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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: fyi

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Part of Goldman's critique of the BIE intel assessment is that one of the underlying cases identified in the document was cited as an IT case by Director Comey at a news conference. He suggests then that 5 incidents does not make a movement/ideology nor does it require significant expenditures of resources (eg. Intel analysts spending time on an IA). Goldman is aware of the upcoming briefings and is likely going to publish tomorrow post-brief. He will likely ask for comment. I assume he has already contacted the recipients of the briefing in order to prepare for a story.

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 2:50 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: fyi

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Hatchet-Attack-NYPD-Officers-Act-of-Terror-FBI-Director-James-Comey-282999611.html>

"There is no doubt it was terrorism," Comey said during a news conference at the Newark FBI offices.

Comey said the attack was politically and ideologically driven, with two separate motivations: the suspect, Zale Thompson, appeared to be seeking "inspiration from foreign terrorist sources like ISIL (ISIS), but there is also evidence he was focused on black separatist ideology."

Comey pointed out most recently Thompson had spent a lot of time online reviewing ISIL beheading videos and similar radical jihadist propaganda, and that "there is no doubt that played a role."

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Adam Goldman
Reporter
The New York Times
(M) [redacted]
(O) [redacted]

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[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

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From: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 5:32 PM
Subject: OPA Horizon - 11/20/2017

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**FBI Office of Public Affairs
The Horizon
Monday, November 20, 2017**

National Issues

- Border Patrol Agents Assaulted: EP/OPA – Significant media interest in an assault on Saturday, 11/18, that left one CPB agent killed and another in critical condition. FBI EP is the lead investigative agency. EP PAO anticipates releasing statement on the status of the investigation.
- NICS: CJIS/OPA – CBS News asked why there appear to be significant gaps in the data supplied to the databases queried during NICS checks. CJIS provided information on how NICS works and the fact the system relies on data submitted by local, state, and federal partners.
- NK Counterfeit Money: OPA – Dow Jones News Fund Fellow, who is working on a piece for American Banker, inquired about North Korean counterfeit money and what preventative measures the U.S. is taking, as well as what consumers can be on the lookout for. OPA declined to comment.
- Alex Villamayor Murder: OPA – The Daily Beast asked to confirm whether Paraguayan authorities barred the FBI from investigating the death of Alex Villamayor, an American citizen who was killed in Paraguay in 2015. Per coordination with IOD, OPA declined to comment and referred the reporter to FBI.gov for publicly available information regarding IOD.
- DAPL Protestor: OPA – The Intercept inquired about accounts from someone who protested the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL), that he and others were interviewed by the FBI about a Facebook post he had made calling for pipeline opponents to attack the pipeline. OPA declined to comment on the accounts or confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation.
- Church Shooter Phone: OPA - The Washington Post asked about efforts to unlock the cell phone belonging to the Sutherland Springs church shooter. The reporter also asked about warrants relating to the phone and for information on the number of encrypted phones which could not be unlocked last year. OPA declined specific questions about the shooter's phone but provided figures on the number of phones the FBI could not access last year.
- BIE: OPA – Media asked for FBI comment regarding an intelligence assessment concerning black identity extremists. OPA did not comment on the specific document but provided a general statement: "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."

Local Stories

- Albuquerque - Local CBS affiliate requested video connected to the FBI investigation of former New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department agent [REDACTED] who pleaded guilty to Hobbs Act extortion charges Friday. Reporter was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office, since the case is not fully adjudicated. At sentencing, which has not been set, [REDACTED] faces a statutory penalty of imprisonment for not more than 20 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 5:46 PM
To: NPO
Subject: OPA Horizon - 11/27/17

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The Horizon
Monday, November 27, 2017

National Issues

- **702 Domestic Prosecutions: OPA** - The Intercept inquired about the FBI and DOJ's use of Section 702 collection as evidence in criminal terrorism prosecutions. The outlet submitted several questions pertaining to NSA documents leaked by Edward Snowden. Per coordination with the IC and DOJ, OPA declined to comment.
- **NICS/Black Friday: CJIS** - Multiple reporters asked for the number of NICS background checks on Black Friday. CJIS' public affairs officer responded that the number of checks was 203,086, which set a new one day record.
- **BIE: OPA** - Media asked about meetings and conversations the Director reportedly is participating in regarding an intelligence product on Black Identity Extremists. OPA declined to comment.
- **FBI Top Story: OPA** - An Arkansas couple and several co-conspirators received prison time for stealing \$11 million in funds from a program intended to feed children from low-income families. Story link: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/feeding-program-fraud>
- **Human Trafficking: OPA** - An Italian journalist inquired about human trafficking networks in Europe and Africa. OPA declined to comment on specific questions but provided a statement about the FBI's role in combatting human trafficking here in the U.S.: "Human trafficking is among the most heinous crimes the Federal Bureau of Investigation seeks to combat. Together with our interagency and law enforcement partners, as well as our international partners, we work to investigate these crimes, rescue the victims, and deliver justice to the traffickers. For more information on what the FBI is doing to put an end to human trafficking, please visit: <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/human-trafficking>."

Local Stories

- **Albuquerque** - SAC Wade participated in a media announcement at the U.S. Attorney's Office to announce [redacted] [redacted] pleaded guilty in federal court in Albuquerque to wire fraud and money laundering charges. The case involves a fraudulent scheme to embezzle more than \$4.8 million from client trust accounts managed by Desert State Life Management (DSLML), a trust company [redacted] operated and controlled.
- **Chicago** - SA [redacted] was interviewed by a local TV station about virtual kidnappings.
- **Detroit** - ASAC [redacted] was interviewed by a local TV station regarding the 2016 Hate Crime Statistics report. He praised local LE agencies for their voluntarily participation, provided instructions on how to report a suspected hate crime, and discussed the importance of preserving potential evidence for investigative purposes.

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- Los Angeles - The USAO is expected to issue a press release today announcing a guilty plea by [redacted] [redacted] for her role in a multi-faceted scheme which collected more than \$50 million from foreign investors seeking "Green Cards" through the EB-5 visa program. [redacted] admitted that she exploited the EB-5 program, which provides lawful permanent residence to foreign nationals who invest at least \$500,000 in a domestic business that creates 10 new American jobs [redacted] admitted that much of the money collected from the primarily Chinese investors either was stolen by conspirators or was refunded to the foreign nationals. A/ADIC Los Angeles provided a quote for the press release.

