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How about the below individual? Was she successful in boarding?

Thank you!

Good afternoon again CAT Team,

the Iraqi SIV, has booked her travel as follows. I told the congressional offices interested in this case that I would forward to our operators for awareness. She will be boarding in a few hours.

Thank you,

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**Booking Confirmation**

OneTravel Booking: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Booked on Tue, Jan 31, 2017

**Flight Details**

**Departing Flight**

Flydubai
Flight 204
Aircraft: 73H
BOEING 737 800 112 STD SEATS
Nonstop | Coach
Baggage Fees | Visa & Passport Info

Thu, Feb 02, 2017
Erbil International Airport, IQ
**EBL - 11:10 am**

Dubai, AE
**DXB - 03:00 pm**
Thu, Feb 02, 2017

Terms and Conditions

Status: Check now

Travel Time: 17h 35m
Airline Confirmation: E3BHK4
Connecting flight wait time (DXB) 11h 25m

Emirates Airline
Flight 231
Aircraft: 388
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800
300-474 STD SEATS

Fri, Feb 03, 2017
Dubai, AE
DXB - 02:25 am
Washington Dulles, DC
IAD - 08:10 am
Fri, Feb 03, 2017

Check airline Fare Rules. Most airlines charge baggage fees, check the Baggage Fees for complete details.

Traveler Information

E-Ticket Number | Traveler Name | Requests | Gender
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Special Service | Meal Preference | Any meal
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Disclaimer: All special requests, meal preferences, seat requests are not guaranteed. You must contact your airline to reconfirm that they have received this request and confirmed it.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:37 PM  
To: ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS DIVISION  
Subject: RE: High Profile Inquiry

Thank you!

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Yes she has an SIV, according to the system.
Thank you. Just to be 100% clear, she does have an SIV correct? She is traveling alone and not with her husband who has the primary SIV.

And SIV not applicable under the EO.

CAT Team,

Can we confirm the below and attached individual should be good for travel? She claims to have an Iraqi SIV derivative visa, but was denied boarding once before. DHS getting a lot of pressure on this.

Thank you,
Can you look her up? Need to know if her SIV is still valid. She should be able to travel if so.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 11:30 AM
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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: High Profile Inquiry
Importance: High

Greetings. Could you please take a look at this incoming letter to S1 (attached) for the spouse of an Iraqi SIV who is already in the U.S. The spouse attempted to leave on Jan 28, 2017 but was refused boarding. There is very high interest in this case from Senators Whitehouse, Blunt and Rep. Fortenberry. Rep. Fortenberry personally knows the principal SIV letter to the Senators and Member is copied below. I briefly discussed this case with yesterday but did not have all the facts at that time. Please advise on your thoughts on this case. Thanks.

Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

I thank you for your warm welcome today. I am a Yezidi and former interpreter with the US Army in Iraq, who visited your office with today. I moved to Washington, DC on a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) last July. I am writing to provide you with further information about my wife case.

Full Name: [Redacted]
Case Number: [Redacted]

In April 2015, filled out the DS-260 Form, a required to be completed for anyone who applies for a USA visa, and necessary to obtain an interview. She and I had our interviews at the American Embassy in Baghdad on Oct. 5, 2015; the Embassy checked our background and agreed to grant us visas. On April 2016, they issued my visa but not my wife’s visa. They said that her application would take more time to be processed but I was advised to go ahead, so I came to America July 12, 2016.

On Sept, 19, 2016, after receiving her security clearance, the Embassy in Baghdad sent an email directing her to have her medical examination which she did in Erbil. But in Erbil, they told her that it would take three months to receive the results. After three months, she received the medical results and sent them to the Embassy with her passport based on a request from the Embassy. Two days later, she received another email from the Embassy asking her to complete DS-260 form again. The Embassy set up an interview for her on January 19th, 2017. So, her visa was issued on the same day. But, it took several days until her visa was shipped from Baghdad to Duhok via DHL.

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Thank You Again for Your Help!

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Best Regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Good afternoon again CAT Team,

The Iraqi SIV, has booked her travel as follows. I told the congressional offices interested in this case that I would forward to our operators for awareness. She will be boarding in a few hours.

Thank you,

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**Booking Confirmation**

OneTravel Booking

**Flight Details**

**Departing Flight**

Flydubai
Flight 204
Aircraft: 73H
BOEING 737 800 112 STD SEATS

Thu, Feb 02, 2017
Erbil International Airport, IQ
EBL - 11:10 am
Dubai, AE
DXB - 03:00 pm
Thu, Feb 02, 2017

Connecting flight wait time (DXB) 11h 25m

**Travel Time:**
17h 35m

**Airline Confirmation:**
E3BH4

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Emirates Airline
Flight 231
Aircraft: 388
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800 300-474 STD SEATS

Fri, Feb 03, 2017
Dubai, AE
DXB - 02:25 am
Washington Dulles, DC
IAD - 08:10 am
Fri, Feb 03, 2017

**Airline Confirmation:**
N4H2L6
Check airline Fare Rules. Most airlines charge baggage fees, check the Baggage Fees for complete details.

