



**Homeland
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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

April 30, 2021

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: emma.lewis@americanoversight.org

Emma Lewis
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW B255
Washington, DC 20005

Re: **20-cv-01367-RCL**
American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security et al.
Fifth Interim Release for DHS FOIA Litigation No. 2020-HQLI-00030

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This is our fifth interim release of records related to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), received on March 19, 2020.

For this production the DHS reviewed 343 pages of potentially responsive records. Of those 343 pages the DHS has determined that 111 pages are responsive to your request. The DHS has determined to withhold in part or in full 97 pages, pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). Further, 14 pages will be released to you in full. **Bates Numbers DHS-PRIV-001038-001148**

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Andrew Freidah, United States Department of Justice's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at Andrew.f.freidah@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric A. Neuschaefer".

Eric A. Neuschaefer
Senior Director, FOIA Litigation, Appeals, Policy, and
Training (Acting)

Enclosed: 111 pages

From:	(b)(6)
To:	HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda
Date:	2020/03/26 06:56:20
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Confirming

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:35:00 AM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)
Subject: Re: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

These are strong. (b)(5); (b)(6) I think it's good to send to AS1.

(b)(6)
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:23:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)
Subject: Re: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

Good work (b)(5); (b)(6)
(b)(5)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:36:33 PM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)
Subject: RE: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

Attached.

(b)(6) is going to send me the FEMA TPs in the morning, (b)(5)
(b)(5)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:51 PM
To: (b)(6)
 (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)
Subject: Re: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

(b)(5)

I think it's fine to emphasize FEMA specific TPs since they are now leading the coordinated federal response.

(b)(6)
 Deputy Chief of Staff
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:47:07 PM
To: (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER
 (b)(6)
Subject: RE: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

(b)(5)

(b)(6) is telling me FEMA has some FEMA specific points, but nothing that applies to the DHS workforce as a whole.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:50 PM
To: (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER
 (b)(6)
Subject: Re: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

This is good, but cold. (b)(5)
 (b)(5)

While this is an SLG, we are setting the stage for future employee messages.

From: AS1CFW (b)(6)**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:36:52 PM**To:** (b)(6)

(b)(6)

HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)

Subject: AS1 Edits - SLG Agenda

See attached.

What else can I bring up or mention?

Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)
	HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/26 06:56:20
Message Flags:	Unsent

From:	(b)(6)
To:	Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Answer to AS2 question on SLG call
Date:	2020/03/28 15:03:52
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Same here. Appreciate everything you and your teams are doing!

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From: (b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:28:19 AM
To: (b)(6) Tomney, Christopher
Subject: Re: Answer to AS2 question on SLG call

Thanks (b)(6) We appreciate the collaboration with you.

(b)(6)

(b)(6) CEM
 Deputy Administrator (A) | Resilience

(b)(6)
 Federal Emergency Management Agency
 fema.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:24:29 AM
To: Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Answer to AS2 question on SLG call

Thank you both. I will pass this info along to AS2.

From: Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:00:31 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Answer to AS2 question on SLG call

(b)(6) Thanks very much. Any advance awareness is appreciated. (b)(5)

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Again, many thanks for the assistance and (b)(6) to the great job you and the interagency team at FEMA are doing! Some long days already and sadly, many more to go. Just holler if OPS can lend any additional assistance. v/r (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@fema.dhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:34 PM

To: Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Answer to AS2 question on SLG call

Hi (b)(6)

On this afternoon's SLG call, Acting Deputy Secretary Cuccinelli asked about a timeline for deployment of DMATs by HHS. The reply from our NRCC:

Regarding AS2's request for a timeline on DMAT deployments: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

Deputy Administrator (A) | Resilience

(b)(6)

Federal Emergency Management Agency
fema.gov

Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/28 15:03:52

Message Flags:	Unsent
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From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject:	draft email
Date:	2020/03/12 19:35:10
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(6) I say your email and want to correct one thing: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Here's the draft (b)(6) & I have agreed to – we welcome any edits, but want to try to hit send in the next half hour or so, as some of our folks head for bed in the next hour.

Thanks, Cameron

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We'll be monitoring & will send out something later Sunday with any updates we can share at that point.

Best, Cameron

Cameron P. Quinn,
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

Sender:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)
	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/12 19:35:08
Delivered Date:	2020/03/12 19:35:10

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: draft email
Date:	2020/03/12 19:49:37
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(6) – perhaps I misunderstood (b)(6) as to which (b)(6) I was to copy. As I'd indicated, we are holding for review. Sorry for any confusion.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject: Re: draft email

(b)(6)

Please hold on this message. Thank you.

