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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

August 9, 2023

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Mehreen Rasheed  
1030 15th Street, NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: 2022-HQFO-00302

Dear Mr. Rasheed:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated December 08, 2021, and received by this office on December 08, 2021. You are seeking Any records reflecting the substance of and participants in a conference call on January 3, 2021, regarding events at the U.S. Capitol, U.S. National Mall, or surrounding grounds in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, including agendas, meeting minutes or summaries (including handwritten notes and informal email summaries), participant lists, and any materials exchanged by parties attending the call (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2021 To 1/6/2021).

A search of the Office of Operations Coordination (OPO) for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 28 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 25 pages of the records are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and(b)(E), FOIA Exemptions 6, 7C and 7E.

**FOIA Exemption 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 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.

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.

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You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner and refer to **2022-HQFO-00302**. 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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jimmy Wolfrey  
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management

Enclosure(s): Responsive Documents, 25 pages

**From:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 00:22:38 +0000  
**To:** Cline, Richard K  
**Subject:** Fwd: Plans for DC this week

Can you call at your convenience?

Thanks. R/Chris

Sent from my smartphone

**From:** Erickson, Scott (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 6:35 PM

**To:** Tomney, Christopher

**Cc:** Phillips, Shawn; Corrado, Janene

**Subject:** Plans for DC this week

Hi Chris,

Sorry to bother you on a weekend. Would you be able to provide AS1 with a one-pager/background info on our force posture/plans in preparing for any potential unrest this upcoming week? I understand there are planned protests, etc. and the SECDEF has requested a call with AS1 tomorrow to discuss. If we could get a sense of available resources or contingency plans by our LEOs, etc. that'd be helpful.

Sorry for the request and quick turnaround, especially on a weekend, but if we could get some info to AS1 by noon tomorrow that'd be appreciated. The call request from SECDEF just came in.

Scott G. Erickson

Deputy Chief of Staff

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** NOC.NDD  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 16:54:06 +0000  
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**Cc:** OPS-Director;NOC-Director;NOC.SWO.Restricted  
**Subject:** NCR Civil Unrest Prep Planning Update  
**Attachments:** Preparations for Civil Disturbances Week of 3 January 2021.docx  
**Importance:** High

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Attached please find the overview of this morning's OPSDEPS call and preps for this week in DC which Director Tomney has shared with the DHS front office.

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Vr, Chip  
**Chip Strangfeld**  
**Duty Director**  
**DHS Office of Operations Coordination**  
**National Operations Center**

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Preparations for Civil Disturbances - Week of 3 January 2021

Situational Overview

Large groups of demonstrators are anticipated to travel to Washington, DC as early as 4 January in advance of the Congressional certification of the electoral vote on 6 January. Past encounters between opposing protest groups have occasionally led to violence between them and against law enforcement personnel, as well as damage to private and government property. Numerous protest permits have been approved by the US Park Police including Freedom Plaza, Washington Monument, the National Mall Area and the Capitol, and several hotels are sold out on 5 and 6 January, both indicators of large crowds.

DHS Operations Coordination (DHS OPS) conducted a Law Enforcement Operations Deputies coordination call on 3 January to review the current DHS component posture, share and coordinate security planning, and identify operational gaps. DHS OPS and National Operations Center is coordinating with Federal departments and agencies to identify any additional precautionary actions to enhance their security posture as described below and invite them to collaborate in the DHS Virtual Situation Room.

#### DHS Preparations

##### DHS HQ

- DHS OPS has invited our federal law enforcement partners to maintain a presence in the department's Virtual Situation Room (vSITROOM) throughout the period of concern, beginning 0600 EST on 5 January.
- The DHS OPS-NOC is host to several major metropolitan and regional Law Enforcement liaison officers who are available 24/7 for matters in their jurisdictional areas.
  - DHS NOC LE LNOs available include: US Capitol Police, Supreme Court of the US, DOT
  - DHS NOC has established direct links with: US Park Police, FBI WFO, FBI SIOC
- The NOC has a permanent FPS liaison officer who is also available 24/7.

