Myth vs. Fact: DHS Zero-Tolerance Policy

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In recent days, we have seen reporters, Members of Congress, and other groups mislead the public on the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) zero-tolerance policy.

Federal law enforcement officers have sworn duties to enforce the laws that Congress passes. Repeating intentionally untrue and unsubstantiated statements about DHS agents, officers, and procedures is irresponsible and deeply disrespectful to the men and women who risk their lives every day to secure our border and enforce our laws.

Myth

DHS has a policy to separate families at the border.

Fact

DHS does not have a blanket policy of separating families at the border. However, DHS does have a responsibility to protect all minors in our custody. This means DHS will separate adults and minors under certain circumstances. These circumstances include: 1) when DHS is unable to determine the familial relationship, 2) when DHS determines that a child may be at risk with the parent or legal guardian, or 3) when the parent or legal guardian is referred for criminal prosecution.

- Familial Relationship If there is reason to question the claimed familial relationship between an adult and child, it is not appropriate to detain adults and children together.
- Human Trafficking and Smuggling If there is reason to suspect the purported parent or legal guardian of human trafficking or smuggling, DHS detains the adult in an appropriate, secure detection facility, separate from the minor. DHS continues to see instances and intelligence reports indicating minors are trafficked by unrelated adults, posing as a "family" in an effort to avoid detention.
- Safety Risk If there is reason to suspect the purported parent or legal guardian poses a safety risk to the child (e.g. suspected child abuse), it is not appropriate to maintain the adult and child together.

 Criminal Prosecution – If an adult is referred for criminal prosecution, the adult will be transferred to U.S. Marshals Service custody and any children will be classified as an unaccompanied alien child and transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services custody.

In recent months, DHS has seen a staggering increase in the number of illegal aliens using children to pose as family units to gain entry into the United States. From October 2017 to February 2018, there was a 315 percent increase in the number of cases of adults with minors fraudulently posing as "family units" to gain entry.

Myth

Prior to April 2017, DHS never separated families arriving at the border.

Fact

DHS has separated families under the circumstances described above. Because of court decisions, DHS can generally no longer hold families in detention beyond 20 days.

Myth

DHS can indefinitely detain families who cross the border illegally.

Fact

DHS generally releases families within 20 days. This creates a "get out of jail free" card for illegal alien families and encourages groups of illegal aliens to pose as families hoping to take advantage of that loophole.

In 2014, DHS increased detention facilities for arriving alien families and held families pending the outcome of immigration proceedings. However, a federal judge ruled in 2015 that under the Flores Settlement Agreement, minors detained as part of a family unit cannot be detained in unlicensed facilities for longer than a presumptively reasonable period of 20 days, at which point, such minors must be released or transferred to a licensed facility. Because most jurisdictions do not offer licensure for family residential centers, DHS rarely holds family units for longer than 20 days. The judge's ruling made it much more difficult for the Federal government to use the detention authorities Congress gave it.

Myth

DHS is referring for prosecution all families coming to the border.

Fact

DHS only refers to the Department of Justice those adults who violate the law by crossing the border illegally (or who have violated some other criminal law) and are amenable for prosecution. When adults, with or without children, unlawfully enter this country, there must be a consequence for breaking our laws.

DHS is not referring for prosecutions families or individuals arriving at ports of entry or attempting to enter the country through legal means. These families and individuals have not broken the law and will be processed accordingly.

Myth

DHS is turning away asylum seekers at ports of entry.

Fact

DHS complies with Federal law with regard to processing individuals claiming asylum at ports of entry.

CBP processes all aliens arriving at all ports of entry without documents as expeditiously as possible without negatively affecting the agency's primary mission to protect the American public from dangerous people and materials while enhancing the nation's economic competitiveness through facilitating legitimate trade and travel.

As the number of arriving aliens determined to be inadmissible at ports of entry continues to rise, CBP must prioritize its limited resources to ensure its primary mission is being executed. Depending on port circumstances at the time of arrival, CBP officials will allocate the necessary resources to its primary mission and operate appropriate access controls and queue management procedures for those arriving aliens without proper travel documents.

Myth

DHS separates families who entered at the ports of entry and who are seeking asylum – even though they have not broken the law.

Fact

If an adult enters at a port of entry and claims asylum, they will not face prosecution for illegal entry. DHS does have a responsibility to protect minors we apprehend and will separate in three circumstances:1) when DHS is unable to determine the familial relationship, 2) when DHS determines that a child may be at risk with the parent or legal guardian, or 3) when the parent or legal guardian is referred for criminal prosecution.

Myth

Once separated, arriving alien adults cannot contact minors and are not told where the minors are being held by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Fact

DHS is committed to and has procedures in place to connect family members after separation so adults know the location of minors and have regular communication with them.