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From: NPO
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 5:29 PM
To: NPO
Subject: OPA Horizon 11/29/17

The Horizon
Wednesday, November 29, 2017

National Issues

- Super Micro Supply Chain Attack: OPA – Bloomberg inquired about an alleged supply chain attack in 2015 that hit multiple U.S. companies via server motherboards manufactured in China and integrated into products sold by Super Micro Computer Inc. Bloomberg will report that the FBI, the NSA, and the CIA were involved in the investigation of this sophisticated attack, which affected as many as 30 U.S. companies, including Apple Inc. The story will also report that the U.S. government has attributed this attack to the PLA, and that among its goals was the theft of source code and commercial secrets from U.S. companies. OPA declined to comment.
- Black Caucus/BIE: OPA – Reporters asked about a meeting between Director Wray and members of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss a leaked intelligence assessment on Black Identity Extremists. OPA did not provide a comment, but the chairman of the caucus made a statement praising the Director’s transparency.
- FBI Radio: OPA - FBI Radio released a Wanted by the FBI podcast/vodcast in which a young daughter of Ten Most Wanted Fugitive Jesus Munguia tells him to turn himself in to authorities. Case agent [redacted] also speaks. Video shows photos of the fugitive, his estranged wife (the victim) and their four children. FBI, This Week also was released today and it tells the business community how to connect with the FBI through its private sector coordinators. UC [redacted] in the Office of Private Sector spoke about partnerships.
- Zodiac Killer: OPA – Tonight the History Channel will air part three of its five-episode documentary series “The Hunt for the Zodiac Killer.” This episode is titled “A New Code Uncovered” and looks at new ciphers related to the case.

Local Stories

- Charlotte - SSRA [redacted] participated in another news conference today with the Sheriff of Onslow County regarding a missing 3-year old.
- Detroit – Local media interviewed members of Detroit’s community outreach team as they helped organize clothing for Detroit’s largest coat drive for needy families. The FBI is working with the Detroit Police Department and Molina Healthcare on an event planned for Saturday. The goal is to outfit over 4,000 kids and adults with winter jackets.
- Los Angeles - [redacted] a longtime fugitive, was named today in a nine-count indictment that alleges he participated in a \$9 million loan fraud scheme that targeted Wells Fargo Bank. [redacted] is believed to be in Venezuela after fleeing the United States approximately eight years ago. Two alleged conspirators have pleaded guilty. A photograph of [redacted] will be issued with the USAO press release and anyone with information as to his whereabouts is directed to contact the FBI.
- Philadelphia – A 19th century Polish painting, looted during World War II and recovered in the Philadelphia area, was formally returned to Poland today. SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and SSA [redacted] from the Art Crime Team took part in the handover ceremony at the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage in Warsaw. PAO received local and national inquiries.
- Philadelphia – The so-called “godfather of payday lending” and his longtime lawyer were found guilty of racketeering conspiracy relating to payday lending businesses. [redacted] a multimillionaire former investment banker, was convicted on 17 counts, including fraud and money-laundering. He and co-defendant [redacted] participated in a conspiracy that violated the usury laws of Pennsylvania and other states, and

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 12:21 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: BIE

This is the latest.

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 11:38 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: BIE

This is still the latest, right?
I pinged Chad about the CBC meeting and he is supposed to drop by.

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:44 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: BIE

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From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:28 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Re: BIE

Thanks [redacted] I think what you have herein is well written.

I saw the SPLC article, and while we don't align the FBI's program with their organizational perspectives as a general rule, I did find it interesting their interpretation yielded some supportive points towards the end of the article - namely acknowledging the threat, which is the purest objective of the intel assessment.

Thank you for all of your efforts on this.

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

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/26/17 2:20 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: BIE

I talked to [redacted] earlier today and let him know we are floating a couple statements at our AD's request

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Southern Poverty wrote a rather scathing story about it today and the Associated Press is asking - [redacted]

So, for awareness. [redacted]

[redacted] However, I am going to wait until I hear back from the Mike before formally sending your way for input/approval.

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From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 12:58 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Re: BIE

[redacted] I am away on travel, but happy to chat around 530pm.

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----- Original message -----
From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/26/17 10:33 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: BIE

Do either of you have time for a quick call on BIE this morning?

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National Press Office
[redacted] (office)
[redacted] (mobile)

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:20 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: CBC

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My understanding was there was going to be some type of House brief, but not a specific CBC one. Not sure if that has changed and defer to Chad and Michael.

Thanks

Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
[redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: CBC

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Hello,

Has a briefing been set up for the CBC on the BIE intelligence assessment?

Thanks.

[redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:49 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Quick question for you re: black identity extremists

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:28 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Quick question for you re: black identity extremists

----- Original message -----
From: "Gurman, Sadie" [redacted]
Date: 10/26/17 1:26 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Quick question for you re: black identity extremists

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Hi, [redacted]

I hope you are well. I am sorry to hit you with a hodgepodge of questions but I am wondering if there is any chance you would confirm, even on background, that this document being circulated among Hill-types is truly an FBI document:
<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4067711/BIE-Redacted.pdf>

Looking for any direction you can provide.



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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI); Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: SPLC post on BIE

FYSA in case you haven't seen this

FBI 'Black Identity Extremists' report stirs controversy

October 25, 2017

As America continues to process the aftermath of white nationalist violence in Charlottesville, the nation's premiere law enforcement agency appears to be focused on yet another emerging terrorist threat — Black Identity Extremists, or BIE.

In August, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Counterterrorism Division released a law enforcement sensitive report entitled, "Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement." This report coincides with an SPLC article discussing the "Return of the Violent Black Nationalist," also released in August. Last week, Foreign Policy published an exclusive article about this FBI report and the controversy it created. Foreign Policy also released a copy of the report.

Although both the FBI report and SPLC article warn of increased violence by black nationalists in response to incidents of perceived police brutality against African-Americans, the FBI exclusively is taking some heat from historians, academics and former government officials for creating the new "BIE" term. Non-government experts are citing a wide-range of concerns related to this report; ranging from civil rights issues to political bias to institutional incompetence. After reviewing the FBI report, the SPLC agrees with these outside criticisms.