##### I&A

- I&A judges that much of the potentially heightened physical threat environment faced in Georgia over the course of its US Senate runoff election cycle is applicable across the US.
- This may drive ideologically motivated violence or threats of violence like those seen nationwide leading into the 2020 presidential and state election season.
- I&A bases this assessment on a review of national and local media coverage, relevant social media postings, state law enforcement officials detailing ideologically motivated violence or threats of violence, and DHS election violence assessments that have been disseminated over the previous six months.
- I&A further judges that violent extremists or other actors could quickly mobilize to violence or generate violent disruptions of otherwise lawful protests in response to a range of issues, including possible disputes over the results of the US presidential election.
- I&A remains in close coordination with DC-area Fusion Centers.

##### FPS

- FPS is not aware of any specific federal facilities being targeted, but based on the nature of this event, FPS areas of concern will be Lafayette Square and any federal buildings in the vicinity of the Capitol building.
- FPS intends to staff (b)(7)(E) law enforcement officers (LEOs) on 6 Jan and will coordinate as needed with CBP and ICE for coverage at the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB) and ICE HQ.
- Mobile Field Forces will be deployed depending on the march route.
- FPS Region 11 will establish a command post and liaisons with US Capitol Police and MPD.
- FPS HQ will operate their vEOC to post information and monitor activity.
- FPS Operations will also be connected into the DHS Operations vSITROOM.
- The FPS HQ Investigation Division will establish close communications with FBI Washington, DC Field Office (WFO).
- Approximately (b)(7)(E) federal facilities are located along projected protest march routes.

##### USSS

- (b)(7)(E) USSS Protectee Division stated there are early indications of a possible POTUS event on 6 Jan, but no official announcement or plans have been announced.

- Viewing stands that were being set up for inauguration are being dismantled, with a portion of Pennsylvania Ave closed.
- The 10 to 12-foot US Park Police fence at Lafayette Park remains in place.

**CBP**

- CBP and FPS are coordinating for both the security of CBP buildings (RRB) and available augmentation to FPS to protect federal facilities.
  - CBP has identified [redacted] law enforcement personnel in the NCR available to support FPS as needed. [redacted] USBP, [redacted] LE Safety and Compliance, [redacted] OEO Special Response Team, one [redacted].

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**ICE**

- ICE and FPS are coordinating the security of ICE buildings (ICE HQ) and have identified augmentation to FPS to protect federal facilities.
  - The DC-area Special Response Team is available to support FPS as needed.

**TSA**

- TSA Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) teams will be active at Reagan National and Dulles International Airports on 5 and 6 January.
- The number of FAMS at Reagan National and Dulles will be increased as well.

**Interagency Preparations**

**US Capitol Police (USCP)**

- All personnel will be on duty or standby from 4 through 6 January.
- Off-watch personnel are considered response assets and are equipped with Civil Disobedience Unit equipment.
- The USCP Operations Center stood up the morning of 3 January and will be hosting several liaison officers.
- 'Bike rack' and 'snow' type fencing around the Capitol grounds has been added in advance of the State of the Union Address, which will also assist with crowd control this week.

**DOI – US Park Police (USPP)**

- USPP has a detail of personnel identified/assigned for increased operations support on 5 and 6 January.
- On 6 January, USPP will have all personnel originally scheduled to be "Off", resourced to support operations, along with the detailees.

**DOJ - FBI**

- FBI operations relative to the potential unrest will be conducted out of their Washington, DC Field Office (WFO). There are no current plans to activate the national SIOC.