HHS and DHS work to facilitate communication between detained adults and minors (in HHS custody) in a number of ways to include telephone and/or video conferencing. Additionally, ICE has posted information in all over 72-hour facilities advising detained adults who are trying to locate, and/or communicate with a child in the custody of HHS to call the Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL) for assistance. This posted information includes:

- HHS Adult Hotline (24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in both English and Spanish):
 - o If calling from outside an ICE detention facility, call 1-800-203-7001.
 - If calling from an ICE detention facility, dial 699# on the free call platform.
 - Please note that you will need to provide the child's full name, date of birth, and country of origin. It is also helpful to provide the child's alien registration number, if you know it.
- HHS Email: information@ORRNCC.com

Individuals may also obtain information about a particular immigration case (including their child's), or information about reunifying with minors, through the following methods:

- ICE Call Center (Monday-Friday, 8 am-8 pm EST):
 - o If calling from outside an ICE detention facility, call 1-888-351-4024.
 - If calling from an ICE detention facility, dial 9116# on the free call platform.
- ICE Email: <u>Parental.Interests@ice.dhs.gov</u>

Additionally, CBP has developed and distributed bilingual documents outlining the separation and reunification process.

Myth

Language barriers prevent aliens apprehended at the border, and subject to prosecution, from receiving adequate information.

Fact

All US Border Patrol trainees are required to take Spanish language training while at the Border Patrol Academy, and achieve proficiency in Spanish. All Border Patrol personnel on the Southwest Border are bilingual.

CBP apprehends illegal aliens from numerous countries that speak many languages other than Spanish. Should an agent ever have a language or communication issue, they are required to find another Agent who speaks the language or to utilize contract interpreters.

All Border Patrol personnel at the border are directed to clearly explain the relevant process to apprehended individuals. CBP provides detainees with written documentation (in Spanish and English) that lays out the process – to include the appropriate phone numbers to contact.

Myth

CBP and ICE officers are not properly trained to separate minors from their custodians.

Fact

The safety of CBP employees, detainees, and the public is paramount during all aspects of CBP operations. CBP treats all individuals in its custody with dignity and respect, and complies will all laws and policy, including CBP's National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS). TEDS reinforces/reiterates the need to consider the best interest of children and mandates adherence to established protocols to protect at-risk populations, to include standards for the transport and treatment of minors in CBP custody.

All ICE facility staff who interact with adults receive trauma-informed care training. ICE is augmenting mental health care staffing, to include trained clinical staff, to provide mental health services to detained adults.

Myth

DHS detention facilities are in poor condition and do not provide clean drinking water.

Fact

DHS facilities are safe and sanitary, and adults and minors are provided access to food and drinking water, medical care as needed, and adequate temperature control and ventilation.

Myth

DHS and HHS houses migrants in "inhumane fenced cages" or in an "ice box."

Fact

DHS and HHS utilize short-term facilities in order to process and temporarily hold migrants that have been apprehended. These short-term facilities do not employ the use of 'cages' to house minors. Certain facilities make use of barriers in order to separate minors of different genders and age groups – for the safety of those who are being held. Additionally, CBP facilities have adequate temperature control and ventilation. ICE facilities are designed for longer-term detention of adults and, in some cases, families.

DHS takes seriously our responsibility for the safety and security of all migrants in the custody of the United States government.

Myth

DHS has never separated families for prosecutions before – this is a new policy in this Administration.

Fact

Illegal border crossers, including family units, were referred for prosecutions, as appropriates, under the previous Administration. The average referral rate for amenable adults from FY10 – FY16 was 21 percent.

Myth

By choice, DHS refuses to keep families together through the immigration adjudication and removal process.

Fact

Court decisions interpreting the Flores Settlement Agreement (FSA), which has been in existence for over 20 years but was significantly broadened in 2015, limits the government's ability to detain family units. Pursuant to these court

decisions, minors detained as part of a family unit cannot be detained in unlicensed facilities for longer than a presumptively reasonable period of 20 days, at which point, minors must be released or transferred to a licensed facility. Because most jurisdictions do not offer licensure for family residential centers, DHS can rarely detain a family for longer than 20 days.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA) requires unaccompanied alien children (other than those from contiguous countries – Mexico and Canada – who are eligible to withdraw their application for admission) be transferred from DHS to the Department of Health and Human Services within 72 hours, absent exceptional circumstances.

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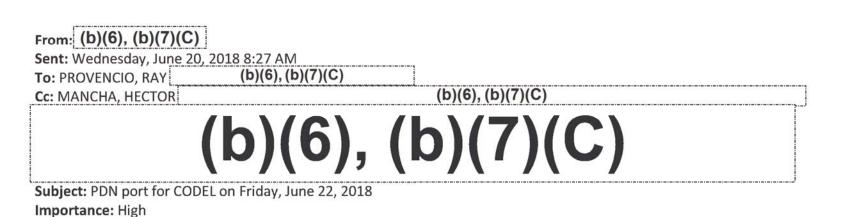
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Acting Port Director Provencio,

DFO Mancha has approved a PDN Port visit for New Mexico Senators Tom Udall (D-NM) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) accompanied by 7-8 staffers on Friday, June 22, 2018, from 1435 to 1535 hours. The request is to walk up the POE to view the middle of the port where asylum seekers may be waiting on the Mexican side. They are also wanting to view areas where both UAC and asylum cases are processed. Attached are bios for both Senators along with current committee assignments.

