

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 12, 2019

Case No. F-2018-03781 Segments: VO-001IC1, VO-002IC2, VO-003

Hugh Handeyside American Civil Liberties Union Foundation 125 Broad Street – 18<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10004

Dear Mr. Handeyside:

I refer to our letter dated August 1, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed 39 documents responsive to your request. We have determined 2 documents may be released in full, 22 documents released in part, and 15 documents must be withheld in full. The processing of your request is ongoing.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Elizabeth Tulis, Trial Attorney, at <u>elizabeth.tulis@usdoj.gov</u> or (202) 514-9237. Please refer to the case number, F-2018-03781, and the civil action number, 19-cv-00290 in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman Deputy Director Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.



#### The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

#### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
  - 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
  - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

#### Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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September 22, 2016

# **INFO MEMO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOND – CA**

FROM: CA/VO – Edward Ramotowski

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Cleared:	CA/VO: KKing CA/VO/L/R: TBeaumont CA/VO/L/R: MHerndon CA/VO/SAC: BSnyder CA/VO/SAC: MParker CA/VO/F: JNantais CA/VO/F: MMcEvoy CA/FPP: SAshby, Acting CA/P: Sharper	ok ok ok ok ok ok ok ok	
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RELEASE IN PART B6, B7(E) United States Department of State

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services

Washington, D.C. 20520

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July 22, 2016

# **INFORMATION MEMO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOND - CA**

FROM: CA/VO – Edward J. Ramotowski CA/FPP – Josh Glazeroff

Fascinating, Hanks. Planned next steps?

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	CA/R – JBrennan	ok
	CA/EX – ABaskette	ok
	CA/EX – JJimenez	ok
	CA/VO/L – DNewman	ok
	CA/VO/SAC: TSmith	ok (clearance of SAO portion)
	CA/VO/SAC – BSnyder	ok
	CA/VO/SAC –EHoffmann	ok
	CA/VO/SAC – MParker	ok
	CA/VO/L – AGranger	ok
	CA/VO/F MMcEvoy	ok

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# **Fraud Prevention Unit Review Process**

Process

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From:	Miller-Little, Catherine T <miller-littlect@state.gov></miller-littlect@state.gov>	RELEASE IN PART
Sent:	Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:50 AM	B7(E)
То:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov>; Dolce, Michael R <dolcemr@state.gov>; Martz, Aaron I <martzai@state.gov></martzai@state.gov></dolcemr@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>	
Subject:	Tracker Week 4	
Attach:	MASTER COPY Social Media Pilot Tracker.xlsx	

All,

Here is the most updated tracker with Week 4	data.

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Best, Catherine

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From:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>	RELEASE IN PART B5,
Sent:	Wednesday, February 17, 2016 12:56 PM	B7(E)
То:	Dolce, Michael R < DolceMR@state.gov>	
Cc:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>	
Subject:	FW: For clearance: Social Media Pilot Progra	m Update February 12.docx

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 12:45 PM
To: Nantais, Joel D
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: FW: For clearance: Social Media Pilot Program Update February 12.docx
Importance: High

Hey - can you send us the FAQs referenced below?

Thanks, Erin

*Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:33 PM
To: King, Karin M
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: For clearance: Social Media Pilot Program Update February 12.docx

Hi Karin - a bullet for the weekly M meeting on social media, for your clearance please.

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

# (SBU) Social Media Pilot Program Update:

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# (CA/VO/F: Michael Dolce)

CA/VO/SAC: BSnyder	ok
CA/VO/SAC:TSmith	ok
CA/FPP: AMartz	ok
CA/VO/F: JNantais	ok
CA/VO/F: MMcEvoy	ok

Thanks, Erin

*Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567

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From: Nantais, Joel D
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From: Dolce, Michael R
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:01 PM
To: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: For clearance: Social Media Pilot Program Update February 12.docx

Here you go.

The FAQs are also included in what is on Sharepoint (the updated SOPs) Mike

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# Frequently Asked Questions for the CA Social Media Review Pilot Program



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From:	CA-VO-Special Assistant <ca-vo-special-assistant@s< th=""><th>tate.gov&gt;</th></ca-vo-special-assistant@s<>	tate.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:26 PM	RELEASE IN PART
То:	Dolce, Michael R < DolceMR@state.gov>	B5, B7(E)
Cc:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov>; Dixon, Amanda <dixonaw@state.gov>; CA-VO-Special Assistant <ca Assistant@state.gov&gt;</ca </dixonaw@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>	
Subject: Attach:	FW: For clearance by noon Wed, Feb 17: ALDAC on K- ALDAC K Visa Best Practices FPPedits.docx	1 Visa Best Practices

FPP sent their clearance with edits. Let us know if you're okay with edits, and we'll get it to Karin and Ed for their approval tomorrow AM.

Thanks, Erin

*Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567

From: CA-FPP-Special Assistant
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:05 PM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: RE: For clearance by noon Wed, Feb 17: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices

Hi Erin,

Apologies for the delay. FPP clears with edits.

