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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:59 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Tampa CVE event (02/12/15).
Attachments: Tampa Imams Leadership Meeting Agenda.docx

Thanks (b)(6)

Attached is the agenda provided by the community host; although based on my conversation with Mr. Shibly, I will be playing a slightly more upfront/significant role in moderating the discussion.

Best,

(b)(6)



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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:55 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Tampa CVE event (02/12/15).

(b)(6) I am tracking and Director Chávez is good to go. Do you know if there is an agenda I could provide in his read ahead package I am preparing?

Thanks.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:43 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Kessler, Tamara
Subject: RE: Tampa CVE event (02/12/15).

Thank you sir. We greatly appreciate the Director's leadership. His presence will be a great asset in our efforts.

Sincerely,

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Thanks (b)(6) and thanks for the earlier clarification. The Director just wants to make sure his presence provides value and not a distraction.

Best,

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 1:04 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) Kessler, Tamara

Subject: RE: Tampa CVE event (02/12/15).

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As follow up, we do have CVE TP's which we routinely use (see below) however since agencies/offices such as OPS do not have CVE as part of the direct mission, per previous examples of senior leadership participation in these forums, these

CVE-specific points are not usually used in their discussion points and instead focus is on the senior leader's own mission and responsibilities, etc. With that said, below TPs are for your awareness if helpful to Director Chavez in Tampa:

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If he would like to discuss CVE in his remarks, the two primary points I would highlight are:

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Thanks.

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To: (b)(6)
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Hello (b)(6)

Would be delighted to chat by phone if helpful. I provided an earlier response on January 27th in my coordination with (b)(6) about the role of the Director at this event. This may be the first time many, if not all, of the Imams meet with "DHS." While our community host is very-familiar with DHS and our component agencies, based on previous experience, the invited Imams are likely treating this as a "DHS 101." Previous senior leadership participants in these types of forums (this is not the first time) such as former TSA Administrator Pistol who joined us at a similar forum in Denver for example, have taken advantage by providing their own agencies/offices' role within DHS (it does not have to have a direct CVE mission). As I indicated on January 27th, we always invite senior leadership to say a few words about their specific area of responsibilities in the Department so perhaps Director Chavez can say a few words (or take perhaps five to ten minutes) explaining the role of OPS at DHS. I will be conducting our CVE community awareness briefing which will help steer the conversation toward the USG CVE priorities of empowering local partners, including community partners, at both understanding the threats and realizing the role all aspects of society play in securing the homeland. I think his presence and the few words he may be able to share (or brief presentation) about the role he plays as a senior leader within the Department and the role that OPS play will help demonstrated to our local stakeholders the level of seriousness DHS senior leadership takes in our CVE efforts which include these types of local-level grass tops community engagement efforts; following the lead of Secretary Johnson who has personally lead these types of engagements in Chicago, Columbus, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and Boston.

Please let me know if you'd like to chat by phone.

Sincerely,
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To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Kessler, Tamara; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Tampa CVE event (02/12/15).

Hi (b)(6)

Based on this more detailed description of the meeting I have several concerns about the Director Chavez's participation.

- I was not fully aware that this was not one of the regular round-table meetings (where I think the Director's attendance would be more appropriate), but that it was instead largely focused on CVE. OPS does not play a role in the Department's CVE activities, so aside from being present, he will not have any insights to offer on this subject.
- I am surprised/concerned that there are not standardized talking points or themes to help keep the senior leaders on message. Any opening comments the Director will have will be focused on our mission and roles, which as stated have no bearing on CVE; it's hard to see the value in explaining the National Operations Center, the Secretary's Briefing Staff or Continuity of Operations to a group concerned about radicalization.
- While I understand the value of "showing the flag" to represent the larger Department and CVE efforts, I'm having a hard time seeing how the OPS Director is the best "face" for this effort.

I apologize for raising a flag of concern this late in the game, but the message you sent out this AM was truly the first in-depth description I have seen of the event.

Open to discuss,

Best,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 10:27 AM
To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Kessler, Tamara; (b)(6)

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Please let me know if there are questions and I look forward to their participation.

Sincerely,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:29 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) PSCDOperations
Subject: Re: Tampa Event Today

(b)(6) yes indeed. All is correct. Our messages must have crossed. As advised, the host has confirmed that they have the AV tools for the powerpoint. See you this afternoon and thanks again for the last-minute support.