OCA has advised that if the POE is able to support a tour of the place where those who claim asylum and UAC are processed then OCA does not object.

OCA will be messaging the message below:

Phones/Pictures: Before proceeding to any facilities, it is recommended all personnel leave their cell phones and electronics in the transportation vehicle. Members and staff with electronic devices will be asked to place them in a lock box prior to entering the facilities. To be clear, no electronic devices or picture taking is permitted in the processing areas, so as to protect the privacy rights of those in DHS care and custody, as well as the government employees who work in these facilities.

Weapons: No weapons of any kind, to include knives, sharp objects, or firearms, will be allowed in CBP facilities. Attendees will be asked to leave all weapons in the transportation vehicle or lock box prior to entering CBP facilities.

The members will be travelling from Tornillo where they are planning to tour the HHS area (unknown if HHS has approved the tour); along with also visiting both the Clint and El Paso Border Patrol Stations. The group will be driving themselves. I will provide the name and contact information for CoS(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as the POC for the port, as they will calling for exact meet location as well as requesting for assistance with parking. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Public Affairs Guidance

OPERATION SECURE LINE

LAST UPDATE NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Background

U.S. Customs and Border Protection posted <u>Fiscal Year 2018 immigration enforcement actions</u>, including apprehensions of those crossing our border illegally and inadmissible persons processed at ports of entry. This information reflects the tremendous efforts of our frontline personnel: CBP officers, Border Patrol agents, and Air and Marine interdiction agents, supported by our non-uniformed workforce.

CBP's border security challenges continue to evolve. We face two distinct groups at our border smugglers, criminals, and single adults seeking to evade apprehension on the one hand, and a second group, made up primarily of family units and unaccompanied children who generally turn themselves in to CBP after crossing illegally or at a port of entry. The demographics continue to change as well, with half of all apprehensions and inadmissible cases involving Central American nationals, including a record number of families arriving at the U.S. southern border.

Through Operation Secure Line, CBP continues to monitor the large groups of migrants moving toward the United States from Southern Mexico in "caravans." CBP planning teams are working with interagency counterparts to maintain border security and the safety of migrants, the traveling public, shippers and CBP personnel in the event that large groups move to cross the border into the United States. CBP is reinforcing staffing well in advance to ensure that we can address any contingency with support from interagency partners.

Public Affairs Objective

- 1. To convey to the American people, migrants traveling through Mexico and foreign partners about CBP's resolve to ensure border security CBP will not allow large groups of migrants to cross the border illegally.
- 2. To ensure widest public and workforce understanding of CBP's commitment to provide safety and security to the public and our personnel, as well as our commitment to facilitate lawful travel and trade.
- **3.** To underscore the current crisis at our nation's southwest border regarding the dramatic demographic shift in migration patterns that continues to hamper CBP's critical border security and trade missions.
- 4. To be clear about the role of the U.S. military serving in a supporting role as CBP personnel continue to serve in a law enforcement role, while expressing CBP's appreciation for the added capabilities that the military brings to bear in support of the border mission.

Key Messages

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection is well prepared. Our men and women on the frontline are well-trained, experienced law enforcement professionals.
- Record numbers of Central American families and children are coming across our border, which has become a humanitarian and national security crisis on the border. The resources we are devoting to the care and processing of these individuals impacts our ability to carry out our law enforcement mission. Our facilities cannot support the continued increase in apprehensions of family units and unaccompanied children.
- To ensure border security and the safety of the traveling public, the trade community and our law enforcement personnel on the border, the military will provide additional capability.
- The status quo is not sustainable. Our legal framework is at odds with the operational reality of the southwest border. We need Congress' help to address legal loopholes and to provide resources to secure the border.

Talking Points

- CBP is monitoring the situation. We continually assess the capabilities of our facilities throughout the southwest border and have been making and will continue to make necessary preparations. These include participating in operational readiness exercises and the mobilization of resources as needed to ensure the facilitation of lawful trade and travel through the ports of entry.
- CBP is well-prepared. We are working with interagency partners to implement effective operational plans to ensure border security.
- CBP has reinforced frontline personnel well in advance of an intended caravan arrival to ensure that we can address any contingency with support from our interagency partners.
- This is a humanitarian crisis. Some of the most vulnerable people in the Western hemisphere are putting themselves in great danger to come to our borders. They have illegally crossed the border into Mexico, and are now moving north toward the U.S. border. Record numbers of family units are crossing our borders illegally and presenting themselves at our ports of entry. This obviously provides a unique challenge to our operations and facilities, as well as our partners at ICE, USCIS and NGOs who try to help illegal immigrant families.
- At this point, the system is at total capacity at all points in the process.
- The status quo is not sustainable, the situation demands action on a variety of fronts.
- Change in migration flows have always responded to gaps in our legal framework. Our nation's current statutory immigration framework is inconsistent with the operational reality along our southern border.
- The vast increases in the numbers of family units and unaccompanied alien children we are encountering is due in large part to the likelihood of success of entry into the United States created by a legal framework that allows for the release into the interior of our country with little to no consequence.

