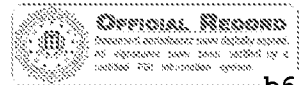


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Details:

(U) This EC sets forth the Chicago Division's strategy to more fully implement a Counter Violent Extremism (CVE) plan. The Chicago Division's strategy is in line with, and takes guidance from, EC 319T-HQ-A1487667-NSB Serial 59, and recent discussions with DTOS's Countering Violent Extremism Office (CVEO). Chicago will implement its strategy in three phases.

Phase one: (U) Chicago's objective is to rapidly build up a committee, the Countering Violent Extremism Committee of Chicago (CVECC), consisting of local religious leaders, academics, and other government agencies. The FBI led CVECC will serve as the area's coordinating body. An analysis of the various state, federal, and civic partners in the domain with a role in CVE has indicated the FBI is the best agency to organize, lead, and follow through with CVECC. The mission of the CVECC is to identify individuals who are at the early stages of radicalization, discuss and decide on a long term strategy to intervene and rehabilitate the individual, discuss and decide who or what agencies should approach the individual and family members, and set forth a time line for periodic updates on the status of the individual. It is envisioned that the CVECC will serve as a functional "action arm." It is anticipated many of the individuals will be identified by the FBI to the CVECC. After a individual is identified for intervention, Chicago in coordination with CTD, and in compliance with legal and classification regulations, will advise the CVECC of background information.

(U) Chicago has a long standing robust outreach program. The program has made substantial progress in reducing mistrust and facilitating dialogue between the FBI and religious groups. However, Chicago has indentified a gap in its outreach program. Chicago does not have a mechanism to incorporate the community in countering the beliefs and

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attitudes of specific individuals. The need to address specific individuals has become more acute with the rapid rise of juveniles consuming and responding positively to messaging from such groups as the Islamic State and AQAP. Chicago will leverage strong pre-existing relationships to fill the above described gap. Chicago has formed the nucleus of the CVECC by partnering with the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The CIOGC is a regional organization with influence in a fair percentage of Chicago's approximately 91 mosques and Islamic religious institutions.

Phase two: (U) In order to build on phase one and ensure follow through, Chicago has named a CVE coordinator. One of the coordinator's functions during this phase will be to expand the CVECC to include three additional groups. First, the coordinator will attempt to gain the support of local and federal agencies with responsibilities in such areas as mental health, employment, and education. Second, the expansion will further incorporate other federal and local law enforcement agencies such as the Chicago Police, the Illinois State Police, and DHS. And thirdly, the coordinator will identify area academics who are already researching CVE and draw from them their thoughts and techniques.

(U) One of the purposes of the CVECC's expansion will be to add a variety of techniques and assets the CVECC can draw upon during follow-up encounters with the individual. For example, the CVECC is working on a juvenile case where a contributing factor to the individual's radicalization could be based on the individual's lack of English language skills. The CVECC anticipates collaborating with the board of education to move the individual to another school with ESL specialties. The coordinator will also identify grants, apply for them if appropriate, or assist and enable other CVECC members to do the same.

Phase three: (U) The coordinator will seek to establish a CVE messaging campaign within the domain. The messaging campaign will draw

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upon three areas: first, the existing resources and access of the CVECC membership; second, the best practices and advice accumulated by the CVEO; and third, through information sharing with other divisions and outside agencies.

(U) In summary, Chicago proposes an approach focusing on activities with the greatest potential to prevent violent extremism. For the potential to be realized, Chicago will forge collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations. Together the CVECC will develop and implement effective programs and get youth, family, and community to participate.

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