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To: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 3:06 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Tampa events

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This is a special roundtable that the Florida chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations has agreed to host for us. They have agreed to invite an extensive list of Imams from the Tampa area to specifically discuss our efforts at countering violent extremism (CVE). One of the tools we have in educating communities about this effort is a community awareness briefing (CAB) presentation which I will be conducting at this event. The CAB uses specific case examples of recent violent extremist activities and steps undertaken by both law enforcement and communities to counter the narrative of groups like Al-Qa'ida and its adherents in attempting to seek support or recruit individuals within the United States.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 4:13 PM

To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Tampa events

I imagine between 2 and 3 hours. Likely closer to 3.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 4:18 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Tampa events

Hello (b)(6)

The event is confirmed for Thursday February 12th starting at 2:00 pm EST. The address is 8076 North 56th Street, Tampa, FL 33617. I will send additional logistics as soon as they are finalized but this should help with travel and schedule.

Best,

(b)(6)



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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:16 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: Re: Tampa Imams Leadership Meeting Agenda

Absolutely. Should I add her to agenda? It's at our office. Address below.

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From: Hassan Shibly (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Tampa Imams Leadership Meeting Agenda

Attached. Should we share with Lee? Think we can convince him to come!

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Date: February 9, 2015 at 10:24:17 AM EST

To: (b)(6)

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Subject: Tampa Imams Leadership Meeting Agenda

Dear (b)(6)

Sorry for the delay. Please find attached the agenda.

Hassan

From: Hassan Shibly
To: Chavez, Richard
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Thank you!
Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015 2:30:05 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Absolutely, I believe we are heading in the right direction and the challenges we face only make us stronger as a nation when voices of reason unite and work together. Your comments and message sent a very strong and constructive message. We are inspired by your kind words ask. Thank you again! I will forward you some feedback regarding CVE which DHS may find helpful. God bless,

Hassan

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On Feb 13, 2015, at 11:47 AM, Chavez, Richard <(b)(6)> wrote:

Hassan,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to your esteemed group! I commend you on the dedication and commitment of yourself and your staff to this worthy cause. As I said, this is a marathon and not a sprint as the issues and solution are complex. Although progress may seem slow at times, the end state will be achieved.

I hope that my comments provided some insight and clarity with regard to the Department's vision and efforts for a safe, secure, and resilient homeland.

Best,
Rich

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Vigilance, Unity, Resilience - Comprised of Many, Performing As One

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From: Hassan Shibly (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 1:37 AM
To: Chavez, Richard
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Thank you!

Also, please do try to pass on the message that it is very disheartening that the White House has been silent on the tragic Chapel Hill Murders. A strong statement will go a long way in advancing our nation's long term security and liberty by building a great sense of inclusion.

Hassan

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From: Hassan Shibly
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 1:01 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Thank you!

Dear Director Chavez:

Thank you so much for visiting our office today and participating in our quarterly imams meeting. We were very honored to have you join us. Thank you for the tremendous work you do to keep our nation safe and free. Please keep in touch and let us know how we can partner to advance our nation's security and liberty. Hope to see you when I visit DC in April.

Many Thanks,
Hassan

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To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Laila Abdelaziz; Ali Akin Kurnaz; Nezar Hamze; Ghazala Salam
Subject: Thank you

Dear (b)(6)

Thank you so much for joining us for our quarterly imams meeting! It was very productive and I am glad you got to speak with the students afterwards. We look forward to continuing to work together!

Hassan

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Agenda

Empowering Imams and Muslim Community: Protecting the Moderate Path

Meeting Facilitator: Hassan Shibly, Esq

Invitees: Imams and Community Leaders, US Department of Justice, TSA, US Department of Homeland Security

Start: 2:00

Welcome Message & Introductions

Hassan Shibly

Understanding DHS , TSA, & Community Concerns

*Director Richard Chavez, US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Operations,
Coordination and Planning (OPS), Washington, DC*

*Assistant Administrator Kimberly Walton, US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation
Security Administration (TSA), Washington, DC*

Protecting Against Predatory Targeting of American Muslim Community

NPR: All Things Considered

*(b)(6) Section Chief, Community Engagement, US Department of Homeland Security (DHS),
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Department of Justice, Law Enforcement, & the Community

(b)(6) USAO

Preventing Violent Extremism & Civil Rights Abuse

*(b)(6) Deputy Sheriff & CAIR-FL Ops Director
Hassan Shibly*

Discussion & Q&A

*Protecting our youth: What community leaders should do when they are concerned about youth who may
be susceptible to recruitment by violent groups or government agent provocateurs?*

*Foreign travel and sending money to relatives overseas : What legal consequences related to
intervention, foreign travel, and sending money overseas should we be aware of?*

Closing Remarks