In the FBI's report, BIE is described as a conglomeration of black nationalists, black supremacists, and black separatists, among other disaffiliated racist individuals who are anti-police, anti-white, and/or seeking to rectify perceived social injustices against blacks. The FBI essentially merged these various black hate groups under one umbrella, giving it a new name, in the hopes of classifying these groups as an organized extremist movement. The SPLC does not endorse this unification characterization; rather, black nationalists are assessed as a loose-knit network of various hate groups, charismatic leaders, as well as unaffiliated individuals who may identify as black nationalists, but do not associate with black nationalist groups. The BIE term, however, is creating quite a stir due to its benign, confusing, and ethno-specific characterization. The SPLC objects to using the new term "black identity extremists" to describe violent black nationalists. It can be easily misconstrued as focusing on black activists (who are law-abiding and peaceful). Further, it may be offensive to those who merely "identify" themselves as "black" (due to their African heritage and ethnic pride) – equating such people to extremists.

Former U.S. government officials, academics, and legal experts point out that no such movement actually exists. Some claim coining the phrase "black identity extremists" may even be politically motivated. They say it might be a deliberate attempt by the Trump administration to divert attention away from the larger, more serious threat of white supremacists and other far-right extremists. Earlier this year,

President Donald Trump changed the Department of Homeland Security's "Countering Violent Extremism" (CVE) program to exclusively focus on Muslim terrorism at the expense of other viable terrorist threats. Trump also reportedly rescinded funding to CVE programs, such as Life After Hate, which are focused on countering violent white supremacy and inspiring individuals to leave hate groups.

Although Black Lives Matter is not specifically mentioned by name in the FBI report, BLM spokespersons have previously voiced concerns over possible FBI surveillance of their activities. And the BIE term likely gives them pause.

"There is a long tradition of the FBI targeting black activists and this [i.e. the new FBI report] is not surprising," DeRay McKesson told Foreign Policy.

Mike German, a former FBI agent now working as a fellow for the Liberty and National Security Program and the Brennan Center for Justice, told Foreign Policy, "The use of terms like 'black identity extremist' is part of a long-standing FBI attempt to define a movement where none exists."

Historians and academics further state that the new BIE phrase harkens back to the FBI's decades-long targeting of black civil rights activists as potential radicals during the 1960s and 1970s. Others also expressed privacy and civil rights concerns with using such a vague phrase as BIE.

David Garrow, a historian who wrote a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., told Foreign Policy, "The FBI's desire to identify a unifying ideological underpinning to what is often individual violent acts is not surprising."

"Security agencies want to perceive a threat that is political, a threat that's ideological," Garrow also said, "but what we're actually witnessing is men, almost entirely men, acting out in violent criminal ways and grasping at some chimera of political justification."

The FBI reportedly defended its tracking of "black identity extremists," to Foreign Policy stating 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." Nevertheless, the FBI's new term can easily be misinterpreted to mean something more menacing.

No one will ever know if the FBI's BIE report is representative of mere government incompetence, ethnic insensitivity, or devious political diversion. Regardless, the report's underlying message of a rising violent black nationalist threat targeting law enforcement and white civilians has some merit. The mass shooting attacks in Dallas, Baton Rouge, Fresno, and Antioch (among others) clearly illustrate this point. Nevertheless, the FBI's attempt to lump various, disparate black extremists together under one umbrella movement does not appear factual. And, it may actually inflate the threat from violent black nationalists at the expense of other, larger, and more serious domestic extremist movements within the U.S., such as white supremacy and sovereign citizens which number in the hundreds of thousands of members.

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:31 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: BIE

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I have not heard anything back as of yet.

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (SE) (FBI) [redacted] Halvorsen,
Christine A. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: BIE

See revised draft talkers below which are based upon Michael's feedback and a conversation with Chris. Let me know if they capture the overarching issue in relation to BIE. Feel free to edit.

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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:22 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: BIE

I made one minor edit in the first bullet. [redacted]

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So, could we say something like [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Or if that is too specific, something more general.

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

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

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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: BIE

What is a good time to talk? All that I have on the calendar is a 10:00

From: Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 6:57 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: BIE

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Can we discuss this tomorrow?

Chris

From: [redacted] (SE) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: BIE

Chris,

Per our conversation this afternoon, please see below:

Have a great week!

[redacted]

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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

[redacted]

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. [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:52 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: BIE

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Input from DT.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

[redacted] office
[redacted] cell
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From: "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/24/17 5:43 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted] (SE) (FBI)"
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[redacted] Just a few clarifying points of context:

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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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(DO) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: BIE

Mike - [Redacted] As soon as they get back to me I will let you know. [Redacted]

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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:38 PM
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Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: BIE
Attachments: BIE Intelligence Assessment Aug-2017.pdf

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I am also attaching the document that leaked out.

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:27 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."

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From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 1:56 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: CBC letter
Attachments: CBC letter on BIE.pdf

[Redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 12:36 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: My first write up for additional BIE / Intel Assessment statement

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National Press Office
Desk: [Redacted]
Cell: [Redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [redacted] domestic terrorism movements
Attachments: [redacted]

FYSA,
Halvorsen is supposed to talk about the BIE assessment with NOBLE on Friday morning. She participated in the conference call with the group last week.
Brian Murphy sent NOBLE [redacted] regarding other groups to add context.

-----Original Message-----

From: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:21 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); [redacted] Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
[redacted] Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] domestic terrorism movements

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[redacted]
Here are the [redacted] mentioned on the call last week. All the [redacted] Please provide to NOBLE members as you see fit. All documents are unclassified and for law enforcement personnel only.

Thanks

Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:16 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Director Qs

Approved for use! Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:52 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Director Qs

Would you see if CT will clear the below response?

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Confirmed

FYSA,

DAD Halvorsen will meet with NOBLE about the BIE assessment. There was a phone call with the group last week and a number of the members had not seen the actual document, just some inaccurate news coverage.

-----Original Message-----

From: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Confirmed

Christine

You are confirmed with NOBLE on Friday, Oct 20 at 0900 hrs. The Director is scheduled for 1030 hrs that same day. My folks will coordinate with [redacted] on the 5 Ws.

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Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy
O [redacted]
C [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI);
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OPE) (FBI);
[redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD)
(FBI); Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry - LOCATION

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Michael

As a follow through from yesterday, we want to provide [redacted]
[redacted] Let me know if this is still viable.

Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy
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C [redacted]

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From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:32 AM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); [redacted] Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (OPE) (FBI); [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry - LOCATION

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Thank you again for all of the help this morning.

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From: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI); [redacted] Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (OPE) (FBI); [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry - LOCATION

All,
Change of meeting and call location.

