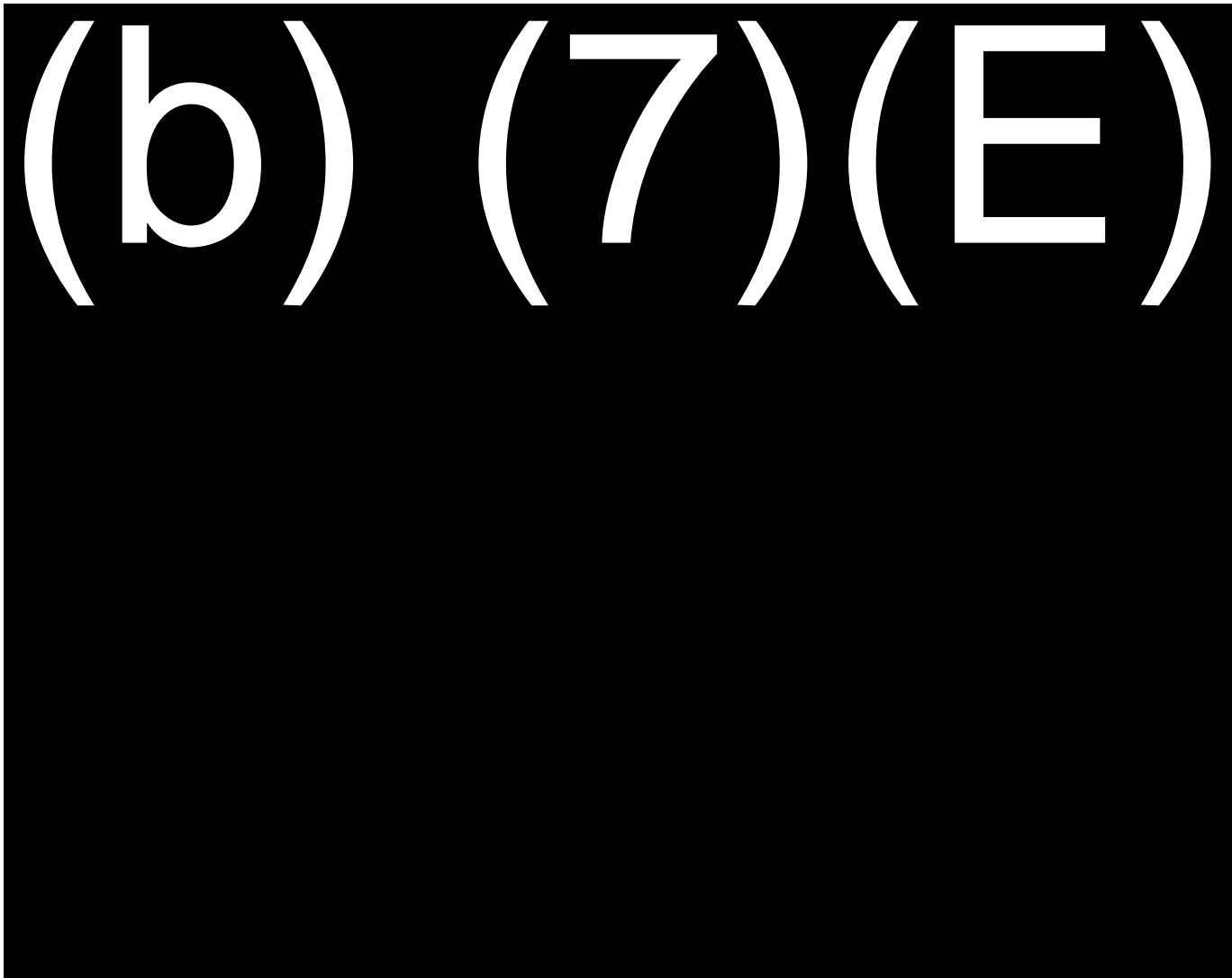


# Exhibit 5

U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
National Targeting Center  
January 6, 2020

**Issue: Information Regarding Iran and Actions Taken Prior to U.S. Airstrike on Iranian Military Leader**

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**Counter Network Division**

- NTC supports and enforces the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) licensing and sanctions programs by targeting, detaining, and when necessary seizing shipments of restricted commodities and shipments destined to sanctioned countries or entities.
- NTC assists th (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]
- NTC continues to suppo (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED], as well as the laundering of funds generated from these sales.

