



September 21, 2022

CBP-2019-078592

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American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Wood:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), submitted and received in our office on August 21, 2019. In your request you are seeking guidance pertaining to several requests by members of Congress to visit Border Patrol facilities.

A search of CBP databases produced records responsive to your request. CBP has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the record set and has applied the FOIA exemptions as required by the statute and the Attorney General's guidance¹. CBP has determined that 77 pages of the records are partially releasable, pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E).

Pursuant to DHS Instruction 262-11-004, FOIA Officers at DHS have been instructed to withhold personally identifiable information (PII) and sensitive personally identifiable information (SPII) of DHS personnel unless a determination is made that the disclosure does not raise security or privacy concerns, or if those concerns are outweighed by any public interest in that information. [This policy is available online](#). Under this policy, the names of senior leaders, spokespersons, and political appointees are generally releasable. With respect to this FOIA request, DHS may have applied FOIA Exemption 6 to protect PII of DHS employees, including names and contact information. To the extent that has DHS withheld employee PII within these records, it has been determined that the employee(s) has/have substantial and legitimate privacy interests and that these interests are not outweighed by any public interest in the operations of the Department.

FOIA Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of email addresses, phone numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are

¹ Department of Justice (DOJ), "Freedom of Information Act Guidelines," March 15, 2022, <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1483516/download>



considered personal. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate.

FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(E) protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. CBP has determined that disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

This completes the CBP response to your request. You may contact CBP's FOIA Public Liaison, Charlyse Hoskins, by sending an email via your FOIAonline account, mailing a letter to 90 K St, NE MS 1181, Washington DC, 20229 or by calling 202-325-0150. The FOIA Public Liaison is able to assist in advising on the requirements for submitting a request, assist with narrowing the scope of a request, assist in reducing delays by advising the requester on the type of records to request, suggesting agency offices that may have responsive records and receive questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. Please notate file number CBP-2019-078592 on any future correspondence to CBP related to this request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you have a right to appeal the final disposition. Should you wish to do so, you must file your appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at Title 6 C.F.R. §5.8. Please include as much information as possible to help us understand the grounds for your appeal. You should submit your appeal via FOIAonline by clicking on the "Create Appeal" button that appears when you view your initial request. If you do not have a FOIAonline account, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter to: FOIA Appeals, Policy and Litigation Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 90 K Street, NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia. Additional information can be found at the following link https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2019-Dec/definitions-exemptions-foia_0.pdf.

Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Please note that contacting the CBP FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS **does not** stop the 90-day appeal clock and **is not** a substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

FOIA Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Date: Monday, July 1, 2019 2:50:16 PM

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- 1444 – News conference is over, crowd is dispersing EPCSO on scene.
- 1447 – The delegation has left CTX.

- 1448 – Close ESR.

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**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS
DELEGATION**

LED BY:

**THE HONORABLE JOAQUIN CASTRO
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 20TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

FACILITATED BY

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

TO

**EL PASO and CLINT, TX
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**



RULES:

Hatch Act: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) buildings and property may not be authorized for campaign activities such as town hall meetings, rallies, speeches, fundraisers, press conferences, photo opportunities, or other similar events. This is true even if a facility has a policy to permit use of some portion of the facilities by the public. No media, photographers, campaign pins, distribution of literature, campaign consultants or volunteers will be permitted on a congressional tour. To help us ensure that all CBP employees are abiding by the Hatch Act rules, we appreciate your commitment to not have any photos, media, to include social media that would place CBP facilities, assets, personnel or meeting discussions in the media or campaign statements, as that could cause liability to our CBP agents, officers, and/or employees.

Identification: All visitor's identifications will be checked prior to entering CBP facilities. Please have your congressional identification ready to show for access to all CBP facilities. If you are not in possession of congressional identification you may not be allowed to enter CBP facilities. Only those congressional attendees listed may be allowed access to CBP facilities.

Phones/Pictures: Before proceeding to any facilities, it is recommended all personnel leave their cell phones and electronics in the transportation vehicle. Congressional members and congressional staff with electronic devices will be asked to place them in a lock box prior to entering the facilities. To be clear, no electronic devices or picture taking is permitted in the processing areas, so as to protect the privacy rights of those in CBP care and custody, as well as the government employees who work in these facilities.

Interaction with CBP detainees or CBP personnel: Visitors shall not:

- Engage in commercial solicitation, distribution of materials, or any activity for the purpose of financial gain.
- Solicit legal clients or engage in other business that involves direct or indirect interaction with detainees absent approval in advance from CBP.
- Coerce or intimidate any CBP detainees or CBP personnel.
- Have any physical or verbal contact with CBP detainees and/or staff not involved in delivery of the tour absent express consent of the detainee and approval in advance from CBP.
- Have any physical or verbal contact with detained children unless previously requested and specifically approved by CBP Headquarters.
- Enter, move about or leave the facility without being properly escorted by CBP staff.

Weapons: No weapons of any kind, to include knives, sharp objects, or firearms, will be allowed in CBP facilities. Attendees will be asked to leave all weapons in the transportation vehicle or lock box prior to entering CBP facilities.

Donations: Please note that donations of any kind may not be accepted at CBP facilities.

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS
DELEGATION**

Congressional Members:

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- Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.)
- Rep. Norma Torres (D-Calif.)
- Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Rashida Tlaib ((D-Mich.)
- Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Texas)
- Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-Texas)
- Rep. Joe Kennedy, III (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Greg Stanton (D-Ariz.)
- Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.)
- Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.)
- Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-Pa.)
- Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Colin Allred (D-Texas)

DHS/CBP Escorts:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CBP Office of Congressional Affairs
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- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DHS Office of Legislative Affairs

Weather (according to weather.com as of 6/29/2019):

Date	City	Weather (High/Low)
Monday, July 1	El Paso, TX	Mostly sunny; 98°/76°

Purpose:

The purpose of this visit is to experience U.S. Border Patrol and enforcement operations in the El Paso Sector area of responsibility with an emphasis on the care of persons, particularly children, in CBP custody.