The 0930 hrs pre-meet and 1000 hrs call will take place in SIOC breakout room D.

Thanks

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SSA [Redacted]
[Redacted] - Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI - Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [Redacted] Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (OPE) (FBI) [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI)
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry

All,
The call with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE) is scheduled for today at 1000 hrs EST time. The call in number is as follows:

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We are scheduling a pre-call coordination meeting at 0930 hrs on the 11th floor, room, 11189.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thanks

[Redacted]

SSA [Redacted]
[Redacted] - Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI - Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:44 PM

To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI)

Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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Folks

We are confirming with NOBLE, but it will likely be at 10am tomorrow. The bu team should plan on getting on the call in number 30 min prior. We will provide the dial in info.

Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy

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C [redacted]

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

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:38 PM

To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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I should be done by 5:30pm. I could also do 9am.

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From: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:36 PM

To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

All,

Thanks for the quick turnaround. Let me reach out to NOBLE and identify the best time for this call. How long is your 5:00 pm call today?

If not today, what about 9:00 am tomorrow morning?

I will set up the call and provide the dial in number

Thanks

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SSA [Redacted]
[Redacted] - Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI – Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [Redacted] Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry

Do you have time to jump on a quick call before your 5p?

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From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Thorley, Charles A. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry

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Yes. I have concurrence. I can do the call this evening. Let me know when is a good time. I have another call at 5pm.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:55 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [Redacted]
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Thorley,
Charles A. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry

Michael

Any decision on this? We are hitting a potential tipping point.

Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy

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To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
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[redacted] Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Adding Chad and Brian.

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To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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Thanks very much

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Will keep you updated

SSA [redacted]
[redacted] - Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI - Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [redacted]

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:30 AM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
[redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Thanks [redacted] I appreciate the heads-up. The coverage of the assessment has been unfortunate and most of the media have taken the information out of context.

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Updated statement for BIE inquiries

Mike and [redacted]

DAD Halvorsen suggested a brief addition to the statement [redacted] sent yesterday.

Are you okay with this as the final?

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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 3:28 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Updated statement for BIE inquiries

I am good with this version.

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FBI Office of Public Affairs

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[redacted] mobile

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 3:27 PM
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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); Halvorsen, Christine A. (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Proposed statement on BIE inquiries

This morning DAD Halvorsen proposed adding a few additional words to our proposed statement. Please let us know if this works for all of you:

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Thank you.

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FBI National Press Office
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[Redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:32 AM
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Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [Redacted] (OPE) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry - LOCATION

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Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [Redacted] [Redacted] (OPE) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry - LOCATION

All,
Change of meeting and call location.

The 0930 hrs pre-meet and 1000 hrs call will take place in SIOC breakout room D.

Thanks

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SSA [Redacted]
[Redacted] - Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI – Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [Redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [Redacted] [Redacted] (OPE) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] BIE Inquiry

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- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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Section Chief
Office of Partner Engagement
Brian Murphy

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

[redacted] (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)

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

[redacted] (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (OIO) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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

Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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

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Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Michael

Any decision on this? We are hitting a potential tipping point.

Section Chief

Office of Partner Engagement

Brian Murphy

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Your call with NOBLE is a different matter.
Apologies.

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All,
Thanks for the quick turnaround. Let me reach out to NOBLE and identify the best time for this call.
How long is your 5:00 pm call today?

If not today, what about 9:00 am tomorrow morning?

I will set up the call and provide the dial in number

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We'd like to see what you suggest and we'll discuss it with AD Kortan. I think he would like us to be well informed here at OPA but provide only a fairly short statement to the media. At any rate, we'll definitely hang tight until we hear back from you.

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Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Hi [redacted] I'm actually in the process of getting some more detailed language on the change to BIE approved for you guys to use. Can you hang tight until later today?

Thanks,

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:57 PM
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Sir,

Could you take a look at this language when you have a moment? [redacted]

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Best,

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Mike - see below for a pared down statement for consideration:

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:47 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Foreign Policy Magazine

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I like it. [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

I can share some internal talking points prepared for the DD and the DAG, via red-side.

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Hello,

Would it be possible to speak with you for a few minutes to get a better understanding of how and why the name changed? If any talking points have been developed for this it would be good to see those as well.

If members of the Black Caucus talk about the issue we may have to provide some sort of response.

[redacted] is out of the office this morning but UC [redacted] and I are here.

Thank you.

[redacted]
FBI National Press Office
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:30 AM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
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Subject: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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Thanks

[redacted]

SSA [redacted]
[redacted] Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI – Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:48 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue
Attachments: ia-17_000_530-ctd-20170803a-ules.pdf

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From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2017 8:23 PM
To: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
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Subject: Re: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

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Was the report disseminated via SIR?

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----- Original message -----
From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/7/17 7:57 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)"

[redacted] "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]

Subject: Re: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

Foreign policy magazine got a hold of the below report and wrote a story, which misconstrued the info. I don't have a copy but I can track one down on Tuesday.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers, and dated 3 August 2017.

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[redacted] National Press Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation

[redacted] office
[redacted] cell
@FBI

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

From: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]

Date: 10/7/17 7:33 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)" [redacted] "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]

Subject: Re: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

Copy that/thanks Brian.

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

From: "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)" [redacted]

Date: 10/7/17 5:51 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]

Subject: Fwd: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

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

From: "Cook, Steven H. (ODAG)" [redacted]

Date: 10/7/17 6:42 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)"

[redacted]

Subject: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

I just received a call from [redacted] at the FOP. CNN contacted him for a comment on what they described as a July 17 FBI report on "Black identity Extremists" who present a danger to law enforcement. The FOP is making no comment because they have not heard of this report. But [redacted] expects to hear from members about why there had been no briefing of local law enforcement if there was an identified threat. I don't know if you want to reach out to him or if you know anything to tell him. Just an FYI.

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Steve

Steven H. Cook

Associate Deputy Attorney General
Director of Office of Law Enforcement Liaison
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20530-0001

[redacted]

Office: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:47 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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This was the original inquiry

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FBI Office of Public Affairs

[redacted] office
[redacted] mobile

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
[redacted]
Subject: FW: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Good Afternoon,

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Foreign Policy has inquired about a CTD intelligence report regarding domestic terrorism. In particular they are interested in the use of the term "Black Identity Separatist" in the report. They have a source advising them that this is a new term, it is unique to the FBI and essentially suggest it is a racist term in and of itself. [redacted] and FP asks about this. There are further questions in the email below.