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Conclusion

The NTC has taken various actions in response to the IRGC's designation as a Tier 1 FTO and will continue to coordinate with the Intelligence Community (IC) to modify operations based on additional information obtained through the IC, CBP inspections, or in working with our international, federal, and state/local partners (b) (7)(E)

Historical Data (through January 3 2020)

(b) (7)(E)

Land Border

(b) (7)(E)

**Office of Field Operations**

OFO continues to remain vigilant and has increased its enforcement posture at CBP land, air, and sea ports of entry (POEs), both domestically and OCONUS. All POEs are working cohesively with NTC, as well as our Federal and State/Local partners, to intercept and thoroughly examine and interview travelers with ties to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Beginning January 4, 2020, all Field Offices were instructed to provide daily updates on significant encounters/ incidents from ports in their AOR related to the U.S. airstrike on the Iranian Military Leader Qasem Soleimani / encounters with IRGC members.

**Atlanta:**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- **There have been no refusals for contact/linkage to Iran.**

**Baltimore**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- (b) (7)(E)
- Local CBP JTTF Liaisons and FBI providing threat briefings to port personnel.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time

**Boston**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time

**Buffalo**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
  - Irania (b) (7)(E) Encounters Buffalo 0, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0

- Operation ED Encounters Buffalo 7, Champlain 1, Alexandria Bay 0
- Significant Encounters-Iranian Nexus-Adverse Actions: Buffalo 0, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0
- Significant Encounters-Iranian Nexus- Admissions: Buffalo 0, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0

### Chicago

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- The Area Port of Chicago has inspected 16 citizens of Iran, 19 inbound and 9 outbound.
- The Area Port of Minneapolis has inspected 3 citizen of Iran, 1 inbound and 2 outbound.
- TTRT conducted 2 inbound interviews with negative derogatory findings.

### Detroit

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

### El Paso

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

### Houston

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.

- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Laredo**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Los Angeles**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
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- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Miami**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- (b) (7)(E)

**New Orleans**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information

- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- **CBP is engaged with all 5 State Fusion Centers and sharing information as it becomes available.**
- (b) (7)(E)
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**New York**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Preclearance:**

- **Abu Dhabi:** Due to the expected retaliation towards U.S. assets in the region in response to the killing, the Department of State (DOS) will increase force protection at the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, DOS will review the overall security posture and has messaged the need for increased vigilance throughout the U.S. government community in country. There are currently no known threats specific to the UAE and preclearance operations in Abu Dhabi, however a heightened state of awareness is in effect resulting in the below actions by Abu Dhabi management:
  1. Phone tree executed with all employees (44) and dependents (62) accounted for without issue.
  2. Consistent communication with the DOS and local police established.
  3. Security awareness muster for all staff assigned to Abu Dhabi.
  4. Emergency contact information for staff and dependents updated and validated.
  5. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) reviewed with all staff.
  6. (b) (7)(E)
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  8. Additional local police presence in and outside the Preclearance Facility (PCF).
  9. All Government travel cards validated should the need for evacuation arise.



HRM inquiry:

10. Do we plan to evacuate any employees/dependents?
  - a. Preclearance personnel fall under Department of State Chief of Mission authority and DoS has the lead for evacuation. At this time there are no evacuation orders
11. Do you need further HR guidance from the Department?
  - a. Not at this time
12. Do you believe at this time all bases are covered regarding personnel?
  - a. Yes, Preclearance Field Office Mission Support Division has been engaged and ready to act if required.

In response to the heightened tension with Iran and fluid situation in the middle-east regio (b) (7)(E)

- **Aruba:** Due to proximity and connection flights to South America, which have flights from Iran, along with constant Iranian/Canadian travelers, Aruba preclearance has increased daily assignments to PAU and Rovers through shift reassignments or overtime to provide for more detailed targeting.
- **Canada, Embassy Ottawa:** No specific information to indicate U.S. personnel in Canada are subject to an increased security threat. As a matter of due diligence personnel are reminded of the standing status quo on security, which generally entails maintaining a low profile and exercising regular vigilance.
- **Embassy Nassau:** No specific threat information related to the embassy or U.S. interests in The Bahama (b) (7)(E) Washington is continuously updating the threat analysis for posts across the globe, not just NEA (Middle East). The Surveillance Detection Teams are on high alert and will expand coverage to high profile residential and school zones.
- **Vancouver:** RCMP assigned to CBP preclearanc (b) (7)(E), and continue coordination with RCMP headquarters for awareness and determine needs and ability for increased presence.