Monday July 1, 2019

TIME (IN MDT) ACTIVITY/PRESENTATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON OPERATIONS)

Itinerary:

1100	Congressional Member Delegation arrival at El Paso Border Patrol Station 9201 Gateway S Blvd, El Paso, TX 79924 • Tour of station and soft sided facility
1200	Depart El Paso Station en route to Clint Border Patrol Station
1245	Arrival at Clint Border Patrol Station 13400 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836 • Tour of station
1345	Congressional Member Delegation departs via their own transportation.

~ END OF TOUR ~

CBP CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS EVENT SUMMARY

AAR – Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Interested Members to El Paso Sector USBP – El Paso Border Patrol Station 1 and Clint Border Patrol Station Monday, July 01, 2019

EVENT DATE: July 01, 2019
PRIMARY OCA TEAM: Border, Air and Marine Operations (BAMO)
PRIMARY OCA STAFF: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
TYPE OF EVENT: CODEL

CONGRESSIONAL ATTENDEES

Congressional Members:

- Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Texas)
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- Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.)
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- Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Rashida Tlaib ((D-Mich.)
- Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Texas)
- Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-Texas) – No Show
- Rep. Joe Kennedy, III (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Greg Stanton (D-Ariz.)
- Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.)
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- Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-Pa.)
- Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Nannette Barragán (D-Calif.)

CBP/DHS BRIEFERS/ATTENDEES

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Acting Commissioner of CBP
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Assistant Commissioner of OPA, CBP
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DHS CBP Congressional – CODEL Lead for CBP
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DHS CBP Congressional
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DHS Office of Legislative Affairs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On Monday July 1st, a group of House Democrats combined of the Congressional House Caucus and other Members received a tour of CBP operations in the El Paso Sector, to include tours of the El Paso Border Patrol Station, and Clint Border Patrol Station. The Acting Commissioner of CBP, Mr. John P. Sanders was also in attendance on this CODEL.

ACTION ITEMS / GET BACKS:

1. Rep Escobar wanted a copy of the guidance/policy given to USBP and OFO regarding the implementing of MPP.

CODEL SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

The delegation arrived under contentious circumstances due to the release of information regarding a private Facebook page that was not maintained by USBP but purported itself to be a private BPA Facebook page. Following a quick pre-brief and restating the rules outlined in the itinerary regarding no cellphones/electronic devices and no contact with any detainees or UAC, the delegation toured El Paso Station 1 along with the Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. They visited the holding facility and soft sided shelters for FMU, they also visited the tent area where single adults had been held as well as the supply storage areas. The initial mood of delegation was hostile and contentious and only worsened as the tour of El Paso BPS 1. Following the El Paso BPS 1 tour, which ran late, the delegation moved onto the next portion of the tour which was of the Clint Border Patrol Station. The mood of the delegation seemed to shift into a lighter stance but they were still hostile and suspicious in their line of questioning.

1100 – El Paso BPS 1

Staff arrived at El Paso BPS 1 and was met by the Acting Commissioner of CBP, OCA, OFO and BP leadership at the Sector level. Members were provided a chance to ask questions to OFO about MPP and Queue Management and only one question arose from Rep. Escobar as a get back, but Rep. Barragan insisted they not wasted time in the conference room asking questions and wanted to get the tour going. As of the writing of this document we have seen that they are characterizing CBP as not providing information regarding MPP, however they declined the opportunity to speak to SMEs on deck about it. Walking tour of the facility was led by USBP Sector Chief Aaron Hull. Members observed holding areas for detainees, soft sided facilities, the tent area in which single adults were kept previously and the supply storage areas.

Areas of interest for the members of the delegation were primarily concerned with the conditions that individuals in CBP custody were kept in. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez made several inquiries about the temperature of cells that detainees were housed in, and asked about what supplies they had access to. After forcing her way into a cell with single adult females, she refused to continue on the tour, and the group split. Reps. Castro, Ocasio-Cortez, Kennedy, Dean, and Pressley remained behind to speak to detainees, and the rest of the delegation continued on the tour.

The group who stayed behind in the detention cell holding approximately 8-10 female detainees (Castro, Ocasio-Cortez, Kennedy, Dean and Pressley) continued to become more hostile and question BPA directly regarding the care and treatment of the detainees in the cell. They accused BPA of not providing medicine nor allowing the women to shower in the last 15 days. The Members were informed that everything was documented and the BPA were willing to show them the system which tracked that. It detailed out when meals, showers and medicine had been provided. The Members stated they couldn't believe what was put into a system by any BPA because of what was said in the Facebook post earlier per the ProPublica article. The only Member to actually take up the offer to review documented system was Rep. Kennedy who stepped out of the cell to go view this. He was also providing translation for Rep. Pressley prior to who was the only one at that point who appeared to not be able to directly communicate with the detainees. As they progressed with their conversations with the detainees it was noted that the water in the cell was turned off and not working. The BPA stated it was under maintenance and the detainees were free to access the two large Gatorade water jugs and cups immediately in front of their cell. Rep. Dean made the statement that they can't just walk out of the cell freely, but the BPA corrected her and stated the cells were not locked and they could. One of the detainees told Rep Ocasio-Cortez that she couldn't access the water and yet other detainees said that was not true. There was an assumption made that because of the water not working in the faucet that the detainees were drinking water from the

toilet, which was not true either. At one point Rep. Pressley stood in the middle of the cell and berated and yelled to the point of tears at all CBP entities in the cell regarding the treatment of these women. Furthermore, at the end of the tour, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez informed staff that she refused to leave the cells until all inmates were showered and fed. OCA stepped out to get Chief Hull and advise him of the situation in the hopes of having the senior Congressional leadership that had split off, return to help regain control of the situation and let the tour continue to Clint BPS. The situation was only resolved when Rep. Escobar served as a mediator and convinced Rep. Ocasio-Cortez to leave after securing a promise from Chief Hull that the detainees would not suffer retribution for speaking out and would be taken care of. Chief Hull noted that detainees would never suffer from retribution in our custody and that they had already been showered.

