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He would get an e-mail from the Area Manager and send it to [REDACTED] or whoever the coordinator was. That person would make the change, and then send out the list. As agents saw cases that they thought should be on the list, they would elevate the issue up the management chain, and then it would be pushed back down his management chain to make the change. The wording on the BOLO was vetted from Washington and pushed down. The BOLO went out to all of EO and to the IRS office in Washington, D.C.

The BOLO was used as a tool for the screeners/classifiers and all revenue agents were expected to know what was on the list. If an item was on the BOLO list, then that case could not be merit closed by the screeners/classifiers. [REDACTED] does not remember having conversations with the screening group about the BOLO. IRM section 7.20 requires the checking of the BOLO list. The BOLO list needed to be checked much like the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) list. [REDACTED] eventually transferred to Quality Assurance (QA) and [REDACTED] took over as coordinator. [REDACTED] was the coordinator up until two weeks ago when the BOLO list was suspended by the new executive acting for LOIS LERNER. This man is actually located in Cincinnati, whereas LERNER was located in Washington. [REDACTED] did not recall his name.

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[REDACTED] was shown an e-mail blast of the BOLO list (bates 77 to 80). The e-mail went out to 12 groups, managers, everyone in Rulings and Agreements (RA), Determinations, EO Technical and EO Guidance. It might go to Processing as well. This would include a copy of the BOLO and [REDACTED] considers this to be 6103 protected taxpayer material. The list has the issue name, the description of the issue and an issue number. The issue number is used to separate the issues in the spreadsheet. It would also have the year it was put on the spreadsheet and then what to do with the issue (disposition) [REDACTED] is not sure what "Current Status" means, but it would not matter to a screener/classifier. The BOLO is a tool to get cases to groups for consistency and specialty treatment.

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[REDACTED] was shown a description of advocacy groups from a BOLO (bates 72 to 73). There were different descriptions for advocacy. These descriptions changed as more cases were worked and they could refine the information on the spreadsheet. Originally the BOLO listed advocacy as Tea Party. When these cases first came in they did not have precedence on political advocacy and since many of the cases had Tea Party in the name they used that as the description. [REDACTED] remembers Tea Party being added to the BOLO, and it was done by way of the typical process for adding information to the list. There were lots of cases coming into inventory; however there was not much guidance on how to work them [REDACTED] does not remember who told him to add Tea Party to the BOLO list, but it probably would have been by e-mail and the e-mail would have had the language to use

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