**Traveler Information**

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Special Service: Any meal

Disclaimer: All special requests, meal preferences, seat requests are not guaranteed. You must contact your airline to reconfirm that they have received this request and confirmed it.

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Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:37 PM
To: ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS DIVISION
Subject: RE: High Profile Inquiry

Thank you!

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To: ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS DIVISION
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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Yes she has an SIV, according to the system.

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Cc: (b)(7)(E)
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Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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To: LOWRY, KIM M
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: High Profile Inquiry
Importance: High

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW – Suite 5.4A
Washington, D.C. 20229
Phone: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Department of Homeland Security
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Phone#: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Place: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Skype: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
10-4, do you want me to respond to the airline?

I don’t know if she has populated on the HL yet, but below is in regards to a passenger who’s visa was physically cancelled last week but wants to travel. I confirmed that she was on the list provided by the CAT and should be allowed to travel at this time. Can you please have someone create an event and note that she is cleared to board? If you don’t have a free moment, please pass it along to [b] and [b] to complete.

Thanks,

Hello Mr. [b], Mr. [b], and Ms. [b].

We’ve been contacted by the ACLU regarding the following customer who would like to travel to the U.S. tomorrow.

Name: [b]
Iran passport number [b]
U.S. visa type: F1
DOB: [b]

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She has not yet booked her ticket.

In spite of her valid U.S. visa having been stamped cancelled, can she travel tomorrow?

Thanks for your review and look forward to your response. Best regards

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Thanks,

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We’ve been contacted by the ACLU regarding the following customer who would like to travel to the U.S. tomorrow.

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Iran passport number: [REDACTED]
U.S. visa type: F1
DOB: [REDACTED]

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Thanks for your review and look forward to your response. Best regards, [REDACTED]
United Airlines
Corporate Security

O: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Thank you very much for the feedback you provided. I will advise the USDA that Mr. (b)(6) travel to the US should be fine. Thanks again for the assistance you provided.

FYSA

Respectfully,

(A) Program Manager
E.O. CAT HQ
Office of Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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He should be fine, I don’t see any issues.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Director
Travel and Tourism Initiatives
Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS)
Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Office of Field Operations

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Ma’am,

For your visibility. Korean national with scheduled visit to U.S. Has approved ESTA and travel to Iran which meets exemption (annotated on ESTA authorization). Deferring to ESTA for response.

Respectfully,

(a) Program Manager
E.O. CAT HQ
Office of Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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From: ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS DIVISION
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:36 PM
To: FW: Authorization to board with canceled visa - IR national [redacted]
Subject: High

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C),
Director, ESTA, EVUS
Office of Field Operations, APP
US Customs and Border Protection
Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent from mobile device

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:28:53 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Authorization to board with canceled visa - IR national [redacted]

Hello Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] and Ms. [redacted]

We've been contacted by the ACLU regarding the following customer who would like to travel to the U.S. tomorrow.

Name: (b)(6)
Iran passport number: (b)(6)
U.S. visa type: F1
DOB: (b)(6)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
United Airlines
Corporate Security
andres.hirschfeld@united.com
M: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
O: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:04 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Enjoined and Restrained Order
Attachments: Central District of CA case 2-17-cv-00786-AB-PLA.PDF

Sir,

As requested see attached.

[Redacted]

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Office of Field Operations
Field Liaison Division

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
UNIVERSAL STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BADR DHAIFALLAH AHMED
MOHAMMED;
YOUSEF BADR DHAIFALLAH
AHMED MOHAMED;
MAHA ABDULHAMÉED
MOHAMMED ALMAWRI;
MURAD KHALED ALI;
WALEED MUSAED QASEM
MOHAMMED;
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QASEM;
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ASHAWØ MOHAMMED AYEDH
AHMED;
SABA ALI ALI SAAED;
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SAAD;
NAWAR AHMED MOHAMED
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IBRAHIM AHMED MOHAMED
SAAD;
MOHÁMED AHMED MOHAMED
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ABDULATEF ABDU MUTHANNA
HAILAN;
DIYAZÁN ALI SAAED;
SAHAR SALEM AHMÉD;
NASLAH H A SAAED;
ALI MOHSEN SAAED;
SAIF DIYAZÁN ALI MOHSEN;
SARAH FADEL MUTHANA SAIF;

ORDER GRANTING EMERGENCY
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER AND/OR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Case No. CV 17-00786 AB (PLAx)
OMAR ALI MOHSEN MURSHED;  
BASSAM ALI MOHSEN MURSHED;  
NADHRA SALEH ALZEER;  
MUHRAH MOHSEN SALEH  
MOQBEL SALEH;  
QASEM ABDULRAHMAN SALEM  
AL-HASANI;  
MUNA O AL SAKKAF,  

Plaintiffs,  

v.  

