

**Gregory, Peter D**

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From: Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 4:52 PM  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Subject: Fw: deferred action info for the web

----- Original Message -----

From: Mattice, Michael  
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Sent: Wed Jul 21 17:45:43 2010  
Subject: FW: deferred action info for the web

Lauren,

(b)(5) Of late we've seen some interesting dynamics from OFO. [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Mike

Michael C. Mattice  
USCIS Office of the Executive Secretariat

[REDACTED] (b)(6)

Please send all official actions to (b) (6) and, if applicable, attach a completed G-1056. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rogers, Debra A  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 5:40 PM  
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Cc: Harrison, Julia L; Mattice, Michael; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Melero, Mariela; McCament, James W  
Subject: Re: deferred action info for the web

Hi Lauren: The materials were cleared by all the components through the Exec Secr process. I also gave everyone a heads up on these materials last week.

The idea is to post information on deferred action on the web. I would appreciate OCCOM and OPE, OCR's... input and suggestions on the best way to communicate this information externally.

I am most anxious about distributing the Q and A internally to ensure that officers are equipped to answer questions about DA. We have been hearing reports that some customers were advised that they could not make a DA request. We want to make sure that does not happen.

I believe the idea was to post this information on the web so that customers would know the process. I am not sure if we wanted to do an Alert or draw particular attention to the information. I can give you a call to discuss tonight or tomorrow. Debbie

----- Original Message -----

From: Kielsmeier, Lauren  
To: Rogers, Debra A  
Cc: Harrison, Julia L; Mattice, Michael; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Melero, Mariela; McCament, James W

Sent: Wed Jul 21 17:06:11 2010  
Subject: RE: deferred action info for the web

Debbie, I have the folder -- where is this going, on USCIS.gov? Is there an accompanying USCIS update? Are OCOMM and OPE engaged? Is OLA in the loop in case we get congressional interest (do we need to proactively push through James' shop)? Adding folks for input/visibility.

I am not clear on how we are pushing out this message. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rogers, Debra A  
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 8:06 PM  
To: Mattice, Michael  
Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren; USCIS Exec Sec; Carter, Constance L; McWhirter, Robert C; Harrison, Julia L  
Subject: Re: deferred action info for the web

Thanks mike!

----- Original Message -----

From: Mattice, Michael  
To: Rogers, Debra A  
Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren; USCIS Exec Sec; Carter, Constance L; McWhirter, Robert C; Harrison, Julia L  
Sent: Tue Jul 20 18:49:43 2010  
Subject: Fw: deferred action info for the web

Debbie,

Yes, of course.

Mike Mattice (b)(6)  
USCIS Executive Secretariat

Please send action items (Monday through Friday) to [uscisexecsec@dhs.gov](mailto:uscisexecsec@dhs.gov)

----- Original Message -----

From: Rogers, Debra A  
To: Harrison, Julia L; Mattice, Michael; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Sent: Tue Jul 20 17:21:53 2010  
Subject: Fw: deferred action info for the web

Mike: Can you expedite this through front office clearance? (Ali and Lauren) We need to provide the internal guidance as soon as possible, hopefully by COB tomorrow. Thanks,  
Debbie

----- Original Message -----

From: Harrison, Julia L  
To: Rogers, Debra A  
Sent: Tue Jul 20 16:24:04 2010  
Subject: deferred action info for the web

Here are the final versions w/comments and edits incorporated from the concurrence process (let me know if you want to see the redlined versions). No real changes just some minor wordsmithing and formatting. We did get one question from OCC asking why we prepared an internal background doc since the info was the same as in the external materials. I think we thought we would get that out faster but regardless- they are the same so we can probably just send these out to the RDs and DDs as a heads up before they are posted. I'm not sure if these need to go to Ali 1st before I send them to OCOMM for posting. ??

Julia L. Harrison

Chief, Operations Division

Field Operations Directorate

111 Massachusetts Ave.



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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 3:10 PM

**To:** Aytes, Michael

**Subject:** FW: Haitian TPS process decisions and impact on CIR planning

Mike,

Thanks.

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Please advise.

Thanks. Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas

Director

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110

Washington, DC 20529

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**From:** Kielsmeier, Lauren

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 3:59 PM

**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N

**Subject:** Fw: Haitian TPS process decisions and impact on CIR planning

----- Original Message -----

From: Aytes, Michael

To: Brandt, Anita M

Cc: Bulger, Jack M; Kielsmeier, Lauren

Sent: Tue Jan 26 15:44:35 2010

Subject: Haitian TPS process decisions and impact on CIR planning

Anita- could you please send this out to the CIR PIPT and business WIPT, and to the Deloitte folk. If you'd copy me, then I'll have a listing I can use for future messages. Thanks.

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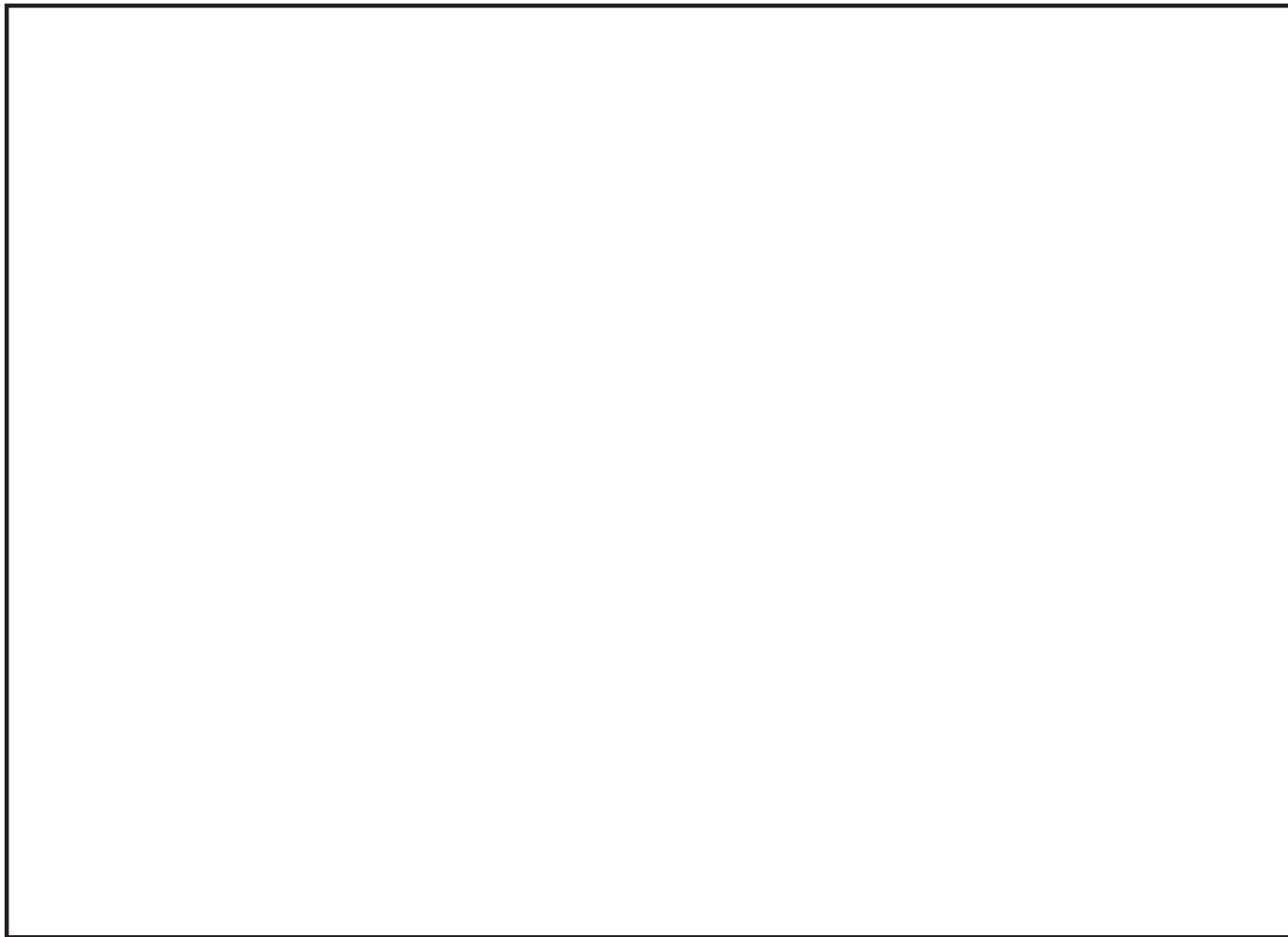


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To this point the key adjustments and points to ponder are -

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**From:** Humphrey, Buck H [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 3:00 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Cc:** Kielsmeier, Lauren; Wright, William G  
**Subject:** FW: Haiti - Deferred Action questions - Boston Globe on deadline for EOD today  
**Importance:** High

Ali,

In the EOD report there is mention of the Boston Globe - Sacchetti (the Globe reporter) – story that she is writing about Haitian TPS. Sacchetti's piece is focused on the local Boston area Haitian population and their experiences with TPS since the earthquake. She has interviewed the Boston DD, Denis Riordan and to bring you up to date further, during the Boston DD's conversation yesterday with Sacchetti, she specifically asked if any Haitian deferred action requests had been submitted to the Boston district. Denis did confirm that 'fewer than 30' had been received and are under review. He further explained that requests are submitted locally and reviewed locally and the DD forwards a recommendation to the RD for decision. She also understands that deferred action is handled on a case by case basis and we can not comment on specific cases.

She is now asking how many Haitians have requested deferred action nationally and how many overall deferred action (DA) requests does USCIS receive nationally each year (looking for the past few years).

Bill and I spoke with Debbie Rogers, Molly Groom and Julia Harrison about DA statistics and her request. They inform us that we do not track DA request numbers nationally and we do not categorize DA requests as to whether they are Haitian or not. However, as Denis indicated during his interview, regional field offices know the number of requests they are currently receiving and reviewing.

In order to respond to her request, we would like to get back to Sacchetti today (she's on deadline) to let her know that we do not track or categorize the number of DA requests received by USICS. However, we can survey our regional field offices and get her an estimated number some time next week. The numbers from the internal survey would not be able to be used within her time frame of today's deadline, but would allow us to respond to her request and be as transparent as possible.

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Please advise as soon as you can. Call with any questions or if you would like to discuss.

(FYI – (b) (6) is sick and I need to run home so I will be on bb – (b) (6) – if you need me. Bill and Angie are here if you need anything and I am completely accessible by bb.)

Regards,

**Buck Humphrey**  
 Chief, Office of Communications  
 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
 Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Wright, William G [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 11:32 AM  
**To:** Humphrey, Buck H; Gallagher, Ellen; Rogers, Debra A; Carpenter, Dea D  
**Cc:** Harrison, Julia L; Grenier, Paula M  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

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To bring you all up to date a bit further, During the Boston DD's conversation yesterday with Sacchetti (the Globe reporter), she specifically asked if any deferred action requests had been submitted to the Boston district. Denis did confirm that 'fewer than 30' had been received and are under review. He further explained that requests are submitted locally and reviewed locally and the DD forwards a recommendation to the RD for decision.

That still begs the question of why HQ doesn't track the number of requests nationally. Sacchetti is filing her story today (for now, we're telling her that we're working the national data request).

Buck – We need to elevate this to at least Lauren's level.

r/  
Bill

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**From:** Wright, William G  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 11:13 AM  
**To:** Gallagher, Ellen; Rogers, Debra A; Carpenter, Dea D  
**Cc:** Harrison, Julia L; Humphrey, Buck H; Grenier, Paula M  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

ALL – Our regional PAO in Boston (Paula Grenier) needs to get back to *Boston Globe* reporter Maria Sacchetti on the question of deferred action requests. Paula has drafted the follow talker; please advise if you're okay with this.

- Understanding that deferred action is a request and not an application, we don't track statistics for the number of deferred action requests that are received. We don't have separate categories to track specific requests, or the adjudicative results of those requests.
- We don't have the ability to differentiate between a deferred action request for a Haitian national who doesn't qualify for TPS from any other alien in the U.S. who has requested deferred action based upon any other compelling or humanitarian reason.

Thank you.

Bill

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**From:** Gallagher, Ellen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 2:41 PM  
**To:** Rogers, Debra A; Carpenter, Dea D  
**Cc:** Harrison, Julia L; Wright, William G; Humphrey, Buck H  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

Again, here I think it is important to distinguish between ALL deferred action requests (and the number of those granted this year) versus deferred action requests filed by Haitian Nationals as a result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake (and the number of those granted this year). In the former group, we have certainly granted DA around the country on a case by case basis; in the latter group, I am unaware of any filings that have resulted in a grant but again, Julia and Debbie are in the best position to know. Debbie has questioned whether or not we should provide any #s regardless of category due to the

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lack of tracking already indicated.

Ellen Gallagher  
Senior Advisor to the Associate Director  
USCIS Field Operations

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**From:** Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 2:30 PM  
**To:** Irazabal, Luz; Gallagher, Ellen; Carpenter, Dea D  
**Cc:** Harrison, Julia L; Wright, William G; Humphrey, Buck H  
**Subject:** Re: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

I am adding Dea for her thoughts. We have approved some requests but I don't think we should provide the #s unless Ali concurs. It changes everyday.

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----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Irazabal, Luz [REDACTED]  
**To:** Gallagher, Ellen; Irazabal, Luz  
**Cc:** Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Wright, William G  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 14 14:25:20 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

And national?

Thanks Ellen!

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Luz Figuereo Irazabal  
USCIS Media Relations

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----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Gallagher, Ellen [REDACTED]  
**To:** Irazabal, Luz; Gallagher, Ellen; Irazabal, Luz  
**Cc:** Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Wright, William G  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 14 14:22:01 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

I do not think there have been any; Julia, can you confirm through outreach to Miami and Boston?

Ellen Gallagher

Senior Advisor to the Associate Director

USCIS Field Operations

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From: Irazabal, Luz [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 2:21 PM  
To: Gallagher, Ellen; Irazabal, Luz  
Cc: Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Wright, William G  
Subject: Re: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

Yes - but her email was about not providing pending requests.

Is it possible to have the # of approvals?

Thanks!!  
Luz

Luz Figuereo Irazabal  
USCIS Media Relations

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----- Original Message -----  
From: Gallagher, Ellen [REDACTED]  
To: Irazabal, Luz  
Cc: Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L  
Sent: Wed Jul 14 14:14:27 2010  
Subject: RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

Luz - I apologize for the delayed reply but saw an intervening message from Debbie to you indicating she thought it unwise to provide specific numbers since USCIS has no mechanism in place to track receipt of such requests. Did you see that message? Assuming we do not provide numbers, whether for Boston or the Nation, you could certainly offer general background information such as we compiled and sent for the Miami Herald.

Best,

Ellen Gallagher

Senior Advisor to the Associate Director

USCIS Field Operations

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From: Irazabal, Luz [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 11:08 AM  
To: Gallagher, Ellen  
Cc: Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Carpenter, Dea D; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; French, Richard G; Groom, Molly M; Wright, William G; Ostapowich, Stephanie A; Grenier, Paula M

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Subject: RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions  
Importance: High

Ellen –

Any information available to respond to the Boston Globe?

Per exchange below, information about # of requests and approvals would be great.

Thanks,

Luz

Luz Figuereo Irazabal

USCIS Media Relations

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From: Gallagher, Ellen [Redacted]  
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:43 PM  
To: Irazabal, Luz  
Subject: Re: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

Ok - we will work on this now.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Irazabal, Luz [Redacted]  
To: Gallagher, Ellen; Irazabal, Luz; Gallagher, Ellen; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Carpenter, Dea D; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; French, Richard G  
Cc: Wright, William G; Ostapowich, Stephanie A; Grenier, Paula M  
Sent: Mon Jul 12 14:39:48 2010  
Subject: RE: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

National... but they would love it if they can get MA/Boston #s, too. Thank you, Luz

Luz Figuereo Irazabal

USCIS Media Relations

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From: Gallagher, Ellen [Redacted]  
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:39 PM  
To: Irazabal, Luz; Gallagher, Ellen; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Carpenter, Dea D; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-

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Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; French, Richard G  
Cc: Wright, William G; Ostapowich, Stephanie A; Grenier, Paula M  
Subject: Re: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

Is the Globe looking Boston or National numbers?

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----- Original Message -----

From: Irazabal, Luz (b) (6)  
To: Gallagher, Ellen; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Carpenter, Dea D; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; French, Richard G  
Cc: Wright, William G; Ostapowich, Stephanie A; Grenier, Paula M  
Sent: Mon Jul 12 14:25:11 2010  
Subject: Haiti - Deferred Action questions

Colleagues –

The Boston Globe is inquiring about deferred action granted to Haitian nationals after Jan. 12.

A response was being drafted for the Miami Herald (specifically, question 7). Boston Globe is looking for the # of requests, approvals, denials and pending. Guidance please?

The reporter's deadline is mid-week.

Thanks for your assistance!

Regards,

Luz

Luz Figuereo Irazabal

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From: Gallagher, Ellen  
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 8:50 AM  
To: Rogers, Debra A; Bentley, Christopher S; Swacina, Linda; Wright, William G; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Melville, Rosemary; Redman, Kathy A; Tierney, Terry; Dean, Kimberly D  
Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions

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Note – we will work this morning to refine answers to 7 and 10 (they require local input as to numbers and outreach procedures).

Ellen Gallagher

Senior Advisor to the Associate Director

USCIS Field Operations

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From: Rogers, Debra A

Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 8:47 AM

To: Bentley, Christopher S; Swacina, Linda; Wright, William G; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Melville, Rosemary; Redman, Kathy A; Tierney, Terry; Dean, Kimberly D; Gallagher, Ellen

Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Mayorkas, Alejandro N

Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions

Chris: Attached are DRAFT talking points and answers to the question from the MIAMI Herald for review and concurrence. These have not been cleared by OCC, Policy or the front office. I am leaving that in your and Mariela's hands as I am in back to back meeting this morning. Ellen Gallagher can assist with any questions or edits. Debbie

Debra Rogers

Associate Director

Field Operations

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From: Rogers, Debra A

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 4:54 PM

To: Bentley, Christopher S; Swacina, Linda; Wright, William G; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Melville, Rosemary; Redman, Kathy A; Tierney, Terry; Dean, Kimberly D

Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Mayorkas, Alejandro N

Subject: Re: Miami Herald Questions

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Chris/Buck: Adding Ali and Lauren for their visibility. These are very sensitive questions that need to be discussed with OCC, Policy and Strategy and possibly DHS. We need more time to fully vet our proposed answers. Debbie

----- Original Message -----

From: Rogers, Debra A

To:

Sent: Thu Jul 08 10:01:50 2010

Subject: Re: Miami Herald Questions

Please keep in mind these are just MIA stats.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bentley, Christopher S

To: Swacina, Linda; Wright, William G; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian; Bentley, Christopher S; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Swacina, Linda; Melville, Rosemary; Redman, Kathy A; Tierney, Terry; Dean, Kimberly D

Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L

Sent: Thu Jul 08 15:55:14 2010

Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions

Linda,

With apologies in advance, what are the "Dream Act" cases?

Thanks, Chris

Christopher S. Bentley  
Press Secretary  
Office of Communications  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

-----Original Message-----

From: Swacina, Linda

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 3:52 PM

To: Wright, William G; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian; Bentley, Christopher S; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Swacina, Linda; Melville, Rosemary; Redman, Kathy A; Tierney, Terry; Dean, Kimberly D

Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L

Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions

For District 9, (Miami) we have received deferred action requests for a

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total of 20 persons as of today. Three of those are the Dream Act cases so only 17 are Haitians filing as a result of the earthquake. Of those 17, we have not received enough information to approve any of them yet but believe most of them are approvable and we are in the process of getting the information. All 17 have B2's, but only one of them was on the DOS list of 1370.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

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From: Wright, William G [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 2:58 PM  
To: Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian; Bentley, Christopher S; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Swacina, Linda  
Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions

Debbie -- I believe the reporter is asking how many have requested, and how many have been approved?

Ana -- Please weigh in here.

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Bill

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From: Rogers, Debra A  
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 2:54 PM  
To: Hinds, Ian; Wright, William G; Bentley, Christopher S; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W; Swacina, Linda  
Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J; Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: Re: Miami Herald Questions

Bill: do you want to know how many are pending or approved?

----- Original Message -----

From: Hinds, Ian  
To: Wright, William G; Bentley, Christopher S; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph; Groom, Molly M; Whitney, Ronald W  
Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris; Smith, Alice J  
Sent: Thu Jul 08 14:24:39 2010  
Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions

Adding Molly and Ron.

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From: Wright, William G  
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 2:23 PM  
To: Bentley, Christopher S; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon,

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Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Hinds, Ian; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally;  
McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore,  
Joseph  
Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris  
Subject: RE: Miami Herald Questions  
Importance: High

ALL - Need to add two more questions to the list sent earlier this morning from Chris Bentley. They are:

- (1) How many Deferred Action status have we already granted to theses B1-B2 visa holding Haitians?
- (2) Is a Deferred Action status the same as a "DED"?-Deferred Enforced Departure.

I apologize in advance for pushing this; but, we are on a tight deadline (4 p.m. today) to respond to the Miami Herald reporter.

Thank you.

Bill

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From: Bentley, Christopher S  
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 9:08 AM  
To: Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L; Bacon, Roxana; Carpenter, Dea D; Hinds, Ian; Melero, Mariela; Blauvelt, Sally; McCament, James W; Humphrey, Buck H; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Moore, Joseph  
Cc: Santiago, Ana E; Irazabal, Luz; Wright, William G; Herrmann, Mary K; Rhatigan, Chris  
Subject: Miami Herald Questions

All,

We need to answer the following questions for the Miami Herald by the end of the day. This is part of a story the Herald is planning to mark the six month anniversary of the Haitian earthquake. In particular, these questions deal with the options for those Haitians (1,370?) issued B-1 or B-2 visas in the immediate aftermath of the January 12 earthquake.

1. What is Deferred Action (DA)?

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2. How long is DA good for?
3. What does it allow an individual to do?
4. How does one request DA?
5. How much does it cost to request DA?
6. How long does it take for USCIS to adjudicate a request for DA?
7. How many Haitians have requested DA to date?
8. Is this an accommodation that has just recently been extended to Haitian B-1/B-2 visa holders?
9. The reporter says that some of the advocates (in particular Andy McGrory from Catholic Charities) tell her that in order for an individual to apply for DA, they must first let the B1/B2 visa expire, because the law does not allow for dual status. Is this true?
10. What has USCIS done to communicate this particular issue (options for B-1/B-2 visa holders) to the Haitian community?

If OFO and OPE can take the first stab at answering the questions, we can have this email chain review and give ourselves a good shot at finalizing the answers by the close of business today.

Thanks.

r/Chris

Christopher S. Bentley

Press Secretary

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Department of Homeland Security

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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010 7:39 PM (b)(6)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: KTB final for the day from OCC

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Neufeld, Donald [REDACTED]  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED] Neufeld, Donald  
[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tue Apr 13 20:36:06 2010 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: KTB final for the day from OCC

Ali,

Wow, this is a lot to digest. I have to say, I agree with most and don't think they are particularly controversial. However, there are some exceptions:

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I'm happy to discuss further whenever time permits.