**Container Security Initiative**

- Management does not plan for evacuations for employees/dependents.
- No Human Resources from the Department is requested at this time.
- All CBP Personnel has been accounted for.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Immigration Advisory Program:**

- 1) Do we plan to evacuate any employees/dependents?  
Not at this time.
- 2) Do you need further HR guidance from the Department?  
Not at this time.

3) Do you believe at this time all bases are covered regarding personnel?

Yes.

**San Diego**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**San Francisco**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- **CBP Foreign Liaison Units in Mexico: For both the CBP International Liaison Unit and Border Patrol's Foreign Operations Branch will provide information, which will assist in building general domain awareness of key demographics for potential future outreach opportunities.**

**San Juan**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Seattle**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- Significant encounters:
  - One Visa Waiver Program refusal based on discovery of prior travel to Iran.
  - (b) (7)(E)

### **Tucson**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

### **Office of Intelligence**

- To facilitate rapid update exchanges, OI made positive contact with partners in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise (I&A, TSA ICE, and USCIS) and US Intelligence Community [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E), [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) and CBP's representative in Jordan.
- OI's is augmenting its Watch staffing, which includes moving to a 24/7 schedule to monitor Iran-related threats until further notice.
- OI supports [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) that DHS/I&A led with Key Intelligence Officers of DHS components to share threat updates and operational responses.
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- OI is planning multiple UNCLASSIFIED intelligence products for customers, including a formal bulletin on [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].

### **Air and Marine**

- HQ Ops: In light of increasing tensions between the U.S. and Iran, Air and Marine Operations field leadership is proactively leveraging its strategic partnerships with local, state, and federal counter-terrorism partners in order to enhance the Nation's security preparedness and response posture.
- AMOC: The Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) is on heightened alert and is shifting resources (equipment and personnel) as necessary in order to support interagency partners such as the [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E). AMOC's intelligence cell is actively monitoring relevant message traffic to immediately identify and process additional threat streams. The Joint PED Operations Center West (JPOC-W) is prepared to support emergent contingency operations that may require full motion video (i.e. Humanitarian Aid Disaster Relief [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]) and analytical processing.

### **Office of International Affairs**

- Maintaining global accountability of personnel stationed overseas, including those with dependents at foreign locations, and teaming with OI to provide immediate intelligence updates
- Attaches and deployed personnel are maintaining access to classified systems to report and receive sensitive information.
- INA/HQ is working to provide requisite personal protective gear to personnel stationed overseas.
- Monitoring information to integrate updates t (b) (7)(E)
- Teaming with “Five Eyes” partners to ensure shared awareness of threat activit (b) (7)(E)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
January 7, 2020

**Issue: Information Regarding Iran and Actions Taken Prior to U.S. Airstrike on Iranian Military Leader**

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Conclusion

The NTC has taken various actions in response to the IRGC's designation as a Tier 1 FTO and will continue to coordinate with the Intelligence Community (IC) to modify operations based on additional information obtained through the IC, CBP inspections, or in working with our international, federal, and state/local partners (b) (7)(E)

Historical Data (through January 3 2020)

(b) (7) (E)

Land Border

(b) (7) (E)



(b) (7)(E)

**Office of Field Operations**

OFO continues to remain vigilant and has increased its enforcement posture at CBP land, air, and sea ports of entry (POEs), both domestically and OCONUS. All POEs are working cohesively with NTC, as well as our Federal and State/Local partners, to intercept and thoroughly examine and interview travelers with ties to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Beginning January 4, 2020, all Field Offices were instructed to provide daily updates on significant encounters/ incidents from ports in their AOR related to the U.S. airstrike on the Iranian Military Leader Qasem Soleimani / encounters with IRGC members.

**Atlanta:**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- There have been no refusals for contact/linkage to Iran.

**Baltimore**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- SRT deployed to airports to assist with outbound operations.
- Local CBP JTTF Liaisons and FBI providing threat briefings to port personnel.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time

**Boston**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time

**Buffalo**



- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
  - Irania (b) (7)(E) Encounters Buffalo 0, Champlain 2, Alexandria Bay 0
  - Operation ED Encounters Buffalo 2, Champlain 3, Alexandria Bay 0
  - Significant Encounters-Iranian Nexus-Adverse Actions: Buffalo 1, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0
  - Significant Encounters-Iranian Nexus- Admissions: Buffalo 0, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0
- (b) (7)(E) interview of a Canadian citizen, born in Ira (b) (7)(E)  
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subject's TN was revoked and he was refused admission to the United States under INA 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) and returned to Canada.