Please note that the reporter, Jana Winter, formerly of Fox News and of the Intercept continues to receive FBI JIBs and other FOUO-documents. I'd be interested in the distribution list for this particular document, whether it was widely distributed like JIBs or an internal FBI-only document. Their source seems to have some knowledge of DT groups.

Thank you,

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 2:50 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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Hi [redacted]

Thanks again for your quick turnaround on the previous article. On a completely separate subject, Jana Winter and I are working on an article about a report out of the FBI's counterterrorism division about "black identity extremists."

The document is titled "(U//~~FOUO~~) Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers, and dated 3 August 2017.

While Jana and I are both fairly cautious about making a big deal out of these sorts of documents, this particular report did strike us as unusual, and we discussed it with a number of people, to include former FBI and DHS officials, and they had a similar reaction. Pretty much everyone we consulted was concerned about the use of the term "Black Identity Extremist," as both not meaningful in a law enforcement context (since no such movement exists), and potentially racist, since it groups together people based mostly on the fact that they are African-American.

To the point, I know that the FBI doesn't usually comment on the substance of these reports, but we would encourage the bureau to consider engaging us on this one, particularly because our sources raised a number of pointed questions and concerns about the report's language and assumptions.

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Best,

Sharon

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:38 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Copy,
Thanks very much

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Will keep you updated

SSA [redacted]
[redacted] - Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI - Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [redacted]

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:30 AM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
[redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Thanks [redacted] I appreciate the heads-up. The coverage of the assessment has been unfortunate and most of the media have taken the information out of context.

We will await any update from you but will start considering if we need to issue a statement.

Adding [redacted] and [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:14 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]

Subject: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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Thanks

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SSA [redacted]

[redacted] Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI – Office of Partner Engagement

Mobile: [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:36 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

Did we get a copy of that assessment?

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:30 AM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
[redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:14 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] BIE Inquiry

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[redacted] Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI – Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:14 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
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SSA [redacted]
[redacted] Strategic Engagement Unit (SEU) FBI – Office of Partner Engagement
Mobile: [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (ME) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 7:54 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Memphis Field Office

[redacted] Desk
[redacted] Cell
[redacted] Fax
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/8/17 6:53 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: [redacted] (ME) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

[redacted]

No worries. See email string below for a couple inquiries we received. We provided no comment on the report but did provide some background info to the reporter.

Feel free to cut and paste [redacted] response to Foreign Policy magazine.

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Let me know if you need anything else.

[redacted]

[redacted] National Press Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation

[redacted] office
[redacted] cell
@FBI

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

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/6/17 2:02 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: RE: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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This line from my statement directly addresses the criticism from the unnamed former DHS official. Maybe you should include this to address his/her criticism. No name for him/her, by the way?

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.

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Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 11:09 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Thanks [redacted] We really appreciate this. We've been holding off on publication, so will include this.

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

[redacted]

On 10/6/17, 10:55 AM, [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:

Sharon/Jana,

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.

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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.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:36 AM

To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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[redacted]

I do know that Las Vegas has you occupied, so I'm still holding this story for FBI comment. But we will publish this very soon if we don't hear anything.

We would definitely update if you got us something later.

Best,

Sharon

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

[redacted]

On 10/5/17, 3:59 PM, [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

I'm sorry you dismiss what you describe as "boiler plate language" but it may help to explain to your readership some of the limits appropriately placed upon investigative agencies by the Constitution, Congress and the Judicial Branch. I'll see what I can do by 10:30 am. No guarantees.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 3:33 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Can I ask a frank question: does FBI plan to substantively engage the individual questions with on-the-record statements? If so, and if you need to additional time to get those, then yes, we'll give additional time, because we believe that input is important. If what we're going to get back is a boiler plate statement, then we'll stick with 10:30.

I am sympathetic on the limits you may have to engage on these documents, so I'm asking for a good faith answer on what we should expect by way of comment.

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Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

[redacted]

On 10/5/17, 3:25 PM, [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

I'm unaware of any competitive inquiry, so I wonder what the rush is?

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 3:16 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Hi [redacted]

Jana and I discussed this, and we get you're overwhelmed with Las Vegas and want to accommodate, but don't think we can't do 24 hours. We can do 10:30 am tomorrow. Hopefully that helps?

Sharon

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy
[redacted]

On 10/5/17, 3:09 PM, [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:

Sharon,

Can I request a 24-hour extension? I am also handling the Las Vegas matter as you know and have been focused almost exclusively on that today. We want to respond to some of your underlying questions but I just have not had time to turn to this.

I appreciate your understanding. We aren't ignoring you, just overwhelmed. (My counterpart who assists me chose a great week to take a vacation!)

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk [redacted]
Cell [redacted]

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Cc: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: August dissemination
Attachments: ia-17_000_530-ctd-20170803a-ules.pdf

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Attached is a product the FBI disseminated in August to the SLTT community. It was sent via LEEP and email lists. It was documenting our redefinition of “Black Separatist Extremism,” to broaden it beyond simply those seeking “separatism”.

Thanks and let me know if there is more you may need on this.

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2017 8:23 PM
To: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue
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From: Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2017 8:03 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Re: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

Michael
Was the report disseminated via SIR?

----- Original message -----
From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/7/17 7:57 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)"
[redacted] "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Re: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

Foreign policy magazine got a hold of the below report and wrote a story, which misconstrued the info. I don't have a copy but I can track one down on Tuesday.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers, and dated 3 August 2017.

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[redacted] National Press Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation

[redacted] office
[redacted] cell
@FBI

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

From: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/7/17 7:33 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Re: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

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Copy that/thanks Brian.

[redacted]

FYSA...

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

From: "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 10/7/17 5:51 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

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

From: "Cook, Steven H. (ODAG)" [redacted]
Date: 10/7/17 6:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Murphy, Brian J. (OPE) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Law Enforcement Liaison Issue

I just received a call from [redacted] at the FOP. CNN contacted him for a comment on what they described as a July 17 FBI report on "Black identity Extremists" who present a danger to law enforcement. The FOP is making no comment because they have not heard of this report. But [redacted] expects to hear from members about why there had been no briefing of local law enforcement if there was an identified threat. I don't know if you want to reach out to him or if you know anything to tell him. Just an FYI.