During this time, the tour continued outside. The tour of the soft sided shelters seemed to sit well with the delegation who observed them, though they asked a few questions concerning Family Units at the Processing Center. They were informed the difference between FMUAs, FMGs, and how TVPRA does not allow for us to keep non-parent, non-guardian relatives with children who come across the border in their care. The information about FMGs vs FMUAs seemed to be new information to most of the members, and they alluded to being interested in pursuing legislative changes to TVPRA.

Additionally, there were some incidents of note that occurred at EPT that need to be called out. As previously noted, the delegation arrived in a suspicious and hostile manner, which had been no doubt exacerbated by the release of a ProPublica article this morning about alleged posts in a private Facebook group. The situation was made even worse when a BPA was observed by Rep. Tlaib to have taken a selfie on their personal phone with Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in the background. After this was discovered, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez stormed out to confront BPAs who had taken the picture and were laughing about it. This situation was only resolved when her attention was drawn to detainees in cells in the area, at which point Chief Hull made the determination to allow her access to those individuals to draw her attention away from the BPAs. The tour concluded at EPT and moved onto Clint BPS approximately 30 minutes behind schedule.

1315 – Clint Border Patrol Station (CTX)

Members arrived and were met by Chief Hull and BP Chief Harris, who led them on a tour of the facilities. Chief Hull opened this tour to Congressional Staff also after significant pressure from the visiting delegation. As a matter to note, in addition to the personal staff of those on the delegation, Senator Menendez had his Senior Advisor in attendance as well. Also of note it was stated once again no contact and no phones but that changed due to pressure from Members stating they should be allowed to maintain their own phones as they are Congressional Members and not staff. Rep. Escobar made the statement that this had never been a guideline before and OCA stated it was clearly defined in the itinerary and previously a rule on all previous tours. Chief Hull reiterated that having phones was problematic and had experienced such problems even with her and her staff on their previous tours. Due to the pressure by Members Chief Hull backtracked to accommodate and appease and allowed phone but not picture to be taken. He did this in the best interest of moving the tour along. Members and Staff were able to observe the supply rooms, the cells where UACs were currently being held, the sally port where UAC had previously been held, the outside area cordoned off for showers and play as well as tent facilities that were empty and the supplemental warehouse processing area.

Members asked questions regarding the lighting in each cell and if lights were ever turned down or off as it was explained they were kept on as a safety measure for visibility. That question was followed on by questions regarding the temperature in the cell and it was explained that the temperature was between 60 and 80 degrees depending how many UAC's were in the cell. The Members continued to want to

communicate with the UACs and USBP advised them not to due to the Flores Agreement. OCA observed Re. Tlaib speaking to a UAC and asked the Acting Commissioner if he wanted OCA to step or to allow them to interact. The Acting Commissioner gave approval for them to interact at that time. Chief Hull noted the actions of Rep. Tlaib and now Rep. Dean and requested they once again stop their attempts of communication. He was then informed the Acting Commissioner had approved the interaction. Rep. Barragan told OCA that at the ORR brief earlier in the day every Member was granted the ability to talk with children and even take their phones. She couldn't understand why here at the BPS she could not and was very hostile and upset as a BPA had just taken her phone away. She requested to have it back and OCA ensured it was properly returned her immediately.

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OCA was advised that Members were planning to exit the front door of Clint for their press conference but may have been unaware of the situation involving protestors and counter protestors out front. Additionally OCA was made aware of the threats directed at specific Members of the delegation, specifically Rep. Ocasio-Cortez. OCA advised Reps. Castro and Ocasio-Cortez of the situation outside, and indicated that we would defer to their decision, but strongly recommended exiting the side of the facility due to safety concerns. Rep. Castro thanked OCA for the information and called for a strategy huddle of the delegation in the conference room at Clint BP Station.

During this time, CBP consulted with local sheriff personnel on safety recommendations. BP and the local police briefed members on the dangerous situation out front. The delegation ultimately decided to proceed as planned and hold their press conference in front of the building. The press conference successfully concluded with support from local police, despite loud protests from a crowd.

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~ End of CODEL ~

USBP/OCA/OCC/OLA AAR

At the request of Chief Hull, after the conclusion of the press conference, OCA, OLA, BP and OCC met to run through the events of the day and discuss next steps for improving future CODELS. OCA and OLA agreed that there needs to be aggressive protocol put into place as the tour requests continue to come in and precedent needs to be set DHS wide. All present knowing that it will have to start from the top down in order to be done but are willing to work together to make happen. An insight from this tour was that as a whole DHS does set uniform standards for such delegations

Key takeaways:

Chief Hull felt strongly that we need to develop more ironclad policies that extend throughout all sectors, instead of having sectors create their own policies. He also indicated the need to involve OCC in this process to ensure that the drafted policies are in compliance with the law. Specifically, he believes there would be operational benefit to knowing at what point certain actions would be appropriate given actions of those on tours. He cited when Rep. Ocasio-Cortez refused to leave the cell, and wondered if we had the legal authorization to remove her physically, and if so, thought it should be enshrined in policy across all of CBP to provide guidance to the BPAs in the field. The emphasis of the need for a policy was the need for consequences for individuals who do not comply with that policy.

There was also discussion of the need to develop more overarching guidance for staff access and group sizes at all sectors. He believed it would be helpful to have a limit on the number of people who could be accommodated on a tour, which would likely be between 8-12 in most sectors, and that CBP HQ support the field in enforcing that limit.

Finally, the topic of allowing media and protesters on federal property. Previously, BP had allowed protesters of both sides to protest at Clint, provided that they did not try to incite violence or threaten anyone. Given the size of the group of protesters today, BP is reassessing this policy and will consult with OCC on their ability to limit public access to their facilities.

The discussions concluded with the knowledge that this was a lesson learned and we need to work together to ensure there is set guidance and protocol going forward from DHS on down.

~ End of AAR ~

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Subject: Final itineraries
Date: Sunday, June 30, 2019 8:37:35 AM
Attachments: [State Reps Tour 07.01.19.V2doc.doc](#)
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[2019-07-01 - CHC CODEL El Paso TX HILLv3 .pdf](#)
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ALCON

Please see attached final versions of the itineraries for tomorrow's visits.