CA/FPP: JGlazeroff

Sabrina Lintner CA/FPP Special Assistant (W) 202-485-6756

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:34 PM
To: CA-FPP-Special Assistant
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: For clearance by noon Wed, Feb 17: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices

Sabrina,

 VO/F updated the previously cleared K1 Best Practices ALDAC to address the launch of
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 We request FPP clearance on the track changes, by noon tomorrow.
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Thanks, Erin

#### *Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567

From: Dolce, Michael R
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:15 PM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Cc: Nantais, Joel D; Dixon, Amanda W
Subject: RE: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices

Hi Erin and Joel,

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Attached is my addition to the ALDAC.	<b>D</b> 0

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I'll now review the IM you just sent me.

Mike Dolce Quality Support Inc.-Contractor Visa Policy Analyst CA/VO/F Department of State (t)202.485.7602 DolceMR@state.gov

Have you tried "Ask VO"? Find answers to your visa policy and procedure questions

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Dolce, Michael R
Cc: Nantais, Joel D; CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: FW: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Mike – Per Joel's request, sending you the latest version with Ed's requested updates/comments

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Thanks, Erin

*Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant

Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 1:01 PM
To: Ramotowski, Edward J
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: FW: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Thanks for this, Ed. We have incorporated your changes (and gotten clearance from the last two regionals).

I spoke to Joel about this,	B5	
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Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: Ramotowski, Edward J
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 10:55 AM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant; King, Karin M
Subject: FW: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Ramotowski, Edward J
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Hi Ed,

We still need two regional EX clearances, but in the interest of time, I wanted to move this to you for review/clearance. We'd like to submit it to the FO by paper cut today.

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 8:28 AM
To: M\_Clearance; MPRI\_Clearances; Regional Bureaus EX Dir-Dep-DL
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Colleagues – this is part of CA's ongoing review of the K-1 fiance visa program in the wake of the San Bernardino tragedy. This issue has had high level attention and featured prominently in A/S Bond's congressional testimony. As such, we would like to get this ALDAC on best practices out as soon as possible.

Could we please have your office's clearance by COB today?

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From:	CA-VO-Special Assistant <ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov></ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov>
Sent:	Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:35 PM
То:	McEvoy, Meredith C <mcevoymc@state.gov>; Parker, Christine D <parkercd2@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov>; Smith, Timothy W <smithtw@state.gov>; Parker, Morgan A <parkerma@state.gov></parkerma@state.gov></smithtw@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov></parkercd2@state.gov></mcevoymc@state.gov>
Cc:	CA-VO-Special Assistant <ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov></ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov>
Subject:	FW: New Tasker: T0337-16 PDAS Donahue's Written and Oral Testimony for Senate Homeland Security Committee on Visa Processing
Attach:	AS Bond Written Testimony for Homeland Security Committee Hearing.docx; Homeland Security Committee Oral testimony.docx

Colleagues, this hearing has been postponed. PDAS will now be testifying on March 15 (topic TBC). Other members of the panel will be Director of ICE and Director of USCIS. Not sure when this will be due to the FO yet, but very likely it will be on/around March 9. Given the clearance process, that means the Specials will need the updated papers **by COB Friday, March 4**, please.

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 7:46 AM
To: McEvoy, Meredith C; Parker, Christine D; Nantais, Joel D; Smith, Timothy W; Parker, Morgan A
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: FW: New Tasker: T0337-16 PDAS Donahue's Written and Oral Testimony for Senate Homeland Security Committee on Visa Processing

Colleagues,

We haven't even finished the current hearing, and we already have another on deck! Yay!

So the attached written and oral testimony will need to be updated (the instructions, highlighted below, are very general). Basically we'll need to add in material to address anything the comes up out of today's hearing, anything that comes up over the next couple of weeks (IWP, VWP waivers, who knows?), and any updates on our own progress and processes. Easy, right?

This is due to the FO on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but before it goes there it has to be widely cleared through VO, CA/P, H, FPP, and L/CA, so the specials will need this **by COB Monday, February 15**, please. Not sure if we want to stick with Morgan as the POC on the oral testimony and Tim on the written - it will probably depend on what happens over the next two weeks who should take the lead. In any case, heads up for everyone and we can discuss in a

management meeting when the date gets closer!

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: Staffers [mailto:dont\_reply\_SP2010@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 7:33 PM
To: CA-P-Special Assistant; CA-FPP-Special Assistant; CA-VO-Special Assistant
Cc: CA-Staffers Mailbox
Subject: New Tasker: T0337-16 PDAS Donahue's Written and Oral Testimony for Senate Homeland Security Committee on Visa Processing

A new tasker has been assigned.

Tasker Number: T0337-16 Due Date: 2/17/2016 3:00:00 PM Drafter: CA/P,CA/FPP,VO Clearers: Product Type: Miscellaneous Description:

Colleagues,

Please update the attached oral and written testimony with updates on visa processing, FSO training, coordination with DHS, DOL, and other agencies, the Department's efforts since the last hearing, and any other information you feel may be needed.

The hearing is scheduled for February 23 at 10:00 a.m.

From: De Maria, Joseph

Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 1:26 PM

To: Mazin, Tanya; Parker, Christine D

Subject: Upcoming HSGAC hearing

Importance: High

Senate Homeland Security Committee is having a hearing on visa processing on February 23 at 10 a.m. A/S Bond will be away. Could you see if David Donahue might be available to participate?

Focus will be on the visa process writ large (such as, but not limited to training for FSOs, our coordination with DHS, DOL, and other agencies on visa process for all categories of visas, and funding). They mentioned VWP will not be the focus of the hearing.