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Steve

Steven H. Cook
Associate Deputy Attorney General
Director of Office of Law Enforcement Liaison
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20530-0001

[redacted]

Office: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Sharon Weinberger
Cc: Jana Winter
Subject: RE: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

This line from my statement directly addresses the criticism from the unnamed former DHS official. Maybe you should include this to address his/her criticism. No name for him/her, by the way?

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.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 11:09 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Thanks [redacted] We really appreciate this. We've been holding off on publication, so will include this.

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

[redacted]

On 10/6/17, 10:55 AM, [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:

Sharon/Jana,

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.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office

Desk: [Redacted]

Cell: [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [Redacted]

Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:36 AM

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

Cc: Jana Winter [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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[Redacted]

I do know that Las Vegas has you occupied, so I'm still holding this story for FBI comment. But we will publish this very soon if we don't hear anything.

We would definitely update if you got us something later.

Best,

Sharon

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

[Redacted]

On 10/5/17, 3:59 PM, [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] wrote:

I'm sorry you dismiss what you describe as "boiler plate language" but it may help to explain to your readership some of the limits appropriately placed upon investigative agencies by the Constitution, Congress and the Judicial Branch. I'll see what I can do by 10:30 am. No guarantees.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 3:33 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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Can I ask a frank question: does FBI plan to substantively engage the individual questions with on-the-record statements? If so, and if you need to additional time to get those, then yes, we'll give additional time, because we believe that input is important. If what we're going to get back is a boiler plate statement, then we'll stick with 10:30.

I am sympathetic on the limits you may have to engage on these documents, so I'm asking for a good faith answer on what we should expect by way of comment.

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

[redacted]

On 10/5/17, 3:25 PM, [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

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I'm unaware of any competitive inquiry, so I wonder what the rush is?

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 3:16 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [redacted]
Subject: Re: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Hi [redacted]

Jana and I discussed this, and we get you're overwhelmed with Las Vegas and want to accommodate, but don't think we can't do 24 hours. We can do 10:30 am tomorrow. Hopefully that helps?

Sharon

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

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[REDACTED]

On 10/5/17, 3:09 PM, "[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:

Sharon,

Can I request a 24-hour extension? I am also handling the Las Vegas matter as you know and have been focused almost exclusively on that today. We want to respond to some of your underlying questions but I just have not had time to turn to this.

I appreciate your understanding. We aren't ignoring you, just overwhelmed. (My counterpart who assists me chose a great week to take a vacation!)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk: [REDACTED]
Cell [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 2:50 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Jana Winter [REDACTED]
Subject: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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Hi [REDACTED]

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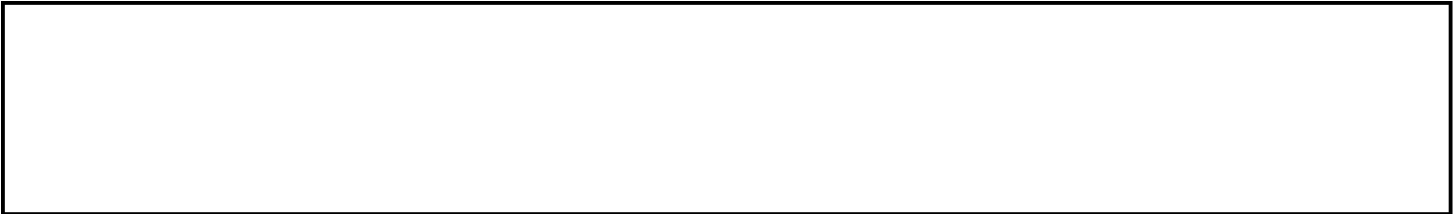
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enforcement context (since no such movement exists), and potentially racist, since it groups together people based mostly on the fact that they are African-American.

To the point, I know that the FBI doesn't usually comment on the substance of these reports, but we would encourage the bureau to consider engaging us on this one, particularly because our sources raised a number of pointed questions and concerns about the report's language and assumptions.

We would welcome an interview with an appropriate official to discuss the concerns that were raised with us, though in the absence of that, here are specific questions:

1) Where is the term "black identity extremist" from and when? This appears to be an FBI creation, and does not exist prior to a few months ago, so far as we can see. Does anyone actually identify as a "black identity extremist"? And if not, why is this term useful in a law enforcement context?



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3) One of the concerns raised by people we spoke with is the report, and the term BIE, lumps together groups that have little to do with each other. For example, a black separatist or Moorish sovereign citizen may have nothing to do with someone who is opposed to police abuses. A related concern was that the document appears to link current groups back historically, to the Black Panthers, yet there is no clear connection. Does FBI have a response to this concern?

4) Another concern is that such a report could lead to profiling and civil rights abuses. The main underlying factor, after all, is that someone is black and angry about police abuse.

If possible, we'd like to have feedback by COB Thursday, though as always, we're willing to consider more time, particularly if it's to get substantive feedback.

Best,

Sharon

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:02 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Proposed response for FP.

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Looks good to me. I know that language has been approved by our execs multiple times.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 9:54 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: Proposed response for FP.

I am good with the below response.

[redacted]

National Press Office
FBI Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 9:46 AM
To: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Proposed response for FP.

[redacted]

Below is my proposed response for FP. I agree with [redacted] sentiments last night that the story is likely written and no amount of debate will change their minds. Below is previously approved language threaded into an email to describe our DT program. I am pasting the email from FP beneath my signature for review. Thanks!

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[Redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk: [Redacted]
Cell: [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Weinberger [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 2:50 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: Jana Winter [Redacted]
Subject: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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Hi [Redacted]

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Best,

Sharon

[Redacted]

(DO) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 5:26 PM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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Hey [Redacted]

Can you give me a call when you get a sec?

Thanks!

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Paul, Michael F. (CTD) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [Redacted]
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI); [Redacted] (CTD) (FBI)
[Redacted]
Subject: FW: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

Good Afternoon,

Foreign Policy has inquired about a CTD intelligence report regarding domestic terrorism. In particular they are interested in the use of the term "Black Identity Separatist" in the report. They have a source advising them that this is a new term, it is unique to the FBI and essentially suggest it is a racist term in and of itself. [Redacted] and FP asks about this. There are further questions in the email below.