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From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
To: Neufeld, Donald [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue Apr 13 11:36:42 2010  
Subject: Fw: KTB final for the day from OCC

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Don,  
Per our call.  
Thanks. Ali

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From: Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]; Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]  
Cc: Vanison, Denise [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue Apr 13 09:17:32 2010  
Subject: RE: KTB final for the day from OCC

Bacon, Roxana

We are editing out anything that can be done only with policy. [that will be available to you but in a separate document]. Denise and I will pull this together and merge her work and mine so we have one policy doc [for you] and one with Regs.

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And yes we can discuss first thing, but need a time. .

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From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 9:11 AM  
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana; Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Cc: Vanison, Denise  
Subject: Re: KTB final for the day from OCC

Thank you for forwarding, Lauren. And thank you, Roxie and Denise, for preparing.

Some of these proposals seem only to require us to revise our policies rather than to issue regulations. Am I correct, or must these proceed by way of regulation?

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I could really benefit from having this in hard copy and talking it through; there are some issues as to which I need more information/background. I will have it printed today and I'd like to discuss first thing tomorrow your time. Does that work?

Thanks so much.  
Ali

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From: Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]

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From: Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]

To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]

; Kielsmeier, Lauren

Cc: Vanison, Denise [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon Apr 12 18:46:34 2010

Subject: KTB final for the day from OCC

Ali, my trusted atty [who works for Peter Gregory's group] was out today so she didn't get my email. I don't know where you are staying, but you can send this to anyone with a printer and be in business. Denise and I have been meeting with others all day and our plan now is for the 2 of us to meet tomorrow a.m. and see if we can work this document and OP&S' [being re-drafted now] into one doc for you, organized in the 3 categories you want but prioritized within each category.

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[REDACTED] you should have this final submission by noon or tomorrow, 9 a.m. your time. If you have a fax number we can send you a hard copy.

Hope you are enjoying your CA roots!

Roxie

**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Chang, Pearl B  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 3:57 PM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Rogers, Debra A; Vanison, Denise; Chang, Pearl B; Gallagher, Ellen; Carpenter, Dea D; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana; Melero, Mariela  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** FW: Talking Points re: Haiti Parole and Deferred Action. URGENT  
**Attachments:** HAITI SOP talkers eg june 8 2010\_OCC.doc



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talkers eg june 8 2

I have only one question about a comment made by Ron on page 2 in green.

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**From:** Whitney, Ronald W  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 4:06 PM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Rogers, Debra A; Vanison, Denise; Chang, Pearl B; Gallagher, Ellen; Carpenter, Dea D; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana; Melero, Mariela  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** RE: Talking Points re: Haiti Parole and Deferred Action. URGENT

OCC comments/edits are attached.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 3:38 PM  
**To:** Rogers, Debra A; Vanison, Denise; Chang, Pearl B; Gallagher, Ellen; Carpenter, Dea D; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana; Melero, Mariela; Whitney, Ronald W  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** RE: Talking Points re: Haiti Parole and Deferred Action. URGENT

Including Ron who will send OCC comments. Thanks, Molly

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**From:** Rogers, Debra A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 3:01 PM  
**To:** Vanison, Denise; Chang, Pearl B; Gallagher, Ellen; Carpenter, Dea D; Groom, Molly M; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana; Melero, Mariela  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** Re: Talking Points re: Haiti Parole and Deferred Action. URGENT

Ali: I apologize, I meant to copy you on this message. Debbie

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Rogers, Debra A  
**To:** [REDACTED] Chang, Pearl B; Gallagher, Ellen; Carpenter, Dea D; Groom, Molly M; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana; Melero, Mariela  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 08 14:55:19 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Talking Points re: Haiti Parole and Deferred Action. URGENT

Denise and Roxie: I met with Linda Swacina and her team yesterday and asked them to reach out to the CBOs to find out if they were holding deferred action requests for B-2 visitors from Haiti. It turns out that the two organizations have hundreds of requests on hold. They were holding the requests in anticipation of public guidance.

MIA has several stake holder events planned over the next few days and anticipate getting a lot of questions on this topic.

I have advised Linda to inform the CBOs that MIA will accept the requests now. It is not

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surprising that they have hundreds of cases since we know there were at least 1300 B-2s issued. The sooner we get the requests and the better.

I asked Ellen to prepare internal talkers and FAQs for MIA to use at tomorrow's community events. The draft FAQs are attached. We will write "internal use only" clearly on the final document.

As the SOP is on hold, it is critical that I provide MIA with some guidance before the meeting tomorrow.

Once we begin receiving the requests for deferred action we plan to take a task force approach in addressing this workload. We will be reaching out for legal and policy support.

Can you take a look at these internal talkers and FAQs and provide your comments by 4pm? I am sorry for the short turn around. We had hoped to have the SOP and talking points out last week which would have addressed a # of these issues.

Thanks for your attention. I am happy to arrange a con-call if it helps.

Debbie

(Sorry for any typos, working with BB and sore thumbs)

----- Original Message -----

From: Gallagher, Ellen

To: Rogers, Debra A

Cc: Harrison, Julia L; Farnam, Julie E

Sent: Tue Jun 08 14:14:32 2010

Subject: Talking Points re: Haiti Parole and Deferred Action

For your review and comments.

I am attaching the CBP NIV list again and recommend when we convey to Miami that we attach the most recent version of the "interim" SOP.

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Ellen Gallagher

Senior Advisor to the Associate Director

USCIS Field Operations

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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:16 PM  
**To:** Ratliff, Gerri; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda for ASC Best Practices Meeting.doc

Oh, I know! And Barbara should not feel so rushed; I know how much is going on and how hard everyone is working.

Thanks, Gerri.  
Ali

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Ratliff, Gerri  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 03 19:59:29 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda for ASC Best Practices Meeting.doc

I think we are good for now. And just want you to know I am happy to lead this effort up - the only reason I hesitated in the mtg was because I was looking at Barbara to see if she preferred it to be a joint lead...so I didn't want you to take my hesitation at answering you as disinterest in being the lead J

Barbara needs until tomorrow to assess the SCOPs resource implications, so we weren't able to tell you more tonight...but we will make progress tomorrow! - Gerri

Gerri Ratliff

Associate Director

Enterprise Services Directorate

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2010 7:32 PM  
**To:** Ratliff, Gerri; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda for ASC Best Practices Meeting.doc

Thank you very much, Gerri. I appreciate your leadership on this and how quickly you are addressing it.

I am unsure of how what we have discussed compares to standard operating procedure, so I defer to you and others to identify the variances. I do believe that the best practices

we establish here for customer service be applied across the board.

I will be available tomorrow morning to discuss before your 11 a.m. meeting if you wish.  
I am going to head out the door shortly.

Thanks again. Ali

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From: Ratliff, Gerri  
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 7:28 PM  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Subject: FW: Agenda for ASC Best Practices Meeting.doc

Ali/Lauren: fyi, I've scheduled a meeting for 11:00 tomorrow to discuss the issues we talked about today at the Haiti meeting concerning using ASC best practices for all immigration benefit types, not just for Haitian TPS applicants. Attached is a copy of the draft agenda, and I've pasted it below, in case that's easier for BB reading. Please let me know if you see that I've overlooked any aspects of what you'd like us to discuss. I'll let you know how the meeting goes and our recommended next steps. Thanks, Gerri

Background (Gerri)

At yesterday's 2:00 senior leadership Haiti meeting, Ali requested that we discuss applying the procedures we are developing for handling Haitian TPS cases to all form types, as appropriate, as a way of applying ASC best practices across the board.

Specifically, this means looking at:

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Associate Director  
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From: Ratliff, Gerri  
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 7:21 PM  
To: Rogers, Debra A; Benavides, Jaime L; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Vantran, Lynne; Velarde, Barbara Q; Rosenberg, Alanna; Lay, Dorothea B; Melero, Mariela; Crocetti, Don; Bucher, Steve P  
Subject: Agenda for ASC Best Practices Meeting.doc

See attached draft agenda for tomorrow's 11:00 meeting. Any suggestions for different agenda items?

Conrad and/or Debbie: could you address items 2 and 3? or bring the right expert who knows how the process works today (when ISO refers an applicant to a local field office for verification of identity).

Barbara: anything else from SCOPs to add? right now, I just specifically have the resources issue.

thanks, Gerri

**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2010 5:28 PM  
**To:** Ratliff, Gerri  
**Cc:** Kielsmeier, Lauren; Rogers, Debra A  
**Subject:** Re: collecting biometrics in connection with advance parole/ update on ISO memo on ASC procedures

That seems perfectly reasonable. Thank you both.  
Ali

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Ratliff, Gerri  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Cc:** Kielsmeier, Lauren; Rogers, Debra A  
**Sent:** Fri Feb 12 18:19:37 2010  
**Subject:** collecting biometrics in connection with advance parole/ update on ISO memo on ASC procedures

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Meanwhile, Mike Mattice is sending out the proposed final ISO procedures memo for Exec Sec clearance. We are asking for comments back by noon tomorrow, as all offices have already seen and commented on prior versions. We will send you the cleared version over the weekend for your final approval before sending it out to the field.

Thanks, Gerri and Debbie

Gerri Ratliff

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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 3:40 PM  
**To:** McNamara, Phil  
**Subject:** RE: Cornyn Letter #2 re: Deferred Action

Thanks.

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**From:** McNamara, Phil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon 5/17/2010 4:27 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** RE: Cornyn Letter #2 re: Deferred Action

Attached.

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 4:20 PM  
**To:** McNamara, Phil  
**Subject:** RE: Cornyn Letter #2 re: Deferred Action

Thank you, Phil. Can I trouble you to send me a copy of the Secretary's response to the first letter?  
Thanks. Ali

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**From:** McNamara, Phil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon 5/17/2010 3:55 PM  
**To:** Olavarria, Esther; Crow, Melissa; Shlossman, Amy; Martin, David A; Sandweg, John; Ramanathan, Sue; Nolan, Patricia; Kudwa, Amy; McNamara, Phil; Kroloff, Noah; Baran, Amanda; Smith, Sean; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** Cornyn Letter #2 re: Deferred Action

Senator Cornyn has written S1 another letter. Again letter is on deferred action for large classes of illegal immigrants, specifically calling out those who would qualify under DREAM Act or AgJOBS. ESEC will task out. But wanted folks to be aware of the in-coming.

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**From:** McGee, Ramona (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 2:57 PM  
**To:** 'Baronof, Kim'  
**Cc:** Johnson, Matthew (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** Cornyn Letter to Secretary re: Parole

Kim:

Please find attached a letter from Senator Cornyn to Secretary Napolitano re: use of parole for illegal aliens.

8/23/2010

Thanks,

Ramona

Ramona L. McGee

Counsel

Senate Judiciary Committee – Subcommittee on Immigration Reform, Refugees, and Border Security

Senator Cornyn – Ranking Member

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**Gregory, Peter D**

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:45 PM  
**To:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** RE: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

Can you please call me? I am in my office. Just for a minute.  
Thanks. Ali

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 7:41 PM  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Subject: Fw: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

Pls do not fwd. Would like to discuss with you in person tomorrow. Scroll to bottom.

----- Original Message -----

From: Carpenter, Dea D  
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Sent: Tue May 11 19:02:25 2010  
Subject: Fw: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

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----- Original Message -----

From: McCament, James W [REDACTED]  
To: Bacon, Roxana; Olavarria, Esther  
Cc: Carpenter, Dea D  
Sent: Tue May 11 17:23:20 2010  
Subject: RE: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

Thanks, Roxie. I've just forwarded to a group, including Esther as well for distribution.

James

-----Original Message-----

From: Bacon, Roxana  
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 3:08 PM  
To: Olavarria, Esther  
Cc: Carpenter, Dea D; McCament, James W  
Subject: Fw: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

Esther, please share w/ HQRTS as appropriate--i am not sure who else is in loop.  
Roxie

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From: McCament, James W [REDACTED]  
To: Bacon, Roxana  
Cc: Carpenter, Dea D  
Sent: Tue May 11 15:00:47 2010  
Subject: RE: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

Thanks, Roxie. We should have the transcript by tomorrow COB. (This is the quickest we can receive). Meanwhile, I'm working on the C-Span video to clarify the precise

statement. Once I have that will forward to all. (If we cannot pull off the C-Span feed, we will forward around the CQ Transcript). I'd forwarded the letter to OLA and Sue earlier.

James

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From: Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 2:57 PM  
To: McCament, James W  
Cc: Carpenter, Dea D  
Subject: FW: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

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From: Baran, Amanda [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 2:13 PM  
To: Olavarria, Esther; Bacon, Roxana  
Subject: RE: Cornyn Letter to Secretary Napolitano on Deferred Action

Francis just came in and said that Dir. Mayorkas had an exchange with Cornyn about this in today's hearing. Do we have a transcript?

James, just got asked this by DHS OGC and Policy. Attached is Cornyn's letter to Secty Napolitano referred to in the email; Francis is Francis Cissna. If there is a transcript, feel free to send directly to Esther Olavarria and she will route to others. Or send to me and I will.

Roxie

Re: Costing

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**Gregory, Peter D**

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2010 8:44 AM  
**To:** Rosado, Timothy A; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Jones, Rendell L  
**Cc:** Aytes, Michael; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana  
**Subject:** RE: Costing

Thank you, Tim. Can you please send me an email with this information, labeling each option by the name of the program (e.g., Deferred Action for Undocumented, Deferred Action for Dream Act Candidates, etc.)? I will then forward to DHS with appropriate cc's.  
 Thanks. Ali

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**From:** Rosado, Timothy A  
**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2010 9:17 AM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Jones, Rendell L  
**Cc:** Aytes, Michael; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana  
**Subject:** RE: Costing

Based on what was discussed this weekend and this morning:

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2010 8:28 AM  
**To:** Jones, Rendell L; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Rosado, Timothy A  
**Cc:** Aytes, Michael; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bacon, Roxana  
**Subject:** RE: Costing

Sorry, I am a bit confused and perhaps I did not catch the distinctions in our weekend correspondence. I am adding Lauren and Roxie as they joined me in the Friday meeting and therefore can correct me if I misunderstood our tasking.

Re: Costing

We have been asked to present the cost of implementing three different options. It appears that we are preparing to present solely up-front costs, which is more limited information. I would propose presenting the requested information in the following format for each option:

Estimated cost information (costs subject to partial reimbursement from downstream payment of fees):  
Up-front funding needed to prepare Agency to implement option:  
Number of months in advance that funds are needed:  
Total funds needed to implement option:

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**From:** Jones, Rendell L  
**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2010 8:19 AM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Jones, Rendell L; Rosado, Timothy A  
**Cc:** Aytes, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: Costing

We have that too. Tim's note on Sunday lays that out. Mike's paragraph only discusses the upfront costs. We could clarify by adding a sentence to that paragraph saying 'and total costs are estimated to be approximately \$X.XB.'. I can send a suggested sentence based on his note.

Also, this is listing likely costs irrespective of revenue collections - the other side of the equation. R

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**To:** Jones, Rendell L; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Rosado, Timothy A  
**Cc:** Aytes, Michael  
**Sent:** Mon Mar 08 08:15:54 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Costing

Thanks.

We were asked to estimate the cost of implementing this program. Have we limited that estimate to solely "up front" costs?

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Re: Costing

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From: Jones, Rendell L [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 8:12 AM  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Rosado, Timothy A  
Cc: Aytes, Michael  
Subject: Re: Costing

Ali - given the high level description, Tim used the prior estimates of upfront costs. The \$1B represents what is likely needed in advance.

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Are you comfortable with this approach?

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From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N <[REDACTED]>

To: Rosado, Timothy A <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Aytes, Michael <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Mon Mar 08 07:53:11 2010

Subject: Costing

Jones, Rendell L [REDACTED]

Tim, Rendell,

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Thanks. Ali

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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 5:57 AM  
**To:** Swacina, Linda  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

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Thank you, Linda. Thank you for letting us know about our colleague.

With respect to the talking points, please note that there were more than 200 participants in our nationwide TPS community engagement conference call last night.

Thanks, Linda. Ali

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Swacina, Linda  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 15 22:13:20 2010  
**Subject:** Re: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

Dear Ali:  
Thank you so much! I owe it all to my team here and the support we're getting from Debbie, Rosemary and the rest of you all at HQ.

I forgot to include a key update in our report today -- we heard late today that our employee whose USC brother was missing was found alive and we are all so grateful. I hope we get many more happy results like that in all of South Florida.

Our meeting with S1 is at 1:00 and several MC's are also expected to be present. I understand USCG will brief VPOTUS immediately prior to that meeting but he will not be in the full briefing with S1. Debbie has given me the talking points so I am ready. If anything urgent occurs, I will call you; otherwise I will shoot you all an email with the results.

Thank you again for all your support.  
Warm regards,  
Linda

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**To:** Swacina, Linda  
**Cc:** Rogers, Debra A <[REDACTED]> Kielsmeier, Lauren

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 15 20:10:29 2010  
**Subject:** FW: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

Linda,

This is fantastic. Thank you so much for your extraordinary work.

Should you wish to speak with me in advance of or after the Secretary's visit, my cell number is [REDACTED]

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You make us proud! Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas



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From: Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 7:32 PM  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Jones, Rendell L  
Subject: Fw: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010  
Importance: High

Ali:

I just wanted to send this message to you so you can see how well Linda is managing this crisis. I am particularly impressed with Linda's leadership, community engagement and concern for her team.

We are working closely with Linda on the issues she identifies in her report.

Debbie

Debbie

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From: Swacina, Linda [REDACTED]  
To: Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED] Melville, Rosemary  
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Cc: Redman, Kathy A [REDACTED] Swacina, Linda [REDACTED]  
Herrera, Al T [REDACTED] Castro, Anouchka [REDACTED] Ashley,  
Tina J [REDACTED]  
Sent: Fri Jan 15 19:02:08 2010  
Subject: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

District 9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

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#### Other Updates

- \* Nancy Guilliams offered that if needed, they could run extra shifts, arrange for overtime, utilities and extra guards and work with budget on the funding.
- \* We have been notified that the USCIS Tier 1 call centers are online. CCE informs us that they have the entire bi-lingual call center in Fort Worth, TX skilled to respond to OVS calls. In addition they have 25% of their Barbourville, KY call center skilled for OVS calls as well. They have a potential for escalation using some of the remaining staff capacity in the Barbourville, KY and Chantilly, VA call center. They are in the process of finalizing the OVS Interactive Voice Response System (IVR). The new language that references the Haitian earthquake will be recorded in English and Spanish and fully operational in the next 48 hours.

#### HSTF-SE

- \* Meeting held at 3:00pm with stakeholders.
- \* S1 to meet with local South Florida stakeholders at 12:30 pm at Homestead Air force Base in Homestead, FL. D9 District Director Linda Swacina to attend.
- \* Update on preliminary planning and actions taken provided by those in attendance.
- \* OVS Chief of Staff Michael Scully requested that pertinent DHS partners provide a list of bullets indicating actions taken to prepare for OVS if activated.

1. Recommended USCIS HQ review pertinent OVS activation checklists (i.e., personnel needs, external affairs issues, credible fear screenings, etc.).

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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2010 7:09 PM  
**To:** Rogers, Debra A  
**Subject:** RE: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

Great. Thanks.

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**From:** Rogers, Debra A [(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2010 8:08 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** Re: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

Yes. That would be nice

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----- Original Message -----

From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
To: Rogers, Debra A  
Sent: Fri Jan 15 19:35:29 2010  
Subject: RE: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010

Can I forward this to Linda with expression of my appreciation?

Thank you for letting me know, Debbie.

Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
Washington, DC 20529

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Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 7:32 PM  
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Subject: Fw: D9 Haitian Update January 15, 2010  
Importance: High

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Debbie

Debbie

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Cc: Redman, Kathy A <[REDACTED]>; Swacina, Linda <[REDACTED]>; Herrera, Al T  
[REDACTED]; Castro, Anouchka <[REDACTED]>; Ashley, Tina J <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Fri Jan 15 19:02:08 2010  
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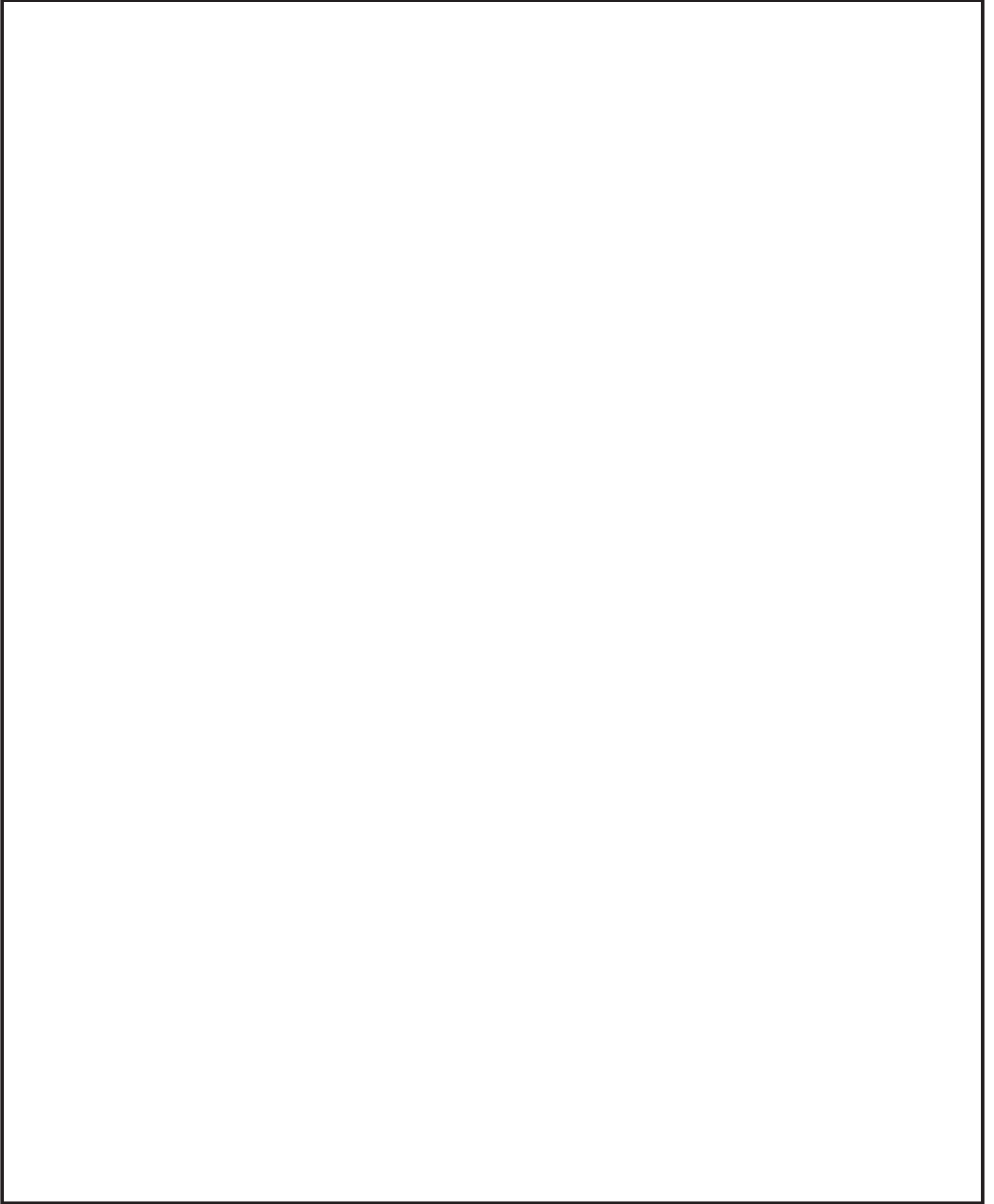
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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010 6:17 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Gutierrez, Johnny; USCIS Command Center; Caraballo, Felix R; Cisarik, Frank E; Smith, Courtney D; Lane, Jan P; Jones, Rendell L; Ripley French, Katherine; Bucher, Steve P; Mattice, Michael; Carter, Constance L  
**Cc:** 'Neufeld, Donald'; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian  
**Subject:** RE: DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call-Response Due 4/20/10 NLT 5:00 pm EST

I understand that we will grant deferred action on an individualized basis.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
Washington, DC 20529

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Scialabba, Lori  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010 6:11 PM  
**To:** Kielsmeier, Lauren; Gutierrez, Johnny; USCIS Command Center; Caraballo, Felix R; Cisarik, Frank E; Smith, Courtney D; Lane, Jan P; Jones, Rendell L; Ripley French, Katherine; Bucher, Steve P; Mattice, Michael; Carter, Constance L  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Neufeld, Donald; Rogers, Debra A; Hinds, Ian  
**Subject:** RE: DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call-Response Due 4/20/10 NLT 5:00 pm EST

Lauren,

The answers are not responsive. I'm certain that there are visitors/and possibly other categories of foreign nationals whose visas will expire before they are able to get on a plane due to the air traffic disruption. Ali was meeting with OFO, SCOPS, OCC and others at 5:00 today to discuss what options would be sent forward to S1 on this issue. I believe OFO has had folks come into offices asking for information on what to do if their visa expires before they can get out of the U.S. I believe CBP should probably also be consulted since they are likely getting questions at the POEs.