### Chicago

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- The Area Port of Chicago has inspected 28 citizens of Iran, 18 inbound and 10 outbound.
- The Area Port of Minneapolis has inspected 1 citizen of Iran, 1 inbound and 0 outbound.
- TTRT conducted 4 inbound interviews with negative derogatory findings.

### Detroit

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- (b) (7)(E)
- DCT TTRT encountered a U.S. Citizen, traveling with his U.S. Lawful Permanent Resident girlfriend, who had recent travel to Iran most recently through December

14, 2019

(b) (7)(E)

The subject and his girlfriend were released as USC and LPR with no further action.

#### **El Paso**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- A social media post attempting to organize a protest over the death of Senior Iranian Military Official Qasem Soleimani. The protest is scheduled to take place on January 11, 2020 and is being organized by a Facebook group called ChucoPedia. The group has 3,228 members and is claimed to be a public group for bilingual news and culture for El Paso, TX, southern New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua Mexico. If this protest is carried out, it would be considered a significant encounter related to the U.S. military action in Iraq. Situation will be monitored and updates will follow.

#### **Houston**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

#### **Laredo**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

#### **Los Angeles**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.



- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Miami**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- (b) (7)(E)

**New Orleans**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- CBP is engaged with all 5 State Fusion Centers and sharing information as it becomes available.
- (b) (7)(E)
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**New York**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.

- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

**Preclearance:**

- **Abu Dhabi:** Due to the expected retaliation towards U.S. assets in the region in response to the killing, the Department of State (DOS) will increase force protection at the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, DOS will review the overall security posture and has messaged the need for increased vigilance throughout the U.S. government community in country. There are currently no known threats specific to the UAE and preclearance operations in Abu Dhabi, however a heightened state of awareness is in effect resulting in the below actions by Abu Dhabi management:
  1. Employee accountability: 47 direct hires and 71 dependents. Currently 4 direct hires with 10 dependents are confirmed out of the country.
  2. Consistent communication with the DOS and local police established.
  3. Security awareness muster for all staff assigned to Abu Dhabi.
  4. Emergency contact information for staff and dependents updated and validated.
  5. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) reviewed with all staff.
  6. [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
  7. [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
  8. Additional local police presence in and outside the Preclearance Facility (PCF).
  9. All Government travel cards validated should the need for evacuation arise.

HRM inquiry:

1. Do we plan to evacuate any employees/dependents
  - a. Preclearance personnel fall under Department of State Chief of Mission authority and DoS has the lead for evacuation. At this time there are no evacuation orders.
2. Do you need further HR guidance from the Department?
  - a. Not at this time
3. Do you believe at this time all bases are covered regarding personnel?
  - a. Yes, Preclearance Field Office Mission Support Division has been engaged and ready to act if required.

[REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)

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- **Aruba:** Due to proximity and connection flights to South America, which have flights from Iran, along with constant Iranian/Canadian travelers, Aruba preclearance has increased daily assignments to PAU and Rovers through shift reassignments or overtime to provide for more detailed targeting.
- **Halifax:** Possible protest scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2020. Expected to be small in scale however, taking place close to school where officers' dependents attend. Increased patrols requested for airport during CBP processing.
- **Canada, Embassy Ottawa:** No specific information to indicate U.S. personnel in Canada are subject to an increased security threat. As a matter of due diligence personnel are reminded of the standing status quo on security, which generally entails maintaining a low profile and exercising regular vigilance.
- **Embassy Nassau:** No specific threat information related to the embassy or U.S. interests in The Bahama (b) (7)(E). Washington is continuously updating the threat analysis for posts across the globe, not just NEA (Middle East). The Surveillance Detection Teams are on high alert and will expand coverage to high profile residential and school zones.
- **Montreal:** Protest in front of U.S. Consulate General was planned for yesterday afternoon by International League of Peoples Struggle. No further information on level or impact. Airport and CBP operations unaffected. Montreal police in airport increasing patrols and presence during CBP operations.
- **Vancouver:** RCMP assigned to CBP preclearance (b) (7)(E), and continue coordination with RCMP headquarters for awareness and determine needs and ability for increased presence.