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Please note that the reporter, Jana Winter, formerly of Fox News and of the Intercept continues to receive FBI JIBs and other FOUO-documents. I'd be interested in the distribution list for this particular document, whether it was widely distributed like JIBs or an internal FBI-only document. Their source seems to have some knowledge of DT groups.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk: [Redacted]
Cell: [Redacted]

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Sharon

NPO

From: NPO
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 5:29 PM
To: NPO
Subject: OPA Horizon 11/29/17

The Horizon
Wednesday, November 29, 2017

National Issues

- **Super Micro Supply Chain Attack: OPA** – Bloomberg inquired about an alleged supply chain attack in 2015 that hit multiple U.S. companies via server motherboards manufactured in China and integrated into products sold by Super Micro Computer Inc. Bloomberg will report that the FBI, the NSA, and the CIA were involved in the investigation of this sophisticated attack, which affected as many as 30 U.S. companies, including Apple Inc. The story will also report that the U.S. government has attributed this attack to the PLA, and that among its goals was the theft of source code and commercial secrets from U.S. companies. OPA declined to comment.
- **Black Caucus/BIE: OPA** – Reporters asked about a meeting between Director Wray and members of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss a leaked intelligence assessment on Black Identity Extremists. OPA did not provide a comment, but the chairman of the caucus made a statement praising the Director's transparency.
- **FBI Radio: OPA** - FBI Radio released a Wanted by the FBI podcast/vodcast in which a young daughter of Ten Most Wanted Fugitive Jesus Munguia tells him to turn himself in to authorities. Case agent [redacted] also speaks. Video shows photos of the fugitive, his estranged wife (the victim) and their four children. FBI, This Week also was released today and it tells the business community how to connect with the FBI through its private sector coordinators. UC [redacted] in the Office of Private Sector spoke about partnerships.
- **Zodiac Killer: OPA** – Tonight the History Channel will air part three of its five-episode documentary series "The Hunt for the Zodiac Killer." This episode is titled "A New Code Uncovered" and looks at new ciphers related to the case.

Local Stories

- **Charlotte** - SSRA [redacted] participated in another news conference today with the Sheriff of Onslow County regarding a missing 3-year old.
- **Detroit** – Local media interviewed members of Detroit's community outreach team as they helped organize clothing for Detroit's largest coat drive for needy families. The FBI is working with the Detroit Police Department and Molina Healthcare on an event planned for Saturday. The goal is to outfit over 4,000 kids and adults with winter jackets.
- **Los Angeles** - [redacted] a longtime fugitive, was named today in a nine-count indictment that alleges he participated in a \$9 million loan fraud scheme that targeted Wells Fargo Bank. [redacted] is believed to be in Venezuela after fleeing the United States approximately eight years ago. Two alleged conspirators have pleaded guilty. A photograph of [redacted] will be issued with the USAO press release and anyone with information as to his whereabouts is directed to contact the FBI.
- **Philadelphia** – A 19th century Polish painting, looted during World War II and recovered in the Philadelphia area, was formally returned to Poland today. SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and SSA [redacted] from the Art Crime Team took part in the handover ceremony at the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage in Warsaw. PAO received local and national inquiries.
- **Philadelphia** – The so-called "godfather of payday lending" and his longtime lawyer were found guilty of racketeering conspiracy relating to payday lending businesses. [redacted] a multimillionaire former investment banker, was convicted on 17 counts, including fraud and money-laundering. He and co-defendant [redacted] participated in a conspiracy that violated the usury laws of Pennsylvania and other states, and

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From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 5:46 PM
To: NPO
Subject: OPA Horizon - 11/27/17

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The Horizon
Monday, November 27, 2017

National Issues

- 702 Domestic Prosecutions: OPA - The Intercept inquired about the FBI and DOJ's use of Section 702 collection as evidence in criminal terrorism prosecutions. The outlet submitted several questions pertaining to NSA documents leaked by Edward Snowden. Per coordination with the IC and DOJ, OPA declined to comment.
- NICS/Black Friday: CJIS - Multiple reporters asked for the number of NICS background checks on Black Friday. CJIS' public affairs officer responded that the number of checks was 203,086, which set a new one day record.
- BIE: OPA - Media asked about meetings and conversations the Director reportedly is participating in regarding an intelligence product on Black Identity Extremists. OPA declined to comment.
- FBI Top Story: OPA - An Arkansas couple and several co-conspirators received prison time for stealing \$11 million in funds from a program intended to feed children from low-income families. Story link: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/feeding-program-fraud>
- Human Trafficking: OPA - An Italian journalist inquired about human trafficking networks in Europe and Africa. OPA declined to comment on specific questions but provided a statement about the FBI's role in combatting human trafficking here in the U.S.: "Human trafficking is among the most heinous crimes the Federal Bureau of Investigation seeks to combat. Together with our interagency and law enforcement partners, as well as our international partners, we work to investigate these crimes, rescue the victims, and deliver justice to the traffickers. For more information on what the FBI is doing to put an end to human trafficking, please visit: <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/human-trafficking>."

Local Stories

- Albuquerque - SAC Wade participated in a media announcement at the U.S. Attorney's Office to announce [REDACTED] pleaded guilty in federal court in Albuquerque to wire fraud and money laundering charges. The case involves a fraudulent scheme to embezzle more than \$4.8 million from client trust accounts managed by Desert State Life Management (DSLM), a trust company [REDACTED] operated and controlled.
- Chicago - SA [REDACTED] was interviewed by a local TV station about virtual kidnappings.
- Detroit - ASAC [REDACTED] was interviewed by a local TV station regarding the 2016 Hate Crime Statistics report. He praised local LE agencies for their voluntarily participation, provided instructions on how to report a suspected hate crime, and discussed the importance of preserving potential evidence for investigative purposes.

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NPO

From: Aaron Morrison [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 11:34 AM
To: NPO
Subject: INFORMATION REQUEST: FBI director's meetings with black law enforcement group

Hello,

I just had a conversation with [redacted] of the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives. He tells me his group has had conversations with Director Wray about the bureau's "Black Identity Extremists" memo.

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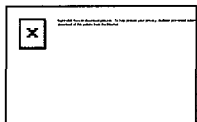
I'd like to confirm that those conversations with Director Wray took place and that the director expressed concerns with the content of the BIE memo.

I'd also like to confirm a report that the director will meet this week with members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

I have a 3:00pm ET deadline today.

My cell number is [redacted] if someone need to reach me.

Sincerely,
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Senior Staff Writer, *The Movement*
Aaron Morrison

[@aaronlmorrison](#) [redacted]

NPO

From: NPO
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:02 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: "The G-Man Interviews: Black Identity Extremists (An FBI Official Sets the Record Straight)"

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From: Gary Glennell Toms [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 11:51 AM
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>
Subject: "The G-Man Interviews: Black Identity Extremists (An FBI Official Sets the Record Straight)"

The FBI's New U.S. Terrorist Threat: 'Black Identity Extremists'

Law enforcement calls it a violent movement. Critics call it racist.