Congress

- We need help from Congress, including legislative changes to close loopholes that run counter to our enforcement efforts, and we need increased investment in our border security needs, including technology, infrastructure, wall and agents.
- CBP has briefed dozens of Members of Congress on the need for continued investment in CBP personnel and border security resources, including a wall system, advanced surveillance technology, facial recognition capability, air and marine assets and innovative mobile systems.
- We have also highlighted the stark vulnerabilities in our immigration laws that incentivize illegal crossings and inadmissible arrivals. Further, we have engaged consistently with regional partner governments on ways to reduce and manage migration flows.
- The current reporting on the migrant "caravan" from Honduras is about what we are currently experiencing across the southwest border day-in and day-out as a result of well-advertised and well-known catch-and-release loopholes. Until Congress acts, we will continue to have future "caravans" and record numbers of family units entering the country illegally.

<u>Caravan</u>

- Our message to the organizers and participants of this caravan is simple. As the President and Secretary Nielson have made clear, we will not allow a large group to enter the United States in an unsafe and unlawful manner.
- For those who seek to cross the border illegally, we will apprehend them and fully enforce the laws of the United States.
- For those who seek to make an asylum claim safely and lawfully at a port of entry, the Government of Mexico has already offered you protection and employment authorization. If you are fleeing alleged persecution at home, you have arrived at a safe place to make your claim.
- If you are an economic migrant seeking to join family members in the United States, you should return home and apply for the appropriate visa.
- What is new and challenging about this caravan phenomenon is the formation of multiple large groups, which presents unique safety and border security threats. For the two large groups that we are following, we have already seen the first one make unlawful entry across two international borders. A second group, still in Guatemala, has deployed violent and dangerous tactics against both Guatemalan and Mexican border security teams.
- Regardless of the operational contingencies we may face, please know this: we will ensure border security we will not allow a large group to enter the U.S. unlawfully; we will act in accordance with the highest principles of law enforcement; we will treat migrants humanely and professionally at all times.
- We will ensure the safety of our CBP personnel and those individuals in our facilities.

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Human Toll and Loopholes in our Immigration Laws

- Over the past few years, we have seen dramatic increases in unaccompanied children and families putting themselves in danger to try and enter our country illegally.
- Our current immigration laws are encouraging some of the most vulnerable from Central America to risk their lives, and that of their children, by paying thousands of dollars to some of the most dangerous criminal organizations with the false hope of living in America.
- The systemic failures of our immigration laws are putting vulnerable lives in danger and funneling massive amounts of funding to transnational criminal organizations.
- The numbers of family units entering our country illegally is spiking at an alarming rate.
- Most are from Central America chiefly the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.
- CBP is managing this influx as best as possible with our current resources and under our current legal parameters. But we are at a crisis point, and something must change.
- The status quo is not sustainable and the situation demands action on a variety of fronts. Including increased investments in our border security, legal changes to close loopholes that run counter to our enforcement efforts and enhanced cooperation and capacity building with our western hemisphere neighbors.

Operational Challenges to our Border Security

- CBP's enforcement posture, from the legal framework that enables illegal migration into the United States to the facilities that temporarily hold individuals apprehended between the ports of entry and deemed inadmissible for entry, is incompatible with the current migration flows.
- Our ports of entry and stations were built in the '80s and '90s to process hundreds of individuals, not thousands. As part of the one million passengers and pedestrians that we process on average day, this caravan of thousands limits CBP officers' abilities to process individuals who present themselves at the port of entry.
- Our nation's legal framework continues to provide a de facto pathway for entry into the United States. CBP has neither the resources nor the legal authorities to address the unlawful entry or process claims of fear.
- CBP cannot effect removal proceedings for families and unaccompanied children. This has created a powerful magnet for families and unaccompanied children to migrate to the United States.
- The percentage of single adults versus families and children has also grown. In FY18, 42% of the total number of individuals apprehended or deemed inadmissible for entry were families and unaccompanied children. In September, 49% were families and children, compared to August at 46%, and July at 43%. The trend is likely to continue.

CBP Preparations at the SWB

• In terms of our preparations at the border, we launched *Operation Secure Line*, a multiphased and flexible operation response designed to ensure that we are prepared for any

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number of contingencies involved with the arrival and attempted crossing of a large group of migrants at our border.