From: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:35:08 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Venture, Veronica
Subject: draft email

(b)(6) I say your email and want to correct one thing: (b)(5)
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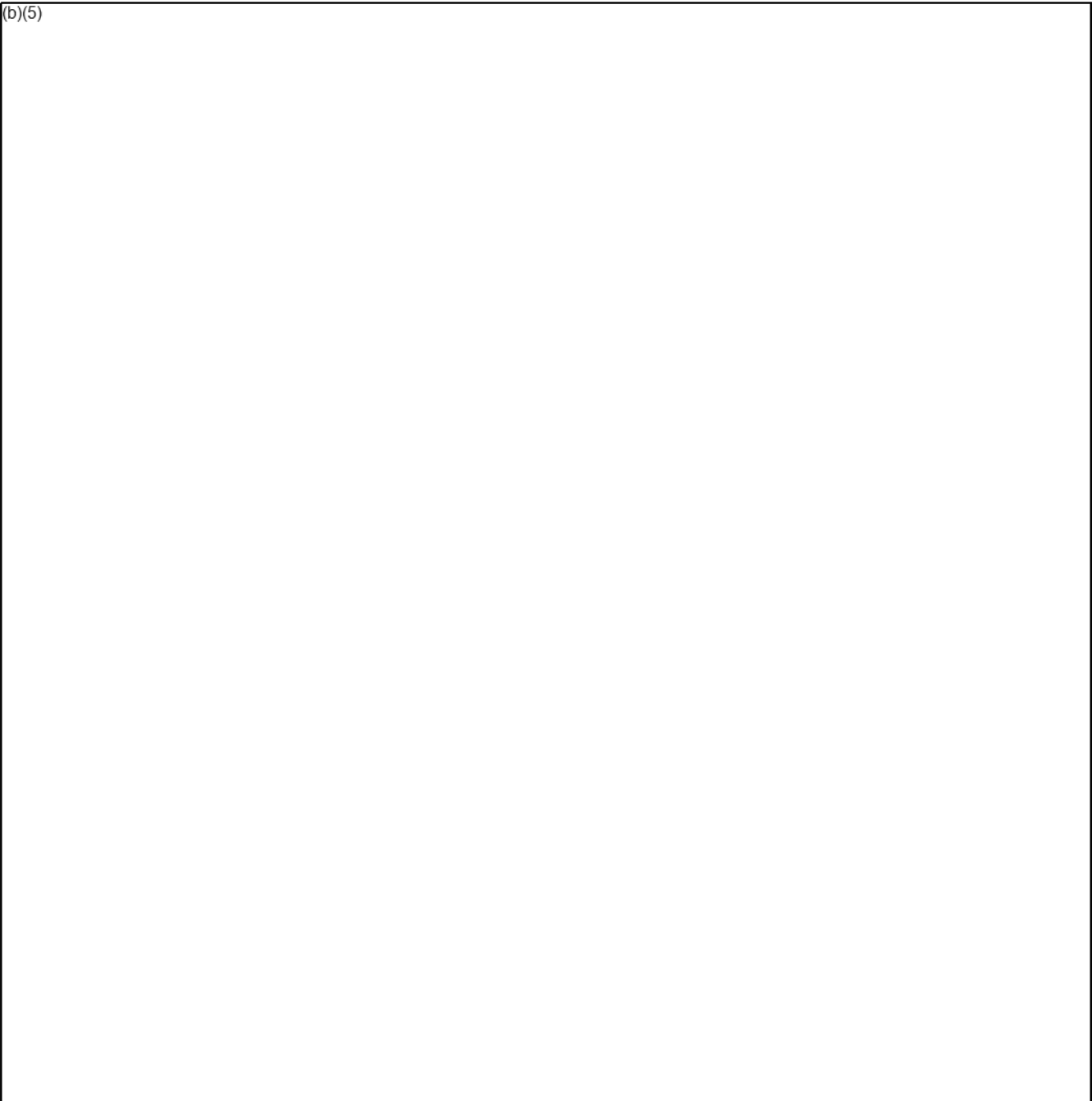
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Sender:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
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Recipient:	
	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/12 19:49:36
Delivered Date:	2020/03/12 19:49:37

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: draft email
Date:	2020/03/12 20:21:01
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(6) I'm not going to pull any trigger immediately, I promise. I am concerned that something go out at a reasonable hour tonight. I'm available by phone as needed, but have been staying in the office waiting on sending this – if you anticipate it being another hour or more, please advise. Thanks! Cameron

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject: RE: draft email

DUSM, CHCO (b)(6) and I are working to get on a call. I'd be grateful if you give us that opportunity so we can get additional guidance to you – and others.

Many thanks –

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
 Acting Chief of Staff
 Office of the Under Secretary for Management
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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"With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values." ...DHS Mission

From: Quinn, Cameron

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:50 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: RE: draft email

(b)(6) perhaps I misunderstood (b)(6) as to which Angie I was to copy. As I'd indicated, we are holding for review. Sorry for any confusion.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:43 PM

To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: Re: draft email

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Please hold on this message. Thank you.