They are still planning on having DHS there, but they is not sure if it will be the Director of USCIS or who at this point.

Thanks.

#### **Origin of Tasker:**

#### Link to Tasker: PDAS Donahue's Written and Oral Testimony for Senate Homeland Security Committee on Visa Processing

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2018-03781 Doc No. C06795735 Date: 09/12/2019

#### **RELEASE IN FULL**



# **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

# WRITTEN STATEMENT

# OF

# MICHELE THOREN BOND

# ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS

# **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

# **BEFORE THE**

# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# **COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY**

# HEARING

# ON

# CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE: PREVENTING TERRORIST INFILTRATION THROUGH U.S. REFUGEE AND VISA PROGRAMS

**FEBRUARY 3, 2016** 

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2018-03781 Doc No. C06795735 Date: 09/12/2019

Good morning Chairman McCaul, Ranking Member Thompson, and distinguished Members of the Committee. The Department of State is dedicated to the protection of our borders. We have no higher priority than the safety of our fellow citizens at home and abroad. We and our partner agencies throughout the federal government have built a layered visa and border security screening system, and continue to refine and strengthen the five pillars of visa security: technological advances, biometric innovations, personal interviews, data sharing, and training.

This layered approach enables us and our interagency partners to track and review the visa eligibility and status of foreign visitors from their visa applications throughout their travel to, sojourn in, and departure from the United States. Lessons learned through the years have led to significant improvements in procedures and capabilities. At the same time, the tragic events that transpired most recently in San Bernardino demonstrated that no system is perfect. We must constantly analyze, test, and update our clearance procedures. We will never stop doing so.

### A Layered Approach to Visa Security

In coordination with interagency partners, the Department has developed, implemented, and refined an intensive visa application and screening process. We require personal interviews in most cases, including all immigrant and fiancé cases, employ analytic interviewing techniques, and incorporate multiple biographic and biometric checks in the visa process. Underpinning the process is a sophisticated global information technology network that shares data among the Department and federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies. Security is our primary mission. Every visa decision is a national security decision. The rigorous security screening regimen I describe below applies to all visa categories.

All visa applicants submit online applications – the online DS-160 nonimmigrant visa application form, or the online DS-260 immigrant visa application form. Online forms enable consular and fraud prevention officers, and our intelligence and law enforcement partners, to analyze data in advance of the visa interview, including the detection of potential non-biographic links to derogatory information. The online forms offer foreign language support, but applicants must respond in English, to facilitate information sharing among the Department and other government agencies.

Consular officers use a multitude of tools to screen visa applications. No visa can be issued unless all relevant concerns are fully resolved. The vast majority of visa applicants are interviewed by a consular officer. During the interview, consular officers pursue case-relevant issues pertaining to the applicant's identity, qualifications for the particular visa category in question, and any information pertaining to possible ineligibilities related to criminal history, prior visa applications or travel to the United States, and/or links to terrorism or security threats.

As a matter of standard procedure, all visa applicant data is reviewed through the Department's Consular Lookout and Support System (CLASS), an online database containing approximately 36 million records of persons found ineligible for visas, or regarding whom potentially derogatory information exists, drawn from records and sources throughout the U.S. government. CLASS employs sophisticated name-searching algorithms to identify accurate matches between visa applicants and any derogatory information contained in CLASS. We also run all visa applicants' names against the Consular Consolidated Database (CCD, our automated visa application record system) to detect and respond to any derogatory information regarding visa applicants and visa holders and to check for prior visa applications, refusals, or issuances. The CCD contains more than 181 million immigrant and nonimmigrant visa records going back to 1998. This robust searching capability, which takes into account variations in spelling, is central to our procedures.

We collect 10-print fingerprint scans from nearly all visa applicants, except certain foreign government officials, diplomats, international organization employees, and visa applicants over the age of 79 or under the age of 14. Those fingerprints are screened against two key databases: first, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) IDENT database, which contains a watchlist of available fingerprints of known and suspected terrorists, wanted persons, and immigration law violators; and second, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Next Generation Identification (NGI) system, which contains more than 75.5 million criminal history records.

All visa photos are screened against a gallery of photos of known or suspected terrorists obtained from the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), and against visa applicant photos contained in the Department's CCD.

In 2013, in coordination with multiple interagency partners, the Department launched the "Kingfisher Expansion" (KFE) counterterrorism visa vetting system. While the precise details of KFE vetting cannot be detailed in this open setting, KFE supports a sophisticated comparison of multiple fields of information drawn from visa applications against intelligence community and law enforcement agency databases in order to identify terrorism concerns. If a "red-light" hit is communicated to the relevant consular post, then the consular officer denies the visa application and submits it for a Washington-based interagency Security Advisory Opinion (SAO) review by federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies. In addition to this KFE "red-light" scenario, consular officers are required to submit SAO requests in any case with applicable CLASS name check results, or with particular nationality, place of birth, or residence information. In any case in which reasonable grounds exist regardless of name check results, a consular officer may suspend visa processing and institute SAO procedures. Consular officers receive extensive training on the SAO process, which requires them to issue an interim denial of a visa application and engage in interagency review for any case with possible security ineligibilities. An applicant subject to this review may be found eligible for a visa only if the SAO process resolves all concerns.