- As the unified border security agency of the United States, CBP is well equipped, along with support from interagency federal, state and local partners to manage multiple contingencies of varying size.
- Since we initiated our planning, we have completed updated assessments at each of our 26 crossing points on the southwest border and we have already deployed by specially trained Special Response Team operators to prepare plans for each location.
- We have at the ready (b)(7)(E) CBP officers, including (b)(7)(E) tactical enforcement officers and mobile response team professionals with training on managing contingencies, including riot control.
- Between ports of entry we have an additional Border Patrol agents on standby, ready to deploy, to include with members of special operations and mobile response teams, and an additional with agents from unaffected sectors.
- Border Patrol agents will be augmented and supported by over (b)(7)(E) CBP air assets for surveillance and mobile response, including (b)(7)(E)
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- Every day, approximately 2,000 people illegally enter the United States or present themselves at a port of entry and are deemed inadmissible to the United States. While there are many different facets to those presenting lawfully at a port of entry or illegally immigrating, CBP is prepared for a number of eventualities
- CBP is firmly committed to our overall national security mission, which includes ensuring the safety and security of the traveling public—both documented and undocumented—as well as our law enforcement officers and border communities.
- The safety of our agents and officers is paramount. Given recent events in Mexico, there is a concern that large groups will attempt to rush the port of entry and potentially put the officers at risk, damage infrastructure and disrupt legitimate trade and travel.
- CBP is currently preparing for a series of exercises that would harden the ports of entry and allocating resources to enable us to respond to any attempt by a large group to enter without inspection.
- CBP will take every necessary step to ensure that our dedicated law enforcement agents and officers are empowered and supported to meet this challenge.
- To effectively process trade and travel, address enforcement priorities, and appropriately process those who present themselves without documents or who are making asylum claims, CBP must carefully manage resources and space.
- Port capacity is dependent upon a number of factors, including holding space, overall port volume of traffic, officer resources, complexity of the cases, medical needs, translation requirements and enforcement actions.
- Part of what determines when we reach capacity is our ability to process individuals, admit them, permit them to lawfully enter or transfer them out of our custody in a safe and secure manner.
- CBP is committed to maintaining security and meeting the health and safety needs of those persons in our custody, the traveling public and officers and personnel.

How is Mexico assisting CBP/DHS

- CBP very much appreciates the efforts of the Government of Mexico to address this challenging situation, in accordance with the highest principles of protection of human rights and respect for migrants while upholding the integrity of the Mexican border and Mexican immigration law.
- We also appreciate the continuing communication and efforts of our Central American partners, especially Guatemala, to address the challenges of these large groups.
- CBP continues to work with the Government of Mexico to maintain orderly processing in the context of our port capacity constraints. CBP will process all claims of credible fear of return to an individual's home country.
- DHS has undertaken, with a strong response from our Mexican and Guatemalan counterparts, actions to curtail illegal migration while working to provide humanitarian protections, as appropriate, for those who may qualify.
- The UNHCR has deployed personnel to Mexico to help migrants understand the asylum process and are working to increase the shelter capacity of the "safe space network."
- If a member of the caravan is truly seeking asylum, they should stop in the first safe country they enter including Mexico.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How will the Department of Defense assist CBP at the Southwest border?

After receiving a request for assistance from the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense has approved providing mission-enhancing capabilities to Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) along the Southwest Border (SWB). This assistance is in addition to the previously authorized support to CBP's Operation Guardian Support mission.

The DoD will provide Defense Support of Civil Authorities with planning assistance, engineering support (temporary barriers, barricades, and fencing), fixed and rotary wing aviation support to move CBP personnel, medical teams to triage, treat and prepare for commercial transport of patients, command and control facilities, temporary housing for CBP personnel and personal protective equipment for CBP personnel. USNORTHCOM will be in the lead for the duration of the operation and is in support of Customs and Border Protection.

2. What is going on along the Southwest border? (trends)

What we have experienced more dramatically over the past year, but gradually for the past few years is a different demographic we are apprehending for crossing the border illegally. Today, we are seeing more and more family units crossing illegally. Family units combined with the number of unaccompanied alien children we continue to encounter are now making up more than half of all of Border Patrol apprehensions.

Until this year, the majority has always been single adults. In 2014, we had an influx of unaccompanied alien children and started to see the family units coming across. Due to legal action and legislation, we are limited in the time that family units can be detained. Once that became more widely known, the number of unaccompanied alien children began to decrease,

and the number of family units began to greatly increase as parents no longer need to send their children alone, or try and come alone.

3. Why do you think you are seeing so many family units crossing illegally? (FMUA)

It is widely known that when you cross our borders illegally as a family unit you will not be prosecuted for illegal entry, absent exigent circumstances. CBP and ICE are limited in holding capacity and bound by court decisions that limit the agencies' ability to hold family units through the immigration process. Therefore, these units will more than likely be released into the country with a notice to appear for a court date, which may be years from now, and ultimately many of these illegal aliens never appear.

This so called 'catch and release' is much more prominent with family units, so now instead of sending your child alone, or to come alone, the parents are deciding to bring their children with them.

The dangerous trek these people face is horrendous. The smugglers treat the families as a commodity and not people. The migrants are paying thousands of dollars to criminals; they are often abused, assaulted and placed in dangerous stash houses along their route. When they do reach the border or cross our border illegally, the smugglers leave them with no guidance, no sustenance and rarely any money.