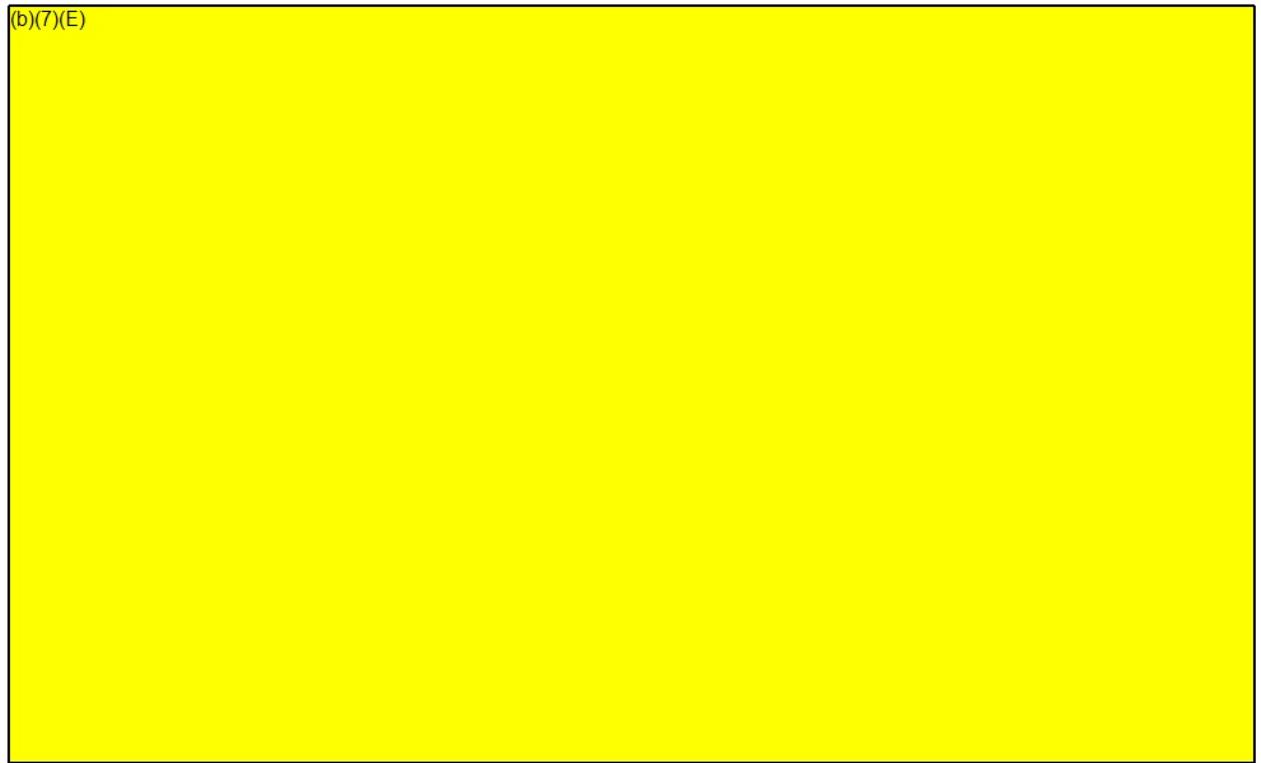
**DOD**

- The National Guard Bureau (NGB) has received no activation plans yet but are monitoring.
- NGB and the US Army (DOD Executive Agent for defense support of civil authorities) will participate in the DHS virtual SITROOM on 5 and 6 January.

**Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)**

- MPD will activate their Joint Operations Center (JOC) for this week's planned protests.
- The DHS OPS National Operations Center is in direct contact with the MPD JOC Supervisor.

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**From:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 01:14:57 +0000  
**To:** Phillips, Shawn  
**Cc:** Heinz, Todd; DiFalco, Frank  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP OPSDEP CONFERENCE CALL: Sunday, 03 Jan 2021 - at 0900 ET

Reviewing now

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**From:** Phillips, Shawn (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:14 PM  
**To:** Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Heinz, Todd (b)(6); DiFalco, Frank (b)(6)  
**Subject:** ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP OPSDEP CONFERENCE CALL: Sunday, 03 Jan 2021 - at 0900 ET  
**Importance:** High

Sir, Ghost email for you with the proposed distribution group below it. Once you send, the NOC will follow up with an invite. If you need me to send, just let me know also. Standing by for your guidance.

v/r

Shawn

**Ghost email:**

OPSDEPS Colleagues: I've asked the staff to schedule a SNAP OPSDES call tomorrow morning (3 Jan) at 0900 ET with the smaller DHS LE components and select staffs who have been involved in responding to civil unrest. The purpose is to ensure our Department is coordinated for potential civil unrest on 5-6 Jan as the final election results are announced. Additionally, the DHS Acting Secretary will be meeting with select cabinet level heads to discuss the federal response/ posture.