#### **Container Security Initiative**

- Management does not plan for evacuations for employees/dependents.
- No Human Resources from the Department is requested at this time.
- All CBP Personnel has been accounted for.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

#### **Immigration Advisory Program:**

- 1) Do we plan to evacuate any employees/dependents?  
Not at this time.
- 2) Do you need further HR guidance from the Department?  
Not at this time.
- 3) Do you believe at this time all bases are covered regarding personnel?  
Yes.

#### **San Diego**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.

- TTRT encountered a U.S. citizen at the Port of San Diego with recent travel to Iran. Vetting was conducted yielding no derogatory information. The subject was admitted into the United States without incident.
- TTRT encountered an L-1 recipient who is currently pending adjustment of status to LPR. Subject is in possession of a valid I-512. Secondary inspection of the subject yielded no derogatory information. Subject was paroled (I-512) into the United States without incident.

### **San Francisco**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
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- CBP Foreign Liaison Units in Mexico: For both the CBP International Liaison Unit and Border Patrol's Foreign Operations Branch will provide information, which will assist in building general domain awareness of key demographics for potential future outreach opportunities.

### **San Juan**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

### **Seattle**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- Significant encounters:
  - PAU targeted 10 potential targets and created 7 UPAX Events for further research.

### **Tucson**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)



- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

### Office of Intelligence

- To facilitate rapid update exchanges, OI made positive contact with partners in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise (I&A, TSA ICE, and USCIS) and US Intelligence Community (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(E) and CBP's representative in Jordan.
- OI's is augmenting its Watch staffing, which includes moving to a 24/7 schedule to monitor Iran-related threats until further notice.
- OI supports (b) (7)(E) that DHS/I&A led with Key Intelligence Officers of DHS components to share threat updates and operational responses.
- To apprise CBP personnel in the field, OI prepared UNCLASSIFIED talking points for a 3 January teleconference with INA to inform our CBP teammates overseas on Iran-related threats.
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### Office of International Affairs

- Maintaining global accountability of personnel stationed overseas, including those with dependents at foreign locations, and teaming with OI to provide immediate intelligence updates
- Attaches and deployed personnel are maintaining access to classified systems to report and receive sensitive information.
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U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
National Targeting Center  
January 8, 2020

**Issue: Information Regarding Iran and Actions Taken Prior to U.S. Airstrike on Iranian Military Leader**

On January 2, 2020, the United States successfully targeted General Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds Force via an airstrike in Baghdad. Prior to this event the National Targeting Center (NTC) had implemented a number of actions in response to the Department of State's designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a Tier I Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

**Office of Field Operations**

OFO continues to remain vigilant and has increased its enforcement posture at CBP land, air, and sea ports of entry (POEs), both domestically and OCONUS. All POEs are working cohesively with National Targeting Center (NTC), as well as our Federal and State/Local partners, to intercept and thoroughly examine and interview travelers with ties to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Beginning January 4, 2020, all Field Offices were instructed to provide daily updates on significant encounters/ incidents from ports in their AOR related to the U.S. airstrike on the Iranian Military Leader Qasem Soleimani / encounters with IRGC members.

**National Targeting Center:**

The National Targeting Center (NTC) has undertaken various actions in response to the IRGC's designation as a Tier 1 FTO and will continue to coordinate with the Intelligence Community (IC) to modify operations based on additional information obtained through the IC, CBP inspections, or in working with our international, federal, and state/local partners (b) (7)(E)

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Counter Network Division

- NTC supports and enforces the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) licensing and sanctions programs by targeting, detaining, and when necessary seizing shipments of restricted commodities and shipments destined to sanctioned countries or entities.
- NTC assists th (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- NTC continues to suppo (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED], as well as the laundering of funds generated from these sales.

(b) (7) (E)

Historical Data (through January 3 2020)

(b) (7) (E)

(b) (7)(E)

Land Border

(b) (7)(E)

**Field Office Response and Preparedness Efforts:**

***Atlanta:***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- There have been no refusals for contact/linkage to Iran.