4. What happens when they arrive?

CBP officers will appropriately process those who present themselves without documents or who are making asylum claims. CBP will carefully manage resources and space. When Border Patrol apprehends an adult alien or a family unit, we notify ICE and transfer them to ICE as expeditiously as possible. When unaccompanied alien children are apprehended, they are referred to HHS for placement with a sponsor, often a family member or friend.

5. What can be done to stop this influx of families?

We are apprehending people. Often the family units and children even seek us out. But to stop the flow and combat the influx we are seeing, we need Congress to close the loopholes that allow for easy release. We are also working with our partners in the Northern Triangle to help curb the fleeing of their populations north.

6. What about this caravan of a few thousand people?

The current reporting on the migrant caravan from Honduras is about what we are currently experiencing across the southwest border day-in and day-out as a result of well-advertised and well-known catch-and-release loopholes. Until Congress acts, we will continue to have de-facto open borders that guarantees future caravans and record numbers of family units entering the country illegally.

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Sent: Wedne	sday, November 7, 2018 11:51	AM		
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Subject: RE: possible CBP/DoD event next week

We have not received guidance or direction from our Chain of Command. Who is pushing for this and is this even necessary here in El Paso?

From: (b)(6),	(b)(7)(C)				
h		7, 2018 9:23 AM			
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Cc	(b)(6), (b)(7	7)(C)			
Subject: RE: p	ossible CBP/DoD) event next week			

Good day:

As mentioned in previous email this is being pushed to next week (Nov 12-16). Can everyone please check their schedules to see if Wednesday or Thursday would work? The entire time frame/flow of show is adjustable depending upon availability of our leaders. I just needed to get something on paper for planning purposes and to help conceptualize the engagement.

Regarding the location can EP POE/PDN confirm availability of the large conference room/training room?

Similar events will be conducted later this week at other SW border locations. I imagine we can lean on your counterparts there for their messaging/talking points. We can also draw upon the talking points/messaging in the attached PAG and adapt remarks locally.

Thank you.

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Sent: Tuesday, November 6,	2018 8·44 AM			
To: MANCHA, HECTOR	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	PROVENCIO, RAY	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
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Subject: RE: possible CBP/Do	D event next week			
FYI – the EP event is pushed	until sometime next week			
From (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)				
Sent: Monday, November 5,	2018 12:11 PM			
To: MANCHA, HECTOR	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	PROVENCIO, RAY	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
	(b)(6), (b)(7))(C)	HULL, AARON A	

Subject: RE: possible CBP/DoD event next week

CLEM, CHRIS T

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Good day:

I still do not have specifics regarding this proposed engagement – not sure if you would have heard anything form your leadership.

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I am understanding that there are efforts to conduct similar events up and down the border. HQ asked me to begin prepping something for Friday. Below is a DRAFT/proposed agenda based upon what happened in SYPOE with C1 a couple weeks back and what some of the other SW border locations are looking to do later this week. Obviously this is a starting point only – nothing set in stone at all here.

Friday, November 9, 2018

1245 CBP Leadership arrives at PDN POE

1245 -1315 Dry Run of Media Engagement

 1300-1315
 Media Arrival and Check-In

 Location: Media Staging – Large PDN Conference Room

Media Guidance:

Parking: In government lot south area near exit gate closest to Oregon and Border Highway (Someone will need to staff gate to allow media in/direct to staging area)

Check-In: Only credentialed media that has RSVP'd via the media advisory will be permitted to attend. After all media is checked in, they will remain at this location to begin media engagement.

Filming and photography during the walking outdoor and pedestrian processing tour/brief will be permitted. No microphones on CBP personnel – natural sound only.

Following exterior/pedestrian processing media returns to conference to drop off all recording devices including cameras, phones, etc. No filming/recording of family processing/UAC's area will be permitted. This portion will be a pen and pad event.

Following this media will reconvene in conference room for recorded remarks and limited Q&A.

B-roll opportunity in public areas post event.

1320 Start Media Tour/Briefing of EP POE Operations

Location: CBP Leadership will meet media at Media Staging Lead Briefer: (A) El Paso PD Ray Provencio Participants: El Paso Director of Field Operations Hector Mancha; SW Region Deputy Director Air & Marine Operations (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USBP El Paso Sector Chief Aaron Hull

1320-1335: Pre-Primary Operations

Topics: Queue management, layered enforcement (canine, technology, etc), Ready lanes

1335-1345: Primary Vehicular Operations

Topics: System checks, variety of laws being enforced, adjacent SB operations

1345-1355: Secondary Vehicular Operations

Topics: Secondary Operations functions, unique smuggling methods

1355-1405 Pedestrian Operations

Topics: Pedestrian operations, system checks, biometrics, SENTRI

- 1405-1410 Return to conference room staging area to drop off recording devices
- **1410-1430:** Secondary Pedestrian Operations and Holding Facility Topics: Tour of the holding areas to see the processing of inadmissible aliens, including those claiming credible fear and other people in custody highlighting the variety of other detainees encountered throughout a typical day. No filming or recording. No engaging people being processed.
- 1430-1435 Media Prep-Time for Press Conference