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State Reps Visit
Monday, July 1, 2019

Participant (TBD):

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- State Rep. Mary Gonzalez
- State Rep. Cesar Blanco
- State Rep. James Talarico
- State Rep. Art Fierro
- State Rep. Lina Ortega
- State Rep. Diego Bernal

EPT Command Staff:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ACTT Director

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Goal:

Visit El Paso Sector El Paso & Clint Border Patrol Stations for oversight of support to border operations. State Reps interested in seeing holding facilities and processing.

Itinerary:

1500 Participants arrive at El Paso Border Patrol Station (EPS)
9201 Gateway S Blvd, El Paso, TX 79924

- POC: DPAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- Tour EPS
- Co-located facilities
- Longer term holding
- Soft sided facility
- Coordination with NGOs

1600 Depart EPS

- En-route to Clint TX.
- Via US 54/I-10

1645 Arrival at Clint Station (CTX)
13400 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836

- Greeted by CTX Management (TBD)
- Tour of CTX facilities and processing area
- Brief on challenges of processing/housing high number of unaccompanied juveniles

1800 Depart Clint Station (CTX)

- End visit

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CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS
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LED BY:

**THE HONORABLE JOAQUIN CASTRO
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FACILITATED BY

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

TO

**EL PASO and CLINT, TX
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**



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**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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Weather (according to weather.com as of 6/29/2019):

Date	City	Weather (High/Low)
Monday, July 1	El Paso, TX	Mostly sunny; 98°/76°

Purpose:

The purpose of this visit is to experience U.S. Border Patrol and enforcement operations in the El Paso Sector area of responsibility with an emphasis on the care of persons, particularly children, in CBP custody.

Monday July 1, 2019

TIME (IN MDT) ACTIVITY/PRESENTATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON OPERATIONS)

Itinerary:

1100	Congressional Member Delegation arrival at El Paso Border Patrol Station 9201 Gateway S Blvd, El Paso, TX 79924 • Tour of station and soft sided facility
1200	Depart El Paso Station en route to Clint Border Patrol Station
1245	Arrival at Clint Border Patrol Station 13400 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836 • Tour of station
1345	Congressional Member Delegation departs via their own transportation.

~ END OF TOUR ~

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Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [CLEM, CHRIS T](#); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: CBP OCA AAR - CHC CODEL to El Paso 7.1.19
Date: Monday, July 1, 2019 8:48:08 PM
Attachments: [2019-07-01 AAR CHC CODEL to El Paso V1.doc](#)
Importance: High

Well done, Gentlemen. You did what you could do.

Aaron A. Hull
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Chiefs:

Here is a pretty good description of what happened today. Decisions were being made on the fly, as the group seemed unable to do what it was told and seemed to want confrontation. I give all of our people credit for not having to go hands-on at a couple different points. El Paso Station and Clint Station leadership did an excellent job, as did our PAO and the OCA staff. It could have been much worse.

Thanks.

Aaron A. Hull
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ALLCON:

Please find attached the AAR from OCA's CODEL today with the CHC that incorporated notes from DHS OLA.

Happy to address any questions or concerns regarding today's events. Look forward to providing a full in person debrief in the coming week.

V/R

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AAR – Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Interested Members to El Paso Sector USBP – El Paso Border Patrol Station 1 and Clint Border Patrol Station Monday, July 01, 2019

EVENT DATE: July 01, 2019
PRIMARY OCA TEAM: Border, Air and Marine Operations (BAMO)
PRIMARY OCA STAFF: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
TYPE OF EVENT:

CONGRESSIONAL ATTENDEES

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- Rep. Nannette Barragán (D-Calif.)

CBP/DHS BRIEFERS/ATTENDEES

- Mr. John Sanders, Acting Commissioner of CBP
- Andrew Meehan, Assistant Commissioner of OPA, CBP
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DHS CBP Congressional – CODEL Lead for CBP
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DHS CBP Congressional
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On Monday July 1st, a group of House Democrats combined of the Congressional House Caucus and other Members received a tour of CBP operations in the El Paso Sector, to include tours of the El Paso Border Patrol Station, and Clint Border Patrol Station. The Acting Commissioner of CBP, Mr. John P. Sanders was also in attendance on this CODEL.

ACTION ITEMS / GET BACKS:

1. Rep Escobar wanted a copy of the guidance/policy given to USBP and OFO regarding the implementing of MPP.

CODEL SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

The delegation arrived under contentious circumstances due to the release of information regarding a private Facebook page that was not maintained by USBP but purported itself to be a private BPA Facebook page. Following a quick pre-brief and restating the rules outlined in the itinerary regarding no cellphones/electronic devices and no contact with any detainees or UAC, the delegation toured El Paso Station 1 along with the Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. They visited the holding facility and soft sided shelters for FMU, they also visited the tent area where single adults had been held as well as the supply storage areas. The initial mood of delegation was hostile and contentious and only worsened as the tour of El Paso BPS 1. Following the El Paso BPS 1 tour, which ran late, the delegation moved onto the next portion of the tour which was of the Clint Border Patrol Station. The mood of the delegation seemed to shift into a lighter stance but they were still hostile and suspicious in their line of questioning.

1100 – El Paso BPS 1

Staff arrived at El Paso BPS 1 and was met by the Acting Commissioner of CBP, OCA, OFO and BP leadership at the Sector level. Members were provided a chance to ask questions to OFO about MPP and Queue Management and only one question arose from Rep. Escobar as a get back, but Rep. Barragan insisted they not wasted time in the conference room asking questions and wanted to get the tour going. As of the writing of this document we have seen that they are characterizing CBP as not providing information regarding MPP, however they declined the opportunity to speak to SMEs on deck about it. Walking tour of the facility was led by USBP Sector Chief Aaron Hull. Members observed holding areas for detainees, soft sided facilities, the tent area in which single adults were kept previously and the supply storage areas.