From: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:35:08 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) Venture, Veronica

(b)(6)

Subject: draft email

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Sender:

Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Recipient:	(b)(6)
	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/12 20:21:00
Delivered Date:	2020/03/12 20:21:01



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values, and our way of life.*

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From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: draft email
Date:	2020/03/12 20:39:31
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(6)

So I spoke to (b)(6) and asked if there were things of concern that we could pull out so we could get SOMETHING out at a reasonable hour, pointing out that almost all the “guidance” came out of (b)(6) (b)(6) emails directly.

(b)(5)

I’ll be happy to reference additional DHS guidance coming later tonight and take some of this out, **but am looking for the ability to send out something from the below sooner than a couple hours from now**, which sounds like the most likely timeframe from (b)(6) et al.

Please advise. Thanks, Cameron

From: (b)(6)**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:17 PM**To:** Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)**Subject:** RE: draft email

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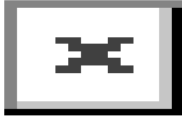
Many thanks –

(b)(6)

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Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Under Secretary for Management
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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American people, our homeland, and our values." ...DHS Mission*

From: Quinn, Cameron

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:50 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: RE: draft email

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:43 PM

To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: Re: draft email

(b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:35:08 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc:

(b)(6)

Venture, Veronica

Subject: draft email

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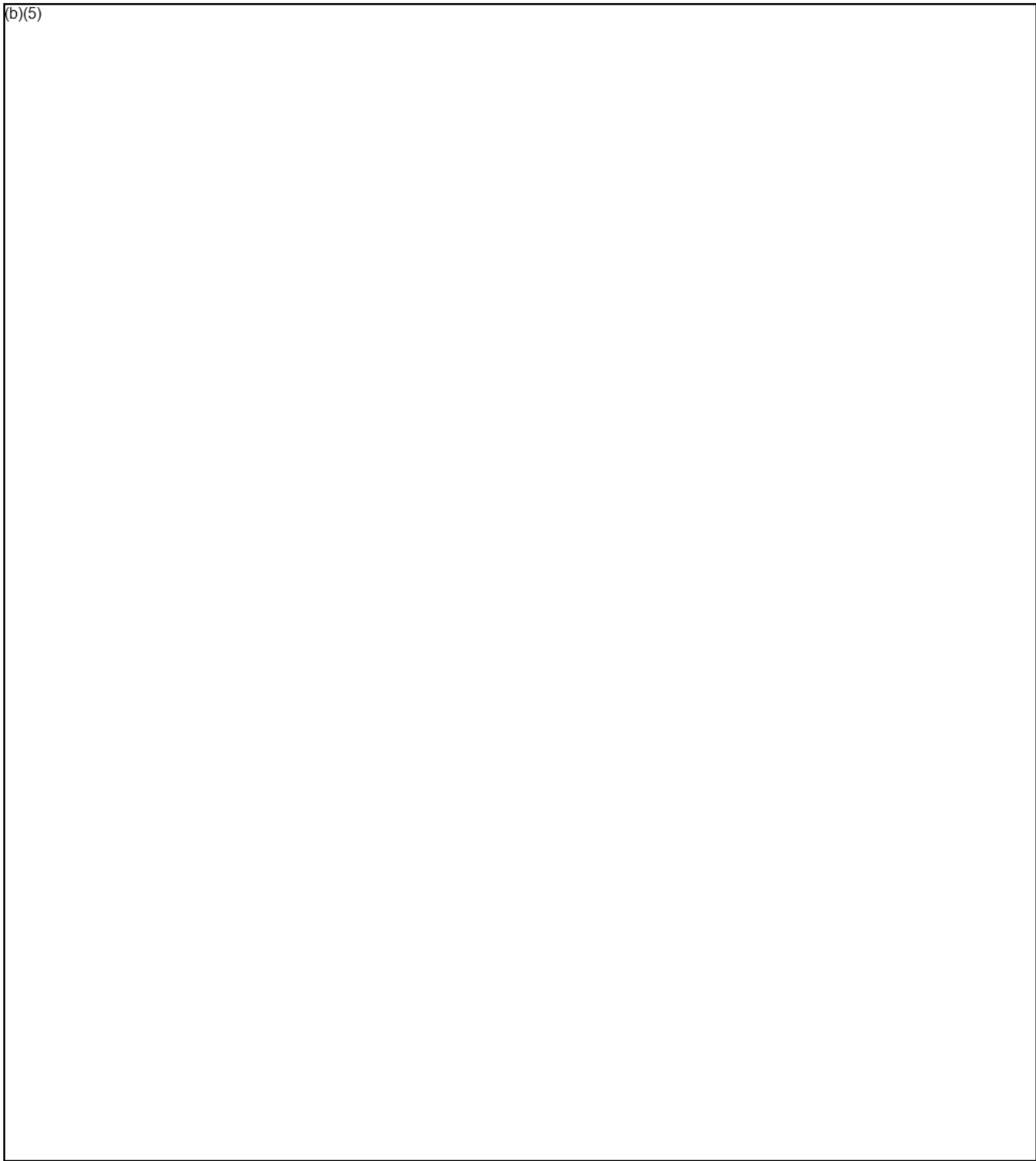
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Sender:	Quinn, Cameron	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
Recipient:	Venture, Veronica	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
Sent Date:	2020/03/12 20:39:30	
Delivered Date:	2020/03/12 20:39:31	