DHS OPS will coordinate an information paper that shares our coordination, existing and additional actions in the DC area to support the Secretary's meeting.

At a minimum, per past civil unrest calls, I'm looking for principal participation from FPS, CBP, ICE, USSS, USCG, TSA, OGC, I&A and the Office of the MILADV to discuss our posture for the events on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.

We will be using the DHS National Operation Center for facilitate the call and can join by dialing (b)(6)  
(b)(6) The NOC will send out an invitation shortly as well.

Thank you for your continued support, especially on a Sunday morning.

v/r Chris

**Suggested invitees:**

**To:** Allen, Matthew C (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alles, Randolph (b)(6)

Benner, Derek N (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Buschman, Scott A VADM (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Camp, Claudia (b)(6)

CAUDLE, DUSTIN W (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cline, Richard K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Corrado, Janene (b)(6)

DeQuattro, Pat RADM (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DiFalco, Frank (b)(6)

Dimoff, Lowell (b)(6)

DOBITSCH, STEPHANIE (b)(6)

DONAHUE ROBERT J (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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FLORES, PETE ROMERO (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FORET, VERNON T (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Gereski Jr, John (b)(6)

Havranek, John (b)(6)

Heinz, Todd (b)(6)

Jones, Allen S (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Maher, Joseph (b)(6)

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McPherson, Brendan (b)(5); (b)(6)

Morales, Lupe (b)(6)

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PADILLA, MANUEL JR (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Patterson, Leonard E (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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The Director of Operations Coordination will convene a SNAP OPSDEPS Conference Call, **Sunday, 03 Jan 2021- 0900 EDT.**

- **Purpose:**
  - Discuss DHS Posture for potential civil unrest in Washington, DC
- **Classification:** Unclassified/Law Enforcement Sensitive

Please dial into the conference no later than **0855 EDT.**

- Dial (b)(6)

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of Operations Coordination, National Operations Center at (b)(6)

Very respectfully,

**Communications Watch Officer**  
**National Operations Center**  
**DHS Office of Operations Coordination**  
**Department of Homeland Security**  
Office: (b)(6)  
Email: (b)(6)

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**From:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Sent:** Mon, 4 Jan 2021 14:05:29 +0000  
**To:** McPherson, Brendan  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(U/LES)~~ UPDATE 4 Jan - NCR Civil Unrest Prep Planning

Sure Brendan: A/SecDEF was most interested in just baselining understanding of the interagency to what everyone anticipates this week. He stated DOD is tracking 10-20k possible protesters. Everyone else seemed in general agreement. DOD was asked for [redacted] DCNG...no decision yet reached by SecArmy. AS1 was late joining so I summarized our OPSDEPS call.

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NSTR from either AG or Sec Interior

CJCS biggest concern is that a LFA should be appointed. Suggestion was DOJ but the Acting AG was not comfortable in assuming LFA. That was the lone outstanding issue from call. All agreed to meet again today for about 15mins to see if there are any updates. That call is set to occur at 1pm again.

After the call, I spoke with AS1 to back brief him on what he missed. He fully concurs that DHS should NOT assume the LFA and believes it should be with DOJ.

Happy to answer any specific questions you might have. The DOD guard support was summarized by SECDEF and SECARMY as per your earlier email (traffic control; metro station crowd control, CBRNE etc.).

v/r Chris

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**From:** McPherson, Brendan [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 4, 2021 8:57 AM  
**To:** Tomney, Christopher [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: ~~(U/LES)~~ UPDATE 4 Jan - NCR Civil Unrest Prep Planning

Chris,

Did you get any feedback from yesterday's Cabinet-level call? Especially interested in DoD posture given their interest in having the call.

Vr

BCM

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**From:** Phillips, Shawn [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 4, 2021 6:36 AM  
**To:** NOC.NDD [redacted] Allen, Matthew C [redacted] CAUDLE, DUSTIN W [redacted] Cline, Richard K [redacted] Corrado, Janene [redacted] DeQuattro, Pat RADM [redacted] DiFalco, Frank [redacted] Dimoff, Lowell [redacted] DOBITSCH,

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NOC.SWO.Restricted (b)(6)  
Subject: ~~(U/LES)~~ UPDATE 4 Jan - NCR Civil Unrest Prep Planning

Good Morning all,

The meeting between senior level leaders occurred yesterday and the product provided to AS1 was received well. Thank you all for your assistance in its development. Another meeting is scheduled today at 1300 ET and OPS has been asked to provide any updates to this document.