At this point I don't know what options are being teed up to S1. I'm adding folks who were in the meeting for a possible answer to the second question.

Lori

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010 3:28 PM  
**To:** Gutierrez, Johnny; USCIS Command Center; Caraballo, Felix R; Cisarik, Frank E; Smith, Courtney D; Lane, Jan P; Jones, Rendell L; Scialabba, Lori; Ripley French, Katherine; Bucher, Steve P; Mattice, Michael; Carter, Constance L  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** Re: DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call-Response Due 4/20/10 NLT 5:00 pm EST

Thanks. Just to clarify:

We are waiting for RAI0 and ExecSec to validate/modify responses, followed by C2 sending out a final response that I will then clear?

Pls advise.

----- Original Message -----

From: Gutierrez, Johnny  
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; USCIS Command Center; Caraballo, Felix R; Cisarik, Frank E; Smith, Courtney D; Lane, Jan P; Jones, Rendell L; Scialabba, Lori; Ripley French, Katherine; Bucher, Steve P; Mattice, Michael; Carter, Constance L  
Cc: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Sent: Tue Apr 20 15:25:04 2010  
Subject: RE: DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call-Response Due 4/20/10 NLT 5:00 pm EST

Hi Lauren,  
The responses below were given by the DHS NOC Senior Watch Officer (SWO) who sits in on the Department of State Conference calls on behalf of DHS. The NOC routinely sends out an RFI in order to confirm or validate information discussed in other conference calls between DHS and other federal agencies i.e. DoD or DoS. The RFI was sent to RAO and Exec Sec leadership in order to coordinate visibility/input for an agency response by 5PM.

Please advise if you have any other questions.

V/R

Johnny Gutierrez  
Deputy Chief, Command Center and Special Security Office of Security and Integrity U.S.  
Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 3:10 PM  
To: USCIS Command Center; Caraballo, Felix R; Cisarik, Frank E; Gutierrez, Johnny; Smith, Courtney D; Lane, Jan P; Jones, Rendell L; Scialabba, Lori; Ripley French, Katherine; Bucher, Steve P; Mattice, Michael; Carter, Constance L  
Cc: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Subject: Re: DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call-Response Due 4/20/10 NLT 5:00 pm EST

Just to clarify - the below email represents the USCIS response? Who is SWO? Did we poll any of our leadership? Thanks.

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To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Caraballo, Felix R; Cisarik, Frank E; Gutierrez, Johnny; Smith, Courtney D; Lane, Jan P; Jones, Rendell L; Scialabba, Lori; Ripley French, Katherine; Bucher, Steve P; Mattice, Michael; Carter, Constance L  
Sent: Tue Apr 20 14:58:21 2010  
Subject: DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call-Response Due 4/20/10 NLT 5:00 pm EST

Please see the following RFI which is due 4/20/2010 at 5:00 PM EST :

DHS NOC RFI# 0435-10: State Dept to CIS Operations Ref: Volcanic Ash Conference Call

Dept of State requested the following information during a 12pm Conference Call today. Please provide answers to the below questions.

. Q: (DOS Operations Center) Are there any foreign visitors, etc. that are stranded in CONUS whose visa status has ended / will end immediately?

(b)(5) . A: [REDACTED]

. Q: (DOS Operations Center) If the above comes to pass, will there be a lessening of visa restrictions concerning said foreign visitors?

(b)(5) [REDACTED]

The Command Center will forward the USCIS response following final approval from Chief of Staff, Lauren Kielsmeier.

V/R,

USCIS COMMAND CENTER

(b)(2) [REDACTED]

**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Friday, July 02, 2010 11:34 AM  
**To:** Vanison, Denise; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** RE: Due 5pm Wednesday, July 7, 2010: Ambassador Jorge Ramon Hernandez Alcerro - - ES WF 873327

Thank you very much for the heads-up, Denise. I appreciate it.  
 Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
 Director  
 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
 Washington, DC 20529

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**From:** Vanison, Denise [redacted] [ov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 02, 2010 12:32 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** FW: Due 5pm Wednesday, July 7, 2010: Ambassador Jorge Ramon Hernandez Alcerro - - ES WF 873327

Ali and Lauren,

I wanted to alert you to the attached letter to S1 from the Embassy of Honduras requesting that we extend the TPS re-registration period which expires on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The request was made yesterday. The Embassy cited the bad economy as the reason to extend the re-registration period. We have discussed this with DHS Policy and they agree that we should **not** honor the request. As mentioned above the registration period is set to expire on Tuesday, so we would not have sufficient time even if we were inclined to extend the registration period. Additionally, we rarely extend TPS registration periods. Most recently it was done for Haiti of course, but prior to that it was done once for El Salvador a few years ago. El Salvador made the request well before the registration period began, the economy had just started to tank and they had over 260,000 folks to register. Honduras on the other had, has only 70,000 people to register and did not make the request until 5 days before the registration period is set to expire. We are drafting a courtesy letter for S1s signature to the Honduran Ambassador explaining that we will be unable to grant the request.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss further or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Denise A. Vanison  
 Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy  
 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**From:** Kliska, Jennifer R  
**Sent:** Friday, July 02, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** Vanison, Denise; Chang, Pearl B  
**Cc:** Klein, Adam S; Kvortek, Steve P; Graziadio, Josie  
**Subject:** FW: Due 5pm Wednesday, July 7, 2010: Ambassador Jorge Ramon Hernandez Alcerro - - ES WF 873327

8/24/2010

Denise and Pearl –

We have received the attached letter from the Embassy of Honduras asking us to extend the TPS re-registration period which expires on July 6. We have not had any reason to extend the registration period in recent years, and I'm not aware of a reason to do it now. It's also set to expire on Tuesday so there really wouldn't be time to do it anyway. I'd like Adam to send back a courtesy letter explaining that we will not be extending the re-registration period. Please let us know if you would like him to do otherwise.

Note that I'll be on leave next week.

Adam – Please put the letter together unless you hear differently from Pearl or Denise.

Thanks,

Jennifer

Jennifer Kliska  
Division Chief, International and Humanitarian Affairs  
Office of Policy and Strategy  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Kvortek, Steve P  
**Sent:** Friday, July 02, 2010 7:45 AM  
**To:** Kliska, Jennifer R  
**Subject:** FW: Due 5pm Wednesday, July 7, 2010: Ambassador Jorge Ramon Hernandez Alcerro - - ES WF 873327

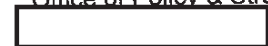
Jennifer,

Please see the attached letter from Honduran Ambassador Alcerro seeking extension of TPS status for Honduras. Exec Sec would like a draft response and cover memo by **5 pm Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you,

Steve Kvortek  
Office of Policy & Strategy

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**From:** USCIS Exec Sec  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 5:55 PM  
**To:** Kvortek, Steve P; Chang, Pearl B; Graziadio, Josie  
**Cc:** Vanison, Denise; Mattice, Michael; McWhirter, Robert C; Penn, Melissa M; Contaldi, Kerry; USCIS Exec Sec  
**Subject:** Due 5pm Wednesday, July 7, 2010: Ambassador Jorge Ramon Hernandez Alcerro - - ES WF 873327  
**Importance:** High

P&S,


Ambassador Alcerro writes to request an extension of TPS for Honduran nationals which is set to expire on July 6. Please draft a response for S1 signature and a cover memo for D1 signature. Materials should be cleared by OCC and forward to EXSO by 5pm July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Johnetta Drake  
USCIS Office of the Executive Secretariat

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(b) (6) Please send all official actions to  and, if applicable, attach a completed G-1056.  
Thank you.



**Gregory, Peter D**

(b)(6) From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 12:11 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

Thank you, Mariela. Please take care. My thoughts are with you.  
Ali

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Melero, Mariela [REDACTED]  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thu Feb 11 13:00:37 2010  
Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

Ali  
Hope this message finds you well. I have been fairly busy taking care of my dear (b)(6) but I am finally catching up with email traffic. I am planning to fly back on Monday and in the office Tuesday to support our robust lineup of engagements. Please feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance and do take good care of your health.

Best,

Mariela

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
To: Velarde, Barbara O [REDACTED]  
Cc: Neufeld, Donald [REDACTED]; Scialabba, Lori [REDACTED]; Jones, Rendell L [REDACTED]; Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED]; Herrmann, Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]; Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]; Brown, Meddie Stanley, Kathleen M [REDACTED]; Melero, Mariela [REDACTED]; Mary K [REDACTED]; Carpenter, Dea D [REDACTED]; Cox, Sophia [REDACTED]; Blossom, Kellyn [REDACTED]; Johnson, Bobbie L [REDACTED]; Smith, Alice J; Rhew, Perry J [REDACTED]; McCament, James W [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thu Feb 11 11:45:38 2010  
Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

Thank you, Barbara. I look forward to discussing in a pre-meet.  
Ali

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Velarde, Barbara O [REDACTED]; Blauvelt, Sally [REDACTED]  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Cc: Neufeld, Donald [REDACTED]; Scialabba, Lori [REDACTED]; Jones, Rendell L [REDACTED]; Velarde, Barbara O [REDACTED]; Melero, Mariela [REDACTED]; Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]; Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED]; Herrmann, Mary K [REDACTED]; Brown, Meddie Stanley, Kathleen M [REDACTED]; Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]; Carpenter, Dea D [REDACTED]; Cox, Sophia [REDACTED]; Blossom, Kellyn [REDACTED]; Johnson, Bobbie L [REDACTED]; Smith, Alice J; Rhew, Perry J [REDACTED]; McCament, James W [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thu Feb 11 11:43:05 2010  
Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

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(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----

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To: Blauvelt, Sally

Mayorkas, Alejandro N

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Herrmann, Mary K  
Brown, Meddie  
Cox, Sophia  
Blossom, Kellyn

Sent: Thu Feb 11 11:02:27 2010

Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

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Two critical points, fyi:

Thanks. Ali

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Blossom, Kellyn

Johnson, Bobbie L  
Smith, Alice J; Rhew, Perry J  
McCament, James W

Sent: Thu Feb 11 10:53:02 2010

Subject: Engagements Next Week

Ali, all, we had several engagements planned for this week that will now be rescheduled. Below are the dates we plan to reschedule for next week. All SMEs who need to be present at these engagements should be on this email. Please let me know if there are any scheduling conflicts we should be aware of.

Signature memo conference call rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb 17th at 1:00pm (SMEs to include Roxie, Barbara, Bobbie, Perry)

Haiti TPS conference call scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 17th at 2:00pm (SMEs should include someone from SCOPS, OFO, and Counsel who can speak to the issues around ASC changes, EAD issuance, and Advanced Parole-please let me know who that will be)

H1B memo collaboration session scheduled for Thursday, Feb 18th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Tomich Center. (SMEs to include Roxie, Barbara, Bobbie)

The Employment Verification meeting will be rescheduled for early March.

Invites for these sessions will go out either tomorrow (if government is open) or Tuesday. Thanks everyone.

Sally Blauvelt  
Deputy Chief,  
Office of Public Engagement  
USCIS

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(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N

To: ; Mayorkas, Alejandro N

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Cc: Neufeld, Donald

Blauvelt, Sally

Ratliff, Gerri

Jones, Rendell L

Velarde, Barbara Q

Melero, Mariela

Zaragoza, Conrad J

Herrmann, Mary K

Meddie

Bucher, Steve P <steve.bucher@uscis.gov>

Brown,

Sent: Wed Feb 10 15:14:07 2010

Subject: Re: notes from today's Haiti conference call

Thanks very much.

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----

(b)(6) From: Sally Blauvelt

(b)(6) To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N

(b)(6) Cc: Neufeld, Donald

Blauvelt, Sally

Ratliff, Gerri

Jones, Rendell L

Velarde, Barbara Q

Melero, Mariela

Zaragoza, Conrad J

Herrmann, Mary K

Meddie

Bucher, Steve P

Brown,

Sent: Wed Feb 10 15:08:12 2010

Subject: Re: notes from today's Haiti conference call

Copied and pasted for blackberry users. I think we just need to have these ready for Tuesday, Wednesday at the latest.

Please note, these are meant to be edited as folks see fit. This is meant to start the process.

Questions and Answers TPS

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On Feb 10, 2010, at 2:51 PM, Mayorkas, Alejandro N wrote:

I can't review from my bb in an efficient manner. What's our time frame for review? Thanks.  
Ali

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----- Original Message -----

From: Neufeld, Donald

To:

Crocetti, Don

Cc: Blauvelt, Sally

Scialabba, Lori

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Ratliff, Gerri

Mayorkas, Alejandro N

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Stanley, Kathleen M

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Rogers, Debra A

Melero, Mariela

Benavides, Jaime L

Zaragoza, Conrad J

Bacon, Roxana

Herrmann, Mary K (b)(6)

Carpenter, Dea D

; Brown, Meddie

Bucher, Steve P

Sent: Wed Feb 10 14:41:24 2010

Subject: Re: notes from today's Haiti conference call

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From: Sally Blauvelt

To: Crocetti, Don

Cc: Sally Blauvelt

Lori Scialabba

Gerri Ratliff

Mayorkas, Alejandro N

Lauren Kielsmeier

Jones,

Stanley, Kathleen M

; Donald

Velarde, Barbara O

Rogers,

Mariela Melero

Benavides,

Zaragoza, Conrad J

Roxana

Mary K Herrmann

Carpenter, Dea D

Meddie Brown

Bucher, Steve P

Rendell  
Neufeld  
Debra A  
Jaime L  
Bacon

Sent: Wed Feb 10 14:06:39 2010

Subject: Re: notes from today's Haiti conference call

Please find attached first draft of Qs and As. There are only four so far, so feel free to edit what I have and add to this document. I'm sure there are more. When I get into the office (read: dig myself out of Baltimore), I can format, etc. I just want to make sure I get this ball rolling now so that the Qs and As are ready when they need to be.

**Gregory, Peter D**

(b)(6) From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 12:07 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

Thanks.

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Rhew, Perry J [REDACTED]  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thu Feb 11 11:57:14 2010  
Subject: Re: Engagements Next Week

Feel better and get well!!

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
To: Blauvelt, Sally [REDACTED]  
(b)(6) [REDACTED]  
Cc: Neufeld, Donald [REDACTED]  
Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]  
Stanley, Kathleen M [REDACTED]  
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Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED]  
Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]  
Carpenter, Dea D [REDACTED]  
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McCament, James W [REDACTED]  
Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
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Sent: Thu Feb 11 11:02:27 2010  
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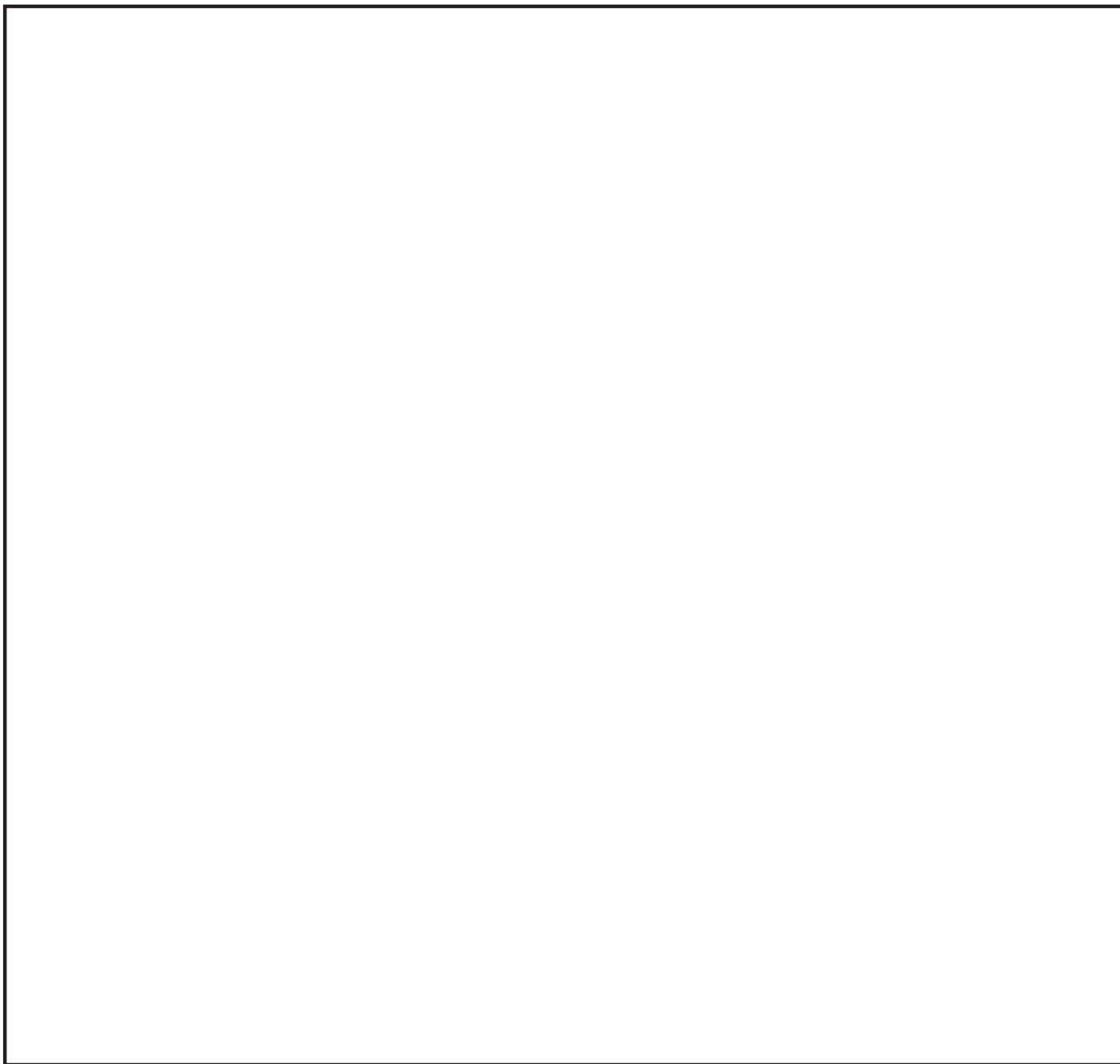
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To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Engagements Next Week

I am flexible, though I have a 4 pm meeting out of the office tomorrow.  
Thanks. Ali

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If federal offices are open tomorrow, we can meet at, say, 2:00pm tomorrow if that works for everyone. Or, do folks think Tuesday would be better?

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2010 10:46 AM  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Engagements Next week

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 6:13 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Cc:** Bacon, Roxana; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** RE: Excellent Memo  
**Attachments:** D1-S1 Info Memo - Military Dependents (3-31-10) D-1 final clean.doc

Ali,

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Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. In connection with trying to secure an answer regarding your question on whether deferred action grants would eventually be converted in to paroles-in-place, I spoke with Ellen Gallagher this afternoon [REDACTED]

I will bring up the folder with a hard copy of the latest version of this memo in the morning.

Ian

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(b)(2) **From:** Pastrana, Maria [redacted] on behalf of USCIS Exec Sec [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2010 6:43 AM  
**To:** Tintary, Ruth E; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; USCIS Exec Sec; Atkinson, Ronald A; Crewson, Jean C; Chang, Pearl B; Graziadio, Josie; Kvortek, Steve P; Vanison, Denise; USCIS RAIO; Busch, Philip B; Cox, Rachel; Carpenter, Dea D; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Hantman, Daniel H; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L  
**Cc:** Mattice, Michael; McWhirter, Robert C; Carter, Constance L; McCament, James W; Roles, Rebecca J; Rowe, Monterey; Powell, Paul; Rodriguez, Miguel E; Brown, Katherine HS  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - ONLY: Ltr to S1 from Congressman re deportation- Workflow # 876216 (Contact 876216)

Good Morning, Ruthie.

Many thanks for providing further information on this workflow.

Kind Regards,

Maria A. Pastrana L., Contractor  
 Office of the Executive Secretariat

(b)(6) [redacted]  
 (b)(6) Please send all official actions to [redacted] and, if applicable, attach a completed G-1056. Thank you.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 6:33 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; USCIS Exec Sec; Atkinson, Ronald A; Crewson, Jean C; Chang, Pearl B; Graziadio, Josie; Kvortek, Steve P; Vanison, Denise; USCIS RAIO; Busch, Philip B; Cox, Rachel; Carpenter, Dea D; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Hantman, Daniel H; Rogers, Debra A; Harrison, Julia L  
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**FYI**

Background: this is the second letter (the first on 6-21-10 was to the President; attached) from these 8 Senators (this letter includes 4 additional signatures) against any unilateral deferred action or parole for undocumented aliens in the US. Exec Sec notes that USCIS will be contacted for input.

Here the June 28<sup>th</sup> DHS statement:

**DHS Statement**

The Administration strongly supports the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform, and the Department is committed to working with Congress to pass bipartisan reform that combines effective enforcement with improvements to our existing immigration systems while realistically addressing those who are already here.

While we continue to work with Congress to enact reform, we are focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that focuses first on criminal aliens who pose a threat to our communities. DHS has the authority to grant a deferral of removal action based on the merits of cases while considering humanitarian circumstances and other factors in the interest of the Department's overall law enforcement mission.

However, this discretionary authority is implemented on a case-by-case basis and DHS does not grant deferred action without a review of relevant facts. To be clear, DHS will not grant deferred action to the nation's entire illegal immigrant population.

Comprehensive legislation, coupled with a safe and secure border, provides the best solution to our nation's immigration challenges, and we believe the recently unveiled Senate proposal for comprehensive immigration reform is a step in the right direction.