From:	Quinn, Cameron <(b)(6)>
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Venture, Veronica <(b)(6)>
Subject:	RE: draft email
Date:	2020/03/12 21:01:30
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

I know you all are dealing with a lot, but I feel I'm not quite getting our issue through:

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Best, Cameron

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:41 PM
To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject: Re: draft email

Ok I'd set up a call for tomorrow and, if the decision is to have folks telework tomorrow, let them know tonight.

From: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:39:30 PM
To: (b)(6)
 (b)(6)
Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Subject: RE: draft email

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
 (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: RE: draft email

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Many thanks –

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(b)(6)

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From: Quinn, Cameron

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:50 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: RE: draft email

(b)(6) perhaps I misunderstood Adrienne as to which (b)(6) I was to copy. As I'd indicated, we are holding for review. Sorry for any confusion.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:43 PM

To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)

Subject: Re: draft email

(b)(6)

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From: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:35:08 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) Venture, Veronica

(b)(6)

Subject: draft email

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(b)(5)

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(b)(6)

Sender:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)
	Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/12 21:01:29
Delivered Date:	2020/03/12 21:01:30

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Venture, Veronica (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Tomorrow - quick update
Date:	2020/03/12 21:24:46
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(6) – FYSA I just sent the following w/ (b)(6) clearance. As I explained to her, (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Best, Cameron

From: Quinn, Cameron
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:12 PM
To: CRCL Wide (b)(6)
Subject: Tomorrow - quick update

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Best, Cameron

Cameron P. Quinn,
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

Sender:	Quinn, Cameron	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
Recipient:		
	Venture, Veronica	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
Sent Date:	2020/03/12 21:24:45	
Delivered Date:	2020/03/12 21:24:46	

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: what's the update on (b)(6)
Date:	2020/03/17 11:55:39
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Nothing closer than Williamsburg @ 45 minutes/hour one way depending on traffic. Since his public health is staying in touch, I'm sure he'll follow any public health directions.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Subject: RE: what's the update on (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Please excuse my lack of VA geography knowledge. /s/ a DC resident

From: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:15 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: what's the update on (b)(6)

Adrienne- FYSA. This is the self-monitoring employee, due to the 90 K incident.

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From: (b)(6) @HQ.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Quinn, Cameron
Subject: RE: what's the update on (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

From: Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:51 AM**To:** (b)(6)**Subject:** what's the update on (b)(6)

Cameron P. Quinn,
 Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
 Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

Sender:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/17 11:55:38
Delivered Date:	2020/03/17 11:55:39

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: telework ready - URGENT
Date:	2020/03/18 17:55:23
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(6) FYSA. We may ask for help w/coordination on a couple issues if we have any trouble, but have figured out how to ratchet back even more than our original minimal non-telework. I'll probably try to call you tomorrow at some point to further discuss. Please advise if any periods you will be difficult to reach.

Thanks, Cameron

From: Quinn, Cameron
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:53 PM
To: CRCL Wide <(b)(6)>
Subject: telework ready - URGENT

Gang – I haven't seen latest news, but based on an OMB memo forwarded this afternoon by AS2, I think there may be approximately a 24 hour or so window to come into St. E's if there is ANYTHING you may need prior to an very indefinite telework timeframe.

Relevant info is as follows:

Per OMB guidance issued March 17, 2020 the Federal Government must immediately adjust operations and services to minimize face-to-face interactions. We must take ALL appropriate steps to slow the transmission of COVID-19 within DHS and across the Nation.

By tomorrow, Thursday, March 19, 2020, we must revise all operations, services, and use of facilities that require face-to-face interaction with our employees and the public, in order to deliver only mission-critical, location-specific functions.

So there will be no choosing to come in, rather than work from home.

I will share that the senior CRCL leadership & section chiefs are in discussions to minimize even the work that can only be done from here. In some cases this will require negotiation w/other offices, Components, etc., so we can't control it all, but we're doing everything we can. If your section (e.g., SIIP) currently is expected to come in on occasion, I'm sure your supervisor(s) has been or will be in touch on additional changes we're trying to make since decisions earlier this week.

So if you have files you need, potentially, plants that you don't want to die, etc., please try to come by ASAP and no later than COB tomorrow. Additionally, if you do come in, please remove anything from the

refrigerators that will go bad – no point in coming back to quarantine a fridge due to something left in it (and we may go through & toss anything that doesn't look like it can last for 2-4 weeks or more. We won't be worrying about what's in the freezer).