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY;  
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP  
AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES;  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE;  
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND  
BORDER PATROL;  
DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official  
capacity as President of the United  
States of America;  
DANA J. BOENTE, in his official  
capacity as the Acting Attorney  
General of the United States;  
JOHN KELLY, Secretary of the  
Department of Homeland Security;  
LORI SCIALABBA, Acting Director  
of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
Services; KEVIN K. McALEENAN, in  
his official capacity as Acting  
Commissioner of U.S. Customs and  
Border Patrol,  

Defendants.  

Before the Court is Plaintiffs’ Motion for Temporary Restraining Order And/Or  
Preliminary Injunctive Relief. (Dkt. No. 3.) Upon consideration of the Complaint (Dkt.  
No. 1), the Motion, and the supporting declarations (Dkt. Nos. 4, 5), for Good Cause  
Shown, the Court hereby GRANTS the Motion.
DISCUSSION

A temporary restraining order ("TRO") is "an extraordinary remedy that may only be awarded upon a clear showing that the plaintiff is entitled to such relief." Winter v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, 555 U.S. 7, 22 (2008). The purpose of a TRO is to preserve the status quo before a preliminary injunction hearing may be held. Granny Goose Foods, Inc. v. Bhd. of Teamsters & Auto Truck Drivers Local No. 70 of Alameda City., 415 U.S. 423, 439 (1974). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 governs the issuance of TROs and preliminary injunctions, and courts apply the same standard to both. Frontline Med. Assocs., Inc. v. Coventry Healthcare Workers Comp., Inc., 620 F. Supp. 2d 1109, 1110 (C.D. Cal. 2009).

A party seeking preliminary injunctive relief must satisfy one of two tests. Under one test, the party must establish that he is (1) likely to succeed on the merits of his claims, (2) that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, (3) that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and (4) that an injunction is in the public interest. Am. Trucking Ass’n, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, 559 F.3d 1046, 1052 (9th Cir. 2009).

Under the alternative test, a party must show "‘serious questions going to the merits’ [,] a balance of hardships that tips sharply toward the plaintiff," a likelihood of irreparable harm, and that the injunction is in the public interest. Alliance for the Wild Rockies v. Cottrell, 632 F.3d 1127, 1132 (9th Cir. 2011). A "‘serious question’" is one on which the movant "‘has a fair chance of success on the merits.’" Sierra On-Line, Inc. v. Phoenix Software, Inc., 739 F.2d 1415, 1421 (9th Cir. 1984).

The Court finds that Plaintiffs have satisfied these standards and that a TRO should issue. Plaintiffs have satisfied the first test because they have shown that they are likely to succeed on the merits of claims that would entitle them to relief; Plaintiffs are likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief; the balance of equities favors Plaintiffs; and an injunction is in the public interest. Plaintiffs have also satisfied the "alternative" test: they have established at least a serious question going to 3.
the merits of their claims; that the balance of hardships tips decisively in their favor; and, as noted as to the first test, a likelihood of irreparable harm and that an injunction is in the public interest.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Defendants and their officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all persons acting in concert or participating with them, are ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from enforcing Defendant President Donald J. Trump’s January 27, 2017 Executive Order by removing, detaining, or blocking the entry of Plaintiffs, or any other person from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen with a valid immigrant visa;

2. Defendants, and Defendant United States Department of State in particular, are hereby ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from cancelling validly obtained and issued immigrant visas of Plaintiffs;

3. Defendants, and Defendant United States Department of State in particular, are hereby ORDERED to return to Plaintiffs their passports containing validly issued immigrant visas so that Plaintiffs may travel to the United States on said visas; and

4. Defendants are hereby ORDERED to IMMEDIATELY inform all relevant airport, airline, and other authorities at Los Angeles International Airport and International Airport in Djibouti that Plaintiffs are permitted to travel to the United States on their valid immigrant visas.

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties:

- Plaintiffs shall file any supplemental brief in support of their motion for preliminary injunction by February 2, 2017.
- Defendants shall file their opposition by February 5, 2017.
- Plaintiffs shall file their reply by February 8, 2017.
- Defendants shall appear on February 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to show cause why
the preliminary injunctive relief sought in the Ex Parte Application for Temporary
Restraining Order And/Or Preliminary Injunction should not be granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 31, 2017

HONORABLE ANDRÉ BIROTTE JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
Requests received.