***Baltimore***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- (b) (7)(E)
- Local CBP JTTF Liaisons and FBI providing threat briefings to port personnel.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time

***Boston***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information

- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time

### **Buffalo**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
  - Irania (b) (7)(E) Encounters Buffalo 4, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0
  - (b) (7)(E) Encounters Buffalo 1, Champlain 2, Alexandria Bay 0
  - Significant Encounters-Iranian Nexus-Adverse Actions: Buffalo 0, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0
  - Significant Encounters-Iranian Nexus- Admissions: Buffalo 1, Champlain 0, Alexandria Bay 0
- (b) (7)(E) interview of an Iranian citizen was conducted, who was (b) (7)(E) to obtain Permanent Resident status in Canada. A basic media exam was performed on subject's cellphone and concluded with negative results (b) (7)(E)
- [REDACTED] The subject was processed for withdrawal of application for admission and was returned to Canada.

### **Chicago**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- The Area Port of Chicago has inspected 30 citizens of Iran, 19 inbound and 11 outbound.
- The Area Port of Minneapolis has inspected 1 citizen of Iran, 0 inbound and 1 outbound.
- TTRT conducted 4 inbound and 1 outbound interviews with negative derogatory findings.

### **Detroit**

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)

- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

***El Paso***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- A social media post attempting to organize a protest over the death of Senior Iranian Military Official Qasem Soleimani. The protest is scheduled to take place on January 11, 2020 and is being organized by a Facebook group called ChucoPedia. The group has 3,228 members and is claimed to be a public group for bilingual news and culture for El Paso, TX, southern New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua Mexico. If this protest is carried out, it would be considered a significant encounter related to the U.S. military action in Iraq. Situation will be monitored and updates will follow.

***Houston***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

***Laredo***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

***Los Angeles***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HO

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- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

*Miami*

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].

*New Orleans*

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- CBP is engaged with all 5 State Fusion Centers and sharing information as it becomes available.
- (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].

*New York*

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

*Preclearance*



- **Abu Dhabi:** Due to the expected retaliation towards U.S. assets in the region in response to the killing of Iranian General Soleimani, the Department of State (DOS) will increase its force protection at the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, DOS will review the overall security posture of U.S. resources and has messaged the need for increased vigilance throughout the U.S. government community in country. (b) (7)(E)

[REDACTED]

Temporary Shelter in Place order from U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi established throughout the evening and expired at 0600 HRS local. The Chief of Mission order to all Mission UAE personnel was based on information received that “Iran has launched an attack, likely on Iraq and Kuwait”. It has now been determined that the information pertained to the confirmed strikes in Iraq.

Currently, there are no known specific threats to the UAE and preclearance operations in Abu Dhabi, however a heightened state of awareness is in effect resulting in the below actions by Abu Dhabi management:

1. All CBP Preclearance employees are accounted for; 47 direct hires and 71 dependents. Currently 4 direct hires with 10 dependents are confirmed out of the country.
  2. Consistent communication with the DOS and local police has been established.
  3. Security awareness muster for all staff assigned to Abu Dhabi have been conducted.
  4. Emergency contact information for staff and dependents updated and validated.
  5. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) reviewed with all staff.
  6. (b) (7)(E)
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  8. Additional local police presence is in and outside the Preclearance Facility (PCF).
  9. All Government travel cards are valid should the need for evacuation arise.
  10. All CBP Preclearance personnel and dependents fall under Department of State Chief of Mission authority and DoS has the decision authority and lead for evacuation. At this time there are no evacuation orders in place.
- **Aruba:** Due to proximity and connection flights to South America, which have flights from Iran, along with constant Iranian/Canadian travelers, Aruba preclearance has increased daily assignments to PAU and Rovers through shift reassignments or overtime to provide for more detailed targeting.
  - **Halifax:** Anticipated protest at Victoria Park (1.8km from U.S. Consulate) on January 11, 2020 at 1400 hrs. Expected to be peaceful protest.