We are requesting that your component provide any changes or additional information to this document NLT 1100 ET this morning in order to provide AS1 with the most current information.

The DHS NOC will again consolidate any updates. Dir Tomney is also attending the meeting with AS1. Please send updates to myself, Director Tomney and the NOC NDD (b)(6) If there are no updates to your components information, a negative response is appreciated.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Happy Monday! 😊

v/r

Shawn

Shawn A. Phillips  
Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations)  
Office of Operations Coordination (OPS)  
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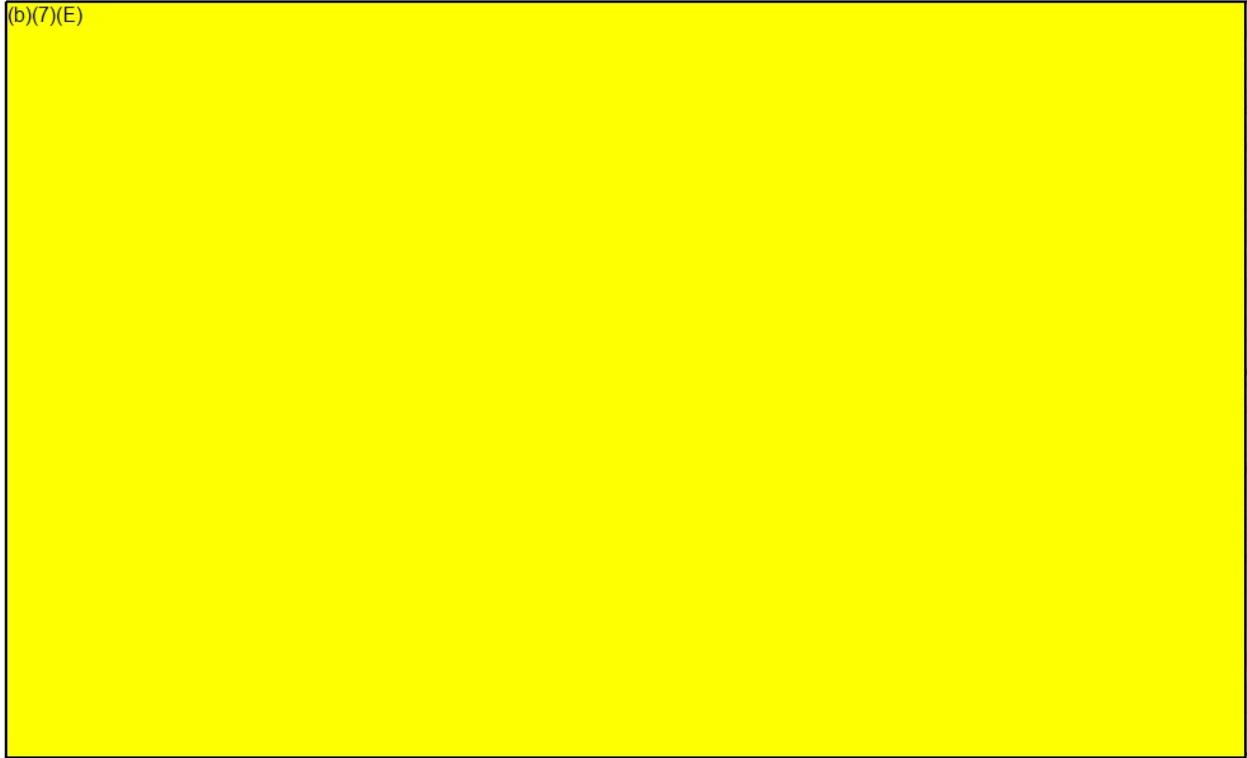
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Preparations for Civil Disturbances - Week of 3 January 2021  
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**To:** McPherson, Brendan;Phillips, Shawn  
**Cc:** ROTH, STEVEN, (b)(6);Salazar, Ronald  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: NCR Protest Activity This Week  
**Attachments:** smime.p7s

Copy. Thanks Brendan

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**From:** McPherson, Brendan <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 11:04 AM  
**To:** Phillips, Shawn (b)(6); Tomney, Christopher  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** ROTH, STEVEN (b)(6); Salazar, Ronald (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: NCR Protest Activity This Week

Chris & Shawn,

Attached is an open request from DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to DCNG support this week. SECARMY has not yet determined what level of support it will provide. Anticipate further meetings tomorrow.