Location: PDN conference room

1435-1500 Press Conference – Moderated by OPA

Location: PDN conference room

1435-1438 OFO: DFO Mancha

Topics:

Welcoming media to NOG Reiterating the complex port operations they just experienced Explain what the DoD will be doing for OFO operations in EP AOR Proud work of the men and women of OFO and thankful for DoD's assistance Emphasize CBP's mission to secure our borders while facilitating trade and travel (safety)

1438-1442 USBP: CPA Hull

Topics:

Reiterating the complex port operations they just experienced Explain how USBP Operations ties into OFO Operations Explain what the DoD will be doing for USBP in EP AOR Proud work of the men and women of USBP and thankful for DoD's assistance Explain that border security is national security

1442-1446 USBP: SW DD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Topics:

Explain how AMO supports both OFO and USBP as well as maintaining their own unique mission sets Explain how DoD will be working with AMO in EP AOR Proud work of the men and women of USBP and thankful for DoD's assistance

1446-1505 Open Questions

1505 End of Media Engagement/Media Tear Down/Principals Depart

1505-1545 B-Roll Filming (if requested/escorted by OPA and/or PAL's)

Location: Vehicular Primary, Secondary and Pedestrian Primary Notes: No filming of computer monitors and filming from a distance only as to interfere with operations, media escort will remain in place

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Sent: Friday, November 2, 201	.8 11:39 AM			
To: MANCHA, HECTOR	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	PROVENCIO, RAY	<u>(b)</u> (6), (b)(7)(C)	
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	(b)(6), ((b)(7)(C)		
Subject: RE: possible CBP/DoD	event next week			

I have not heard anything more on this but wanted to send again as a reminder about possible tasking next week.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)				
Sent: Tuesday, October 30,	2018 3:51 PM			
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Subject: possible CBP/DoD event next week

FYI:

I learned this afternoon that HQ CBP is looking to conduct a number of joint OFO/BP/AMO/DoD events at a number of border locations next week likely Wednesday or later (post midterm elections). Primary targets include Brownsville, Nogales and SoCal because it appears they will have a larger scale immediate DoD support mechanism. El Paso is also on the list but to a lesser degree immediately.

The details are still being worked out at the HQ level but the events are intended to discuss local planning efforts for the caravan. There may also be a very structured opportunity for media to tour processing and detention facilities at the POE to help illustrate "capacity" issues. A similar facility tour was held at San Ysidro POE during a C1 visit last week. The guidelines there included no filming, phone, recording devices, or questions during that portion. Questions were addressed during a post tour media roundtable.

Again just letting you know what I am hearing – certainly much more to follow. I will share when I have something more concrete.

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of OFO-FIELD LIAISON Thursday, November 15, 2018 1:58 PM OFO-AC-BULLETS FLD EI Paso Field Office Significant Visit Summary: El Paso Field Office Meeting With Congressman O'Rourke's Staff and NGOs



U.S. Customs and Border Protection Field Operations Operations - Field Liaison Division



Significant Visit Summary

Who: United States Representative Beto O'Rourke's staff and Non-Government Organizations
Date of Event: November 13, 2018
Location of Event: El Paso Field Office
Field Office: El Paso
Field Office POC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Communications Management Office

Details:

On November 13, 2018, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations management from the El Paso Field Office and the Port of El Paso met with representatives from Congressman Beto O'Rourke's office, several immigration advocate non-government organizations (NGO), and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The meeting was held at the request of Congressman O'Rouke's office and the discussion lasted about an hour and a half. Acting Port Director Ray Provencio and Acting Assistant Director, Field Operations (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) led a discussion centered around questions regarding queue management, the mobile field force operational readiness drills being conducted in preparation for the Honduran caravan, and credible fear processing in general. The Congressman's staff and NGO representatives asked the following questions:

- Q: What determines capacity and what is the number you can hold at any given time?
- A: El Paso management explained that there is no set number regarding capacity; rather, we take into consideration many factors when determining our capacity. For example, family Unit construct, Unaccompanied Alien Children can dictate how many we are able to hold at any given time, especially to ensure compliance with the Flores settlement. CBP also has a multi-faceted mission of counterterrorism, contraband enforcement, economic security, lawful trade/travel, and admissibility that cannot be compromised. Taking resources away from one area of the mission can impact other areas.
- Q: Is there a policy that has restricted your ability to intake asylum claims?
- A: El Paso management provided similar answer to the above.
- Q: When we interview asylum seekers, we noticed a reduction in detention time, which indicates that you have the ability to move asylum seekers out of custody at a faster rate. Why the change?