As you can tell – things are continuing to evolve. We'll continue to be in touch as we have things to share. In the meantime, stay safe, healthy & happy!

Best, Cameron

Cameron P. Quinn,
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

Sender:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/18 17:55:22
Delivered Date:	2020/03/18 17:55:23

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	
Subject:	4 new folks self-quarantining
Date:	2020/03/22 23:45:06
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Thanks in advance for your guidance! Cameron

Cameron P. Quinn,
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

Sender:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)

	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/22 23:45:02
Delivered Date:	2020/03/22 23:45:06

From:	Quinn, Cameron (b)(6)
To:	HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)
CC:	
Subject:	FW: CNN whistleblower article mentions CRCL.
Date:	2020/03/23 00:16:43
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Some of you will recall our August 2018 whistleblowing situation involving a former CRCL employee and 2 SME doctors who assist Compliance with onsite investigations (mostly at ICE detention centers). At that point the issue was family separation.

One of those 2 doctors, along with a new doctor is “whistleblowing” again, per the article below. This time they are advocating releasing most, if not all, detainees in advance of COVID-19 spreading in detention facilities. On both occasions letters were sent to me by (b)(6) dated 2/25 and 3/13) I forwarded them to (b)(6) (CWMD) and (b)(6) (ICE/IHSC), among others.

Please let me know if you want further information. I’ve attached the letters I received.

Best, Cameron

Cameron P. Quinn,
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties,
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:47 PM

To: CRCL Senior Leadership (b)(6)

Cc: CE Team (b)(6)

Subject: CNN whistleblower article mentions CRCL.

See:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/20/health/doctors-ice-detention-coronavirus/index.html>

Doctors warn of 'tinderbox scenario' if coronavirus spreads in ICE detention

By Catherine E. Shoichet, CNN

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(CNN) Two doctors who are medical experts for the Department of Homeland Security are sending a warning to members of Congress.

The department should consider releasing all immigrant detainees who don't pose a risk to public safety, the doctors argue, before it's too late.

There's an "imminent risk to the health and safety of immigrant detainees" and to the general public if the novel coronavirus spreads in ICE detention, Dr. Scott Allen and Dr. Josiah Rich wrote in a letter sent to lawmakers Friday.

The doctors, contracted experts for the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, say they're "gravely concerned" about the risks the novel coronavirus poses.

"They are essentially the medical experts for DHS, who want to make sure they're sounding the alarm and weighing in on this significant threat to public health," said Dana Gold, senior counsel at the Government Accountability Project.

The organization, known for its work protecting whistleblowers, is representing the doctors and released their letter to CNN. The doctors are co-founders and co-directors of the Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights.

"They are not speaking as DHS, but they are speaking in their capacity as medical experts for DHS who have a duty to warn," Gold said.

The doctors could not immediately be reached for comment.

At least one ICE staffer has tested positive for coronavirus

The doctors' letter comes a day after ICE informed members of Congress that a member of the medical administrative staff of an ICE detention center in Elizabeth, New Jersey, tested positive for coronavirus, fueling already growing fears about a potential outbreak in that facility and others in ICE's sprawling detention system.

"Currently, no ICE detainees or other staff are symptomatic for COVID-19 at this facility," ICE said in a statement obtained by CNN. "Despite the personal risk to themselves, the dedicated professionals of ICE -- including the medical professionals at (ICE Health Service Corps) continue to carry out their duties to keep the public and our detainees safe during this unprecedented pandemic."

This week numerous immigrant advocacy organizations and human rights groups have been pushing for ICE to release detainees in its custody as the virus spreads.

Some are asking for the agency to release detainees with underlying medical conditions. Others are pushing even further, saying all detainees should be let out.

The idea of releasing detained immigrants as coronavirus spreads has drawn criticism from organizations who support the US government's crackdown on illegal immigration. Some have argued the US should instead increase the pace of deportations to decrease the number of people detained.

Asked for a response to the concerns raised in the doctors' letter, an ICE spokeswoman pointed to the site where ICE is posting coronavirus updates, which describes the health and safety of detainees as a top priority and details how the agency plans to mitigate the spread of the virus.

"ICE epidemiologists have been tracking the outbreak, regularly updating infection prevention and control protocols, and issuing guidance to ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC) staff for the screening and management of potential exposure among detainees," the website says. "ICE continues to incorporate CDC's COVID-19 guidance, which is built upon the already established infectious disease monitoring and management protocols currently in use by the agency. In addition, ICE is actively working with state and local health partners to determine if any detainee requires additional testing or monitoring to combat the spread of the virus."

The Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The doctors' letter raises many of the same concerns advocates have been highlighting, such as the fact that the "social distancing" practices that authorities around the world say are essential to slowing the spread of coronavirus are essentially impossible in immigrant detention.