BLUF: DC HSEMA is requesting the following on Jan. 5 & 6;

- (b)(7)(E) crowd management teams to manage crowds at specified Metro stations and prevent overcrowding on Metro platforms iso MPD;
- (b)(7)(E) to assist at thirty (30) designated traffic posts iso MPD;
- (b)(7)(E)

None of the DCNG will be armed.

Will keep you updated as this develops.

Vr

Brendan

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**From:** Nordhaus, Steven S Maj Gen USAF NG NGB (USA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:39 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); McPherson, Brendan  
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**Cc:** ROTH, STEVEN (b)(6); Salazar, Ronald (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: NCR Protest Activity This Week

Brendan,

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Vr,

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Steven S. Nordhaus, Maj Gen

Director of Operations, NGB

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**From:** Brundage, William (b)(6)

**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:14 AM

**To:** McPherson, Brendan (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Cc:** ROTH, STEVEN (b)(6); Salazar, Ronald (b)(6); (b)(6);

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: NCR Protest Activity This Week

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Admiral, tracking your conversation with Maj Gen Nordhaus, let me know if you need anything from here?

William "Bill" Brundage

(b)(6)

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**From:** McPherson, Brendan (b)(6)

**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 7:48 AM

**To:** Nordhaus, Steven S Maj Gen USAF NG NGB (USA)

**Cc:** ROTH, STEVEN; Salazar, Ronald; Brundage, William (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

**Subject:** NCR Protest Activity This Week

Good morning, Steve, and Happy New Year!

Sorry to bother you on a Sunday morning. I just got off a DHS intra-agency call discussing contingency plans in response to potential protest activity in the NCR next week, specifically Jan. 5-6. It is also my understanding that there will be a Cabinet level meeting later today on the same subject.

DHS is planning to mobilize DHS law enforcement officers, principally USSS and Federal Protective Service (FPS), as they did in the past over the summer to protect Federal properties in the NCR. As those plans get solidified over the next 24 hours, I'll ensure you and NGB are aware of those plans. In addition, we will be activating our virtual DHS Situation Room again, and I'll ensure both NGB and NCC are invited to participate so they can monitor operations.

Are there any contingency plans to mobilize NG for these events? If so, it would be helpful to know how many NG members may be mobilized (or in standby status) and which agencies, generally, they may be supporting.

Vr,

Brendan

Brendan C. McPherson  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Military Advisor to the Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 00:21:50 +0000  
**To:** Erickson, Scott  
**Cc:** Phillips, Shawn;Corrado, Janene  
**Subject:** Re: Plans for DC this week

Scott: Good copy. I spoke with John G and we are on it. R/Chris  
Sent from my smartphone

**From:** Erickson, Scott (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 6:35:02 PM  
**To:** Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Phillips, Shawn (b)(6); Corrado, Janene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Plans for DC this week

Hi Chris,

Sorry to bother you on a weekend. Would you be able to provide AS1 with a one-pager/background info on our force posture/plans in preparing for any potential unrest this upcoming week? I understand there are planned protests, etc. and the SECDEF has requested a call with AS1 tomorrow to discuss. If we could get a sense of available resources or contingency plans by our LEOs, etc. that'd be helpful.

Sorry for the request and quick turnaround, especially on a weekend, but if we could get some info to AS1 by noon tomorrow that'd be appreciated. The call request from SECDEF just came in.

Scott G. Erickson  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

**From:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 01:56:34 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6); NOC.NDD  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Phillips, Shawn; Heinz, Todd (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: SECDEF Call Tomorrow

(b)(6) – Adding the NDD.

My secure phone is not working so after our 0900 call with the OPSDEPS is concluded, I'll drive to St. E and take the call from the NOC.