DHS's Pre-adjudicated Threat Recognition and Intelligence Operations Team (PATRIOT) and Visa Security Program (VSP) provide additional law enforcement review of visa applications at designated overseas posts. PATRIOT is a pre-adjudication visa screening and vetting initiative that employs resources from DHS/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the Department of State. It was established to identify national security, public safety, and other eligibility concerns prior to visa issuance. A team of agents, officers, and analysts from ICE and CBP perform manual vetting of possible derogatory matches.

PATRIOT works in concert with the Visa Security Units (VSU) located in more than 20 high-threat posts and is being deployed to more visa issuing posts as

rapidly as available resources will support. ICE special agents assigned to VSUs provide on-site vetting of visa applications and other law enforcement support to consular officers. When warranted, DHS officers assigned to VSUs conduct targeted, in-depth reviews of individual visa applications and applicants prior to issuance, and recommend refusal or revocation of applications to consular officers. The Department of State works closely with DHS to ensure that no known or suspected terrorist inadvertently receives a visa or is admitted into our country. The Department of State has not and will not issue a visa for which the VSU recommends refusal.

### Training

Consular officers are trained to take all prescribed steps to protect the United States and its citizens when making visa adjudication decisions. Each consular officer completes an intensive, six-week Basic Consular Course. This course features a strong emphasis on border security and fraud prevention, with more than 40 classroom hours devoted to security, counterterrorism, fraud detection, and visa accountability programs. Adjudicators receive extensive classroom instruction on immigration law, Department policy and guidance, and consular systems, including review of background data checks and biometric clearances.

Students learn about the interagency vetting process through briefings from the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; Consular Affairs' (CA) Office of Screening, Analysis and Coordination; CA's Counterfeit Deterrence Laboratory; Diplomatic Security; and the DHS/ICE Forensic Document Laboratory.

In addition, officers receive in-depth interviewing and name check technique training, spending more than 30 classroom hours critiquing real consular interviews, debriefing role plays, and other in-class activities. Basic interviewing training includes instruction in techniques for questioning an applicant to elicit information relevant to assessing visa eligibility. Officers use verbal and non-verbal cues to judge an applicant's credibility and the veracity of the applicant's story. They examine and assess documentation, including electronic application forms, internal background check information, passports, and required supporting documents during the interview.

Officers receive continuing education in all of these disciplines throughout their careers. All consular officers have top secret clearances, and most speak the language of the country to which they are assigned and receive training in the culture of the host country.

#### Visas Viper Program

U.S. missions overseas report information about foreign nationals with possible terrorist connections through the Visas Viper reporting program. Following the December 25, 2009, attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Flight 253, we strengthened the procedures and content requirements for Visas Viper reporting. Chiefs of Mission are responsible for ensuring that all appropriate agencies and offices at post contribute relevant information for Viper nominations. Visas Viper cables must include complete information about all previous and current U.S. visas. On December 31, 2009, we updated instructions regarding procedures and criteria used to revoke visas. We added specific reference to cases that raise security and other concerns to the guidance regarding consular officers' use of the authority to deny visa applications under section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), if the applicant does not establish visa eligibility to the satisfaction of the consular officer. Instruction in appropriate use of this authority has been a fundamental part of officer training for several years.

### **Continuous Vetting and Visa Revocation**

Federal agencies have been matching new threat information against existing visa records since 2002. We have long recognized this function as critical to managing our records and processes. This system of continual vetting evolved as post-9/11 reforms were instituted, and is now performed in cooperation with the TSC, the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), FBI, DHS/ICE, and CBP's National Targeting Center (NTC). All records added to the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) and Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment (TIDE) are checked against the CCD to determine if there are matching visa records. Vetting partners sends these matches electronically to the Department of State, where analysts review the hits and flag cases for possible visa revocation. We have visa information sharing agreements under which we widely disseminate our data to

other agencies that may need to learn whether a subject of interest has, or has ever applied for, a U.S. visa.

The Department of State has broad authority to revoke visas, and we use that authority widely to protect our borders. Cases for revocation consideration are forwarded to the Department of State's Visa Office by embassies and consulates overseas, NTC, NCTC, and other entities. As soon as information is established to support a revocation (i.e., information that surfaced after visa issuance that could lead to an ineligibility determination, or otherwise indicates the visa holder poses a potential threat), a "VRVK" entry code showing the visa revocation, as well as lookout codes indicating specific potential visa ineligibilities, are added to CLASS, as well as to biometric identity systems, and then shared in near-real time (within approximately 15 minutes) with the DHS lookout systems used for border screening. As part of its enhanced "Pre-Departure" initiative, CBP uses VRVK records, among other lookout codes, to recommend that airlines not board certain passengers on flights bound for the United States. Every day, we receive requests to review and, if warranted, revoke visas for aliens for whom new derogatory information has been discovered since the visa was issued. The Department of State's Operations Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to address urgent requests, such as when a potentially dangerous person is about to board a plane. In those circumstances, the Department of State can and does use its authority to revoke the visa immediately.