- **Canada, Embassy Ottawa:** No specific information to indicate U.S. personnel in Canada are subject to an increased security threat. As a matter of due diligence personnel are reminded of the standing status quo on security, which generally entails maintaining a low profile and exercising regular vigilance.
- **Embassy Nassau:** No specific threat information related to the embassy or U.S. interests in The Bahama (b) (7)(E). Washington is continuously updating the threat analysis for posts across the globe, not just NEA (Middle East). The Surveillance Detection Teams are on high alert and will expand coverage to high profile residential and school zones.
- **Toronto:** Anticipated protest at U.S. Consulate on January 11, 2020 at 1200. Expected to be peaceful protest.
  - (b) (7)(E) interview of an Iranian citizen was conducted revealing previous service in the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC). Due to his apparent membership in the IRGC, the subject was allowed to withdraw his application for admission and advised to go to the U.S. consulate to apply for a U.S. visa and (b) (7)(E). Subject was escorted outside of the CBP secondary inspection area and wa (b) (7)(E)
  - (b) (7)(E) interview of an Iranian citizen who intended to transit through the United States to his final destination Tehran, Iran via Washington Dulles International Airport, revealed previous service in the Iranian Army; however, declined knowledge of the IRGC. Due to subject's deceptive behavior and discrepancies in answers, the subject was inadmissible to the United States pursuant to 212(a)(7)(a)(i)(I) of the INA. Subject was refused entry pending a U.S. Visa and (b) (7)(E) and was allowed to withdraw his application for admission.
  - (b) (7)(E) interview of an Iranian born Canadian citizen was conducted, and the subject could not overcome the presumption of being an intending immigrant and was permitted to withdraw her application for admission per § 235(a)(4) INA pursuant to § 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) INA.
- **Vancouver:** RCMP assigned to CBP preclearance carryin (b) (7)(E), and continue coordination with RCMP headquarters for awareness and determine needs and ability for increased presence.
- **Dublin:** Anticipate protest at Dublin Embassy for Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 1900 HRS local. CBP staff will be advised to stay away from the Embassy at that time. Expected to be a peaceful protest.

### *San Diego*

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- (b) (7)(E)
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- (b) (7)(E) encountered a U.S. citizen at the Port of San Diego with recent travel to Iran. Vetting was conducted yielding no derogatory information. The subject was admitted into the United States without incident.

***San Francisco***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- CBP Foreign Liaison Units in Mexico: For both the CBP International Liaison Unit and Border Patrol's Foreign Operations Branch will provide information, which will assist in building general domain awareness of key demographics for potential future outreach opportunities.

***San Juan***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- There have been no significant encounters/incidents related to the U.S. airstrike on Iranian Military Leader at this time.

***Seattle***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
- Significant encounters:
  - PAU targeted 7 potential targets and created 1 UPAX Events for further research.

***Tucson***

- Mustered all employees and will continue with any updated information
- [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED].
- Coordination with local, state and federal LEO partners in regards to information received by HQ.
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**Container Security Initiative and Immigration Advisory Program:**

- Similar to Preclearance, all overseas assigned personnel to CSI and IAP fall under Department of State Chief of Mission authority and DoS has the decision authority and lead for evacuation. At this time there are no evacuation orders in place.
- All CBP Personnel has been accounted for.
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### Office of Intelligence

- To facilitate rapid update exchanges, OI made positive contact with partners in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise (I&A, TSA ICE, and USCIS) and US Intelligence Community (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) ) and CBP's representative in Jordan.
- OI's is augmenting its Watch staffing, which includes moving to a 24/7 schedule to monitor Iran-related threats until further notice.
- OI supports (b) (7)(E) that DHS/I&A led with Key Intelligence Officers of DHS components to share threat updates and operational responses.
- To apprise CBP personnel in the field, OI prepared UNCLASSIFIED talking points for a 3 January teleconference with INA to inform our CBP teammates overseas on Iran-related threats.
- OI is planning multiple UNCLASSIFIED intelligence products for customers, including a formal bulletin and a (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) ”.

### Air and Marine

- HQ Ops: In light of increasing tensions between the U.S. and Iran, Air and Marine Operations field leadership is proactively leveraging its strategic partnerships with local, state, and federal counter-terrorism partners in order to enhance the Nation's security preparedness and response posture.
- AMOC: The Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) is on heightened alert and is shifting resources (equipment and personnel) as necessary in order to support interagency partners such as the (b) (7)(E) . AMOC's intelligence cell is actively monitoring relevant message traffic to immediately identify and process additional threat streams. The Joint PED Operations Center West (JPOC-W) is prepared to support emergent contingency operations that may require full motion video (i.e. Humanitarian Aid Disaster Relief (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) ) and analytical processing.

### Office of International Affairs

- Maintaining global accountability of personnel stationed overseas, including those with dependents at foreign locations, and teaming with OI to provide immediate intelligence updates
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- Teaming with “Five Eyes” partners to ensure shared awareness of threat activit (b) (7)(E)

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