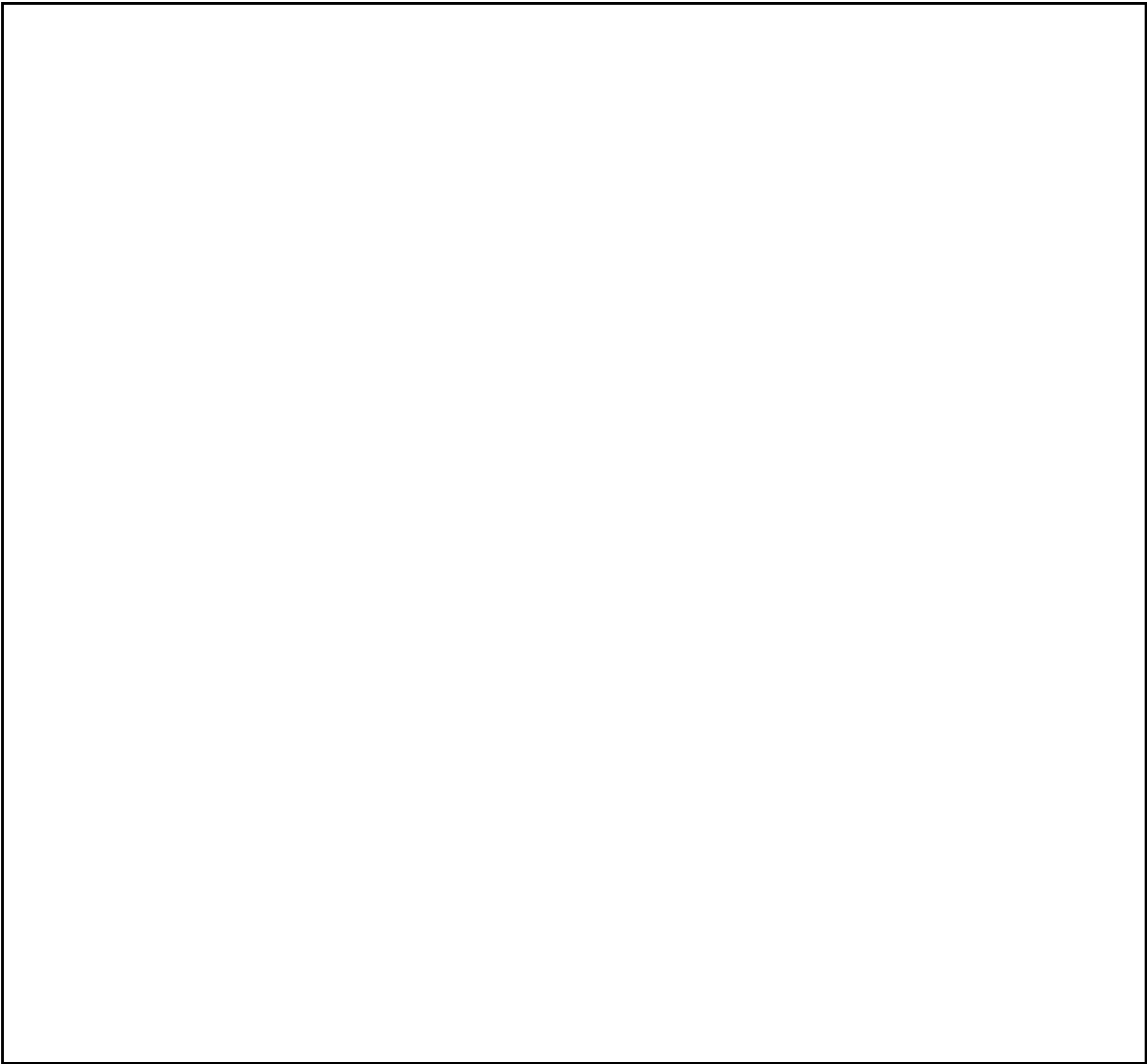
Just small stuff marked below.

From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:41 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted]
Subject: FW: BIE

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Those in Blue are based upon a convo with Halvorsen and Paul's feedback below...Edit away!

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From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:44 PM

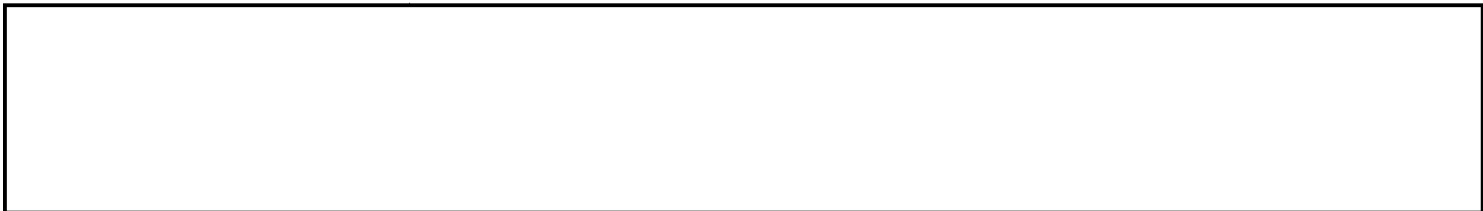
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (SE) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: Re: BIE

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[redacted] Just a few clarifying points of context:



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----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Date: 10/24/17 3:03 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [Redacted] (SE) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Subject: RE: BIE

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As we discussed, do mind taking a quick look at these talking points? Not expecting you to do any research or otherwise jump through hoops. I just wanted to ensure that I have adequately addressed [Redacted]

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: BIE

Here are the two statements we have given publicly. The first one, the longer one, I think was only given to foreign policy. We have given the shorter one to folks who inquired after FP.

Black Identity Extremists

Foreign Policy inquiry after obtaining leaked intelligence assessment
Statement date: 10/12/17

“We have no comment on the report that cited in your email.

With regard to the FBI's Domestic Terrorism investigative program, the threat of domestic terrorism remains a priority for the FBI. It is important to note that the FBI cannot initiate an investigation based solely on an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or the exercise of First Amendment rights.

Domestic terrorism groups differ from traditional criminal groups in that they take action for a different purpose, to bring attention to a social or political cause. Therefore, their existence as a group has a legitimate purpose, at least in part. Their legitimate activity may include acts of protest, advocacy, and civil disobedience. The FBI's domestic terrorism program identifies nine persistent extremist movements in the US: white supremacy, black identities, militia, sovereign citizens, anarchists, abortion, animal rights, environmental rights, and Puerto Rican Nationalism. This does not preclude the FBI from investigating all other unique, extremist ideologies furthered wholly or in part through crime and violence are addressed as they arise.

The FBI may only initiate an investigation based upon information or allegations that an activity constitutes a federal crime or a threat to national security. Furthermore, the FBI does not and will not police ideology. When an individual takes action based on belief or ideology and breaks the law, the FBI will enforce the rule of law.”

Black Identity Extremists – shorter statement as recommended by AD

Statement date: 10/12/17

Without commenting on the document, ““The FBI investigates activity which may constitute a federal crime or pose a threat to national security and cannot initiate an investigation based solely on an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or the exercise of First Amendment rights. The FBI remains committed to protecting those rights for all Americans. Our focus is not on membership in particular groups but on individuals who commit violence and other criminal acts. Furthermore, the FBI does not and will not police ideology. When an individual takes violent action based on belief or ideology and breaks the law, the FBI will enforce the rule of law.”