Areas of interest for the members of the delegation were primarily concerned with the conditions that individuals in CBP custody were kept in. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez made several inquiries about the temperature of cells that detainees were housed in, and asked about what supplies they had access to. After forcing her way into a cell with single adult females, she refused to continue on the tour, and the group split. Reps. Castro, Ocasio-Cortez, Kennedy, Dean, and Pressley remained behind to speak to detainees, and the rest of the delegation continued on the tour.

The group who stayed behind in the detention cell holding approximately 8-10 female detainees (Castro, Ocasio-Cortez, Kennedy, Dean and Pressley) continued to become more hostile and question BPA directly regarding the care and treatment of the detainees in the cell. They accused BPA of not providing medicine nor allowing the women to shower in the last 15 days. The Members were informed that everything was documented and the BPA were willing to show them the system which tracked that. It detailed out when meals, showers and medicine had been provided. The Members stated they couldn't believe what was put into a system by any BPA because of what was said in the Facebook post earlier per the ProPublica article. The only Member to actually take up the offer to review documented system was Rep. Kennedy who stepped out of the cell to go view this. He was also providing translation for Rep. Pressley prior to who was the only one at that point who appeared to not be able to directly communicate with the detainees. As they progressed with their conversations with the detainees it was noted that the water in the cell was turned off and not working. The BPA stated it was under maintenance and the detainees were free to access the two large Gatorade water jugs and cups immediately in front of their cell. Rep. Dean made the statement that they can't just walk out of the cell freely, but the BPA corrected her and stated the cells were not locked and they could. One of the detainees told Rep Ocasio-Cortez that she couldn't access the water and yet other detainees said that was not true. There was an assumption made that because of the water not working in the faucet that the detainees were drinking water from the

toilet, which was not true either. At one point Rep. Pressley stood in the middle of the cell and berated and yelled to the point of tears at all CBP entities in the cell regarding the treatment of these women. Furthermore, at the end of the tour, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez informed staff that she refused to leave the cells until all inmates were showered and fed. OCA stepped out to get Chief Hull and advise him of the situation in the hopes of having the senior Congressional leadership that had split off, return to help regain control of the situation and let the tour continue to Clint BPS. The situation was only resolved when Rep. Escobar served as a mediator and convinced Rep. Ocasio-Cortez to leave after securing a promise from Chief Hull that the detainees would not suffer retribution for speaking out and would be taken care of. Chief Hull noted that detainees would never suffer from retribution in our custody and that they had already been showered.

During this time, the tour continued outside. The tour of the soft sided shelters seemed to sit well with the delegation who observed them, though they asked a few questions concerning Family Units at the Processing Center. They were informed the difference between FMUAs, FMGs, and how TVPRA does not allow for us to keep non-parent, non-guardian relatives with children who come across the border in their care. The information about FMGs vs FMUAs seemed to be new information to most of the members, and they alluded to being interested in pursuing legislative changes to TVPRA.

Additionally, there were some incidents of note that occurred at EPT that need to be called out. As previously noted, the delegation arrived in a suspicious and hostile manner, which had been no doubt exacerbated by the release of a ProPublica article this morning about alleged posts in a private Facebook group. The situation was made even worse when a BPA was observed by Rep. Tlaib to have taken a selfie on their personal phone with Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in the background. After this was discovered, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez stormed out to confront BPAs who had taken the picture and were laughing about it. This situation was only resolved when her attention was drawn to detainees in cells in the area, at which point Chief Hull made the determination to allow her access to those individuals to draw her attention away from the BPAs. The tour concluded at EPT and moved onto Clint BPS approximately 30 minutes behind schedule.

1315 – Clint Border Patrol Station (CTX)

Members arrived and were met by Chief Hull and BP Chief Harris, who led them on a tour of the facilities. Chief Hull opened this tour to Congressional Staff also after significant pressure from the visiting delegation. As a matter to note, in addition to the personal staff of those on the delegation, Senator Menendez had his Senior Advisor in attendance as well. Also of note it was stated once again no contact and no phones but that changed due to pressure from Members stating they should be allowed to maintain their own phones as they are Congressional Members and not staff. Rep. Escobar made the statement that this had never been a guideline before and OCA stated it was clearly defined in the itinerary and previously a rule on all previous tours. Chief Hull reiterated that having phones was problematic and had experienced such problems even with her and her staff on their previous tours. Due to the pressure by Members Chief Hull backtracked to accommodate and appease and allowed phone but not picture to be taken. He did this in the best interest of moving the tour along. Members and Staff were able to observe the supply rooms, the cells where UACs were currently being held, the sally port where UAC had previously been held, the outside area cordoned off for showers and play as well as tent facilities that were empty and the supplemental warehouse processing area.

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OCA was advised that Members were planning to exit the front door of Clint for their press conference but may have been unaware of the situation involving protestors and counter protestors out front. Additionally OCA was made aware of the threats directed at specific Members of the delegation, specifically Rep. Ocasio-Cortez. OCA advised Reps. Castro and Ocasio-Cortez of the situation outside, and indicated that we would defer to their decision, but strongly recommended exiting the side of the facility due to safety concerns. Rep. Castro thanked OCA for the information and called for a strategy huddle of the delegation in the conference room at Clint BP Station.

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

Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 9:33 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HULL, AARON

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

Cc: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CLEM, CHRIS T

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

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HASTINGS, BRIAN S

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MODLIN, JOHN R

HUDSON, RICHARD M

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

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

Subject: RE: STAFFDEL

FYSA Chief, both itineraries attached with the revised language that I will be reiterating in person to Members on Monday.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns, happy to address them.

V/R

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

Office of Congressional Affairs

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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To: HULL, AARON A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: STAFFDEL

Yes they are. Thanks

On Jun 30, 2019, at 9:19 AM, HULL, AARON A

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

Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) These advisories will be on both itineraries
(CHC and state reps), correct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2019, at 6:32 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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

Morning. - the language regarding phones and
non contact with detainees is included in the
itinerary attached. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will
reiterate with the staff these requirements. Let
me know if you need anything else. Thanks!!