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Good Afternoon FDNS/P&S/RAIO,

The attached letter to S1 from various congressman regarding issues related to deportation is for informational purposes only. ICE has been tasked to respond and coordinate with USCIS as necessary.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 09, 2010 2:41 PM  
**To:** Humphrey, Buck H; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Wilcox, Julia D; Melero, Mariela; Alfonso-Royals, Angelica M; Wheeler, Shannon L  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Groom, Molly M  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti TPS Registration Extension  
**Attachments:** News Release - Haiti TPS Extension - 07-08-10 (BP)\_akf (3) (DHH).doc



News Release -  
Haiti TPS Exten..

Buck:

Molly explains that the new language was added because DHS Policy & OGC wanted an explanation of the reasons behind the extension.

In the attached redline, I have revised the inserted materials so that it fits smoothly into our core message of responsiveness to articulated humanitarian need. No substantive changes to what OPA sent back. I have also included the other minor edits we had previously discussed.

Let me know what you think. Thanks.

--Dan

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**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti TPS Registration Extension

The Update has been cleared (attached) and OPA is waiting to hear back from the WH to clear the release. OPA did not think there would be any changes to the attached draft.

Regards,

Buck Humphrey  
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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 3:37 PM  
**To:** Aytes, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Haitian TPS process decisions and impact on CIR planning

Thanks. In the process of evaluating inconclusive nat'l security-related concerns, are we engaging in fulsome interdepartmental communication?

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**From:** Aytes, Michael (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 4:33 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** RE: Haitian TPS process decisions and impact on CIR planning

Yes, we are, to the extent possible. I think it was made clear yesterday that we're not going to alter the process for national security vetting to the extent of connecting with agency partners before we reach the EAD decision.

Often when we get an application where our checks turn up reported suspicions, or sometimes an investigation, but no definitive judicial or other conclusion. Since we have to make a decision on the EAD within 90 days and have to issue unless we're prepared to deny the underlying status application, we issue the EAD unless there is a clear basis we can use to deny the underlying status application, and then continue to work the issue in the context of the status application.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 4:10 PM  
**To:** Aytes, Michael  
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Mike,

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Please advise.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 3:59 PM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
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**From:** Aytes, Michael  
**To:** Brandt, Anita M  
**Cc:** Bulger, Jack M; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Tue Jan 26 15:44:35 2010  
**Subject:** Haitian TPS process decisions and impact on CIR planning

Anita- could you please send this out to the CIR PIPT and business WIPT, and to the Deloitte folk. If you'd copy me, then I'll have a listing I can use for future messages. Thanks.


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(b)(6) From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Sent: Sunday, March 07, 2010 6:25 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

Thanks, Roxie. I have to ask Mike - the 1 billion is much less than what the CIR program called for. I will double check.

Are Esther and David going to circulate drafts?

Thanks. Enjoy the Oscars!  
Ali

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Bacon, Roxana [REDACTED]  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun Mar 07 19:07:39 2010  
Subject: Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

I am watching the Oscars w/ Esther in a few minutes and will check w/ her abt whether she has already covered the need for possible expedited rate-setting for Def Action form (that technically doesn't exist). She and David know all these issues so prob have them covered in their narrative.

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Am I right in reading this to be:

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Roxie

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Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun Mar 07 18:37:03 2010  
Subject: Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

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Ali

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Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren [REDACTED]; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun Mar 07 18:34:10 2010  
Subject: Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

Ok, it's after 6 and our product is due first thing in the morning. So let me toss out a strawman summary for folks to shoot at. This continues to be an internal deliberative process that is close hold.

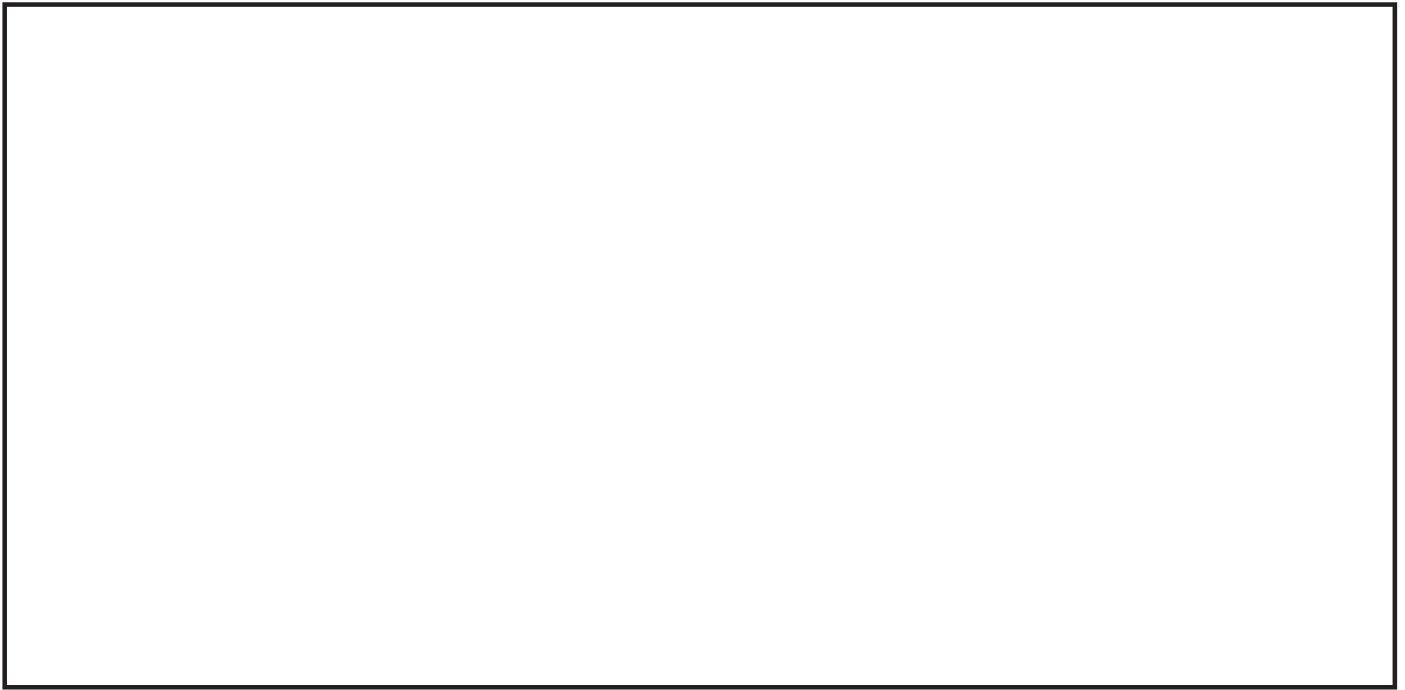
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**Subject:** Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

Thanks to everyone for your work on this on such short notice and over the weekend.  
Ali

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**Cc:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Sun Mar 07 12:11:40 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

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**Sent:** Sun Mar 07 11:45:43 2010  
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So at this point it's basically a question of the advance timing we'd need for options 1 and 3 - before and after advance funding.

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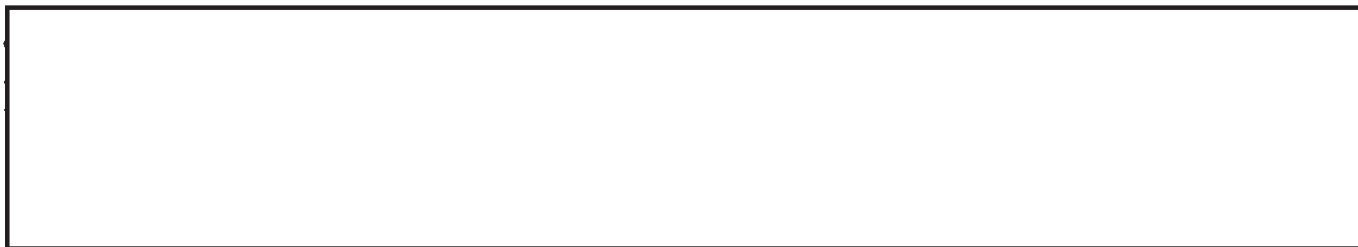
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**To:** Crocetti, Don  
**Subject:** Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

Don,  
I am sorry I did not call yesterday. I just wanted to express my appreciation for and admiration of your representation of our Agency in the meeting on Friday, and beyond.  
Ali

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Crocetti, Don  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 06 15:02:26 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Monday Deferred action tasking

Ali-Yesterday you mentioned the need to call me. Perhaps you tried; I left earlier than usual (around 5:30pm). Feel free to call me now or any time over the weekend if you'd like. My home: [REDACTED] Thanks.-Don

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**To:** Aytes, Michael; Jones, Rendell L [REDACTED]  
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We need to keep this to a smaller circulation group at this point. I defer as to necessary parties.

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(b)(6) **Cc:** Kielsmeier, Lauren; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

Thank you very much, Mike. This is an internal document for a deliberative purpose and should be so identified, as should any subsequent work product.

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Roxie, Lauren, if you have a different view of our deliverable, please advise.

Thank you. Ali

----- Original Message -----

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**Cc:** Kielsmeier, Lauren; Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 06 13:35:32 2010  
**Subject:** Monday Deferred action tasking

Folks -

Attached find an outline I worked up today in response to the separate tasking from DHS that we prepare costing for 3 alternatives using deferred action.

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[REDACTED]

I'd welcome revisions of text and suggestions for points we need to make.

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I'm going to head home, but I'm prepared to come back later today or tomorrow if folks want to sit down and discuss our response to the tasking. We are to have this ready to turn by start of business Monday morning. (b)(5)

Mike

**Gregory, Peter D**

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(b)(6) From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 7:45 AM  
To: Hantman, Daniel H  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Policy Review

Apology stricken as totally unwarranted.

(b)(6) ----- Original Message -----  
From: Hantman, Daniel H  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Cc: (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue Jul 13 08:42:08 2010  
Subject: Re: Policy Review

Ali: I will get you hard copies of the latest very shortly. I apologize for this. --Dan

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Sent: Tue Jul 13 06:46:51 2010

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**Gregory, Peter D**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2010 8:54 PM  
**To:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Of course, thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Wed May 05 21:52:35 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Morning would be fabulous if you don't mind. Am about to turn out the light. Ok?

----- Original Message -----

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**To:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Wed May 05 21:50:48 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Ok. Would it be possible for me to give you a 1-minute call now on something else? It can wait until the morning, though.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Wed May 05 21:00:51 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Ali, if you could please not forward - but I want you to see some of what's going on. Prefer to discuss with you on Friday before we proceed. I have some ideas.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**To:** Melero, Mariela  
**Sent:** Wed May 05 20:35:05 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Hang in there. These are just growing pains that we will get through. We haven't done this before, to this degree. I have some thoughts which I will share.

I'm in training all day tomorrow but we'll get this worked out. Thanks for your dedication and persistence.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Melero, Mariela  
**To:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Wed May 05 18:16:21 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--

DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Lauren

This is the email chain that prompted my message to both you and Denise a little while ago. While I am certain that a number of the issues raised by stakeholders have been addressed by the NSC, DHS, DOS and others we are yet to formulate a robust and clear response. This is indeed having an impact externally as evidenced by the energy around some of the letters, calls, and issues. We are also interested in understanding who will be responsible for coordinating responses to the letters received on behalf of CLINIC, Catholic Charities, and HIAS. They were all addressed to Ali and hand delivered to the front office. Not certain if Executive Secretariat is tracking but we will need to respond soon.

I understand that RAO expressed concerns with the process of bringing these issues to the SPC. Please let me know if we need to discuss. I am feeling a bit discouraged (just for the evening!).

Best,

Mariela

(b)(6) From: Vanison, Denise [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 4:08 PM  
To: Melero, Mariela  
Subject: FW: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--  
DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Mariela,

We reached out to the POC's yesterday to attempt to prioritize these issues and received a lot of resistance from RAO about the process. As I told Lori and Lauren, the purpose of sending out this request was to ensure that the SPC does not waste its time on issues that have already been addressed or are not ripe to be discussed. The expectation was that people would only comment on issues that impacted them. The email was supposed to be sent to POCs so that they could direct the request to the appropriate person. In retrospect, this should not have gone to the SPC to begin with and unfortunately has put us in a defensive posture. I know you did not suggest the SPC as a venue to discuss these issues. I guess I am just frustrated by this.

Who is going to be handling the discussion of Haiti issues at the SPC meeting on Wednesday? As you can see below, RAO has put the kibosh on several of the items. We are still waiting to hear from other offices such as SCOPS and OCC.

Denise A. Vanison

Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy

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From: USCIS-PCG

Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 2:34 PM

To: Arroyo, Susan K; Blauvelt, Sally; Carter, Constance L; Cox, Sophia; Defensor, Michael R; Fleet, Andrea B; Gallagher, Ellen; Gradowski, Leonard S; Harrison, Julia L; Hawkins, Donald K; Hinds, Ian; Howie, Craig S; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Kernan, Patrick B; Levine, Laurence D; Liao, Gening; Moore, Joseph; O'Brien, Matthew J; Onyango, Paul O; Pitcairn, Rodger; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Rosenberg, Ron M; Stiefel, Nathaniel I; USCIS RAO; Walker, Jennifer K; Wheeler, Shannon L; Wilcox, Julia D

Cc: Kliska, Jennifer R; Levine, Laurence D; Liao, Gening; USCIS-PCG

Subject: Possible Issues for Senior Policy Council Discussion of Haitian Topics--DEADLINE COB on Wednesday, May 5

Importance: High

The Front Office has asked us to consider the following list of possible Senior Policy Council agenda items for the May 12th meeting. The list was generated after stakeholder engagement.

Please discuss the list with your Directorate or Office staff and leadership. No later than COB on Wednesday, May 5, please respond to the USCIS-PCG mailbox and Jennifer Kliska with any views (brief) your office wishes to give on the items. It would be most helpful if you indicate positive or negative views on the item, its impact on USCIS operations, your interest in participating in or leading the development of the issue, and/or the advisability of pursuing it. We also ask that OCC provide its legal view on the

suggestions. The final agenda items will be determined after reviewing your input.

Extension of Haiti TPS Registration Deadline and/or Re-designation

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Expedited Consular Processing

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Haitians with Approved I-130s (priority dates waiting to become current)

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Derivative Family Members of Eligible TPS Applicants

(b)(5)

Haitian Parents Accompanying USC Children (Extension of Status)

(b)(5)

Haitian Parole Lottery Program

(b)(5)



\* Permitting fees to be payable after arrival in U.S

ICE Referrals

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[Redacted]

Asylum Seekers

(b)(5)

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2010 8:55 AM  
**To:** McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on TPS for Chile

No rush whatsoever. Thanks.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
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Sure, Ali. I'll print it out and bring up to you.

James

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Can I have a hard copy of the letter from Senator Cornyn?  
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Subject: RE: TPs on TPS for Chile

Thanks, Lauren. I think this is wise from the OLA side as well. The one add is that any distribution by press release will, of course, raise the question on Chile TPS (grant or no). So, I think we'll want to include a clear statement (i.e. under/not under consideration or no decision has been made at this time, etc.).

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Adding Mariela and James. Any concerns?

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Lauren,

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[REDACTED]  
It seems that they now do want to do something to point out these relief options. We were considering creating a banner on our website and/or a press update. Jennifer Kliska, who is on travel through Wednesday, has been dealing with Brandon Prelogar and Mary Loiselle. See emails below.

We will work with OCOMM, but I am not sure what the procedure is in terms of deciding whether we will create a banner on the website and/or a press update. I definitely think a banner pointing to the "Special Situations" section would be a good idea. The "Special Situations" section generally outlines relief for nationals of countries where there is some sort of extreme hardship. Let me know if you would like to discuss. Thanks.

Denise A. Vanison

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(b)(6) From: Prelogar, Brandon [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun 3/7/2010 6:44 PM  
To: Kliska, Jennifer R; Loiselle, Mary F  
Cc: Olavarria, Esther

Subject: RE: TPS on TPS for Chile

Thanks to you both for the effort.

(b)(6) From: Kliska, Jennifer R [REDACTED]  
Sent: Fri 3/5/2010 7:44 PM  
To: Prelogar, Brandon; Kliska, Jennifer R; Loiselle, Mary F  
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I'll follow up with my boss and our communications folks to see what we can do.

FYI - I'll be traveling Mon - Wed, but I'll be checking bb regularly.

Jennifer Kliska  
Division Chief, International and Humanitarian Affairs Office of Policy and Strategy U. S.  
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Cc: Olavarria, Esther  
Sent: Fri Mar 05 17:58:06 2010  
Subject: RE: TPS on TPS for Chile

Jennifer/Mary,

We've been contacted by State's DAS for South American Affairs. They're pushing to be able to say something positive on the immigration front for Chileans in the U.S. and we'd like to help to the extent we can.

Jennifer, I know you're still clearing a more visible/targeted message for the Chileans on USCIS's website. Please let us know the status of that effort.

Mary, I know DRO was interested in waiting a bit to get a better feel for country conditions before announcing or formalizing a temporary suspension of removals to Chile. Can you advise us on whether DRO is comfortable making such an announcement at this juncture?

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Lauren,

(b)(5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] It seems that they now do want to do something to point out these relief options. We were considering creating a banner on our website and/or a press update. Jennifer Kliska, who is on travel through Wednesday, has been dealing with Brandon Prelogar and Mary Loiselle. See emails below.

We will work with OCOMM, but I am not sure what the procedure is in terms of deciding whether we will create a banner on the website and/or a press update. I definitely think a banner pointing to the "Special Situations" section would be a good idea. The "Special Situations" section generally outlines relief for nationals of countries where there is some sort of extreme hardship. Let me know if you would like to discuss. Thanks.

Denise A. Vanison

Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Prelogar, Brandon  
Sent: Sun 3/7/2010 6:44 PM  
To: Kliska, Jennifer R; Loiselle, Mary F  
Cc: Olavarria, Esther  
Subject: RE: TPS on TPS for Chile

Thanks to you both for the effort.

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From: Kliska, Jennifer R  
Sent: Fri 3/5/2010 7:44 PM  
To: Prelogar, Brandon; Kliska, Jennifer R; Loiselle, Mary F  
Cc: Olavarria, Esther  
Subject: Re: TPS on TPS for Chile

I'll follow up with my boss and our communications folks to see what we can do.

FYI - I'll be traveling Mon - Wed, but I'll be checking bb regularly.

Jennifer Kliska

Division Chief, International and Humanitarian Affairs Office of Policy and Strategy U. S.  
Citizenship and Immigration Services Department of Homeland Security

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----- Original Message  
From: Prelogar, Brandon  
To: Kliska, Jennifer R  
Cc: Olavarria, Esther  
Sent: Fri Mar 05 17:58:06 2010  
Subject: RE: TPS on TPS for Chile

Jennifer/Mary,

We've been contacted by State's DAS for South American Affairs. They're pushing to be able to say something positive on the immigration front for Chileans in the U.S. and we'd like to help to the extent we can.

Jennifer, I know you're still clearing a more visible/targeted message for the Chileans on USCIS's website. Please let us know the status of that effort.

Mary, I know DRO was interested in waiting a bit to get a better feel for country conditions before announcing or formalizing a temporary suspension of removals to Chile. Can you advise us on whether DRO is comfortable making such an announcement at this juncture?

Thanks,

Brandon

**Gregory, Peter D**

(b)(6) From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:25 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Leadership call

These are very discrete policy issues that seem odd to raise on a call such as tomorrow's. If they want to hear how I approach these type of questions, I am pleased to share.

Thanks. Ali

(b)(6) ----- Original Message  
From: Rogers, Debra A [REDACTED] Bacon, Roxana  
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Carpenter, Dea D [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed Feb 03 21:34:27 2010  
Subject: Leadership call

Ali: The District Directors will likely raise two issues with you on tomorrow's call.

1. Parole in Place: under what circumstances is it appropriate to use this authority?  
Some examples:

- military dependents who enter the US without inspection (EWI) and therefore cannot adjust.

- Haitians who are in the US, have an approved immediate relative petitions and a visa available but can't adjust because they entered without inspection.

2. Deferred Action  
When should USCIS exercise this authority?

- anytime a request is made?
- Is it ever appropriate to refer a case to ICE?
- serious long term medical cases
- Military dependents

These issues are before them everyday so they are very interested in your thoughts and philosophical views. Historically we have taken a very, very conservative approach to deferred action and parole and have granted it in only the most extraordinary cases. We have moved away from this approach in some recent decisions so the field leadership is definitely looking for some high level direction.

Let me know if you want to meet before the meeting to discuss these issues.

Also, if you want to ask the DDs to collaborate on an issues paper I will make sure that happens quickly. I am already working on these issues with the RDs who, in turn, reach out to the DDs but further field engagement is always helpful.

Just wanted to give you a heads up.

Debbie



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Sent: Saturday, March 06, 2010 5:32 PM

To: Moore, Joseph; Rosado, Timothy A; Ratliff, Gerri; Bacon, Roxana; Jones, Rendell L; Neufeld, Donald

Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Mayorkas, Alejandro N

Subject: Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

You'll notice I've reduced the distribution. That's because with the context of a process outline our task comes down to 2 things - cost and timelines to implement and execute.

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What we need to determine is what each option means in terms of time and upfront resources for the ratesetting, form variant, IT (form variant and outfitting our growth) and facilities, and to put in place the capacity necessary for the lockbox, IT, ASC's, and adjudication (assuming a significant SQA yield for the application).

Each of these options is of a probably of a scale that we can't do it like we did widows - ad hoc and informally. But, Don, let me know if you disagree.

----- Original Message -----

From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N

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To: Aytes, Michael; Moore, Joseph; (b) (6); Neufeld, Donald; Rogers, Debra A; Crocetti, Don; Ratliff, Gerri; Bulger, Jack M; Collett, Greg L; Rhew, Perry J; Bacon, Roxana; Brown, Meddie; Melero, Mariela; Vanison, Denise; Scialabba, Lori; Busch, Philip B; Jones, Rendell L; French, Richard G; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Velarde, Barbara Q; Stanley, Kathleen M

Cc: Kielsmeier, (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Sent: Sat Mar 06 14:49:22 2010

Subject: Re: Monday Deferred action tasking

Thank you very much, Mike. This is an internal document for a deliberative purpose and should be so identified, as should any subsequent work product.

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Roxie, Lauren, if you have a different view of our deliverable, please advise.