The letter also highlights an issue that hasn't gotten as much public attention: Outbreaks inside detention facilities, they say, pose serious risks to the general public as well.

"It's much bigger than just what happens to the immigrants in detention," Gold said.

A 'tinderbox scenario'

In their letter, the doctors outline what they describe as a "tinderbox scenario."

"As local hospital systems become overwhelmed by the patient flow from detention center outbreaks, precious health resources will be less available for people in the community," the letter says. "To be more explicit, a detention center with a rapid outbreak could result in multiple detainees — five, ten or more — being sent to the local community hospital where there may only be six or eight ventilators over a very short period.

"As they fill up and overwhelm the ventilator resources, those ventilators are unavailable when the infection inevitably is carried by staff to the community and are also unavailable for all the usual critical illnesses (heart attacks, trauma, etc)."

In an alternate scenario, the doctors write, detainees are released from "high risk congregate settings" and the volume of patients sent to community hospitals would level out.

"In the first scenario, many people from the detention center and the community die unnecessarily for want of a ventilator," the letter says. "In the latter, survival is maximized as the local mass outbreak scenario is averted."

In a letter sent to members of Congress, Dr. Scott Allen and Dr. Josiah Rich describe how the general public could be affected if there's a coronavirus outbreak in ICE detention.

Allen and Rich say they first raised their concerns with the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on February 25, then again in a subsequent letter on March 13. The doctors' letter to Congress does not detail how DHS officials responded to the concerns they raised.

Allen has conducted numerous investigations of immigrant detention facilities on behalf of the office over the past five years, according to the letter. Rich recently signed on to be a subject matter expert for the office, Gold said. He is currently providing care to coronavirus infected patients, the letter says. One of the doctors has raised concerns about dangerous detention conditions before. This isn't the first time Allen has sent a letter to Congress documenting his concerns over conditions in ICE detention.

In 2018, Allen and another physician sent a letter to lawmakers calling ICE family detention "a willful policy that knowingly inflicts serious harm to children, including risk of death."

These doctors risked their careers to expose the dangers children face in immigrant family detention. These doctors risked their careers to expose the dangers children face in immigrant family detention. In response to that letter and longstanding criticisms from advocates decrying conditions in ICE family detention facilities, the agency has repeatedly stressed that it takes health and safety of immigrants in its custody seriously. ICE points to a June 2017 report from the DHS inspector general that describes family detention facilities as "clean, well-organized and efficiently run."

"ICE is committed to ensuring the welfare of all those in the agency's custody, including providing access to necessary and appropriate medical care," ICE spokeswoman Danielle Bennett said in a statement sent to CNN earlier this week, noting that the agency spends more than \$269 million annually on detainee healthcare.

Recommendations and next steps

In their letter, Allen and Rich recommend three key proactive steps they say officials should take before coronavirus spreads through immigrant detention: "1) Processes for screening, testing, isolation and quarantine; 2) Limiting transport and transfer of immigrant detainees; and 3) Implementing alternatives to detention to facilitate as much social distancing as possible."

"The nationwide network of detention centers, where frequent and routine inter-facility transfers occur, represents a frighteningly efficient mechanism for rapid spread of the virus to otherwise remote areas of the country where many detention centers are housed," the letter says. At minimum, DHS "should consider releasing all detainees in high risk medical groups such as older people and those with chronic diseases," the doctors write.

"In addition, given the low risk of releasing detainees who do not pose a threat to public safety -- i.e., those only charged with immigration violations -- releasing all immigration detainees who do not pose a security risk should be seriously considered in the national effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus."

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Subject:	Additional recommendations regarding COVID-19 and Immigration Detention
Date:	2020/03/13 19:52:57
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Dear Ms. Quinn,

As the pandemic progresses, we are keeping close tabs on public health strategies.

The attached memo addresses the growing strategy of mitigation and our additional recommendations.

As always we will continue to work closely with you and your staff on this issue.

Regards,

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(b)(6) MD
Medical Subject Matter Expert
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Subject:	Corona Virus and Immigration Detention
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Dear Ms. Quinn:

We are physicians (an internist and two infectious disease specialists) with expertise in medical care in detention settings. We currently serve as subject matter experts for your office, the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) and have conducted numerous investigations of immigration detention facilities on CRCL's behalf over the past five years.

We expect DHS leadership is already hard at work on a comprehensive approach to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) threat. In the attached letter we wanted to offer our recommendations related to immigration detention in support of that effort.

If you would like to discuss this further or if we can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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To be clear the 4 are now self-monitoring, not self-quarantining.

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Thank you!

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Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: 4 new folks self-quarantining

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Thanks in advance for your guidance! Cameron

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So I have the memo of 3/17 on the RFI (updated), but it does not indicate in it that we should use this to report any tracking of employees on COVID-19, and it specifically says in #2 that the inputs sh/not be internally-focused workforce protection issues.