Revocations are typically based on new information that has come to light after visa issuance. Because individuals' circumstances change over time, and people who once posed no threat to the United States can become threats, continuous vetting and revocation are important tools. We use our authority to revoke a visa immediately in circumstances where we believe there is an immediate threat, regardless of the individual's location, after which we will notify the issuing post and law enforcement or immigration stakeholders. We are mindful, however, not to act unilaterally, but to coordinate expeditiously with our national security partners in order to avoid possibly disrupting important investigations. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of visa applications we refuse each year, since 2001, the Department has revoked approximately 122,000 visas, based on information that surfaced following visa issuance, for a variety of reasons. This includes approximately 10,000 visas revoked for suspected links to terrorism.

## **Going Forward**

We face dangerous and adaptable foes. We are dedicated to maintaining our vigilance and strengthening the measures we take to protect the American public and the lives of those traveling to the United States. We will continue to apply state-of-the-art technology to vet visa applicants. While increasing our knowledge of threats, and our ability to identify and interdict those threats, the interagency acts in accordance with the rules and regulations agreed upon in key governance documents. These documents ensure a coordinated approach to our security as well as facilitating mechanisms for redress and privacy protection.

We are taking several measures to confront developing threats and respond to the despicable terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino.

With our interagency partners, particularly DHS, we conducted a thorough review of our K-visa process. As we constantly do, we analyzed our current Kvisa processes, including security vetting, to identify areas where we could improve. We are further exploring and implementing several adjustments and recommendations, especially in regard to our processing of applicants from countries of concern. These adjustments and recommendations include, but are not limited to, working with the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service to explore assigning additional Regional Security Officers in direct support of consular sections and visa adjudications; working with DHS to explore expanding the use of ICE's PATRIOT screening in certain countries of concern where it is not already present; and taking another opportunity to review prior K-visa adjudications and our internal standard operating procedures to determine what we can learn and use to inform our processes and training.

Additionally, we are working closely with DHS and the interagency to explore and analyze the use of social media screening of visa applicants. In addition to learning from our DHS colleagues, we began a pilot exploration of social media screening at 17 posts that adjudicate K-visa applications and immigrant visa applications for individuals from countries of concern. We expect to learn a great deal from this pilot and are confident we will have a much better understanding of the implications of using social media vetting for national security and immigration benefits. At the same time, we continue to explore methods and tools that could potentially assist in this type of screening and potentially provide new methods to assess the credibility of certain information from applicants. We believe these endeavors will provide us insights to continue to ensure the visa process is as secure, effective, and efficient as possible.

Information sharing with trusted foreign partners is an area that has seen significant development in recent years. For example, "to address threats before they reach our shores," as called for by the President and the Prime Minister of Canada in their February 4, 2011, joint declaration, *Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness*, the Departments of State and Homeland Security have implemented arrangements for systematic information sharing with Canada. The established processes provide for nearly real-time access to visa and immigration data through matching of fingerprints, as well as through biographic name checks for information that an applicant previously violated immigration laws, was denied a visa, or is a known or suspected terrorist. Canadian officers currently access the U.S. records of Syrian nationals seeking refugee resettlement in Canada, among other populations of visa and immigration applicants.

As part of our long-term strategic planning to improve efficiency and accuracy in visa adjudications, while ensuring we can meet surging visitor visa demand, we are investigating the applicability of advanced technology in data analysis, risk screening, and credibility assessment. Keeping abreast of high-tech solutions will help us reduce threats from overseas while keeping the United States open for business.

I assure you that the Department of State continues to refine its intensive visa application and screening process, including personal interviews, employing analytic interview techniques, incorporating multiple biographic and biometric checks, and interagency coordination, all supported by a sophisticated global information technology network. We look forward to working with the committee staff on issues addressing our national security in a cooperative and productive manner.

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Sent:	Thursday, February 18, 2016 5:02 PM	
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Cc:	Dolce, Michael R <dolcemr@state.gov>; N <mcevoymc@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D &lt;</mcevoymc@state.gov></dolcemr@state.gov>	
Subject:	FW: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (	2) (2).docx
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A question from Karin on the SOP. I am not sure we have an answer on this yet from the clearing partners.

Joel

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From: King, Karin M
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:59 PM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant; McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D; Dolce, Michael R; Parker, Christine D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx

Please see some minor changes and comments.

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From: McEvoy, Meredith C
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

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Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 7:50 AM	
To: McEvoy, Meredith C	
Cc: Nantais, Joel D	
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Meredith,	B7(E)
Also for your clearance this morning.	
Joel	

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From: Martz, Aaron I
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A; Granger, Amy H
Cc: Dolce, Michael R; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Nantais, Joel D; Simms, Jack F
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

That works for me, Ben. Thanks. ~A

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Granger, Amy H; Martz, Aaron I
Cc: Dolce, Michael R; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Nantais, Joel D; Simms, Jack F
Subject: FW: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A
Cc: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Sorry, one suggestion below.

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Ok, sounds good. Do you have any preferences for where to place the floater sentence left at the end of that paragraph?

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**From:** Nantais, Joel D **Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:20 PM **To:** Snyder, Benjamin A Cc: Nantais, Joel D Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Ben,

Thank you for putting this together. I have no edits other than you can lose the first paragraph as Ed has that background. Let me know when you are ready to move this up beyond the working level, as I would like to clear the final-ish with Meredith. Joel

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Miller-Little, Catherine T; Dolce, Michael R; Simms, Jack F; Martz, Aaron I; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Thanks guys.