Thank you. Ali

----- Original Message -----

From: Aytes, Michael

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To: Moore, Joseph; 'Rosado, Timothy A'; (b) (6); Neufeld, Donald; Rogers, Debra A; Crocetti, Don; Ratliff, Gerri; Bulger, Jack M; Collett, Greg L; Rhew, Perry J; Bacon, Roxana; Brown, Meddie; Melero, Mariela; Vanison, Denise; Scialabba, Lori; Busch, Philip B; Jones, Rendell L; French, Richard G; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Velarde, Barbara Q; Stanley, Kathleen M; Vanison, Denise

Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Mayorkas, Alejandro N

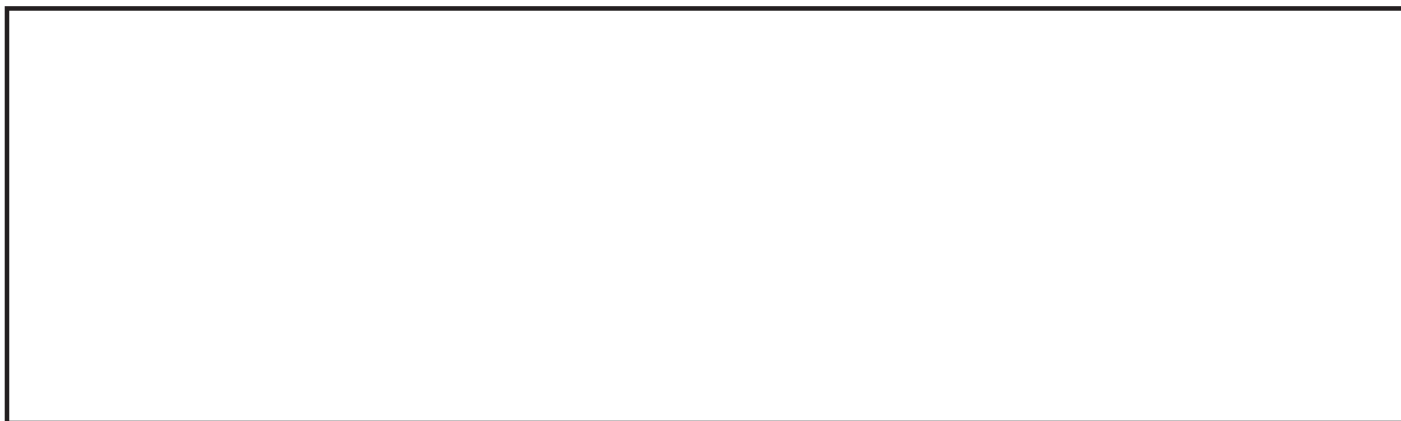
Sent: Sat Mar 06 13:35:32 2010

Subject: Monday Deferred action tasking

Folks -

Attached find an outline I worked up today in response to the separate tasking from DHS that we prepare costing for 3 alternatives using deferred action.

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I'd welcome revisions of text and suggestions for points we need to make.

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I'm going to head home, but I'm prepared to come back later today or tomorrow if folks want to sit down and discuss our response to the tasking. We are to have this ready to turn by start of business Monday morning.

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Mike

**Cooper, Tarrah**

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2010 1:39 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** Fw: Guidance requested: Paperwork Hinders Airlifts of Ill Haitian Children  
**Importance:** High

Matt, here's what you're looking for.

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N (b) (6)  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah (b) (6); LOPEZ, MARCO A (HQ); Smith, Sean (b) (6); Shlossman, Amy (b) (6); Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Tue Feb 09 10:54:12 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Guidance requested: Paperwork Hinders Airlifts of Ill Haitian Children

Response:

1. For critically-injured children in need of urgent medical care, CBP has been evacuating the children without hindrance (PM sign-off has not been required).
2. For non-urgent cases in which children need medical care:
  - (a) In the case of orphans, we have not received any such cases and we are conferring with DOS to determine whether PM sign-off is a prerequisite.
  - (b) In the case of non-orphaned children, we have had one such request to date and approved it yesterday based on parental consent.

Please let me know if you need further information.  
Thanks. Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
Washington, DC 20529

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2010 9:25 AM  
**To:** LOPEZ, MARCO A (HQ); Smith, Sean; Shlossman, Amy; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Subject:** RE: Guidance requested: Paperwork Hinders Airlifts of Ill Haitian Children

Not that I know of. Guys?

**From:** LOPEZ, MARCO A (HQ) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2010 9:20 AM  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Subject:** Fw: Guidance requested: Paperwork Hinders Airlifts of Ill Haitian Children

Is this going through anyone at DHS? Don't want to send anything w/o giving you all visibility.

**Cooper, Tarrah**

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 3:28 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Clark; Vietor, Tommy; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Cc:** Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti

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**From:** Stevens, Clark [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 3:21 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Clark; Vietor, Tommy; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Cc:** Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti

Everybody good? Need to get back to reporter.

**From:** Stevens, Clark [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 3:01 PM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy; Stevens, Clark; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Cc:** Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti

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**From:** Stevens, Clark [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 2:36 PM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Cc:** Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** Haiti

Tommy/Nick – we have gotten requests regarding status of Haitians who came in under B2/Humanitarian Parole – most notably from the New York Times (Ann Barnard). Chandler is on the road, so I am working the stories. We plan to provide the below statement on the record and supply the additional background as necessary. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Best, Clark – (b)(6)



**On the record statement**

The Department of Homeland Security is committed to assisting those individuals who are unable to return to Haiti due to the January 12 earthquake. In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, approximately 1,300 Haitians, including some who were escorting children or medical evacuees, received B2 visas (tourist-travel visa) to allow them to enter the United States. We are continuing to provide all appropriate humanitarian protections to these individuals who find themselves here in the United States in this extraordinary situation and are approaching each case consistent with the humanitarian response taken since the earthquake.

**Background**

Persons in the United States on B2 visas have the option of returning home, applying for an extension of their visa to continue to stay in the United States, or requesting Deferred Action, which will allow them to stay on the country and work while they are here.



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June 21, 2010

President Barack H. Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We understand that there's a push for your Administration to develop a plan to unilaterally extend either deferred action or parole to millions of illegal aliens in the United States. We understand that the Administration may include aliens who have willfully overstayed their visas or filed for benefits knowing that they will not be eligible for a status for years to come. We understand that deferred action and parole are discretionary actions reserved for individual cases that present unusual, emergent or humanitarian circumstances. Deferred action and parole were not intended to be used to confer a status or offer protection to large groups of illegal aliens, even if the agency claims that they look at each case on a "case-by-case" basis.

While we agree our immigration laws need to be fixed, we are deeply concerned about the potential expansion of deferred action or parole for a large illegal alien population. While deferred action and parole are Executive Branch authorities, they should not be used to circumvent Congress' constitutional authority to legislate immigration policy, particularly as it relates to the illegal population in the United States.

The Administration would be wise to abandon any plans for deferred action or parole for the illegal population. Such a move would further erode the American public's confidence in the federal government and its commitment to securing the borders and enforcing the laws already on the books.

We would appreciate receiving a commitment that the Administration has no plans to use either authority to change the current position of a large group of illegal aliens already in the United States, and ask that you respond to us about this matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Letter to President Obama, June 21, 2010

Chuck Grassley

Orin G. Hatch

Orin Vitter

Jim Bunning

Sayby Chaublin

James Inhofe

Jim Cooper

Phil Cochran

**Cooper, Tarrah**

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 5:45 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew  
**Subject:** RE: Statement

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**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 2:49 PM  
**To:** Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** Re: Statement

Sent it to him.

**From:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew M (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sun Feb 21 13:40:45 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Statement

You should probably elevate this to Tommy since it looks like we need a statement from DOS, or at least confirmation of their understanding of GOH's position.

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N (b)(6)  
**To:** Smith, Sean (b)(6); Chandler, Matthew (b)(6); Humphrey, Buck H;  
Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Sun Feb 21 13:36:09 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Statement

A number of points responsive to the arguments made in the string below:

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Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
Washington, DC 20529

(b)(6)

**From:** Smith, Sean (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 1:14 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew; Humphrey, Buck H; Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Subject:** Re: Statement

Adding Ali.

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b) (6)  
**To:** Humphrey, Buck H; Smith, Sean (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sun Feb 21 13:06:34 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Statement

Buck-

Did the GOH grant an exemption?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew M (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sun Feb 21 13:02:15 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Statement

On background? That's been the biggest hassle we've had with the current administration. Everything is on "background" which is as good as not saying it. We write for our readers.

Nothing you say in this addresses this reality: there are now adoptions pending; nobody has presented any evidence that these children were any less abandoned or given up for adoption than the ones who had families selected prior to Jan. 12. Every one of those children was in the BRESMA orphanage and under the aegis of Kentucky Adoption Services prior to the quake.

In short: every one of these children was considered, under adoption standards, to have been orphaned prior to Jan. 12.

Two of the children are in serious medical distress. Does DHS have any policy that addresses their needs. Does DHS, then, disagree with the decision by the Haitian Prime Minister to grant an exemption to these children to permit them to leave the country for the United States?

-----Original Message-----

From: Chandler, Matthew (b) (6)

Sent: Sun 2/21/2010 12:47 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc:

Subject: Re: Statement

Gentlemen,

I respectfully disagree and believe that this statement does address the concerns raised by (b) (6)

On background - the policy in place has been consistent, and was drafted in conjunction with the Government of Haiti. It is also consistent with Hauge agreements, and focuses on family reunification not division. (b) (6) has been fully aware of the policy in place and should be aware that manipulation of the process can lead to unintended separations from living family members. There are rigorous standards and protocols in the area of international adoption as we don't want to have separation from families as we have in so many other times - example- Vietnam, etc.

In regards to DHS being hard to reach, perhaps you're correct, however had our after hours operator been reached, I would have been contacted and would have been happy to provide comment.

Thanks,

Matt

----- Original Message -----

From: (b) (6)

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Chandler, Matthew M (b) (6)

Sent: Sun Feb 21 12:34:30 2010

Subject: RE: Statement

We got word at about 10 p.m. DHS ain't the easiest agency with which to connect even during daylight much less 10 p.m. Handle it from here as a brief if you like.

Mr. Chandler's statement does not address the assertions by (b) (6) as well as the (b) (6) that the Haitian Prime Minister personally gave the go-ahead to exempt these 12 BRESMA children from the regulation that was put in place after the earthquake. They said the US government insisted the Prime Minister must not have understood what he had agreed to and they then produced an assurance from his aides that he, indeed, intended to permit the children to enter the U.S.

As to fears of trafficking, every one of these children has a family in Colorado, approved by Adoption Alliance, waiting for him or her. Additionally, every one of the children was voluntarily released for adoption by the guardians who brought them to BRESMA and every one of them was at the orphanage prior to the earthquake. BRESMA did not accept any more children after the quake; these 12 simply did not have a pending adoption.

I have no opinion one way or the other about whether these children should be admitted, but I don't see how this statement addresses the reality of this specific situation.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sun 2/21/2010 12:22 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc:

Subject: FW: Statement

(b)(6)

This spokesman from Homeland Security called asking for us to use this statement about Haitian orphans, because, he says, we didn't try to get comment from them yesterday. Do you want to write something for print or should we just handle it from here as a brief?

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Chandler, Matthew (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 12:10 PM

To: Ed Blazina

Subject: Statement

Hi (b)(6)

Would really appreciate it if you were able to include our statement in the story regarding Gov. Rendell/the group of Haitian orphans. The below is attributable to me.

"While the humanitarian parole program for Haitian orphans has successfully placed hundreds of vulnerable Haitian orphans with their adoptive parents, a number of cases have been found ineligible because they did not meet the program's criteria. The criteria for the program were carefully crafted, in coordination with the Government of Haiti, to be as generous as possible while also minimizing the potential for fraud and abuse by focusing on children who were identified as orphans and were in the process of being adopted before the earthquake on January 12. We remain focused on family reunification and must be vigilant not to separate children from relatives in Haiti who are still alive but displaced, or to unknowingly assist criminals who traffic in children in such desperate times."

Thanks,

Matt

Matt Chandler  
DHS OPA

(b) (6)



**From:** Martin, David A (b) (6)

**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2010 12:47 PM

**To:** Lovett, Edward; Baroukh, Nader; Martin, David A; Wiggins, Chani Winn; Shlossman, Amy; Stransky, Steven G

**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Perry, Nicholas; Gordon, Andrew; Newingham, Marty

**Subject:** RE: Gtmo Q and A

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David A. Martin  
Principal Deputy General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

(b) (6)

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**From:** Lovett, Edward (b) (6)

**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2010 10:48 AM

**To:** Baroukh, Nader; Martin, David A; Wiggins, Chani Winn; Shlossman, Amy; Lovett, Edward; Stransky, Steven G

**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Perry, Nicholas

**Subject:** Re: Gtmo Q and A

In the 4th Q&A ....

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Ted Lovett  
Assistant Director  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b) (6)

**From:** Baroukh, Nader <(b) (6)>  
**To:** Martin, David A <(b) (6)>; Wiggins, Chani <(b) (6)>; Shlossman, Amy  
<(b) (6)>; Lovett, Edward <(b) (6)>; Stransky, Steven G  
<(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John <(b) (6)>; Perry, Nicholas <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Sat Feb 13 02:54:16 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Gtmo Q and A

Please find attached what I could very quickly put my hands on. These are not be the final versions and are likely to need updating and revision. However, I wanted to get a sense of whether this is what we are looking for.

Per my prior email I am also checking with WH/NSC and DoJ to determine what previously cleared TPs they may have.

Chani, Amy, and Ted:

Please let us know if you have previously submitted materials on hand that we can update, etc.

Nader Baroukh  
Associate General Counsel (Immigration)  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of the General Counsel

(b) (6)



Ruppel, Joanna

**Cc:** Betancourt, Edward A; Rosalia, Carine L; Bistransky, William J; Budig, Nyda; Regan, Michael B

**Subject:** URGENT CLEARANCE request for Draft Talking Points on Haiti Govt approval of HP cases(3).docx

Michele Bond asks that you please comment/edit/clear the attached talking points for public/congressional use in response to inquiries being received about the recent announcement of the Haitian Government re departure of orphans.

Judy – we realize additional L and Department clearances will be needed.

jean

**From:** Regan, Michael B

**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2010 2:21 PM

**To:** Louis, Jean A

**Subject:** FW: Draft Talking Points on haiti pres approval (3).docx

**From:** Bond, Michele T

**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2010 2:13 PM

**To:** Regan, Michael B

**Subject:** FW: Draft Talking Points on haiti pres approval (3).docx

OK, see if you can make sense of my comments and please send a clean copy around for clearances in the Dept (esp L!) and in DHS and HHS (b)(6) thanks very much for this.

**From:** Regan, Michael B

**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2010 1:55 PM

**To:** Bond, Michele T

**Subject:** Draft Talking Points on haiti pres approval (3).docx

Redraft, incorporating your comments

**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Kielsmeier, Lauren

**Subject:** Re: Message from (b)(6)

All,

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**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N <(b)(6)>

**To:** Jacobs, Janice L; Bond, Michele T

**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Kielsmeier, Lauren <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Fri Feb 19 17:48:04 2010

**Subject:** Message from (b)(6)

Janice, Michele,  
Draft response for your consideration:

(b)(5)

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
Washington, DC 20529

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2010 3:50 PM

**To:** 'Mayorkas, Alejandro N'; Kroloff, Noah

**Cc:** Jacobs, Janice L; Bond, Michele T

**Subject:** RE: Perhaps the following is helpful



The individuals from the orphanage have not been given any indication from the Embassy Staff with respect to their request to bring the children to the U.S.A. The Embassy staff reviewed the documents for each child yesterday afternoon. We understand that over the last few days one of the children they expected to bring to the U.S. has died and another is now in the hospital. It is apparent that under these circumstances the medical condition of some or all of the children is deteriorating. Moreover now that the rains have started it is likely that those who are well may succumb to illness rapidly. As such we are asking for expedited review of the status of these children given that the Adoption Alliance has arranged for screened American families to adopt these children upon their arrival in the United States.

The Governor is asking that DOS provide him with a written response on the status of the petition to permit these children to leave which if it is negative specifically states the reasons that the request is being denied. We make this request to both clarify the open issues as well as to ensure that if more child deaths were to occur and inquirees were made to determine why they could not leave to come to safety in the U.S., we could be confident and explicit about what the challenges were that we could not overcome.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 7:36 PM  
**To:** Cooper, Donna; Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Cc:** Jacobs, Janice L; Bond, Michele T  
**Subject:** RE: Perhaps the following is helpful

Ms. Cooper, I am doing the same here.  
Thank you. Ali

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
Washington, DC 20529

(b)(6)

**From:** Cooper, Donna [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 7:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Perhaps the following is helpful

This is a message sent this afternoon to [REDACTED] (b)(6) from the prime minister

**From:** Jean Max Bellerive [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 17 22:30:12 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Emergency meeting request

(b) (6)

As I try to explain to Ambassador Joseph, the only way I can help in this situation is through a petition sent by the embassy. This procedure has been used since the 12th of January for almost a thousand of children, some of them in a very critical situation. I encourage you to consult the consular services of the United States in Port-au-Prince which will give you all informations needed to help those poor babies and children who are still in the BRESMA orphanage. I copied my assistant, [REDACTED] (b) (6), who can give you more informations on the agreed procedures with US authorities. She informed me she had a conversation with the Governor who said he is ready to vouch for them. I hope you will be rapidly in a position to stop the suffering of those children.

Best,  
JMB

**From:** Jean Max Bellerive (b) (6)

**To:** (b) (6)

**Cc:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wed Feb 17 22:30:12 2010

**Subject:** Re: Emergency meeting request

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Best,

*JMB*

**Gregory, Peter D**

**From:** Martin, David A (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 2010 4:33 PM  
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**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Jones, Rendell L; Davis, Virginia  
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Monday morning

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**Aytes, Michael**

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**From:** Bacon, Roxana  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 06, 2010 8:00 AM  
**To:** Aytes, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: S1's request for info by 9 a.m. Monday

(b) (5)

I know this is rough but it's to provoke thinking abt options w/ detailed planning on any option that might be selected for addt'l review. And Mke, thank you. (b) (5)

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Roxie

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**From:** Aytes, Michael  
**To:** Bacon, Roxana  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 06 06:31:34 2010  
**Subject:** Re: S1's request for info by 9 a.m. Monday

So, you're also talking future flow? - (b) (5)

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**From:** Bacon, Roxana  
**To:** Aytes, Michael; Moore, Joseph; (b) (6) <donald.neufeld@dhs.gov>;  
Rogers, Debra A; (b) (6) Rosado, Timothy A;  
(b) (6) Howell, David R

**Sent:** Fri Mar 05 22:39:38 2010  
**Subject:** Re: S1's request for info by 9 a.m. Monday

(b) (5)

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**From:** Aytes, Michael  
**To:** Moore, Joseph; (b) (6) Rogers, Debra A;  
(b) (6) Rosado, Timothy A;  
(b) (6) Howell, David R; Bacon, Roxana

**Sent:** Fri Mar 05 20:00:04 2010  
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All the estimates (b) (5)

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I'd appreciate any basis for estimates tomorrow morning.

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Phil

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Don -  
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 -Dave

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 Esther Olavarria  
 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy  
 Office of Policy  
 Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Aytes, Michael (b) (6)  
**To:** Bacon, Roxana; Rosado, Timothy A; Rogers, Debra A; Neufeld, Donald; Ratliff, Gerri; Scialabba, Lori  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Jones, Rendell L; Busch, Philip B; Olavarria, Esther  
 (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Fri Mar 05 16:50:57 2010  
**Subject:** RE: S1's request for info by 9 a.m. Monday

Adding Joe Moore and Lori Scialabba--  
 Joe/ Tim, give me a call when you can. We'll need to break this into chunks so the work can be shared and get done by Monday morning

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**From:** Bacon, Roxana (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 2010 4:24 PM  
**To:** Rosado, Timothy A; Rogers, Debra A; Neufeld, Donald; Aytes, Michael; Ratliff, Gerri  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Jones, Rendell L; Busch, Philip B; Olavarria, Esther  
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If you have any questions, let me know. I will be available tomorrow at DHS on my cell (b) (6), and on BB of course, working with DHS Immigration Policy guru Esther Olavarria [email above] on other pieces of this. And Ali is available also.  
Roxie


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## **SECRETARY NAPOLITANO'S CALL TO SECRETARY CLINTON**

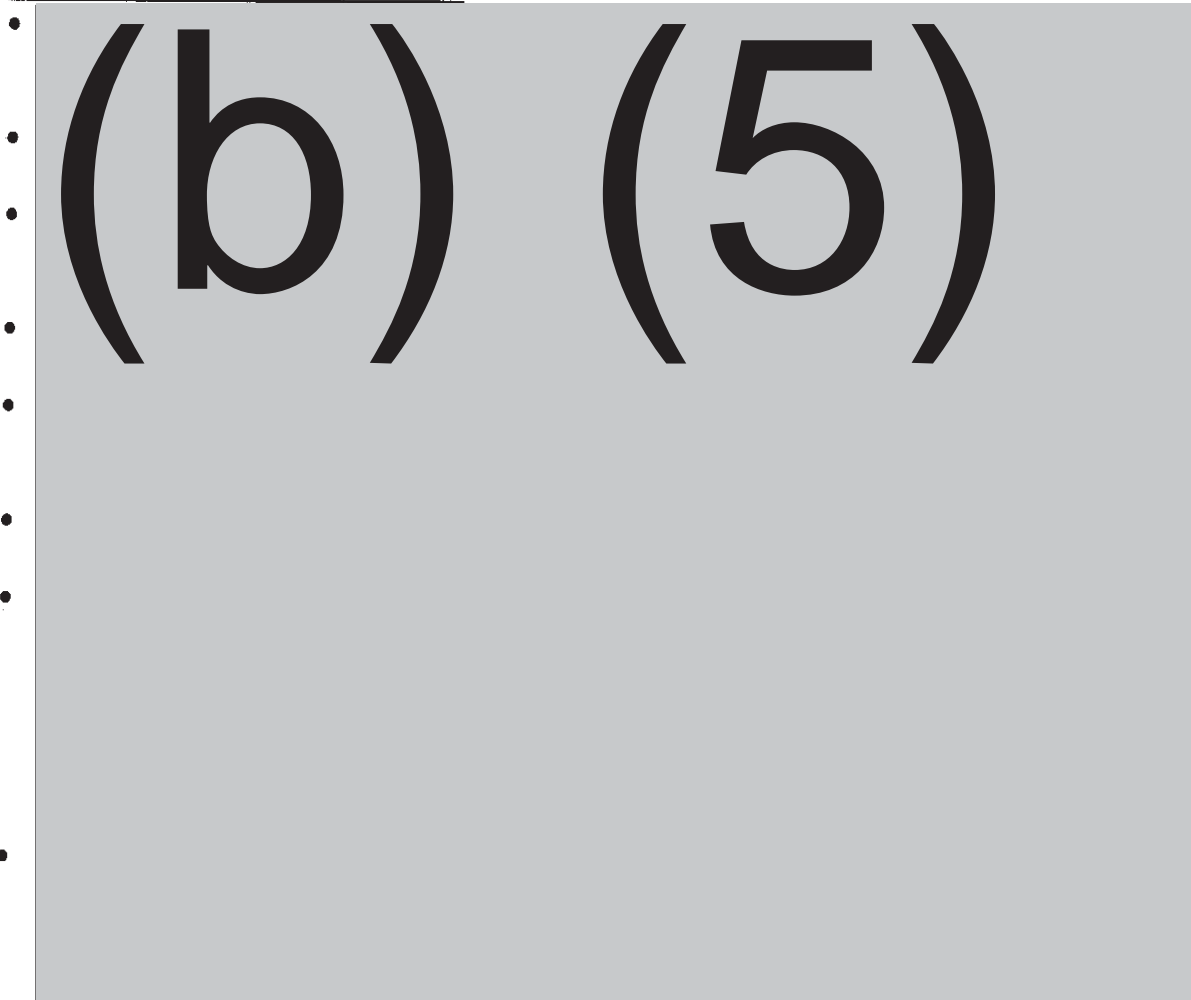
### **SUBJECT:**

- Preventing the Trafficking of Haitian Children in and Outside of the Intercountry Adoption Process

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- For Secretaries Napolitano and Clinton to discuss how DHS and DOS can engage all international partners (foreign missions, NGOs, etc.) in vigilantly preventing the trafficking of Haitian children in and outside of the intercountry adoption process, particularly in light of the January 12<sup>th</sup> Haiti earthquake disaster.