<attachment 1.doc>

On Jun 30, 2019, at 12:00 AM, LOWRY, KIM M

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

I am adding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for awareness. I have been driving all day today and checking my phone now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2019, at 11:10 AM,
HULL, AARON A

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

Kim:

I know that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) are working with OCC and will put the advisory into the itinerary. Please send to them and send a copy to us as soon as possible. We need to tell them early and often. I think we are still going to have issues, but we are hoping to minimize their ability to act like they were not told.

Thanks.

Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2019, at
7:20 AM, LOWRY,
KIM M

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

Thanks

Chris

Sent
from
my
iPhone

On Jun
28,
2019,
at 3:10
PM,
CLEM,
CHRIS T

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

wrote:

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Lowry,

Today
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(b) (6)

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Staffer

(b) (6)

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asking
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the
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or
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of

(b) (6)

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to
CBP
OCA
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aware
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the
Chief
and
I
have
handled
it
locally.

I
also
ask
for
your
support
in
this
request.

Thanks,

Chris

Chris
T.
Clem
Deputy

Chief
Patrol
Agent
El
Paso,
Texas

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

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From: [HULL, AARON A](#)
To: [HUDSON, RICHARD M](#)
Cc: [CLEM, CHRIS T](#); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); [HASTINGS, BRIAN S](#); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: CHC Visit
Date: Saturday, June 29, 2019 1:00:01 PM

Chief:

Copy the CHC group size is growing. No problem. We have hosted them several times and they are colorful, regardless of number. I like having (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and me tag-team them, so we will figure out the logistics of a group that size.

Just finished touring Clint and talking to Congressman Will Hurd. Clint is in his district. He indicated when he left that he intended to go talk to the media and describe what he saw accurately, rather than the current media narrative.

A protest is winding down at Clint now. Presidential candidate Julian Castro (brother of CHC Chair Joaquin Castro) was there. A couple of protest individuals associated with Julian Castro and some state reps appeared at the front door on their behalf while Hurd was there and asked to be able to come into the facility. I told them that they would need to talk to PAO ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and make those kind of requests in advance and we would consider them. Our stations are secure federal facilities and we have procedures and restrictions that we follow.

There is another CTX protest scheduled for 6:00 PM today. More protests are scheduled for tomorrow and Monday. We have SOD standing by out of sight at Clint. There is also a protest scheduled for EPS tomorrow, so we will have SOD prepared. EPSO and TX DPS are tracking.

It appears the big protest/media event will be Monday for the CHC tour at CTX.

Regardless, we will be here and will handle it.

Thanks.

Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2019, at 11:45 AM, HUDSON, RICHARD M
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Chiefs,

Unfortunately, we need to find a way to accommodate the larger CHC tour. I think we have it down to 21/22 pax, which I understand was previously agreed upon. Things have changed over the past several hours - to such a point that DHS is mandating a senior CBP or USBP official attend this visit. AC1 is not going for the obvious reason - so it is down to C2 and B2 as B1 is out and C2 is scheduled to be in Philadelphia at

another event.

It has been recommended the tour be broken into two smaller groups. HQ concurs with that COA. Please have the staff work the details back through the HQ and OCA POCs.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

As soon as we find out what senior official will be attending, we will let you know. If it does not come through me, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will provide it.... All depends on who hears first.

Thank you in advance for continuing to get things done under extremely bad circumstance.

VR

Rich

Richard M. Hudson
Deputy Chief of Operations
Law Enforcement Operations Directorate
U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters
Washington, DC
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office
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U.S. Border Patrol El Paso Sector
Strategic Communications Branch
El Paso, Texas

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



State Reps Visit
Monday, July 1, 2019

Participant (TBD):

- State Sen. Jose Rodriguez
- State Rep. Mary Gonzalez
- State Rep. Cesar Blanco
- State Rep. James Talarico
- State Rep. Art Fierro
- State Rep. Lina Ortega
- State Rep. Diego Bernal

EPT Command Staff:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ACTT Director

Border Patrol POC:

• (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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El Paso, Texas

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



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Interaction with CBP detainees or CBP personnel: Visitors shall not:

- Engage in commercial solicitation, distribution of materials, or any activity for the purpose of financial gain.
- Solicit legal clients or engage in other business that involves direct or indirect interaction with detainees absent approval in advance from CBP.
- Coerce or intimidate any CBP detainees or CBP personnel.
- Have any physical or verbal contact with CBP detainees and/or staff not involved in delivery of the tour absent express consent of the detainee and approval in advance from CBP.
- Have any physical or verbal contact with detained children unless previously requested and specifically approved by CBP Headquarters.
- Enter, move about or leave the facility without being properly escorted by CBP staff.

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Strategic Communications Branch
El Paso, Texas

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



Transportation:

Transportation will not be provided by CBP. State Reps will be required to provide their own transportation to all of the locations. Please ensure that you arrive on time, as late arrivals will not be allowed on the tour after it begins.

Goal:

Visit El Paso Sector El Paso & Clint Border Patrol Stations for oversight of support to border operations. State Reps interested in seeing holding facilities and processing.

Itinerary:

1500 Participants arrive at El Paso Border Patrol Station (EPS)
9201 Gateway S Blvd, El Paso, TX 79924

- POC: DPAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- Tour EPS
- Co-located facilities
- Longer term holding
- Soft sided facility
- Coordination with NGOs

1600 Depart EPS

- En-route to Clint TX.
- Via US 54/I-10

1645 Arrival at Clint Station (CTX)
13400 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836

- Greeted by CTX Management (TBD)
- Tour of CTX facilities and processing area
- Brief on challenges of processing/housing high number of unaccompanied juveniles

1800 Depart Clint Station (CTX)

- End visit

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ITINERARY FOR SENATOR ED MARKEY

FACILITATED BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

McAllen, TX
Monday, July 2, 2018

Congressional Attendees

1. Senator Edward "Ed" Markley, (D-MA)
2. (b) (6) Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Ed Markey

Recommended Attire:

Casual Dress (khakis, slacks, polo / open collar shirt)

Purpose

Senator Edward Markley (D-MA) has requested a visit to the Centralized Processing Center. The focus for the site visit is to witness how U.S. Customs and Border Protection is processing unaccompanied alien children.