Also, I realize this is a bit on the longer side. If there's anything that you think we can/should trim to pare it down a bit, please let me know.

Ben

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From: Miller-Little, Catherine T
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Dolce, Michael R; Snyder, Benjamin A; Simms, Jack F; Martz, Aaron I; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Ben,

Just a few small suggested edits in blue below in the first paragraph!

Catherine

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:31 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A; Simms, Jack F; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Martz, Aaron I; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update
This looks good, Ben, I'm off to a meeting now.
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Mike

From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:21 PM
To: Simms, Jack F; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Martz, Aaron I; Dolce, Michael R; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update
Importance: High

Hi all, could you please take a look at this email and let me know if you have any edits/questions/comments? It's meant to be an update for Ed on the status of the social media pilot. I've recycled some of the language, so it may look a bit familiar in the first and last paragraphs, but I'm happy to change that. Also, please let me know if you think any of the text should be reordered or removed.

Thanks!

Ben

Ed,

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Thanks

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То:	CA-VO-Special Assistant <ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov></ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov>
Cc:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov>; Dixon, Amanda W <dixonaw@state.gov></dixonaw@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>
Subject:	RE: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
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Hi Erin and Joel,

Attached is my addition to the ALDAC.

I'll now review the IM you just sent me.

Mike Dolce Quality Support Inc.-Contractor Visa Policy Analyst CA/VO/F Department of State (t)202.485.7602 DolceMR@state.gov

Have you tried "Ask VO"? Find answers to your visa policy and procedure questions

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Dolce, Michael R
Cc: Nantais, Joel D; CA-VO-Special Assistant
<b>Subject:</b> FW: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Mike – Per Joel's request, sending you the latest version with Ed's requested updates/comments

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Thanks, Erin

*Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 1:01 PM To: Ramotowski, Edward J
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: FW: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Thanks for this, Ed. We have incorporated your changes (and gotten clearance from the last two regionals).

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I spoke to Joel about this,	
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Thanks, Larilyn

## Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: Ramotowski, Edward J
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 10:55 AM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant; King, Karin M
Subject: FW: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Ramotowski, Edward J
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Hi Ed,

We still need two regional EX clearances, but in the interest of time, I wanted to move this to you for review/clearance. We'd like to submit it to the FO by paper cut today.

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 8:28 AM
To: M\_Clearance; MPRI\_Clearances; Regional Bureaus EX Dir-Dep-DL
Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: For clearance: ALDAC on K-1 Visa Best Practices
Importance: High

Colleagues – this is part of CA's ongoing review of the K-1 fiance visa program in the wake of the San Bernardino tragedy. This issue has had high level attention and featured prominently in A/S Bond's congressional testimony. As such, we would like to get this ALDAC on best practices out as soon as possible.

Could we please have your office's clearance by COB today?

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: Sent:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov> Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:01 AM</nantaisjd@state.gov>	RELEASE IN PART B5, B7(E)
То:	Garcia, Michael <garciam4@state.gov>; McEvoy, Meredith C <mcevoymc@state.gov></mcevoymc@state.gov></garciam4@state.gov>	
Cc: Subject: Attach:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov> RE: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016 Tab 8 - Approved AM on Social Media Pilot Program.pdf</nantaisjd@state.gov>	B5 B7(E)

Phase II

# Phase II (SBU)

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From: Garcia, Michael
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Nantais, Joel D; McEvoy, Meredith C
Subject: RE: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

And what is phase II?

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From: Nantais, Joel D Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:45 AM To: Garcia, Michael; McEvoy, Meredith C Cc: Nantais, Joel D Subject: RE: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

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From: Garcia, Michael
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:42 AM
To: McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

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From: McEvoy, Meredith C
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:27 AM
To: King, Karin M; CA-VO-Special Assistant; Nantais, Joel D; Garcia, Michael; Parker, Christine D; Newman, David S
Subject: RE: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

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**From:** King, Karin M **Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:21 AM **To:** CA-VO-Special Assistant; McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D; Garcia, Michael; Parker, Christine D; Newman,

David S **Subject:** RE: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

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Karin King Managing Director Office of Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs U.S. Department of State (202) 485-7561

From: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:09 AM
To: McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D; Garcia, Michael; Parker, Christine D
Cc: King, Karin M; CA-VO-Special Assistant
Subject: FW: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

Colleagues,

The short but sweet readout from yesterday's meeting. Please note the highlights, which we will need to address in next week's BCL.

Thanks, Larilyn

#### Larilyn Reffett

Special Assistant Office of Visa Services SA-17, 202-485-7572

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From: Wallace, Karin S
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Cc: Petrush, Liza; CA-Staffers Mailbox
Subject: Read out of DTD meeting with M 02/17/2016

Overall the meeting went well and David said he felt well prepared for the meeting, thank you all for your contributions.

A few readout notes. Highlights denote action.

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Karin Wallace CA Front Office HST 6826 - 7-7948 | SA-17 12.100 - 5-6049

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Cc:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>		
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Sent:	Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:25 PM	<b>DJ</b> , <b>D</b> <i>I</i> ( <b>L</b> )
То:	CA-VO-Special Assistant <ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov></ca-vo-special-assistant@state.gov>	
Cc:	Nantais, Joel D <nantaisjd@state.gov></nantaisjd@state.gov>	
Subject:	RE: Social Media Pilot Program Update February 12.docx	

She has. She had no edits.