### **TALKING / DISCUSSION POINTS:**



### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **1. Orphans and Humanitarian Parole**

- As of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, USCIS in PaP has processed more than 370 orphan cases under the humanitarian parole policy announced by Secretary Napolitano on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- There are two categories of orphans eligible for humanitarian parole under this new DHS policy (as announced in the DHS January 18<sup>th</sup> press release on the USCIS website). (See Attachment.)

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- DHS has been encouraging U.S. citizens with pending adoption cases in Haiti to send detailed information about their cases to [HaitianAdoptions@dhs.gov](mailto:HaitianAdoptions@dhs.gov) for additional assistance.
- USCIS assesses information provided to this email address to determine if the children fall into either Category 1 or Category 2, and works closely with USCIS staff in PaP to ensure that children given parole are within either Category.
- On January 20<sup>th</sup>, USCIS Acting Deputy Director Lauren Kielsmeier represented DHS in a press conference with Secretary of State Clinton announcing a DOS-led task force for Haitian adoptions in process. Sharon Parrott, Counselor for Human Services Policy from the Department of Health and Human Services was also present. Each of the three agencies gave brief statements following Secretary Clinton's announcement.
- Per Deputy Secretary Lute's January 22<sup>nd</sup> request, USCIS Director Mayorkas called DOS Assistant Secretary Eric Schwartz (AS/Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration) that same day and apprised him of Secretary Napolitano's intent to call Secretary Clinton on Sunday, January 24 as a follow up to Secretary Napolitano's communication with Bill Swing of IMO on the subject of potential trafficking in the wake of the Haitian earthquake. AS Schwartz informed Mayorkas of his view that it was not advisable to have the IMO assume any leadership role in addressing vulnerable children in the international arena by virtue of UNICEF's existing responsibility in that space.
- The White House has established an Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) to focus on Haitian orphans. Lori Scialabba, USCIS Associate Director for Refugee, Asylum and International Operations is the DHS representative.

## 2. Institute of Migration (IOM)

- Based in Geneva, Switzerland, the IOM is an intergovernmental organization with 127 member countries.
- IOM's program budget for 2008 exceeded \$1 billion, funding over 2,000 programs and more than 7,000 staff serving in over 440 field offices in more than 100 countries.
- Much of what the IOM does around the world is providing technical assistance to governments and regional groups on migration and border management issues.
- DHS works actively with the IOM on issues such as refugee processing.
  - In refugee processing, the IOM conducts initial screening of refugee applicants and coordinate final travel for approved applicants.

**Contact:** Lauren Kielsmeier, USCIS Acting Deputy Director, (b) (6)

(b) (6) (Office), (b) (6) (Blackberry)

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Two Categories of Orphans Eligible for Humanitarian Parole (1/18/10 Press Release; USCIS Web Site)
- Times Online (January 23, 2010), "Call for halt to Haiti adoptions over traffickers"
- BBC News/Americas (January 19, 2010), "US opens door for Haitian orphans"

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Attachment A

## Two Categories of Orphans Eligible for Humanitarian Parole

**Category 1**

Children who have been legally confirmed as orphans eligible for intercountry adoption by the Government of Haiti, were in the process of being adopted by Americans prior to Jan. 12, 2010 and meet the below criteria.

**Required Criteria**

- Evidence of availability for adoption, which MUST include at least one of the following:
  - Full and final Haitian adoption decree
  - Government of Haiti Custody grant to prospective adoptive parents for emigration and adoption
  - Secondary evidence in lieu of the above.
- Evidence of suitability for adoption, which MUST include at least one of the following:
  - Notice of Approval of Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition
  - Current FBI Fingerprints and background security check clearances
  - Physical custody in Haiti plus a security background check

**Category 2**

Children who have been identified by an adoption service provider or facilitator as eligible for intercountry adoption, were matched to prospective American adoptive parents prior to Jan. 12, 2010 and meet the below criteria.

**Required Criteria**

- Significant evidence of a relationship between the prospective adoptive parents and the child AND of the parents' intention to complete the adoption, which could include the following:
  - Proof of travel by the prospective adoptive parents to Haiti to visit the child
  - Photos of the child and prospective adoptive parents together
  - An Adoption Service Provider "Acceptance of Referral" letter signed by the prospective adoptive parents
  - Documentary evidence that the prospective adoptive parents initiated the adoption process prior to Jan. 12, 2010 with intent to adopt the child (filed Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition, and/or Form I-600, Petition to Classify an Orphan as an Immediate Relative, completed a home study, located an ASP to work with in Haiti, etc.)
- Evidence of the child's availability for adoption, which could include the following:
  - IBESR (Haitian Adoption Authority) approval
  - Documentation of legal relinquishment or award of custody to the Haitian orphanage
  - Secondary evidence in lieu of the above
- Evidence of suitability for adoption, which MUST include at least one of the following:
  - Notice of Approval of Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition; OR
  - Current FBI Fingerprints and background security check clearances

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**Kenner, Laverne**

**From:** Haines, Leigh (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:55 AM  
**To:** Kenner, Laverne; Collins, Anissa A  
**Subject:** FW: Iran Papers

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Friday, February 26, 2010 8:30 AM  
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**Attachments:** Blue Sky Leg ideas take 7 Final DHS.docx; Iran\_blueskyresponse Final DHS.doc



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Please prepare a hard copy for D1's files and one for me. Thank  
you both.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kielsmeier, Lauren  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 8:45 AM  
**To:** Haines, Leigh  
**Subject:** Fw: Iran Papers

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bacon, Roxana (b) (6)  
**To:** Kielsmeier, Lauren (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thu Feb 25 08:43:11 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Iran Papers

Ali wanted a copy just for his files. OCC and RAO folks banged this out  
Sunday under a ridiculous timeline. We got great marks/kudos, which I  
did sent to Ali already.

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**From:** Baroukh, Nader (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 3:04 PM  
**To:** Whitney, Ronald W; Bacon, Roxana; Bucher, Steve P; Rosenberg, Ron M;  
Bacon, Roxana; Higgins, Jennifer B; Rogers, Andrea R; Kendall, Sarah;  
(b) (6) Martin, David A  
**Cc:** Kelliher, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Iran Papers

Sarah,

Please find attached DHS' final comments.

Nader Baroukh  
Associate General Counsel (Immigration)  
Department of Homeland Security  
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From: Baroukh, Nader  
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 8:12 PM  
To: Whitney, Ronald W; Bacon, Roxana; Bucher, Steve P; Rosenberg, Ron M;  
Bacon, Roxana; Higgins, Jennifer B; Rogers, Andrea R.  
(b) (6) Sarah Kendall (b) (6);  
Cc: Kelliher, Brian  
Subject: Iran Papers

Sarah,

Please find attached the following two documents:

- 1) DHS' preliminary edits to the DOS Blue Sky paper itself; and
- 2) DHS' comments and views on the DOS Blue Sky paper.

Please note given the limited time provided to review and draft responses, we have not had the opportunity to fully vet these comments and edits.

Ron, et. al,

Thanks for your great work in putting this together in short order.

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SIITREP Cover Sheet for: 7.0 Magnitude Earthquake Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Agency: USCIS

Report Point of Contact: USCIS Command Center//202-272-8800  
USCIS02@DHS.gov

Input for: 0600-SLB; NOE Phase 2 - Concern 0975-10 Update  
Current as of: 2030, 18 Jan 2010  
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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INPUTS:

[REDACTED]

#### KEY CURRENT ACTIONS/DECISIONS (PREVIOUS 24-48 HRS):

- **Humanitarian Parole:** USCIS worked with DOS to obtain GoH support for grant of humanitarian parole to two categories of orphans in Haiti. DHS announced grant of humanitarian parole to those two categories of orphans.
  - USCIS processing orphans @ US Embassy PAP in preparation for humanitarian parole.
  - USCIS worked with CBP to parole 28 Haitian orphans on January 18 (orphans landed in Ft. Pierce, FL) and 5 Haitian orphans on January 17 (orphans landed in Orlando, FL).
  - USCIS, with CBP, responded to self-initiated private flights to Haiti to pick up orphans and evacuate them to U.S.
- **Temporary Protected Status (TPS):** USCIS preparing to execute plan to implement issuance of TPS to Haitians in the U.S. as of Jan 12, 2010.
  - USCIS engaging with stakeholders throughout the country to address questions and issues prior to publication of TPS notice (estimated to issue on January 20).

#### KEY FUTURE ACTIONS/DECISIONS (NEXT 24-48 HRS):

- Expected to issue TPS notice 20 Jan.
- Continue, with CBP, to respond to self-initiated private flights to Haiti to pick up orphans and evacuate them to US
- USCIS Director Mayorkas to travel to Miami, FL on January 20 for nationwide and Miami-based stakeholders' meetings to address questions and issues regarding TPS.

#### FEDERAL RESOURCE COMMITMENT (AVAIL/COMMITTED/REQUESTED/REC'D)

USCIS has 1 person currently deployed at US Embassy PAP  
USCIS has 2 employees on standby for travel to Haiti, pending DoS clearance  
USCIS has identified 38 Creole-only speakers, 8 Creole/French speakers, and 24 French-only speakers. These personnel are NOT available for immediate deployment as many have responsibilities under mass migration/TPS plans.

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**Gregory, Peter D**

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2010 12:26 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Followup

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
 Director  
 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 5110  
 Washington, DC 20529

(b) (6)

**From:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2010 10:14 AM  
**To:** Bacon, Roxana  
**Subject:** Re: Followup

My apology, Roxie. I did not mean to be accusatory. I am rifling-off emails quickly and apparently in doing so in this instance I was not mindful of tone, which is a challenge in emails to begin with. Sorry.

With respect to the NTAs, Debbie brought up the DHS working group independently in this morning's leadership meeting and RAIO expressed an interest in participating. They should join the working group. I would like to have a voice in shaping our agency's input given the enforcement issues.

With respect to enforcement, I'd like to know more about the Tuesday WH meeting; who is attending, what are the agenda items, what is the purpose, etc. When I know these things in advance, we can collaboratively define approach.

Thanks so much.  
 Ali

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bacon, Roxana (b) (6)  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thu Apr 22 08:46:11 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Followup

Melissa is DHS policy w/ 10 yrs experience on the hill b/4-deep knowledge of immig policy, law and history--Esther's Deputy.

Ali, this has an accusatory tone that I don't get. This isn't my meeting and so I don't know its genesis, but of course I am going and will listen and report back as I reported the invite. It's WH sponsored w/ advocacy groups and you learned about it as I did. I have no idea what case you are referring to--this doesn't involve a case as far as I know--it's a general discussion on enforcement w/ advocacy groups that are pressuring the WH esp on detention I think.. And my work on NTAs is part of a tri-component OGC working group in which Debbie Rogers is involved --first step is a data call.

Ali, I have lots going on w/ OCC. You and I meet weekly most weeks. I am happy to keep you as informed as you wish abt my job but this email lands like a little grenade and makes me wonder if you want to be in every loop and if so how you want me to do that.

I will be in later today.

Roxie

----- Original Message -----

Re: Followup

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From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N <(b) (6)>  
To: Bacon, Roxana <(b) (6)>  
Cc: Kielsmeier, Lauren <(b) (6)>  
Sent: Wed Apr 21 19:25:55 2010  
Subject: Re: Followup

Roxie,  
I am sorry, some questions arise:  
What is Melissa's role at DHS?  
Why have I not learned before now of the WH meeting and invite, especially given the subject of enforcement?  
What are we doing with respect to NTA cases? I have no visibility.  
Is someone at DHS speaking with the attorney for the applicant/petitioner other than the US govt attorney apparently litigating the case? If so, does the US govt attorney know of those communications?  
Please let me know. Thanks so much.  
Ali

----- Original Message -----

From: Carpenter, Dea D  
To: Bacon, Roxana <(b) (6)> Crow, Melissa  
Cc: Gallagher, Ellen <(b) (6)>; Mayorkas, Alejandro N; Kielsmeier, Lauren  
Sent: Wed Apr 21 18:37:11 2010  
Subject: RE: Followup

Adding Ali/Lauren for visibility into White House-sponsored meeting invite.

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From: Crow, Melissa <(b) (6)>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 11:45 AM  
To: Bacon, Roxana  
Cc: Gallagher, Ellen  
Subject: Followup

Roxie: Nice to spend the day with you yesterday, which now seems like ages ago!

Per your suggestion, I'm writing to let you know that the next White House-sponsored meeting with advocates re: enforcement issues is Tuesday, April 27 from 2:30 to 4 pm (b) (6). If you or Ali would like to join us, please let me know so that we can include you on the invitation.

Since we met, I've done my best to encourage ICE to grant deferred action in the DREAM Act cases that Ellen brought to my attention. I just learned that CIS issued the NTA in the case, and Ellen is trying to work that end of things. We will let you know if we need your support. Time is of the essence b/c there is a pending joint motion for VD within a week, which is the only option the lawyer thought she had.

Best, Melissa

Melissa Crow

8/23/2010

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Re: Followup

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**Cc:** Nantel, Kelly A

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Me too.

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**To:** Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara A; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; (b)(6)

Hale, Brian P

**Subject:** RE: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

To complicate this even further – (b)(5)

.....will draft a statement and send for review.

Thanks

8/3/2010



**Chandler, Matthew**

**From:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2010 2:33 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew M  
**Subject:** Re: Cobb Cty 287(g) - CNN

Thx

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6) >  
**To:** Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Tseggai, Gannet; Miranda, Luis A.  
**Sent:** Fri May 14 14:25:01 2010  
**Subject:** Cobb Cty 287(g) - CNN

All –

CNN pinged on the case below – we went with this:

“ICE uses discretion on a case by case basis, as appropriate and has the authority to grant a deferral of removal action based on the merits of an individual's case and a review of specific facts. ICE has exercised that authority in (b)(6) case for one year and did not issue a detainer for today's arrest. ICE will review her case again on its merits at the conclusion of the one-year period. ICE is focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that focuses first on criminal aliens who pose a threat to our communities. “

Thanks

**From:** Rocha, Richard A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2010 12:26 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew  
**Cc:** Hale, Brian P; Milhoan, Catherine L; Nantel, Kelly A; Ortiz-Delgado, Ivan L; Homan, Thomas  
**Subject:** Cobb County

Matt,  
We have demonstrators at the Cobb Co. jail over the case below. They want to know if we are going to pull out of the 287g program as suggested by the demonstrators.  
CNN is now asking about it. .

(b)(5)

deportation, and stand united to demand that this administration stop these senseless deportations and passes a sensible, just and humane comprehensive immigration reform.

-END-

**From:** Gibson, Beth N (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 2:29 PM  
**To:** Martin, David A; Chandler, Matthew; (b)(6); Fetcher, Adam; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Hale, Brian P  
**Cc:** Nantel, Kelly A  
**Subject:** Re: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

Me too.

**From:** Martin, David A (b)(6)  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew; Shapiro, Nicholas S. (b)(6); Fetcher, Adam; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara; Gibson, Beth N (b)(6); Barr, Suzanne E  
(b)(6); Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Hale, Brian P  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thu Dec 10 14:00:44 2009  
**Subject:** RE: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

I'm fine with this language.

David A. Martin  
Principal Deputy General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

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**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 1:49 PM  
**To:** Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Fetcher, Adam; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara A; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Hale, Brian P  
**Subject:** RE: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

Thanks Nick – David/Shloss/Sean – any edits or additions?

Thanks!

**From:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6) On Behalf Of Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 1:22 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara A; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Hale, Brian P

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**Subject:** RE: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

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**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 11:43 AM

**To:** Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara A; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Hale, Brian P

**Subject:** RE: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

Based on what we have said previously:

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**From:** Chandler, Matthew

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 11:26 AM

**To:** Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara A; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; (b)(6); Hale, Brian P

**Subject:** RE: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

To complicate this even further – (b)(5)

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Thanks

**From:** Sandweg, John (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 11:13 AM

**To:** Chandler, Matthew M; Smith, Sean; Kuban, Sara A; Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A; Olavarria, Esther; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; (b)(6) Sandweg, John; Hale, Brian P

**Subject:** Re: DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

Matt-

This case came up recently. (b)(5)

John R. Sandweg

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device.

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)

**To:** Smith, Sean (b)(6); Kuban, Sara (b)(6); Gibson, Beth N; Barr, Suzanne E; Martin, David A (b)(6); Olavarria, Esther (b)(6); Kroloff, Noah

(b)(6); Shlossman, Amy (b)(6); Shapiro, Nicholas S.

(b)(6); Sandweg, John (b)(6); Hale, Brian P

**Sent:** Thu Dec 10 11:10:31 2009

**Subject:** DREAM Act - NY Times (b)(6)(b)(7)(c)

8/3/2010

**Chandler, Matthew**

**From:** Kudwa, Amy (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2010 7:05 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew M; (b)(6) Smith, Sean  
**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: FOX NEWS: DHS DENIES DEFERRED ACTION???

The language is from our response letter to Cornyn on May 13. Below for reference:

The Administration strongly supports the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform, and the Department is committed to working with Congress to pass bipartisan reform that combines effective enforcement with improvements to our existing immigration systems while realistically addressing those who are already here.

While we continue to work with Congress to enact reform, we are focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that focuses first on criminal aliens who pose a threat to our communities. DHS has the authority to grant a deferral of removal action based on the merits of cases while considering humanitarian circumstances and other factors in the interest of the Department's overall law enforcement mission. However, this discretionary authority is implemented on a case-by-case basis and DHS does not grant deferred action without a review of relevant facts. To be clear, DHS will not grant deferred action to the nation's entire illegal immigrant population.

Comprehensive legislation, coupled with a safe and secure border, provides the best solution to our nation's immigration challenges, and we believe the recently unveiled Senate proposal for comprehensive immigration reform is a step in the right direction.

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)  
**To:** (b)(6); Chandler, Matthew M (b)(6); Smith, Sean  
**Cc:** (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Sent:** Fri Jun 25 18:51:42 2010  
**Subject:** Re: FOX NEWS: DHS DENIES DEFERRED ACTION???

Adding kudwa

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Valencia, Stephanie M.

(b)(6)

**Sent:** Fri Jun 25 18:44:54 2010  
**Subject:** FOX NEWS: DHS DENIES DEFERRED ACTION???



Matt/Sean, did you guys issue a statement on this?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/06/25/homeland-security-denies-blanket-amnesty-illegals/>

## Homeland Security Denies Interest in Blanket Amnesty for Illegals

Published June 25, 2010

| FOXNews.com



A Guatemalan illegal immigrant prepares to board a plane during his deportation process in Phoenix, Ariz., July 10, 2009.  
(Reuters Photo)

The Department of Homeland Security on Friday denied any plans to grant blanket amnesty to the "entire illegal immigrant population," following claims from senators and others that the Obama administration has been holding behind-the-scenes talks to craft a gameplan for mass legalization.

The concern is that DHS, in a bid to bypass Congress, would extend what is known as deferred action or parole -- actions usually taken on a case-by-case basis -- to millions of illegal immigrants at once.

The department statement, however, did not address the possibility of giving a selective reprieve to the segment of the population holding expired visas -- as opposed to those who crossed illegally. This is something that a former Bush administration official told FoxNews.com could be an option for the administration.

But the statement, while affirming its authority to grant the reprieves "on the merits of cases," said that authority is applied on a "case-by-case" basis and would not be drastically expanded.



## Senior Policy Council – Briefing Paper

### ***Protection for A-3 and G-5 Visa Holders as Mandated by TVPRA 2008***

Office of the Director / Carrol Chang, [carrol.chang@dhs.gov](mailto:carrol.chang@dhs.gov), (202) 272-8017

#### **Problem or Issue:**

Implementation of TVPRA 2008 Section 203(c) requires DHS to permit A-3 and G-5 visa holders who have filed civil actions against their employers to remain and work legally in the United States during the pendency of their suit. See Attachment A.

#### **Applicable laws and regulations:**

William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA 2008), Pub. L. 110-457, 122 Stat. 5044 (2008), section 203(c). 8 CFR 274a.12.

DHS is required to permit the A-3 or G-5 nonimmigrant to remain legally in the United States for time sufficient to fully and effectively participate in all legal proceedings related to any civil actions filed against their former employers for labor or contract violations. TVPRA 2008 section 203(c)(1)(A). In addition, DHS is required to provide work authorization to such a nonimmigrant for the time period during which the nonimmigrant is permitted to remain legally in the United States due to a pending civil action. TVPRA 2008 section 203(c)(2).

#### **Options:**

Budget implications are expected to be negligible. The affected population is projected to be no more than 10-20 individuals per year. In 10 years of implementing T nonimmigrant status for victims of human trafficking, the Vermont Service Center has a record of only a handful of individuals who originally entered the United States as an A-3 or G-5 visa holder.

The working group identified the following three options:

#### **Option 1: Deferred Action<sup>1</sup>**

- USCIS would add this population to the existing list of groups eligible on a case-by-case basis for deferred action. A grant of deferred action allows an A-3 or G-5 nonimmigrant to legally remain in the United States while pursuing a civil action against their employer. Through the filing of a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, USCIS would provide an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). The purpose behind TVPRA 2008 Section 203(c) is to allow those who have become victims of human trafficking or related labor offenses by their employers the opportunity to pursue civil actions against their employer. It is also to hold abusive employers accountable for their actions. Therefore, there is a humanitarian and public interest need justifying the use of deferred action.

#### **Option 2: Continued Presence (CP)<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Granting deferred action is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion. Deferred action can be granted for someone who is unlawfully present in the United States when USCIS has decided against placing an individual in removal proceedings for humanitarian or public interest reasons.



- ICE grants CP, so this would not be a matter for USCIS. This option may not be feasible because CP is tailored for those victims of human trafficking who are potential witnesses in an investigation related to human trafficking offenses. Those with A-3 and G-5 status who have filed civil actions may not meet the federal definition of a trafficking victim necessary to receive CP, or the lawsuit may be for other labor violations not categorized as human trafficking-related offenses.

### **Option 3: Parole<sup>3</sup>**

- The working group had initially considered Parole-in-Place. However, this is not feasible because it applies only to individuals who had not previously been admitted to the United States. By virtue of having entered on A-3 or G-5 visas, this population would be ineligible for Parole-in-Place. See Attachment B for a recent paper that analyzes Parole-in-Place and Deferred Action as options for relief for military spouses.

### **Recommended course and form of action:**

**Option 1: Deferred action-** This falls under the circumstances in which USCIS is authorized to issue deferred action and also fulfills the Congressional mandate in TVPRA 2008 without the need for USCIS to create a new process.

