

From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: 28 Jan 2017 20:36:23 -0500
To: Edge, Peter T;Spero, James
Cc: #ICE DD STAFF
Subject: RE: End of Day Update and Briefing Materials

Thanks Jim.

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From: Edge, Peter T
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:00:21 PM
To: Spero, James; Ragsdale, Daniel H
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Subject: RE: End of Day Update and Briefing Materials

Thanks Jim. I'll take a look.

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From: Spero, James
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Please see attached briefing materials sent to the DHS for the Monday meetings. I am including the paper sent last night on Vetting and Screening for the 9:30 at the NAC and the three briefing papers for the 1:00 at the RRB on the SWB trip. DHS has sent a draft agenda which I have also attached but it is very fluid and depends on the Governor Abbott's availability. ICE San Antonio field leadership is tentatively on the agenda to brief the S1 on Wednesday either at the Ursula CPC or at the McAllen Convention Center. I have requested that ICE get a 30 minute briefing. There is a DHS town hall

also scheduled for that afternoon and I am waiting to hear back on how many seats will be provided to ICE.

I learned today from CBP that they expect to start the S1 briefing at the RRB with a history of the border, migration flow patterns and trends and the JTFs. They plan to brief for an hour before turning it over to ICE. Since OFO and OBP will be there, I will try to get a seat for Matt Albence as well. CBP has not determined who would travel with S1 on this trip. I note that [redacted] is preparing as if Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. McAlcenan will meet S1 in the RGV and that is how the agenda reads. There are no rooms at Casa dos Palmas where S1 will be staying. We are on a waiting list if one becomes available. For now [redacted] will book a room at the courtyard and she is looking at flight options.

Both OPA and OCR have coordinated with DHS today on the screening inquiries. [redacted] was in touch with [redacted] and [redacted] was on the call today.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jim

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From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
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Helpful Jim. Thx.

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From: Spero, James
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It appears that Mr. McAleenan will travel with S1 to SWB. Mr. Ragsdale will be added to the itinerary and we hope to have an updated draft on Monday. DHS has also agreed to put a 30 minute ICE briefing by the San Antonio SAC and FOD on the agenda. They are still working on the logistics. The SWB briefing will be up here tonight.

You both are on the schedule for the vetting and screening brief at the NAC on Monday at 9:30. Phil Miller is on travel. That briefing paper will also be up here tonight.

OCR reports that the WHI has provided the below general talking points on tonight's EO

Executive Order to Protect the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals

Top Line:

- This Executive Order protects all Americans from foreign nationals who intend to commit terrorist attacks in the U.S. by preventing such individuals from exploiting U.S. immigration laws.
- The U.S. has been admitting people that it never should have allowed to come here, including large numbers of inadequately vetted individuals from ISIS strongholds in Syria and Iraq.
- Here's the challenge: We have to properly vet them every time; they only have to successfully infiltrate America once. With such danger, we must have the ability to properly screen each individual seeking to enter our country.
- This order has absolutely nothing to do with religion – there is no religious test to enter the country.
- We need to take these steps to ensure that the United States government honors its most important obligation, which is to protect the American people.

This EO:

- Suspends visa issuances to countries where adequate screening cannot occur;
- Implements uniform screening standards across all immigration programs to ensure that those who come to the United States do not pose a risk to public safety or national security;
- Suspends the Refugee Admissions Program for 120 days to determine which nationalities pose the least risk for admission to the United States;
- Expedites completion of the biometric entry-exit system;
- Ensures that applicants for visas are, in fact, interviewed before approval; and
- Aligns visa-validity periods with the law.

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From: ERO Taskings

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 8:24:37 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Subject: Update on January 27, 2017 Executive Order

The following message is sent by Philip T. Miller, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations

To: Assistant Directors, Field Office Directors and Deputy Field Office Directors

Subject: Update on January 27, 2017 Executive Order

Please immediately distribute this message to your employees.

As you know, we continue to evaluate the operational implications of the Executive Order entitled, “*Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*” (Jan. 27, 2017), suspending all entry into the United States for aliens who are nationals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, in accordance with Section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). We are also working with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor to address litigation that has been filed related to the Executive Order and formulate a path forward in light of a number of district court orders issued this weekend.

After issuance of the Executive Order, a number of affected aliens were permitted to withdraw their application for admission and were transferred to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody to facilitate their departure. Because the applicability of the district court orders to those cases remains uncertain, and to avoid allegations that such withdrawal was not knowing and voluntary, such individuals should remain in custody at this time. They remain arriving aliens subject to mandatory detention under the INA. ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations should not, however, proceed with plans for the departure of such individuals until further guidance is provided.

If at any point, U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Field Operations determines to grant a waiver to any such alien, who has withdrawn his or her application for admission and has been transferred to ICE custody, ERO should return the individual to OFO custody for additional processing.

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