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From: CA-VO-Special Assistant Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:21 PM	
To: Nantais, Joel D Cc: CA-VO-Special Assistant Subject: RE: Social Media Pilot Program Update February 12.docx	B5 B7(E)

Joel – this might have flown past me,

(CA/VO/F: Michael Dolce)

CA/VO/SAC: BSnyder	ok
CA/VO/SAC:TSmith	ok
CA/FPP: AMartz	ok
CA/VO/F: JNantais	ok

Thanks, Erin

*Erin O'Connor* CA/VO Staff Assistant 202-485-7567 From: Nantais, Joel D
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:48 PM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant
Cc: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: Social Media Pilot Program Update February 12.docx

Bootleg.

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From:	Granger, Amy H < GrangerAH@state.gov>	RELEASE IN PART
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То:	Snyder, Benjamin A <snyderba@state.gov>; Nantais, J <nantaisjd@state.gov>; Parker, Morgan A <parkerma( Timothy W <smithtw@state.gov>; Beaumont, Taylor V <beaumonttw@state.gov></beaumonttw@state.gov></smithtw@state.gov></parkerma( </nantaisjd@state.gov></snyderba@state.gov>	@state.gov>; Smith,
Cc:	Dolce, Michael R <dolcemr@state.gov>; McEvoy, Meredith C <mcevoymc@state.gov></mcevoymc@state.gov></dolcemr@state.gov>	
Subject:	ect: RE: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx	

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Barbara is out tomorrow, but we can ask her to

ask around on Monday if this can wait.

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To: Parker, Morgan A; Smith, Timothy W; Granger, Amy H; Beaumont, Taylor W; Snyder, Benjamin A
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Subject: FW: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx

A question from Karin on the SOP. I am not sure we have an answer on this yet from the clearing partners.

Joel

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From: King, Karin M
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To: CA-VO-Special Assistant; McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D; Dolce, Michael R; Parker, Christine D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx

Please see some minor changes and comments.

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Aaron/Catherine-would you please pass it on to him for his clearance as well?	B7(E)

Thanks!

Ben

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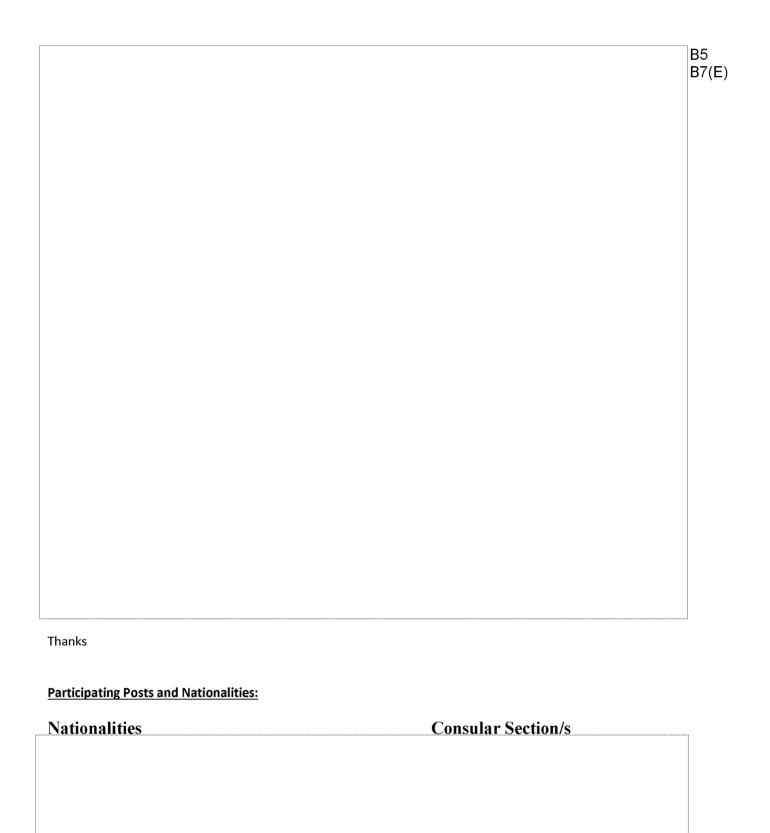
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Alright, if everyone's ok with these edits, then Joel, do you mind passing it to Meredith?

If Meredith is looking at it, then should Josh as well?

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Joel

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Got it, thanks.