### **Proposed process:**

- **EAD CODE:** Because 8 CFR 274a.12 provides all EAD eligibility codes, creating a new EAD code specific to these A-3 and G-5 visa holders would require a regulatory change. Therefore, the working group recommends using the existing 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(14) EAD code reserved for those granted deferred action.
- **BENEFIT APPLICATION:** A-3 or G-5 visa holder would submit the following:
  1. A cover letter
  2. Form I-765, requesting an EAD under (c)(14)
  3. Proof of legal entry into the United States in A-3 or G-5 nonimmigrant status
  4. Proof of having filed a civil complaint (e.g., the date/time-stamped civil complaint)
- **WHERE TO FILE:** Direct file at the VSC.
- **USCIS PROCESS:** VSC would adjudicate the Form I-765. If adjudicated favorably, USCIS would issue deferred action and a one-year work permit.
- **FEE:** The Form I-765 fee would be waivable.
  - While Section 203(c) of the TVPRA is silent on fees, 201(d)(3) of the TVPRA permits USCIS to waive any fees associated with an application for the underlying status or adjustment of status for VAWA, T and U nonimmigrants. While the A-3 or G-5 category is not listed, it is in USCIS's discretion to waive the fee. The working group recommends that USCIS waive the fee because the

<sup>2</sup> Continued Presence (CP) is a temporary immigration status authorized under TVPA section (107)(c)(7) for individuals identified by law enforcement as victims of human trafficking. CP allows victims to remain in the United States temporarily during the investigation into the human trafficking-related crimes committed against them.

<sup>3</sup> Parole under INA section 212(d)(5)(A) is a discretionary tool that may be exercised on a case-by-case basis. Parole is limited to aliens who are applying for admission to the United States and whose circumstances present urgent humanitarian reasons for the parole or if the parole would serve a significant public benefit. Granting parole to aliens in the United States who have not been admitted or paroled is commonly referred to as "Parole-in-Place."

Agency already does so for other victimized populations and because these individuals generally would not have the means to pay, as they are no longer working for their abusive employers. Finally, these individuals may likely file for T and U nonimmigrant status later on. Form I-765 is fee waivable, so it does not require a regulation update.

- **RENEWALS:** The applicant would submit sufficient evidence of the ongoing court proceeding (e.g., copy of docket update). Alternatively, USCIS can check PACER, although this would serve as a backend process, and the burden of proof should remain on the applicant.

**Pros:**

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**Cons:**

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**Anticipated feedback:**

**From supporters:**

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**From detractors:**

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**Proposed implementation process and schedule:**

On June 2, 2010, the working group outlined these next steps. For the immediate update, USCIS will post a public notice on [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) and distribute through regular OCOMM and OPE



channels. USCIS will also distribute the public notice to the Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, which has inquired about the DHS implementation of this TVPRA provision and meets with a stakeholder working group on protection for A-3 and G-5 visa holders. For the long term, USCIS should add this to a list of updates for the Form I-765 Instructions.

1. **POST PUBLIC NOTICE:** See draft, Attachment D.
2. **ISSUE FIELD GUIDANCE:** SCOPS would have to draft guidance for the VSC.
3. **CREATE TRACKING SYSTEM:** TVPRA 2008 includes a requirement that DHS report to the Department of State the number of A-3 or G-5 visa holders who have filed for this benefit annually. Current systems do not allow for this level of granularity (e.g., which EAD recipients originated from A-3 or G-5 visas). The VSC has asserted that it can maintain its own method for tracking this small population of filers.
4. **CHANGE FORM I-765 INSTRUCTIONS:** The Form I-765 Instructions needs various updates aside from adding instructions on how A-3 or G-5 visa holders can request an EAD. The working group has recommended that USCIS submit all updates concurrently to OMB, once all updates are ready:
  1. A-3 and G-5 visa holders who have filed civil suits
  2. VAWA Dependents of A, E, G, H's
  3. U Bona Fide Determinations
  4. T and U Extensions of Status

**Attachments:**

- A. Statutory mandate: H.R. 7311, TVPRA 2008 Sec 203(c)
- B. Recent memo on options for relief for military spouses
- C. Letter from Select Members of Congress to the President, Re: Deferred Action
- D. Draft of Public Notice

**Cooper, Tarrah**

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 10:27 AM  
**To:** Mayorkas, Alejandro N  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fw: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti  
**Attachments:** HaitiAdoptionOpEd.docx

Can't read for awhile. Do you want to be part of this?

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b) (6)  
**To:** Smith, Sean (b) (6); Humphrey, Buck H  
**Sent:** Wed Mar 03 10:24:53 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

Sean -

See attached for possible Mayorkas byline...

Thx,

Matt

**From:** Macray, Rosemary R (b) (6)  
**To:** Macray, Rosemary R (b) (6); Chandler, Matthew (b) (6); Humphrey, Buck H  
**Sent:** Wed Mar 03 10:20:37 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

One of those mornings. Here's the attachment.

**Rosemary Macray**

*Media Unit Chief*

*Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs (CA/P)*

*Bureau of Consular Affairs*

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**From:** Macray, Rosemary R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 9:58 AM  
**To:** 'Chandler, Matthew'; 'Humphrey, Buck H'  
**Subject:** RE: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

Hi Matt,

Just what time zone are you in???

Here's the latest copy. Please let us know by this afternoon if you all want to sign on, or if this should just go out under Michele Bond's byline. We want to move it forward ASAP.



Thanks,

**Rosemary Macray**

*Media Unit Chief*

*Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs (CA/P)*

*Bureau of Consular Affairs*

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**From:** Chandler, Matthew [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 02, 2010 7:56 PM  
**To:** Macray, Rosemary R  
**Subject:** Re: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

I think we'd be interested, but would like to see a final copy to float past our OPA A/S and USCIS Director for sign-on.

Thanks!

**From:** Macray, Rosemary R (b) (6)  
**To:** Duguid, Gordon K (PACE) <(b) (6)>; Benjamin\_Chang (b) (6)  
<Benjamin\_Chang@ (b) (6)>; Benton, Cheryl A (PACE) (b) (6)  
<(b) (6)>; Chandler, Matthew M  
**Cc:** CA-OCS-Special Assistant (b) (6); (b) (6)  
(b) (6); Tran, Michelle T (b) (6); Bond, Michele T (b) (6); Starr,  
Katherine L <(b) (6)>; Thomas\_F. (b) (6) <Thomas\_F.\_Vietor (b) (6)>; Crowley, Philip  
J (b) (6); Jacobs, Janice L <(b) (6)>; Lawrence, Suzanne I <(b) (6)>;  
Martin, Karen E (b) (6) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 18:20:58 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

Thanks Gordon for following up on this for us.  
Will DHS and HHS share a byline or do we go with just State?

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**From:** Duguid, Gordon K (PACE) (b) (6)  
**To:** Macray, Rosemary R; Chang, Benjamin <Benjamin\_Chang (b) (6)>; Rosero, Luis (HHS/ASPA)  
(b) (6); Chandler, Matthew (b) (6); Benton, Cheryl A (PACE)  
**Cc:** CA-OCS-Special Assistant; CA-P-Special Assistant; Tran, Michelle T; Bond, Michele T; Starr, Katherine L; Vietor,  
Tommy <Thomas\_F.\_Vietor (b) (6)>; Crowley, Philip J; Jacobs, Janice L; Lawrence, Suzanne I; Martin, Karen E  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 18:11:34 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

Rosemary,

I think PA RMO could find regional outlets for this op-ed. I am copying Cheryl Benton above. I think the story of orphans still resonates in many localities even though the majors have moved on.

Gordon Duguid

Bureau of Public Affairs

**From:** Macray, Rosemary R. (b) (6)

**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 12:03 PM

**To:** Chang, Benjamin; Rosero, Luis (HHS/ASPA); Chandler, Matthew

**Cc:** CA-OCS-Special Assistant; CA-P-Special Assistant; Tran, Michelle T; Bond, Michele T; Starr, Katherine L; Vietor, Tommy; Crowley, Philip J; Duguid, Gordon K (PACE); Jacobs, Janice L; Lawrence, Suzanne I; Martin, Karen E

**Subject:** RE: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

Hi Ben,

Yes, please do discuss this in tomorrow's interagency communicators meeting.

We believe that the OpEd is timely now and will continue to be, because it addresses the question of why every vulnerable child can't be immediately spirited out of Haiti for placement with an American family. "Why can't they all come?" is a question that won't be going away any time soon and it is one that we attempted to answer in Michele's OpEd (while also pointing out our government's fine work on existing adoption cases).

As for placement, we recommend the widest distribution possible. Folks seeing TV images of Haitian children and reading papers of every size throughout the country would be interested. We don't believe we have to just aim for the biggies. But of course, placement will hinge on whose bylines ultimately appear on the piece.

If it's not signed at the cabinet member level, Michele would be a good candidate because of her appointment as leader of the whole-government task force and because she's already had a lot of visibility on the topic. But we're much less concerned about bylines than we are about getting the message out.

Thanks,

**Rosemary Macray**

*Media Unit Chief*

*Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs (CA/P)*

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**From:** Chang, Benjamin (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:31 AM

**To:** Macray, Rosemary R; Rosero, Luis (HHS/ASPA); Chandler, Matthew

**Cc:** CA-OCS-Special Assistant; CA-P-Special Assistant; Tran, Michelle T; Bond, Michele T; Starr, Katherine L; Vietor, Tommy

**Subject:** RE: Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

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Thanks.

**From:** Macray, Rosemary R. (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:45 AM



**To:** (b) (6); Chandler, Matthew; Chang, Benjamin; Vietor, Tommy  
**Cc:** CA-OCS-Special Assistant; CA-P-Special Assistant; Tran, Michelle T; Bond, Michele T  
**Subject:** Draft OpEd on Getting the Kids out of Haiti

Good Morning Friends,

Attached you'll find a draft OpEd by Michele Bond.

We welcome DHS, HHS and NSC thoughts, edits and additions. Please let us know if you'd like it to be distributed under a three-way by-line. Another possibility is adding the names of Sharon Parrott and Lauren Kielsmeier in the footnote.

It would be great to get your response by COB today.

Thanks much,

**Rosemary Macray**  
*Media Unit Chief*  
*Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs (CA/P)*  
*Bureau of Consular Affairs*

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The Atlantic

<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/201001u/haiti-trafficking>

USA Today

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/Religion/post/2010/01/sex-haiti-earthquake-relief-mark-driscoll-1>

**From:** Bistransky, William J (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 10:48 AM  
**To:** Regan, Michael B; Vydmantas, Rima J; Macray, Rosemary R; Chitre, Nanda S; Chandler, Matthew M; Christina Tcher(b)(6); Benjamin(b)(6); Michael A. Hamme(b)(6); Thomas F. Vietor(b)(6); Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean; Nicholas S. Shapiro(b)(6); Budig, Nyda; Reitz, Whitney A  
**Cc:** Donahue, David T; Cabral, Kathryn A; Conway, Ellen M; Wicks, Jennifer M; Aguilera, Patricia; Hooke, Kathleen H; Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E; Curtis, Meghann A  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach/please clear press guidance by 11am

I also think the visa number is probably no longer correct.

VO can you insert the new accurate visa number of IR3 and IR4 visas.

Bill

William J. Bistransky  
Adoption Division  
Office of Children's Issues  
U.S. Department of State  
(b)(6)

**From:** Regan, Michael B  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 10:23 AM  
**To:** Vydmantas, Rima J; Macray, Rosemary R; Chitre, Nanda S; (b)(6); 'Christina Tcher(b)(6)'; 'Benjamin Chang(b)(6)'; 'Jenny.Backus@hhs.gov'; 'Michael A. Hamme(b)(6)'; 'Thomas F. Vietor(b)(6)'; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; (b)(6); 'Nicholas S. Shapiro(b)(6)'; Bistransky, William J; Budig, Nyda (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Donahue, David T; Cabral, Kathryn A; Conway, Ellen M; Wicks, Jennifer M; Aguilera, Patricia; Hooke, Kathleen H; Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E; Curtis, Meghann A  
**Subject:** Re: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach/please clear press guidance by 11am

Two things.

We could use updated parole and admission numbers for orphans. Maybe Whitney can help with this.

I don't think the announcement on the parole categories was joint, but rather was just DHS.

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**From:** Vydmantas, Rima J

**To:** Macray, Rosemary R; Chitre, Nanda S; 'Chandler, Matthew' (b) (6); 'Tchen, Tina' <Christina\_Tchen(b)(6)>; 'Chang, Benjamin' <Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)>;

(b) (6) (b) (6); 'Hammer, Michael A.' <Michael\_A.\_Hammer(b)(6)>; 'Vietor, Tommy' <Thomas\_F.\_Vieta(b)(6)>; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; 'Kudwa, Amy'

(b) (6); 'Smith, Sean' (b) (6); 'Shapiro, Nicholas S.' <Nicholas\_S.\_Shapiro(b)(6)>; Bistransky, William J; Regan, Michael B; Budig, Nyda

**Cc:** Donahue, David T; Cabral, Kathryn A; Budig, Nyda; Conway, Ellen M; Regan, Michael B; Wicks, Jennifer M; Aguilera, Patricia; Hooke, Kathleen H; Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E; Curtis, Meghann A

**Sent:** Thu Jan 21 10:06:20 2010

**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach/please clear press guidance by 11am

Please clear/add points. We need this fully-cleared by 11:30am

Thanks

Rima

Rima J. Vydmantas

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**From:** Macray, Rosemary R

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:57 AM

**To:** Chitre, Nanda S; 'Chandler, Matthew'; 'Tchen, Tina'; 'Chang, Benjamin'; (b) (6); 'Hammer, Michael A.'; 'Vietor, Tommy'; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; 'Kudwa, Amy'; 'Smith, Sean'; 'Shapiro, Nicholas S.'; Vydmantas, Rima J; Bistransky, William J; Regan, Michael B; Budig, Nyda

**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

As Consular Policy and Public Affairs (CA/P) is being looped into this group for the first time today, we're a little behind the curve. Yesterday, we drafted points that Dan used to artfully craft the Secretary's remarks. They weren't fully cleared before she spoke because of time constraints. We also have a solid set of talking points drafted by our Children's Issue folks whom I am also looping in on this e-mail. Agree that we need a whole-government set of fully cleared points. If State (Consular Affairs?) has the lead on pulling this all together, we'd appreciate receiving all existing points (with their respective clearances) to incorporate. I see that we referred to various sets of points within this chain.

Thanks,

**Rosemary Macray**

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**From:** Chitre, Nanda S

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:46 AM

**To:** 'Chandler, Matthew'; Tchen, Tina; Chang, Benjamin; (b) (6); Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean; Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Vydmantas, Rima J; Macray, Rosemary R

**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach



Again, adding in Consular Affairs.

**From:** Chandler, Matthew [mailto: (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:36 AM  
**To:** Tchen, Tina; Chang, Benjamin; Chitre, Nanda S; (b) (6) Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

To this first point, this has been a concern to us, and we've made it clear that there is a process, in both Haiti and the US, that needs to happen in order to not unduly separate families and to protect potential trafficking victims. See some points below:

- Our humanitarian efforts in Haiti and on behalf of Haitians in the United States reflect the compassion of the American people. Our efforts also reflect our adherence to a system of laws that protects earthquake survivors during such a difficult time.
- We remain focused on family reunification and must be vigilant not to separate children from relatives in Haiti who are still alive but displaced, or to unknowingly assist criminals who traffic in children in such desperate times.
- USCIS and the Department of State are assisting individuals who present themselves at the American Embassy in Port-au-Prince to determine eligibility for evacuation and entry to the United States.
- We appreciate the urgency of the situation and need to process evacuees quickly. However, in order to ensure children are not separated from relatives in Haiti and to protect potential victims of trafficking, we strongly discourage the use of private aircraft to evacuate orphans.
- All flights must be appropriately coordinated with the US and Haitian governments to ensure proper clearances are granted before arrival to the United States.

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:13 AM  
**To:** Chang, Benjamin; Chitre, Nanda S; Chandler, Matthew; (b) (6) Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

as you develop new guidance, here is some of the comments we are getting from the calls we have coming in: (i) is there some messaging we can do on the risks of taking in children who are not already in the midst of a us adoption, such as knowing they have no relatives, knowing where they will go; (ii) can we add info on the unicef hotline and the areas they are developing for children so people know there is a place for orphans to be cared for in Haiti; (iii) can we make clear where us adoptive parents can go to get info; (iv) can we also make clear where someone who is concerned about conditions at an orphanage in Haiti can go so that relief efforts in Haiti can be directed there.

**From:** Chang, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:08 AM  
**To:** 'Chitre, Nanda S'; Tchen, Tina; Chandler, Matthew; (b) (6); Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean; Shapiro, Nicholas S.  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach



Thanks, Nanda. Adding Nick S.

**From:** Chitre, Nanda S (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 7:48 AM  
**To:** Tchen, Tina; Chandler, Matthew; Chang, Benjamin; (b)(6); Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

This is yesterday's final guidance. Just ran into Michele Bond. New guidance is being developed.

**From:** Tchen, Tina [mailto:Christina\_Tchen(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 12:32 AM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew; Chitre, Nanda S; Chang, Benjamin (b)(6); Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Schwerin, Daniel B; Starr, Katherine L; Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

Thanks all for getting us info on this. FYI to keep everyone in various loops, I understand David Adams and Michele Bond at State have been assisting WH leg and political in responding to congressional inquiries earlier this evening. We are all waiting though for approved tps from this group, but do need soon, thanks

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 10:16 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); Chang, Benjamin; (b)(6); Chandler, Matthew M; Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Tchen, Tina; (b)(6); Kudwa, Amy; Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** Re: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

Looping Amy Kudwa and Sean.

**From:** Chitre, Nanda S (b)(6)  
**To:** Chang, Benjamin <Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)>; Backus, Jenny (HHS/ASPA) (b)(6); Chandler, Matthew (b)(6); Hammer, Michael A. <Michael\_A.\_Hammer(b)(6)>; Vietor, Tommy <Thomas\_F.\_Vietor(b)(6)>; Tchen, Tina <Christina\_Tchen(b)(6)>; Schwerin, Daniel B (b)(6); Starr, Katherine L (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 20 22:08:52 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

Adding in Dan and Katherine who are on the Haiti Task Force.

**From:** Chang, Benjamin [mailto:Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 8:44 PM  
**To:** Chitre, Nanda S; Backus, Jenny (HHS/ASPA); Chandler, Matthew; Hammer, Michael A.; Vietor, Tommy; Tchen, Tina  
**Subject:** Haiti - adoptions/orphans: interagency approach

Following up to our phone call, we wanted to gather here the folks working most on the issue (or many issues) of adoptions and orphans.

Secretary Clinton spoke today and announced formation of a joint task force and an interagency working group (we sent transcript around earlier of her remarks from State – let me know if you did not see). Excerpt:

- The State Department is heading up a joint task force with the Departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services to streamline this process and ensure that these families are united

as quickly as possible while still ensuring that proper safeguards are in place to protect children in our care.

- An interagency working group has been established to focus on the humanitarian needs of highly vulnerable children. And the Administration is also working closely with the many Members of Congress who are understandably very concerned about this process.

State: Nanda – thank you for sending draft guidance around earlier. Once that is final today, please send around again so that we can deploy tomorrow first thing as inquiries will surely continue.

HHS and DHS: Jenny and Matt – you raised important questions on the call and your agencies have important roles to play w/ State.

We should circulate amongst ourselves here to start: State's talking points and a description from each agency as to your role in the process. We can begin to build a single document that contains the full scope of USG efforts – as we look to supporting our fellow OPE/IGA/Leg shops, we should keep a living guidance document w/ all the hard and nitty-gritty Q&A as well. I have to stay focused on compiling interagency actions across the range of activities, so may I nominate State to take the pen with robust input from HHS and DHS?

Sound like a plan? Very open to suggestions – I hope I capture the gist of what y'all suggested on the call.

Thanks.



**Cooper, Tarrah**

**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2010 10:24 AM  
**To:** 'Thomas\_F.\_Vietor@'(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Medevac flights

No no, I was wanting one line I could give if she's asked today (b)(5)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Mon Feb 01 10:17:01 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Medevac flights

I guess I'm confused. Is there something unclear about the statement or a specific follow up?

One additional point – there is a flight scheduled to go out this afternoon

**From:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2010 10:11 AM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy  
**Subject:** Re: Medevac flights

Always making me work....

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Mon Feb 01 10:01:33 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Medevac flights

Can you just draw from the paragraph below?

**From:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2010 9:59 AM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy  
**Subject:** Re: Medevac flights

Can you give me one line to use on this? We're in Miami today on some security messaging but Crist will be here for part of it and surely we'll get asked.

Thanks brother.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy <Thomas\_F.\_Vietor(b)(6)>; Backus, Jenny (HHS/ASPA) (b)(6);  
(b)(6) McDonough, Denis R. <(b)(6)>; Chandler,  
Matthew M <(b)(6)>; Chang, Benjamin <Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)>; (b)(6);  
(b)(6); Shapiro, Nicholas S. <Nicholas\_S.\_Shapiro(b)(6)>; Rosero, Luis  
(HHS/ASPA) (b)(6); Smith, Sean (b)(6); Kudwa, Amy (b)(6);  
Stevens, Clark; Colburn, Brent; (b)(6); Gavin, Thomas E.

<Tom\_Gavin (b)(6) ; Baer, Kenneth S. <Kenneth\_S.\_Baer (b)(6) ; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) ; Hammer, Michael A.  
<Michael\_A. (b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Mon Feb 01 08:10:32 2010

**Subject:** Medevac flights

**This is what I sent to press yesterday about medevac flights . Sorry if you're getting this multiple times**

"Since the earthquake, U.S. personnel have seen nearly 23,000 patients in Haiti. Additionally, we have worked to increase and strengthen domestic medical capacity by supporting a network of NGOs and local hospitals across the country. In limited instances where patients had medical needs that could not be met in Haiti, we have worked to transport them to hospitals in the United States for care. Given concerns about the strain on domestic health capacity, we worked to increase cooperation with our international partners, NGOs and states to expand access to additional facilities to care for Haitians who were gravely injured in the earthquake. Having received assurances that additional capacity exists both here and among our international partners, we determined that we can resume these critical flights. The flights are on track to resume in the next 12 hours. Patients are being identified for transfer, doctors are making sure that it is safe for them to fly, and we are preparing specific in-flight pediatric care aboard the aircraft where needed. Florida is identifying specific receiving facilities. The Government of Haiti has estimated that there are more than 200,000 injuries from the earthquake. We are working with the Haitian government and the international community to meet this urgent need and save lives."

*More background on the international element:* We have reached out to countries the Caribbean basin and a number of them are in the process of finalizing their ability to accept patients with urgent needs and/or to expand their care facilities in Haiti to accommodate such patients.

**Cooper, Tarrah**

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 10:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Haiti: message of the day, next conf call

I was obviously joking on the last part...although she might have been thinking it.

**From:** Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)  
**To:** Smith, Sean (b)(6); Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6); <Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)>;  
Nicholas\_S.\_Shapiro(b)(6); <Nicholas\_S.\_Shapiro(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 21 10:45:45 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Haiti: message of the day, next conf call

Sounds pretty spot on.

**From:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 10:40 AM  
**To:** Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6); Chandler, Matthew M; Nicholas\_S.\_Shapiro(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Haiti: message of the day, next conf call

We're over in Spain, Secy got asked about Haiti in a press conference. If clips start coming in from a bunch of Euro outlets, that's why.

