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Sean and Amy, just FYI re summary statement by participants of meeting with S1 yesterday.

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(b)(6) and Arif,

It was great seeing/meeting you both. In preparation for the cabinet meeting, I'm sure you and others have already briefed the Secretary on the summation of today's meeting. But I thought I'd share with you how the participating orgs would summarize the meeting. The groups are planning to make a joint public statement on Friday, but since the cabinet meeting is first thing in the morning, I thought I'd share with you the summary. You and the Secretary might find this of interest:

The commitments Secretary Napolitano made to these community leaders include:

- Community participation in an anti-violent extremism task force of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, which reports to the Secretary;
- Regular, quarterly meetings with the Secretary;
- A seminar on cultural competency for DHS leadership; and
- An honest and full discussion of legitimate grievances from members of these communities about DHS policies that are ineffective and have a deleterious, humiliating impact on Muslim, Arab, Sikh and South Asian American communities.

Community leaders believe that fulfilling these commitments would be a step forward in establishing meaningful, open and authentic dialogue between DHS and the Muslim, Arab, Sikh and South Asian American communities. In addition, these leaders have called for changes to DHS policies that are ineffective and discriminate based on race, ethnicity or religion.

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