Weather

Date	City	Weather (H/L)	Attire Notes
07/02/18	McAllen, TX	Mostly Sunny (98/78)	Casual Dress

Important Admin Notes:

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Agenda

Monday, July 2, 2018

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
8:00 am	Participants arrive at the Centralized Processing Center (CPC) 3700 West Ursula Avenue, McAllen, TX 78503 Met by: Executive Officer Monique Grame Welcome and introductions (Participants will arrive via their rental own transportation)
8:05 am	Walking tour of CPC Led by: XO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Questions and Answers
8:45 am	Walking tour concludes (Participants depart via their own transportation)

Points of Contact

Hill		(b) (6)	Mobile (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
HQ	OCA	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Congressional Liaison Specialist	Mobile Desk – (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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ITINERARY FOR U.S. SENATOR EDWARD J. MARKEY

TO

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR
FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019



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Donations: Please note that donations of any kind during this tour will most likely not be accepted at CBP facilities.

**UNITED STATES
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISIT**

Congressional Attendees:

1. U.S. Senator Edward Markey (D-Mass.)
2. (b) (6) Legislative Assistant for Senator Edward Markey
3. (b) (6) Communications Director for Senator Edward Markey

US. Customs and Border Patrol Attendees:

1. Bradley F. Hayes, Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Congressional Affairs
 2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Congressional Affairs
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Weather (according to weather.com as of 7/11/2019):

Date	City	Weather (High/Low)
Fri, July 12	McAllen, Texas	Isolated Thunderstorms; Avg 98°/80°

Purpose:

Tour the Weslaco Border Patrol Station and the Fort Brown Border Patrol Station in order to observe U.S. Border Patrol Operations and Conditions.

Friday, July 05, 2019 (times in CDT)

7:00am Senator Markey and Staff Meet U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Commissioner Mark Morgan, Walk through the Weslaco Border Patrol Station
1501 E Expressway 83, Weslaco, TX 78599
POC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Patrol Agent in Charge for Weslaco Station, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

7:30am Senator Markey and Staff depart Weslaco Border Patrol Station

10:30 am Senator Markey and Staff arrive at Fort Brown Station
3305 South Expressway 83, Brownsville, Texas 78521

10:35 am Meet & Greet Watch Commander (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) &
Special Operations Supervisor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11:00 am Fort Brown Station Briefing w/ Q&A

11:30 am Station Tour of Processing Area

12:00 am End of Tour

**Senator Markey and staff will be providing their own transportation.*

End of tour.

CBP Office of Congressional Affairs POC(s)

Name	Office #	Email
CBP Acting Assistant Commissioner Bradley Hayes	(Office Cell) (Personel Cell)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		

Field POC(s)

Name	Title	Office	Office #	Email
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Special Operations Supervisor, Fort Brown Station	U.S. Border Patrol	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Patrol Agent in Charge, Weslaco Station	U.S. Border Patrol	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

Hill POC(s)

Name	Title	Office #	Email
(b) (6)	Scheduler	(b) (6)	

**U. S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL
Rio Grande Valley Sector
CODEL Senator Edward J. Markey (D-MA)**

After Action Report

July 2, 2018

PARTICIPANTS

1. Senator Edward J. Markey, (D-MA)
2. (b) (6) Staffer to Senator Markey

PURPOSE

U.S. Senator Edward Markey visited the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector to gain a better understanding of the processing and removal of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) and Family Units (FMUA) once they have illegally entered the United States.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR TOURS/VISITS

Monday, July 2, 2018

Assistant Chief Patrol Agent (ACPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) met Senator Markey at the Centralized Processing Center (CPC) and led the group on a walking tour of the CPC with ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Assistant Field Operations Director (AFOD) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presented and explained the intake/processing methodology to the temporary housing facility for FMUAs and UACs. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) continued the tour by explaining the breakdown of the gender/age-specific segregation pods. She also advised Senator Markey that the detainees receive three hot meals daily, unlimited snacks, along with 24/7 medical care. As the tour proceeded, the Senator saw the availability of showers and the laundry services. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the average detention time at the CPC to between 50 - 55hrs but efforts to remove detainees more rapidly are always ongoing. She reminded Senator Markey that the CPC is not a long-term detention facility and is only a processing center.

The Senator was very interested in understanding how the recent expunge of the Zero Tolerance Initiative has affected removal operations. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that Border Patrol never reached true Zero Tolerance and, that due to POTUS Trump's executive order, only individuals with criminal history were now being prosecuted and subsequently separated from other family members. The Senator understood that if information depicting an unsafe release situation would arise, the parent-child would remain separated until a resolution is determined. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also spoke of the numerous fraudulent cases encountered at the CPC. These fraudulent cases are when a family is not truly a family and use illegitimate documents to falsify lineage; ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reminded the Senator that consultation to investigate potential fraudulent claims

with foreign consuls are a regular occurrence. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) showed where the consulate offices have a designated area within the facility to work and address any concerns that may arise.

As Border Patrol's responsibility concluded, AFOD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) began to brief the Senator. She explained that ICE ERO is responsible for housing and removing those illegally present within the United States who have no legitimate claim for legal status or asylum. She also spoke to the process of FMUAs (father/mother head of household) and UAC after Border Patrol custody. AFOD Bennet explained that there are no shelters within the United States that shelter paternal FMUA head of household; therefore, ICE ERO releases these individuals with an alternative to detention ankle monitor until their court date. She further explained that maternal FMUA households stay at shelters for up to 20 days until also released with an ankle monitor.

SUMMARY

Senator Markey was grateful for the tour and felt that it was exceedingly informative. He appreciated that Border Patrol was taking such a progressive stance by contracting laundry, medical, and hygiene counterparts to assist in taking care of those in custody while they awaited housing placement/removal.

MATERIALS UTILIZED

The tour was a walk-and-talk brief through the 55,000sqft portion of the CPC needing not statics or videos.