NDD – Please provide a number for this call to (b)(6) I will head into the office after the OPSDEP call is over. I will head to the NOC for the call actual call at 1300.

(b)(6) – I will look to get the Strat Plan signed tomorrow while I'm in. Thus, I will plan to work from home Monday and take the TEAMS call from there with the ART/PTO. I will sign and scan the Strat Plan signature page tomorrow and get to you.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:46 PM  
**To:** Tomney, Christopher (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Phillips, Shawn (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: SECDEF Call Tomorrow  
**Importance:** High

Sir:

What secure number will you be calling in from for below?

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Phillips, Shawn (b)(6)  
**Subject:** SECDEF Call Tomorrow

Good evening,

Director Tomney has just been approved for the 1300 secure conference call tomorrow hosted by SECDEF. Can you please provide the secure number he will be calling in from so that I can provide to SECDEF Cables? They will call him to connect.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) on behalf of NOC.CWO  
**Sent:** Mon, 4 Jan 2021 05:00:11 +0000  
**To:** NOC-Director  
**Cc:** OPS Tech Feds;NOC.SWO;NOC.CWO  
**Subject:** Senior Calls January 3, 2021

**Total Calls: 35**  
**Calls reported disconnected: N/A**  
**Percentage: 0%**  
**Top Caller: LCDR Nkosi Thomas (SEC)**  
**Calls: 5**  
**Percentage: 14 %**

**S1/S2 Calls:**

LZ	1320	AS1 joins --> SECDEF Conference (SECRET)
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**Senior Leader Calls:**

LZ	1136	Faron Paramore (USSS) --> Christopher Tomney(OPS)
AS	1305	CWO --> (b)(6) (SEC)
LZ	1315	CWO --> (b)(6) (SEC)
LZ	1317	CWO --> (b)(6) (SEC)
LZ	1329	NDD --> (b)(6) (SEC)
LZ	1336	(b)(6) --> NDD
SMR	2336	CWO --> (b)(6) (DSEC)
SMR	2348	CWO --> Christopher Tomney (OPS)
SMR	2350	CWO --> John Hill (OPE) , no answer
SMR	2351	CWO --> Jonathan Fahey (ICE), no answer

**Senior Leader MeetMe Conferences: None**

**Stress Tests (Non-Secure/Secure Bridges):**

SMR	1948	ESB Secret Bridge Test call completed (16 Lines), no issues
SMR	2018	CAB/TS/SCI Bridge Test completed (2 conferences; 8 lines vIPer and 2 lines (b)(6) and 6 lines (b)(6) and 1 line (b)(6) no issues

**Communication Checks: None**

**Executive Telecom Checks: None**

**Travel Communications Checks: None**

**Coordination Calls:**

AS	0715	FEMA initiated Daily DHS NOC Component Coordination Call completed with the exception of CISA Central
AS	0715	FEMA initiated Daily DHS NOC Interagency Coordination Call completed with no exceptions
SMR	1915	FEMA initiated Daily DHS NOC Component Coordination Call completed with no exceptions
SMR	1920	FEMA initiated Daily DHS NOC Interagency Coordination Call completed with no exceptions

**Blast Conferences:**

LZ	0900	SNAP OPSDEPS Conference Call (+ 25 Participants)
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V/r,

Communications Watch Officer  
DHS Office of Operations Coordination  
National Operations Center

Office: (b)(6)

Email: (b)(6)

**From:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 01:20:03 +0000  
**To:** Allen, Matthew C;Alles, Randolph;Benner, Derek N;Buschman, Scott A  
VADM;Camp, Claudia;CAUDLE, DUSTIN W;Cline, Richard K;Corrado, Janene (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); DiFalco, Frank; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Gereski Jr, John;Havranek, John;Heinz, Todd;Jones, Allen  
S (b)(6) Maher, Joseph (b)(6) McPherson, Brendan;Morales,  
Lupe;NEWSOME III LEONZA;Ondocin, Michael;OPS Advisor;PARAMORE FARON K;PADILLA, MANUEL  
JR;Patterson, Leonard E;Phillips, Shawn (b)(6) SALZGABER, WAYNE (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Tomney, Christopher (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP OPSDEPS CONFERENCE CALL: Sunday, 03 Jan 2021 - at 0900 ET  
**Importance:** High

OPSDEPS Colleagues: I've asked the staff to schedule a SNAP OPSDEPS call tomorrow morning (3 Jan) at 0900 ET with the smaller DHS LE components and select staffs who have been involved in responding to civil unrest. The purpose is to ensure our Department is coordinated for potential civil unrest on 5-6 Jan as the final election results are announced. Additionally, the DHS Acting Secretary will be meeting virtually with select cabinet level heads to discuss the federal response/posture.