Respectfully,

Please see the below request from OCC to facilitate the travel of the above named individuals.
(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Attorney, Enforcement and Operations
Office of Chief Counsel
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Tel: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: HUTTON, JAMES R
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 7:38 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Yes

From: HUTTON, JAMES R
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:15:09 PM
To: HUTTON, JAMES R
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Ryan,

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Attorney, Enforcement and Operations  
Office of Chief Counsel  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
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To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)  
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Subject: RE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Attorney, Enforcement and Operations
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FW: EO Guidance

As requested, please see above attachments.

Thanks,

Branch Chief
Customs and Border Protection
Enforcement Programs Division
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Tel: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Mobile: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations  
Director, Field Operations Academy

FROM: Todd A. Hoffman  
Executive Director  
Admissibility and Passenger Programs  
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Canadian Landed Immigrants and Executive Order “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States”

The purpose of this memo is to inform the field that Canadian Landed Immigrants that are citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen may be considered for the grant of an immigration benefit, namely admission, under Section 3(g) of the President’s Executive Order.

The immigration benefit of admission for nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, who are also Canadian Landed Immigrants (similar to a lawful permanent resident in the United States), must be considered on a case by case basis where appropriate in the U.S. national interest. This exception is only applicable at CBP Pre-Clearance locations and/or land border Ports of Entry. Authority for this exception is currently delegated to the Commissioner of CBP.

All requests for exception pursuant to this guidance should include detailed description of the traveler, any known derogatory information, and how the individuals’ entry is in the U.S. national interest. Requests for approval should be submitted as per previous guidance for review.

Please ensure that this memorandum is disseminated to all ports of entry within your jurisdiction. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact [redacted] Director, Enforcement Programs Division at [redacted] or send inquiries to [redacted].
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
                     Director, Field Operations Academy

FROM: Todd A. Hoffman (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
         Executive Director
         Admissibility and Passenger Programs
         Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Canadian Landed Immigrants and Executive Order “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States”

Effective immediately, Canadian Landed Immigrants that are citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen with a valid U.S. Visa may be considered for an exemption of the 212(f) bar under Section 3(g) of the President’s Executive Order if and only if the person satisfies the following conditions:

1. Proof to the satisfaction of the inspection Officer of person’s Landed Immigrant Status in Canada;
2. Possession of a valid U.S. visa;
3. Travel that originates in Canada;
4. From only a pre-clearance airport; or
5. Applying for admission at a land border port of entry;
6. And the applicant is otherwise admissible.

The admission of such individuals must be in the national interest of the United States. Prior to any such admission, each individual must be subjected to a thorough examination by an immigration officer, to include CBP conduct of:

(b)(7)(E) Each exemption must be considered on a case by case basis with waiver submitted to Commissioner of CBP as previously outlined in the attached email.

Please ensure that this memorandum is disseminated to all ports of entry within your jurisdiction. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Director, Enforcement Programs Division at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or send inquiries to (b)(7)(E)

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Executive Order (EO) *Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*

- On 27 January 2017, the President of the United States signed Executive Order (EO) *Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*.
  - Effective immediately in accordance with the new EO, all immigrant and nonimmigrant persons of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen are suspended entry into the U.S. for the next 90 days.

- The suspension does not affect foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, NATO visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations and G-1, G-2, G-3 and G-4.

- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders)
  - In accordance with White House Guidance issued on February 1, 2017, Sections 3(c) and 3(e) of Executive Order Entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States” do not apply to Lawful Permanent Residents.

- Dual citizens: EO applies to Dual Citizens, but travelers are being treated according to the travel document they present. For example, if they present a Canadian passport, that is how they are processed for entry.

- Someone who is in the Federal Inspection Area right now: Each person who may be admissible from one of the seven countries, has to have an individual waiver. Processing the waivers may delay the release of the individual.

- What about refugees who are considered to be “in transit?”
  - There are currently 872 refugees who are considered to be in transit who are scheduled to arrive in the United States this week. The Secretaries of State and DHS have coordinated and will process the 872 individuals consistent with the terms of the Executive Order, which we’ve operationalized by assessing each traveler on a case-by-case basis.

- Documents that can be used by citizens identified by the EO to enter the United States are:
  - Any diplomatic visa (A, G, C-2, or NATO)
  - An I-551 (Green Card)
  - A refugee or asylee travel document
  - An advance parole document
  - Any SQ immigrant visa

If they are not in possession of one of the above travel documents, they will not be allowed to enter the U.S.
Executive Order (EO) *Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals*

- To obtain current and accurate information of an effected individual, or if you have questions, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection directly.

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