Is there a 2nd RFI that I've managed to overlook?

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Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:02:41 PM
To: (b)(6) @hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re:

Yes, daily corona sync

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Which coronavirus update were you saying I should be on? The morning touch base with AS1's office?

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From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:29 PM

To: (b)(6) Quinn, Cameron; (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) Alles, Randolph

Subject: Re: CRCL Employee

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To: (b)(6)

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Randolph

Subject: CRCL Employee

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Subject: Fwd: Statement & Fact Sheet re: FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

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Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 10:44 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: NOC.SWO.Restricted; NOC.NDD

Subject: Statement & Fact Sheet re: FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

ALCON,

FYSA – Director Tomney asked the NOC to forward the following documents to you for your situational awareness:

- 1) News Release – POTUS Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19;
- 2) Fact Sheet – COVID-19 Emergency Declaration
- 3) Talking Points – FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

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NEWS RELEASE

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority.

Today, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Today's declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.

The emergency declaration does not change measures authorized under other federal statutes and HHS remains the lead federal agency directing the federal response to COVID-19. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

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COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

On March 13, 2020, the President declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”). State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance.

In accordance with section 502 of the Stafford Act, eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials’ may be reimbursed under Category B of the agency’s Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or other federal agencies. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share.

This declaration increases federal support to HHS in its role as the lead federal agency for the federal government’s response to COVID-19. The emergency declaration does not impact measures authorized under other Federal statutes.

FEMA assistance will require execution of a FEMA-State/Tribal/Territory Agreement, as appropriate, and execution of an applicable emergency plan. States, tribal and territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration.

FEMA encourages officials to take appropriate actions that are necessary to protect public health and safety pursuant to public health guidance.



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TALKING POINTS

FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

KEY MESSAGES

- The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority.
- Today, President Trump took decisive, unprecedented action by declaring a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of Stafford Act. The President's action cuts red tape and bureaucracy and avoids Governors needing to request individual emergency declarations.
- This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. FEMA actions will be taken in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments.
- Pursuant to this declaration, FEMA, in direct coordination with HHS, will assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public.

WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?

- In accordance with this declaration, States would need to submit requests for additional assistance beyond the types originally designated.
- This declaration does not authorize direct financial assistance available to individuals.
 - This declaration does not include Disaster Unemployment Assistance or Other Needs Assistance, or other types of assistance beyond those identified above.
- Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program.
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HOW WILL IT WORK?

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- FEMA Regional Administrators will coordinate with Governors to execute a FEMA-State Agreement in support of COVID-19 response activities, and states^{1,2} do not need to request separate emergency declarations. States are encouraged to activate their emergency operations centers (EOCs) if not already activated.

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¹ As defined in Robert T. Stafford Act, Section 102 “State” means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

² As a nationwide emergency declaration, Tribal governments are covered as eligible applicants. Tribal Authorities may request to serve as direct recipients through their Regional Administrator.

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Thanks, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 12:31:21 PM

To: (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER

(b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Not sure (b)(6) I asked (b)(6) to print off a copy to show him now.

From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 12:29:36 PM

To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Did AS1 have any final edits? I'm going to let AS2 know we are sending once final for his awareness.

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From (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 4:10 PM

To: (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Hello sir,

Please see the attached document for the latest draft incorporating several edits.

Happy to be of further assistance going forward.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:37 PM

To (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Revised AS1 Employee Message

None from me. Looks good. A little long for me, but good.

From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:03:45 PM

To: HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Hi Chiefs,

Just wanted to check if anyone had any additional thoughts on the new draft.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 10:32:20 AM

To: HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Hello all,

I have incorporated the recommended changes and made some additional edits.

Please see the attached documents for updated drafts, including a tracked changes and clean version.

Happy to assist going forward as needed.

V/r

(b)(6)

From: HOULTON, TYLER

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 9:40 AM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Some initial thoughts.

(b)(5)

From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 8:11:25 AM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

HOULTON, TYLER

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Thanks boss. Reviewing and ddding (b)(6) to track everyone's edits.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 8:05 AM

To: (b)(6) HOULTON, TYLER;
(b)(6)

Subject: Revised AS1 Employee Message

Team,

Take a look and edit among yourselves.

I tweaked it based on recent developments but it needs some cleaning up and editing.

Some of the language may be repetitive.

Also - will likely need FEMA or (b)(6) to review given the FEMA inclusion.

Goal - send out this afternoon.

Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	HOULTON, TYLER (b)(6) (b)(6)
Sent Date:	2020/03/15 18:12:14
Message Flags:	Unsent

From:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies
Date:	2020/03/16 18:30:13
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

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From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:26 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

(b)(6) Good afternoon. FYSA only - (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Just in case someone raises the matter, I wanted you to know. Typically, we would come to you for sign off first, but things are moving fast these days. Hoping for a return to regular order soon. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) @HQ.DHS.GOV>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 2:41 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin,
Susan (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

Hi (b)(6)

Attached is an updated version of the text. Can OGC GLD and OGC LCD review quickly today and let me know of any concerns?

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:09 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin,

Susan (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

No objection, but I do not anticipate more. (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:03 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin,

Susan (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

Thanks (b)(6) will let staff know that this is an initial mark and that more may come in Monday morning, if you are comfortable with that approach.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:01 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin,

Susan (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

(b)(6) Good afternoon. See attachment. This mark represents OGC GLD and OGC LCD input.—

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Good afternoon. Let the current request ride out. On the remote off chance we have the opportunity to incorporate, we can pick up any component comments then.— (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 2:43 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin,

Susan (b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

Good afternoon (b)(6)

I am checking back in on this one. Staff reached out again to see if there is anything we can share yet since they have to get their text in by noon on Monday.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:16:58 PM

To: (b)(6) <(b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin, Susan

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

And, (b)(6) here is the updated language I mentioned address this issue.

(b)(6)

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Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 1:33 PM

To: (b)(6) <(b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin, Susan

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

Staff response: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

Office of Legislative Affairs

Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 1:26 PM

To: (b)(6)@HQ.DHS.GOV>

Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Corbin, Susan

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

(b)(6) Good afternoon. We have one specific question that the staff must answer first (and no guessing): (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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To: (b)(6)@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)
(b)(6) Corbin, Susan
(b)(6)
Subject: URGENT TDA Request Regarding COVID-19/Public Health Emergencies

Good afternoon (b)(6)

HSGAC Majority staff reached out today requesting TDA on the attached bill (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Do you think we can do a quick turn on this one?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Department of Homeland Security

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Date:	2020/03/26 17:57:44
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Principal Advisor

TCI partners

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Thank you for working through this process and we look forward to receiving the follow up information soon.

Best,

(b)(6)

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To: HOULTON, TYLER

Cc: (b)(6)

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Subject:

FYSA:

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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Please see the announcement below from Christopher Krebs, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), regarding the Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19, found [here](#).

March 19, 2020

CISA Releases Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that:

“If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.”

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security’s responsibilities as assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide strategic guidance, promote a national unity of effort, and coordinate the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure. CISA uses trusted partnerships with both the public and private sectors to deliver infrastructure resilience assistance and guidance to a broad range of partners.

In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list can also inform critical infrastructure community decision-making to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments, or critical functions that should continue normal operations, appropriately modified to account for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) workforce and customer protection guidance.

The list identifies workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing management functions, among others. The industries they support represent, but are not

necessarily limited to, medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works.

We recognize that State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are ultimately in charge of implementing and executing response activities in communities under their jurisdiction, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. As State and local communities consider COVID-19-related restrictions, CISA is offering this list to assist prioritizing activities related to continuity of operations and incident response, including the appropriate movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions.

Accordingly, this list is advisory in nature. It is not, nor should it be considered to be, a federal directive or standard in and of itself.

In addition, these identified sectors and workers are not intended to be the authoritative or exhaustive list of critical infrastructure sectors and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response. Instead, State and local officials should use their own judgment in using their authorities and issuing implementation directives and guidance. Similarly, critical infrastructure industry partners will use their own judgment, informed by this list, to ensure continued operations of critical infrastructure services and functions. All decisions should appropriately balance public safety while ensuring the continued delivery of critical infrastructure services and functions.

CISA will continue to work with you and our partners in the critical infrastructure community to update this list as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. We also encourage you to submit how you might use this list so that we can develop a repository of use cases for broad sharing across the country.

Should you have questions about this list, please contact CISA at (b)(6)

For further information on the federal government's response to COVID-19,
please visit [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov).

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CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding the President's Coronavirus Task Force
Date:	2020/02/11 11:13:00
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Good morning! Could the CoS of FEMA (cc'd) get put back on the WH Press disto list? He seems to have been unsubscribed somehow. Thank you!

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To: (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding the President's Coronavirus Task Force

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(b)(6) DHS-FEMA | Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery (Acting) | (b)(6)
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From: White House Press Office <info@mail.whitehouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:03:36 PM
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Subject: Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding the President's Coronavirus Task Force



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The Task Force will lead the Administration's efforts to monitor, contain, and mitigate the spread of the virus, while ensuring that the American people have the most accurate and up-to-date health and travel information.

The President's top priority is the health and welfare of the American people. That is why, in 2018, President Trump signed the [National Biodefense Strategy](#), which improves speed of action in situations such as this. The Administration, led by the President's Task Force, will continue to work to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus.

The risk of infection for Americans remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep the public informed. For more information, please visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

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Hopefully this time it works!

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