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**From:** (b)(6); Benjamin\_Chang(b)(6)  
**To:** Shapiro, Nicholas S. (b)(6); Chandler, Matthew (b)(6)

(b)(6)



**Cc:** Wozniak, Natalie S. <Natalie\_S.\_Wozniak(b)(6)>; Rhodes, Benjamin J. <Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes(b)(6)>; Hammer, Michael A. <Michael\_A.\_Hamme(b)(6)>; Hensman, Chris D. <Chris\_D.\_Hensman(b)(6)>; McDonough, Denis R. <Denis\_R.\_McDonough(b)(6)>; Vietor, Tommy <Thomas\_F.\_Vieto(b)(6)>; Szuplat, Terence P. <Terence\_P.\_Szuplat@b(6)>; Govashiri, Ferial <Ferial\_Govashiri(b)(6)>; O'Connor, Kyle P. <koconnor(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 21 10:16:16 2010  
**Subject:** Haiti: message of the day, next conf call

*As discussed on this morning's call, this is the key message all of us should be driving today. Thanks again for the inputs – look forward to actions lists by 2 p.m. Our next call is at 7:30 p.m. (b)(6)*

The United States continues to expand and secure our distribution network in Haiti to deliver more aid more quickly to the Haitian people.

**C-17 air delivery of food and water** will resume today -- 15,000 water bottles and 14,500 MREs/Humanitarian Rations are slated for delivery.

- o U.S. military aircraft, helicopters, and vessels are giving the highest priority to the shipment of **water**. Over the past several days, JTF-Haiti has distributed more than 400,000 meals/humanitarian rations and more than 600,000 bottles of water. The USS Carl Vinson is producing 100,000 gallons of potable water daily. Water tanks are being installed in each zone of the city and potable water is now available at 45 distribution points. The U.S. Coast Guard has distributed a total of 38.5 tons of water (62,880 bottles). And USAID/OFDA has delivered 9 water treatment units to provide 900,000 liters of safe drinking water for 90,000 people per day.

Yesterday, **the hospital ship USNS Comfort** started receiving injured patients from the local hospitals and international medical facilities. The Comfort has a crew of 850 ready to provide a host of medical services, and will eventually provide nearly 1,000 hospital beds, and 11 operating rooms.

The **airport in Port au Prince** is open around the clock. The U.S. Air Force continues to manage air operations with approval of the Haitian Government. And the State Department continues to coordinate closely with our international partners and NGOs to facilitate the smooth arrival of aid and personnel. *This is a consultative process with the government of Haiti, involving dozens of international assistance flights, not solely U.S. military flights.* Airport arrival slots continue to increase steadily, with 153 flights arriving yesterday, 1/20 (38 of those were official U.S. flights).

- For example, of the 330 arrivals between 1/16 and 18:
  - o 155 were civilian aircraft,
  - o 91 from U.S. military and government aircraft,
  - o 84 from international governments and militaries.
  - o On 1/18, flights landed from: Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United States, Ukraine, and from the United Nations and numerous international aid organizations such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the World Food Program.

The United States is a part of a continuing international **search and rescue** effort: six U.S. Urban Search & Rescue teams with more than 500 personnel are a part of an international effort involving 43 USAR teams from around the world with 1,700 rescue workers that are continuing to search for survivors – to date they have rescued 122 survivors.

Yesterday, Secretary Clinton announced that the State Department is heading up a joint task force with the Departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services to focus on **orphans** and unaccompanied minors, to streamline the process of **adoptions**, and to ensure that these families are united as quickly as possible while still ensuring that proper safeguards are in place to protect children in our care. An interagency working group has been established to focus on the humanitarian needs of highly vulnerable children. And the Administration is also working closely with the many Members of Congress who are understandably very concerned about this process.

On Monday, Secretary Napolitano announced humanitarian parole for certain Haitian orphans. We remain focused on family reunification and must be vigilant not to separate children from relatives in Haiti who are still alive but displaced, or to unknowingly assist criminals who traffic in children in such desperate times. To do so, we strongly discourage the use of private aircraft to evacuate orphans. All flights must be appropriately coordinated with the U.S. and Haitian governments to ensure proper clearances are granted before arrival in the United States.



**Cooper, Tarrah**

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 7:34 AM  
**To:** Chandler, Matthew; Ortman, Chris  
**Cc:** Kudwa, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: ATD Nationwide Program--press plan?  
**Attachments:** ATD Nationwide Program 1-24 draft.doc

See below. Ortman, need you to whip these up this morning. Matt/Chris, let's talk about a press plan.

(b)(6)

**On Behalf Of** Reynolds, Christina

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 10:35 PM  
**To:** Smith, Sean  
**Cc:** Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Higginbottom, Heather A.  
**Subject:** ATD Nationwide Program--press plan?

Sean—

Just wanted to touch base with you on this. Do you have TPs and a Q&A on this? (I confess that I've only skimmed the report, but the executive summary is a bit wonky.) Is there a press plan for release on this? Could we get on the phone tomorrow to talk about how we can help?

Thanks!  
Christina

**Cooper, Tarrah**

**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 7:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fw: Alternatives to Detention Report  
**Attachments:** ATD Nationwide Program 1-24 draft.doc

What are we saying here? Nothing newsworthy or should we make a run at Nina?

**From:** (b)(6) =Heather A. Higginbottom (b)(6)  
(b)(6) =Heather A. Higginbottom (b)(6)  
**To:** Smith, Sean (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Mon Jan 25 19:25:56 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Alternatives to Detention Report

Hey – Christina may have reached out to you already, and if so, apologies for double dipping. Are you guys thinking of using this opportunity to tell some of the “good news” story on detention that we discussed last week?

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 10:08 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Miranda, Luis A.; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Alternatives to Detention Report

All- Attached is an updated version of the Alternatives to Detention Report. This has been cleared by OMB. Please send additional edits or suggestions by tomorrow at 7:00 pm.  
Thanks!

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2010 11:10 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Miranda, Luis A.; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: DHS Weekly report

Attached is the latest Alternatives to Detention Report, which I believe is also being run through OMB.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 18, 2010 8:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:**

[REDACTED] b6, b7c @HHS.GOV;  
[REDACTED] b6, @nns.gov; [REDACTED] b6, @act.nns.gov  
BRESMA Update

At this time, only 26 were paroled and the orphanage director has left the embassy and says she is not going to the airport because the rest of the children were not given documents. Will let you know as soon as we know whether any kids are getting on the plane today and how many.

b6, b7c

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 18, 2010 8:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] b6, @nns.gov; [REDACTED] b6, @act.hhs.gov

**Subject:** Tomorrow's call 10am EST - January 19, 2010  
**Importance:** High

Good evening,

We will hold another large conference call tomorrow (Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00. The call-in information is as follows:

877-521- [REDACTED] (toll free)  
203-692- [REDACTED] (toll)  
Passcode: [REDACTED]

### Tomorrow's Agenda

- Update from PAP colleagues of situation on the ground (Embassy)
- Update on concurrence from the GOH on the adoption plan (Embassy)
- Report on number of visas / travel letters issued (Embassy)
- Report on arrival of the 2 planes - Pittsburgh, PA and Ft. Pierce, FL (CBP/ICE)
- Update on communication strategy (USCIS and DOS)

- Basic modalities – quick fixes needed? (All)
- Update on custody of unaccompanied minors (USCIS/ICE/HHS)
- Discussion of relative categories (All)

Thank you,

~ [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [b6, b7c] [b6]@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2010 12:13 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Beth N; Vincent, Peter S  
**Cc:** [b6, b7c]  
**Subject:** [b6, b7c]  
**Attachments:** letter to ICE re removal of ankle monitor.tif

Beth/Peter: See attached letter from counsel requesting removal of his client's ankle bracelet. Neither the ICE office in Atlanta nor the Office of Chief Counsel seems inclined to cooperate. Given that the alien has been granted deferred action, this seems odd. Please advise. Thx, [b6, b7c]

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**From:** [REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 12:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] b6, b7c Shlossman, Amy; Barr, Suzanne E; Gibson, Beth N; Hale, Brian P; [REDACTED] b6, b7c  
**Subject:** Boston Globe - Fug Ops

Maria Sacchetti from the Boston Globe is requesting comment in regards to the Fugitive Ops enforcement action last week of workers at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA.  
([http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking\\_news/2010/01/immigrants\\_in\\_f.html](http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2010/01/immigrants_in_f.html)) She spoke earlier today with Vice Minister Miguel Angel Ibarra from Guatemala, where some of those arrested are from, who spoke very harshly about the Administration's enforcement priorities and his perception that nothing has changed. He said (paraphrased):

- It seems to me to persecution of immigrants is similar to Hitler's persecution of the Jews during WWII. They can't get a license, authorities pull them out of their homes, and there was the humiliation under Sherriff Joe Arpaio – who even though has no federal authority – is similar to other ICE and law enforcement tactics throughout the country. We're not seeing any change under the Obama Administration, they are acting the same as the Bush Administration. I had thought the deportations would stop, but they have stayed the same or increased.

She wants comment from DHS on this matter as those arrested were evidently not criminals and the action seems contrary to what the Secretary has said on the topic. [REDACTED] b6, b7c can we get some background on this and can your team draft a proposed statement?

Thanks!

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

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**From:** [REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2010 5:55 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Beth N  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] b6, b7c  
**Subject:** Border Tunnel CIR Language  
**Attachments:** SAVE ACT 2011LC (2).doc

Beth,

As to a question you asked regarding the Save Act. The bill has not been enacted. Versions have been introduced in both houses of Congress. The language being asked about is in the bill. Lester and I shortened the language while leaving a sentence about the aim of the task force being to pin point tunnels and use investigative expertise to dismantle. THE language is attached.

The only issue is that CBP wants to call this a program instead of a task force. They feel it is more representative and highlights the different elements of the team. I see this as an interagency task force, but I don't see any real downside to calling it a program.

I am in Dallas at the LDC next week. If you need anything contact [REDACTED] b6, b7c and she will be able to help. Have a good weekend.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2010 8:07 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Beth N  
**Subject:** BETH: Grassley letter on Deferred Action  
**Attachments:** 10-7560 Grassley 07.26.10.pdf

Beth –

Hoping I can ask a favor. Can you dislodge the ICE-prepared draft to the attached letter from Sen. Grassley and 11 other GOP senators. This is the letter where they request statistics on deferred removals and parole over the last 5 years. My folks have been pinging ICE ExecSec for the draft, which was due to us last Monday, 8/2. My understanding is that your Front Office returned it back to the field offices for more revisions. I'm anxious to get the draft and get it into DHS clearance. Any help you can give moving it along would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much,

-- [REDACTED]

b6, b7c

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2010 6:18 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Beth N  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Before you leave I have SAC statistics and information from OI which I will give to Lisa for you.  
So don't leave w/o it.

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**Subject:** background on what we are doing with detention

### Background

The ICE detention reform initiative rests on three pillars: 1) short-term improvements that will provide immediate responses to failures in the existing detention system; 2) long-term improvements and redesign of the detention system to pave the way toward twenty-first century immigration detention services; and 3) medical care reform founded on the belief that detainees deserve access to high-quality and timely care while in ICE's custody. These initiatives are described in more detail below.

### Pillar 1: Short-term Improvements

In an effort to move from a penal-oriented to a civil-oriented system, I established the Office of Detention Policy and Planning (ODPP), which oversees day-to-day detention reforms while designing a new detention system that aligns with our nation's values. Since the October release of Dr. Schriro's report, ODPP has made steady progress in implementing many of the recommendations in the report, and securing both internal and external support from the NGO community. Accomplishments and ongoing initiatives include:

- Implemented a new policy to release arriving asylum seekers from detention who have a credible fear of persecution or torture if they establish their identities, pose neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community, and have no additional factors that weigh against their release. The new guidelines also mandate that all such arriving aliens should automatically be considered for parole—a significant change from prior guidance;
- Reduced the number of facilities used from 341 to 270 and canceling contracts at 10 facilities because they received at least 2 deficient ratings;
- Finalizing the Performance Based National Detention Standards 2010, allowing ICE to significantly improve conditions of confinement for 55% of its population (housed in its largest 22 facilities) within the next 12 months;
- Met with vendors and staff at ICE's largest facilities to determine immediate no-cost improvements to conditions at facilities. More than 20 facilities have already expanded visitation, recreation, and legal access for detainees;
- Initiated pilot projects in Baltimore and Miami with EOIR to create an expedited non-detained docket to accelerate the processing of cases of aliens supervised through the alternative to detention (ATD) program;
- Transitioned the ATD program to a single provider, allowing for better performance and evaluation;
- Discontinued family detention at the T. Don Hutto Family Residential Facility in Texas, converted the facility to a female detention center, and saved millions in the process; and
- Secured dramatic cost savings and improved conditions for detainees by closing the Varick Street facility in New York and the Aquadilla facility in Puerto Rico.

### Pillar 2: Long-term Redesign

To design a new civil detention system, ICE is considering what civil detention centers will look like to accommodate our unique population and reflect that removal is the sole purpose of immigration detention. Our goals include avoiding costly transfers and placing facilities near the site of apprehensions, legal service

providers, hospitals and medical providers, immigration courts, and transportation hubs. In the coming weeks, we will complete the significant first step—forecasting our apprehensions and identifying where facilities are best positioned. Other accomplishments and ongoing initiatives include:

- Instituting a new policy on detainee transfers, which will require ICE officers, prior to transferring a detainee from a facility, to examine considerations related to counsel, the status of proceedings, hardships posed by separations from family, and other relevant factors to ensure fair and humane immigration and removal proceedings;
- Issuing two new RFPs for civil detention facilities in the Northeast and Southwest;
- Drafting a new set of civil detention standards to govern civil detention facilities;
- Developing a risk assessment and classification tool to identify aliens suitable for ATD and to inform housing placements based on risk;
- Launching a detainee on-line locator system for attorneys, family members, and others;
- Strengthening procedures for annual inspections and detainee grievance procedures;
- Developing a long-term acquisitions plan based on supply and demand of detention beds and optimize the location of facilities to decrease transfers away from relatives and counsel; and
- Establishing an on-site monitoring program so federal employees are present to monitor conditions where ICE houses the majority of detainees.

### Pillar 3: Medical Care Reform

To support our commitment to the health and safety of detainees, I established an independent Office of Detention Oversight to monitor detention facilities and promote uniform conditions to meet our detention standards. In addition, I am working closely with the Office of Health Affairs to identify systemic ways to reform and improve medical and mental health care at the wide range of facilities ICE uses. Accomplishments and ongoing initiatives include:

- Issued new protocols about reporting detainee deaths and notifying the press, Congress, and our stakeholders to increase transparency and accountability;
- Assigning clinical directors to provide ongoing case management of complex medical cases and expeditiously review denials of requests for medical services;
- Revamping the Treatment Authorization Request process to avoid delay in medical care;
- Developing a medical classification system to support immigration detainees with unique medical or mental health needs;
- Rolling-out a new medical services plan that will identify covered treatments, replacing the current plan that lists excluded procedures and considers the length of time before a detainees removal; and
- Working with medical doctors detailed from the Bureau of Prisons and OHA to conduct a systematic assessment of the delivery of medical services.

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OAS:

Please see the attached Assistant Secretary Worksite Read Ahead (July 9, 2010).

Thank you,

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Sorry, attached is the updated version. (I deleted "draft" from the title).

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**Subject:** AS Weekly Statistic Report for June 7, 2010  
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Good afternoon!

Attached is the AS Weekly Statistic Report for period ending June 7, 2010.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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**Subject:** AZ Stats and Activity

Update on Phoenix Cross Check planning:

### **OPERATION CROSS CHECK ARIZONA:**

- Operation Cross Check Arizona planning is making progress. FOD Phoenix is preparing to send in the first batch of 20 targets to be vetted by HQ/NFOP and FOSC by COB today (July 19, 2010). A total of 100 targets or more are expected for this operation. FOD Phoenix is currently working with Maricopa County, Probation and Parole Office and is currently vetting approximately 50 additional possible targets to be included for the purpose of this operation. The FOSC is also continuing to assist with the additional generation of leads to add to information already sent to FOD Phoenix. All potential targets will be vetted by both the NFOP and FOSC and will adhere to standard National Operation Cross Check parameters that have been employed for the other regional CC Ops in FY10.
- Other component/agency participation for this operation includes HSI-Special Agents and unspecified number of United States Marshal Service's personnel.
- FOTs from El Paso, San Bernardino (LOS), and San Diego are expected to come in week of July 26 for Operation Cross Check Arizona preparation and will stay through the execution of the enforcement activity. HQ Funding Strings for Fed Traveler have been issued to these respective offices and funding has been set aside in the NFOP budget to fund this and any other expense related to Operation Cross Check Arizona.

### **FOD PHOENIX FOT:**

The below chart shows all Fugitive Operations Arrests within the Phoenix FOD since the beginning of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2003:

|         | Fugitives |              |       | Non-Fugitives |              |       | Total Arrests |
|---------|-----------|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------------|
|         | Criminal  | Non-Criminal | Total | Criminal      | Non-Criminal | Total |               |
| FY2003  | 49        | 36           | 85    | 4             | 3            | 7     | 92            |
| FY2004  | 43        | 115          | 158   | 5             | 4            | 9     | 167           |
| FY2005  | 43        | 133          | 176   | 2             | 11           | 13    | 189           |
| FY2006  | 16        | 44           | 60    | 14            | 12           | 26    | 86            |
| FY2007  | 42        | 270          | 312   | 10            | 153          | 163   | 475           |
| FY2008  | 44        | 317          | 361   | 11            | 251          | 262   | 623           |
| FY2009  | 136       | 398          | 534   | 118           | 170          | 288   | 822           |
| FY2010* | 147       | 204          | 351   | 73            | 55           | 128   | 479           |
| Total   | 520       | 1,517        | 2,037 | 237           | 659          | 896   | 2,933         |

\*FY10 Arrests are through July 16, 2010

- The Phoenix Fugitive Operations Team was funded in **FY2005**, and the team became fully operational in **late July 2006**. Since becoming fully operational, arrest numbers as indicated above have been increasing each FY.
- In FY2010 so far there have been 2 local FOD approved operations conducted by the Phoenix Fugitive Operations Team. A Media Ride Along (May 26-27, 2010), and a Return to Sender Operation (July 14, 2010).

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**To:** Gibson, Beth N  
**Subject:** ATD Work Group - attended mtg today

Beth,

I attended the ATD work group meeting this afternoon. And while I am jumping into this without too much background, thought you might be interested in the following discourse regarding a possible pilot with a subset of Credible Fear seekers as the test cases in a Community Based Organization release/support approach. We might call this a "Residential Case Management Center" concept. This all seems to fit nicely into the Civil Detention Reform efforts. There was a buzz in the room over this discussion.

Also, it seems the NGO community will need to be briefed on the ISAP II (at the NGO meeting on April 9) as there seems to be a misunderstanding about how extensive the ICE ATD program is. This should also be part of the content relayed via the ice.gov website. Will work on that.

I am seeing how very complicated and collaborative this Civil Detention model can and will be – connecting the dots and becoming entrenched.

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These are very helpful. Given the low numbers, the idea of combining this somehow with our Adult Residential/Civil Detention ideas may have real merit. If we went to the NGO community for this type of residential environment we could have many small facilities around the country that would address our commitment to keep folks close to home. Just a thought.

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Thanks for the quick turnaround.

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**Subject:** CF Parole Numbers

All:

Spoke with [REDACTED] b6, b7c in DRO/CMU, for FY2009 USCIS adjudicated about 968 CF interviews. In FY 2010 we put out the new Parole Policy which sends all CF aliens for a parole determination, assuming our parole numbers for FY 09 hold true for FY 10, we were averaging a parole grant rate of 55%. Thus of the roughly 1000 seeking CF with USCIS, about 550 would be granted parole. For our demographic we would focus on the remaining 450 who didn't get parole, but may otherwise be released from detention if a Community-Based ATD program/pilot existed.

Ergo, I still think 100 is a good number, b/c some we wouldn't release due to danger to community issues, etc.

Thoughts?

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Some VERY useful background - a UNHCR study on Refugees and ATD.

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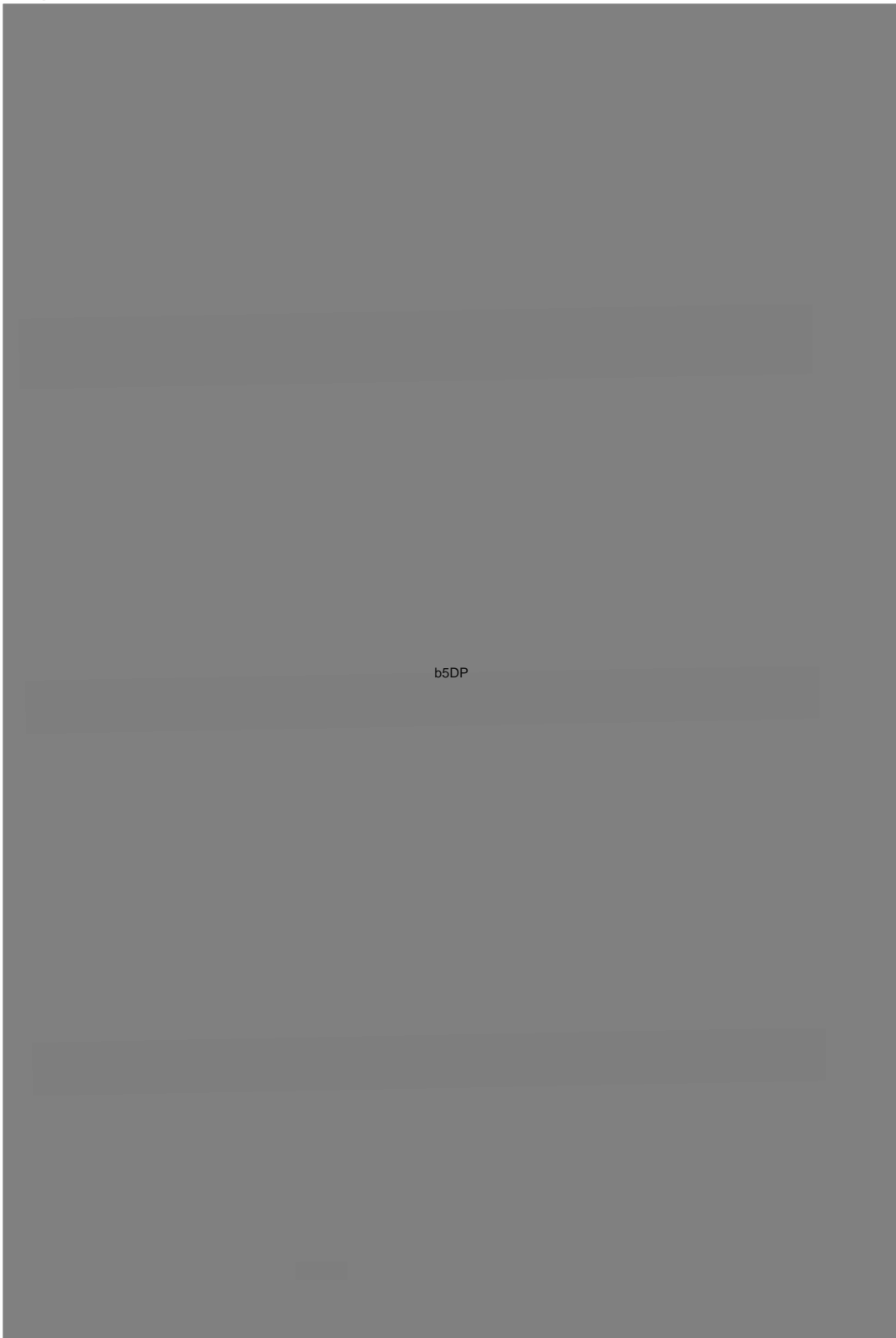


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Please put the advisory groups on the AS calendar. Tae can give the dates. If nothing else, we can do ten minute drop-ins.