DHS OPS will coordinate an information paper that shares our coordination, existing and additional actions in the DC area to support the Secretary's meeting.

At a minimum, per past civil unrest calls, I'm looking for principal participation from FPS, CBP, ICE, USSS, USCG, TSA, OGC, I&A and the Office of the MILADV to discuss our posture for the events on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.

We will be using the DHS National Operation Center for facilitate the call and you can join by dialing (b)(6)  
(b)(6) The NOC will send out an invitation shortly as well.

Thank you for your continued support, especially on a Sunday morning.

v/r Chris

~~UNCLASSIFIED//LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE~~

The Director of Operations Coordination will convene a SNAP OPSDEPS Conference Call, **Sunday, 03 Jan 2021- 0900 EDT.**

- **Purpose:**
  - Discuss DHS Posture for potential civil unrest in Washington, DC
- **Classification:** Unclassified/Law Enforcement Sensitive

Please dial into the conference no later than **0855 EDT.**

- Dial (b)(6)

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of Operations Coordination,  
National Operations Center at (b)(6)

Very respectfully,

**Communications Watch Officer**  
**National Operations Center**  
**DHS Office of Operations Coordination**  
**Department of Homeland Security**  
**Office:** (b)(6)  
**Email:** (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 14:25:59 +0000  
**To:** ESEC-BBIC;Gountanis, John;Erickson, Scott;Thomas, Nkosi;(b)(6)  
(b)(6) Tomney, Christopher;(b)(6)  
(b)(6) Phillips, Shawn;Heinz, Todd;Scheduler Tomney  
**Subject:** 1:00 - Secure Call with DOD

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If there are any questions, please contact (b)(6)

**Requester:**

(b)(6)

**DHS SME:**

OPS/MGMT

**Call in:**

SECDEF Cables to call AS1's secure phone.

**Attendees:**

(b)(6)

**Objective:**

Secure call with DOD to discuss events in DC.

**Briefing Materials:**

TPs

**From:** (b)(6) of Scheduler Tomney  
**Sent:** Sun, 3 Jan 2021 03:57:33 +0000  
**To:** Tomney, Christopher  
**Subject:** 1300 secure conference call

POC (b)(6)  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)  
NOTE: Secure Numbers sent to (b)(6)

1/2/21 (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) n behalf of NOC.CWO  
**Sent:** Fri, 7 Jan 2022 20:44:30 +0000  
**To:** NOC.TRACKER  
**Cc:** NOC.CWO  
**Subject:** FW: ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP OPSDEPS CONFERENCE CALL: Sunday, 03 Jan 2021 - at 0900 ET

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**From:** Phillips, Shawn (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** NOC.SWO.Restricted (b)(6)  
**Cc:** NOC.SWO.Restricted (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP OPSDEPS CONFERENCE CALL: Sunday, 03 Jan 2021 - at 0900 ET

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I will send any others we receive as well. Thank you

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**From:** NOC.SWO.Restricted (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 10:13:51 PM  
**To:** Phillips, Shawn (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP OPSDEPS CONFERENCE CALL: Sunday, 03 Jan 2021 - at 0900 ET

Shawn,

CWO would like to go ahead a build the conference participates in Teams for the OPS Director's 0900 ET Law Enforcement OPSDEPs Conference Call tomorrow. Are there any additional people from those listed on the 'To' in Director Tomney's email below that should also be added? Thanks.

V/r

**Ray S. Brown**  
Senior Watch Officer  
DHS Office of Operations Coordination  
National Operations Center  
Comm: (b)(6)  
Secure: (b)(6)

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