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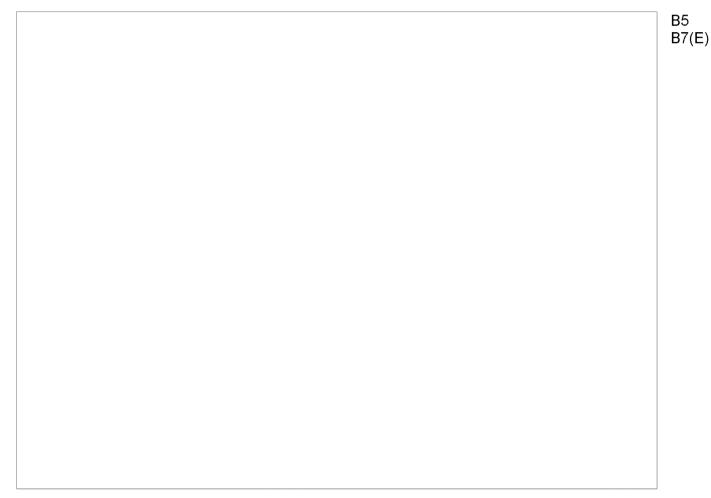
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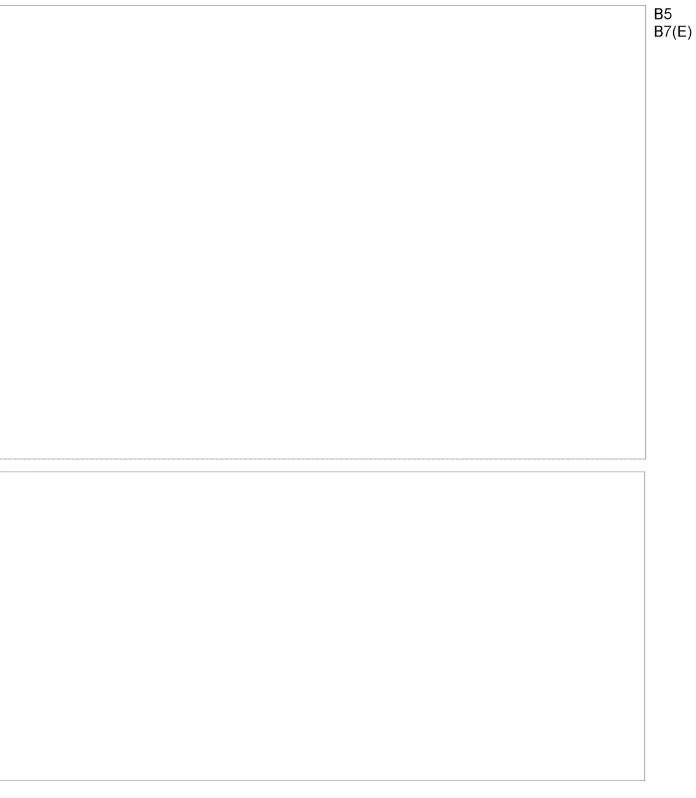
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From:	Snyder, Benjamin A <snyderba@state.gov></snyderba@state.gov>	RELEASE IN PART B5, B7(E)	
Sent:	Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:38 PM		
То:	Martz, Aaron I <martzai@state.gov>; Miller-Little, Cathe LittleCT@state.gov&gt;; Granger, Amy H <grangerah@stat Michael R <dolcemr@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <nanta< th=""><th colspan="2"></th></nanta<></dolcemr@state.gov></grangerah@stat </martzai@state.gov>		
Subject:	ect: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update		

Thanks Aaron, I appreciate the help.

Ben

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From: Martz, Aaron I
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Granger, Amy H; Dolce, Michael R; Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Sure thing, Ben.

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Martz, Aaron I; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Granger, Amy H; Dolce, Michael R; Nantais, Joel D
Subject: FW: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

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Aaron/Catherine-would you please pass it on to him for his clearance as well?

Thanks!

Ben

Thanks

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From: Martz, Aaron I
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A; Granger, Amy H
Cc: Dolce, Michael R; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Nantais, Joel D; Simms, Jack F
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

That works for me, Ben. Thanks. ~A

From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Granger, Amy H; Martz, Aaron I
Cc: Dolce, Michael R; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Nantais, Joel D; Simms, Jack F
Subject: FW: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Thanks

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From: Nantais, Joel D
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A
Cc: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Sorry, one suggestion below.

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Ok, sounds good. Do you have any preferences for where to place the floater sentence left at the end of that paragraph?

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From: Nantais, Joel D
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:20 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A
Cc: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Ben,

Thank you for putting this together. I have no edits other than you can lose the first paragraph as Ed has that background. Let me know when you are ready to move this up beyond the working level, as I would like to clear the final-ish with Meredith. Joel

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Miller-Little, Catherine T; Dolce, Michael R; Simms, Jack F; Martz, Aaron I; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Thanks guys.

Also, I realize this is a bit on the longer side. If there's anything that you think we can/should trim to pare it down a bit, please let me know.

Ben

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From: Miller-Little, Catherine T
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Dolce, Michael R; Snyder, Benjamin A; Simms, Jack F; Martz, Aaron I; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

Ben,

Just a few small suggested edits in blue below in the first paragraph!

Catherine

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From: Dolce, Michael R
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:31 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A; Simms, Jack F; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Martz, Aaron I; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update

This looks good. Ben. I'm off to a meeting now. B5 B7(E)

Mike

From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:21 PM
To: Simms, Jack F; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Martz, Aaron I; Dolce, Michael R; Nantais, Joel D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE CLEARANCE REQUEST: Draft Email to Ed with Social Media Pilot Status Update
Importance: High

Hi all, could you please take a look at this email and let me know if you have any edits/questions/comments? It's meant to be an update for Ed on the status of the social media pilot. I've recycled some of the language, so it may look a bit familiar in the first and last paragraphs, but I'm happy to change that. Also, please let me know if you think any of the text should be reordered or removed.

Thanks!

Ben

Ed,

Thanks

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