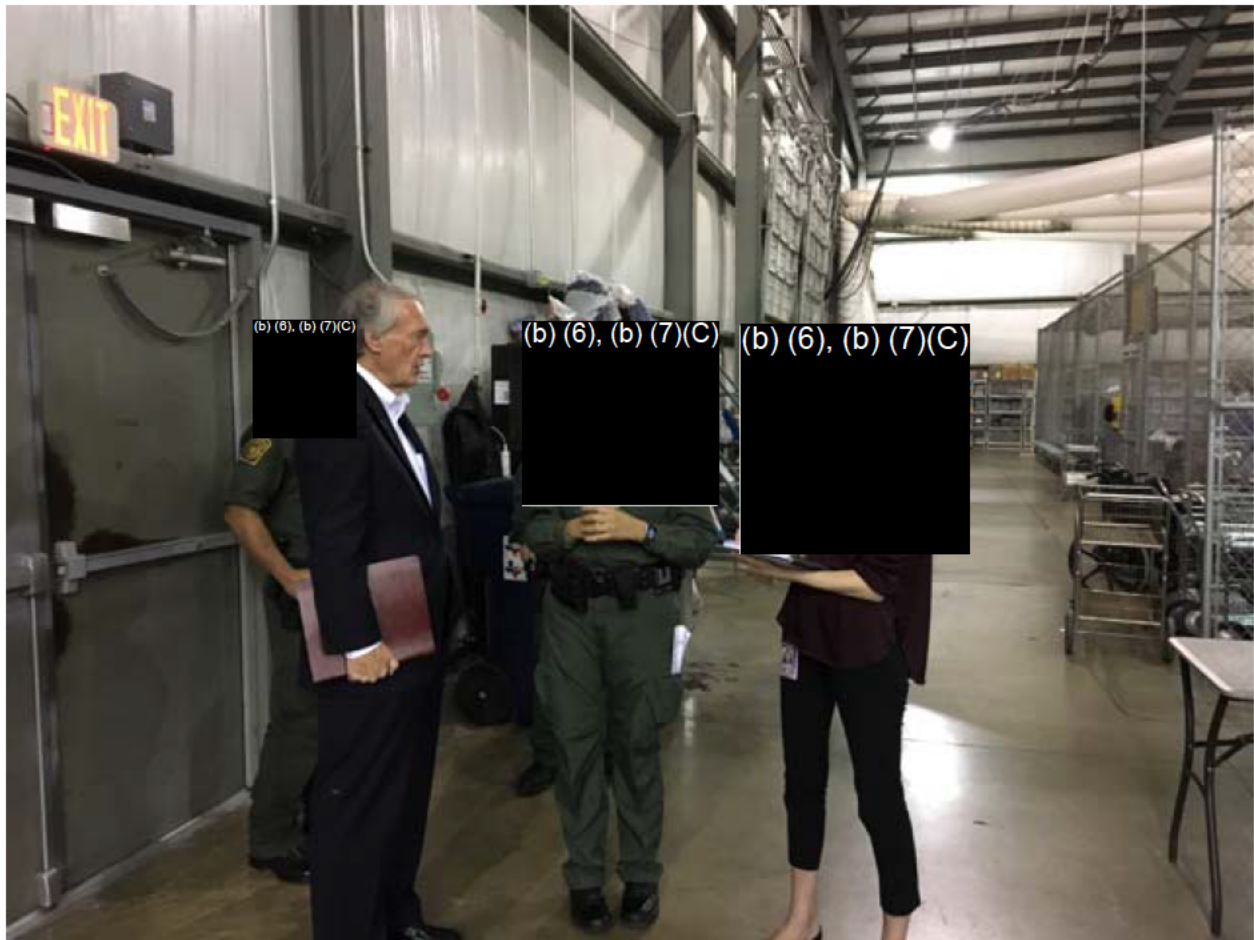
NOTES & CONCERNS

None.

GET-BACKS

None.

ATTACHMENTS



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To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); CLEM, CHRIS T; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: FW: CBP OCA AAR - CHC CODEL to El Paso 7.1.19
Attachments: 2019-07-01 AAR CHC CODEL to El Paso V1.doc
Importance: High

Well done, Gentlemen. You did what you could do.

Aaron A. Hull
Chief Patrol Agent
El Paso Sector
U.S. Border Patrol
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: HULL, AARON A
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 8:45 PM
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Chiefs:

Here is a pretty good description of what happened today. Decisions were being made on the fly, as the group seemed unable to do what it was told and seemed to want confrontation. I give all of our people credit for not having to go hands-on at a couple different points. El Paso Station and Clint Station leadership did an excellent job, as did our PAO and the OCA staff. It could have been much worse.

Thanks.

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Please find attached the AAR from OCA's CODEL today with the CHC that incorporated notes from DHS OLA.

Happy to address any questions or concerns regarding today's events. Look forward to providing a full in person debrief in the coming week.

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Vice President Visit – Friday, July 12, 2019

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1:30pm	Air Force 2 Arrives at McCreary Aviation Mayor Jim Darling and Chief Rudy Karisch will greet VP Meet and Greet with CBP Friends and Family
1:35pm	Depart to Donna Holding Facility (DHF) (Motorcade consists of 15 -17 vehicles to exclude McAllen PD)
2:25pm	Arrive at DHF Met by: ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Commander (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [30-min walking tour through in-take/processing/storage]
2:20pm	Depart to McAllen Border Patrol Station
3:30pm	Discussion in MUSTER Room with VP and SJC (Roundtable – U-shape set up similar to Trump visit) • (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will Approve/Disapprove the guest list • Senator Graham is requesting front line operators to brief
4:00pm	Walk-Through of the C2 and Bubble (*MUSTER room will be set up for media event*)
4:15pm	VP Preps for Media Avail
4:45pm	Press Event
5:00pm	One on One ABC Interview VP/MCS Quiet Room
5:15pm	Depart to McCreary Aviation
5:30pm	VP Departs MCA

Media Plan

The Press event will be held in the MUSTER room 15-20 media outlets will be invited.