Excerpt: *"As white supremacists prepared to descend on Charlottesville, Virginia, in August, the FBI warned about a new movement that was violent, growing, and racially motivated. Only it wasn't white supremacists; it was "black identity extremists."*

"Amid a rancorous debate over whether the Trump administration has downplayed the threat posed by white supremacist groups, the FBI's counterterrorism division has declared that black identity extremists pose a growing threat of premeditated violence against law enforcement."

Question

Would it be possible to have a spokesperson from the bureau appear on my show to discuss this matter in greater detail? There is a great deal of speculation on the Internet about what this directive means for members of the Black community. Moreover, the report is extremely vague in its categorization of BIE. "The G-Man Interviews" wants to set the record straight and dispel rumors by going straight to the source.

If possible, I would like to conduct the interview on October 23rd, 24th or 25th. I would email the call-in number and access code for my show. The interview would be 15 to 25 minutes.

My Background

"From The G-Man" (my news site) and "The G-Man Interviews" (my YouTube interview series) are independent news and information sources based in Harlem, New York.

I conduct exclusive interviews with celebrities, community activists, foreign policy experts, and political/social figures, to

name a few. My sources of information include the White House Press Office, federal, state and local agencies and officials, the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo, and the New York State Senate, to name a few.

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/GaryTheGmanToms/videos>
<http://theawakenin2.wix.com/the-gman>
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/gary-glennell-toms/31/347/48a>

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From: Gary Glennell Toms [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 11:51 AM
To: NPO
Subject: "The G-Man Interviews: Black Identity Extremists (An FBI Official Sets the Record Straight)"

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The FBI's New U.S. Terrorist Threat: 'Black Identity Extremists'

Law enforcement calls it a violent movement. Critics call it racist.

Excerpt: *"As white supremacists prepared to descend on Charlottesville, Virginia, in August, the FBI warned about a new movement that was violent, growing, and racially motivated. Only it wasn't white supremacists; it was "black identity extremists."*

"Amid a rancorous debate over whether the Trump administration has downplayed the threat posed by white supremacist groups, the FBI's counterterrorism division has declared that black identity extremists pose a growing threat of premeditated violence against law enforcement."

Question

Would it be possible to have a spokesperson from the bureau appear on my show to discuss this matter in greater detail? There is a great deal of speculation on the Internet about what this directive means for members of the Black community. Moreover, the report is extremely vague in its categorization of BIE. "The G-Man Interviews" wants to set the record straight and dispel rumors by going straight to the source.

If possible, I would like to conduct the interview on October 23rd, 24th or 25th. I would email the call-in number and access code for my show. The interview would be 15 to 25 minutes.

My Background

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:38 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: 3rd Request for phone interview..Fw: Fwd: Request for phone interview
Attachments: BIE-Redacted.pdf

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On Monday, October 16, 2017 11:22 AM, Charlene Muhammad [redacted] wrote:

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Follow up request...

Story due this Wed 5 pm EST.

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Date: October 11, 2017 at 6:49:36 PM PDT
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Reply-To: charlene muhammad [redacted]

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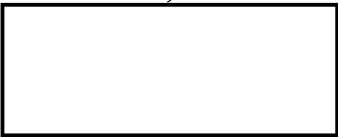
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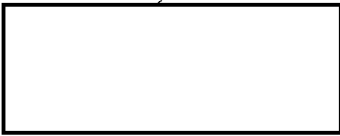
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I'll decline.

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From: NPO
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:34 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Urgent: Guardian inquiry RE Black Identity Extremists

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From: Sam Levin [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 6:32 PM
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>; [redacted] (LV) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Urgent: Guardian inquiry RE Black Identity Extremists

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Sam Levin
Reporter
Guardian News & Media

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From: Amber Randall [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 4:46 PM
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry about Black Identity Extremists Document

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Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 5:44 PM
To: NPO
Cc: Jana Winter
Subject: FW: Queries on article about "black Identity extremists"

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Good Afternoon,

Forwarding this to the main account in case [redacted] is not available. Please include Jana Winter, CC'ed above, on any replies.

Thank you,

Sharon Weinberger
Executive Editor, News
Foreign Policy

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On 10/4/17, 2:49 PM, "Sharon Weinberger" [redacted] wrote:

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Hi [redacted]

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4) Another concern is that such a report could lead to profiling and civil rights abuses. The main underlying factor, after all, is that someone is black and angry about police abuse.

If possible, we'd like to have feedback by COB Thursday, though as always, we're willing to consider more time, particularly if it's to get substantive feedback.

Best,

Sharon

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Paul Michael E. (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
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Please note that the reporter, Jana Winter, formerly of Fox News and of the Intercept continues to receive FBI JIBs and other FOUO-documents. I'd be interested in the distribution list for this particular document, whether it was widely distributed like JIBs or an internal FBI-only document. Their source seems to have some knowledge of DT groups.

Thank you,

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Press Office
Desk: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

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4) Another concern is that such a report could lead to profiling and civil rights abuses. The main underlying factor, after all, is that someone is black and angry about police abuse.

If possible, we’d like to have feedback by COB Thursday, though as always, we’re willing to consider more time, particularly if it’s to get substantive feedback.

Best,

Sharon

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Folks,

Over the last few weeks OPL worked closely with OJD to communicate to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) partners the purpose and intent behind the Black Identity Extremist product. A series of calls and a meeting in Philadelphia with the Director and the NOBLE Board resulted in an effective understanding of why we produced the product and an appreciation by NOBLE for our collective communication efforts. NOBLE is now requesting a follow-up meeting in Atlanta with the Director next month to extend the dialogue to a broader set of advocacy groups; I also understand that the Black Congressional Caucus has requested a hill briefing.

The focus of these future discussions have far broader policy implications than OPL's mission set. OPE remains committed to engaging in thoughtful dialogue with NOBLE on this issue but I'd like to defer to the collective group on who has the lead on this important discussion and ensure its raised to high enough a level in the organization.

Thanks.

Kerry

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Good evening,

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Per [redacted] earlier request, attached are the talking points on Black Identity Extremism to be used for your background. These were written for a briefing with the AG this morning.

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Thanks,

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