- A: El Paso management explained that they have not changed their intake process; however, Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Enforcement and Removal Operations has worked with the local NGOs and others to increase and expand capacity at their locations, which allows for more movement once CBP has processed the initial claim and paperwork.
- Q: Why the increase in CBP officers donning riot gear, weapons, and bridge closures?"
- A: El Paso management explained that while they understand the vast majority of asylum seekers they interact with are non-violent, they have to ensure operational preparedness for any possibility. CBP officers are provided with additional training in order to ensure law and order, should they encounter a large influx of asylum seekers in a caravan.
- Q: What do you need to address this issue?
- A: El Paso management explained that there is not an operational fix.
- Q: Why did you tear down the soft-sided facility that was used as a staging area?
- A: El Paso management explained that the soft-sided facility was stood up to assist with overflow, but it was merely a temporary solution. CBP Officers and BP Agents are interdictors and processors on the front end, and are not appropriated as detention officers. Detention falls in the scope of other Agencies, who have recently stepped up the movement of asylum seekers after we complete initial processing.

Prior to their departure, the group expressed their appreciation for the meeting. The overall reaction by the group appeared to be a mixture with ACLU reaction being negative.

CBP Participants:

Ray Provencio, (Acting) Port Director, Port of El Paso(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)(Acting) Assistant Director, Field Operations – Border Security(Acting) Assistant Port Director, Port of El Paso(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)Watch Commander/SEAL program, El Paso Field Office

Non CBP Participants:

Γ	(b)(6)	Congressman O'Rourke staff
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Ľ	(b)(6)	Border Network for Human Rights
	(b)(6)	Las Americas NGO
Ľ	(b)(6)	, Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services
	(b)(6)	ACLU Texas
	(b)(6)	ACLU Texas
		Borderland Immigration Council
	b)(6)	Hope Border Institute
		Annunciation House NGO

Submitted by:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) / Field Liaison Division
Date / Time:	November 15, 2018 /1400 hours

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	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
Subject:	EPFO Queue Management Report 10/20/2018	
Attachments:	Que Management.xlsx	

Report Date: October 20, 2018					
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Impact to Por Operations
El Paso	El Paso		113%	0	Queue Management progress
El Paso	Santa Teresa	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	0%	0	No Impact
El Paso	Columbus		0%	0	No Impact
El Paso	Tornillo		0%	0	No Impact
El Paso	Presidio		0%	0	No Impact
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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf o (b)(7)(E)
Sent:	<u>Sunday, October 21, 2018 1:01 PM</u>
То:	(b)(7)(E)
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	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Attachments: EPFO Queue Management Report 10/21/2018 Que Management.xlsx

Field	Pate: October 21, 2 Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Impact to Port Operations	
El Paso	El Paso	-	132%	0	Queue Management in progress	
El Paso	Santa Teresa	1	000	0	No Impact	
El Paso	Columbus]	0%	0	No Impact	
El Paso	Tornillo]	0°0	0	No Impact	
El Paso	Presidio]	000	0	No Impact	
Laredo	Brownville					
Laredo	Progreso	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)				
Laredo	Hidalgo					
Laredo	Rio Grande City					
Laredo	Roma]				
Laredo	Laredo					
Laredo	Eagle Pass					
Laredo	Del Rio					
			(b)(7)(E)		

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From: Sent: To: Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(7)(E)

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 1:34 PM

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MANCHA, HECTOR; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PROVENCIO, RAY; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Attachments: EPFO Queue Report October 24, 2018 EPFO queue management report.xlsx

Report D	ate: October 24,	2018			
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	°∘ of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Impact to Port Operations
El Paso	El Paso		95%	0	No Impact
El Paso	Santa Teresa		58°o	0	No Impact
El Paso	Columbus	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	000	0	No Impact
El Paso	Tornillo		55%	0	No Impact
El Paso	Presidio		0°0	0	No Impact

For:

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From: Sent:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(7)(E) Wednesday, December 19, 2018 1:00 PM
То:	(b)(7)(E)
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	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	EPFO Queue Management Report December 19, 2018
Attachments:	Queue Report 12192018.xlsx

Report D	ate: 12/19/2018				
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ <u>Boundary Line</u>	Impact to Port Operations
El Paso	El Paso		157%	0	Queue Management in progress
El Paso	Santa Teresa	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	92%	0	Queue Management in progress
El Paso	Columbus		0%	0	N/A
El Paso	Tornillo		0%	0	N/A
El Paso	Presidio		42%	0	N/A

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Subject: Attachments: EPFO Queue Management Report December 20, 2018 Queue Report 12202018.xlsx

Report L	Date: 12/20/2018								
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	°o of Capacity	Number in Queue @ <u>Boundary Line</u>	Impact to Port Operations				
El Paso	El Paso		188°o	0	Queue Management in progress				
El Paso	Santa Teresa	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	58°6	0	Queue Management in progress				
El Paso	Columbus		0%	0	NA				
El Paso	Tornillo		000	0	N/A				
El Paso	Presidio		0%	0	N/A				

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From: Sent: To:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(7)(E) Monday, February 11, 2019 12:44 PM (b)(7)(E)		
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	(b)(d	6), (b)(7)(C)	
Subject: Attachments:	EPFO Queue Management Report February 11, 20 Accompanied and Unaccompanied - Queue Manag		

02/10/2019	UAC's - Day Prior 02/10/2019 Accompanied Mino 02/10/20		1/2019		Date: 02/1	Report		
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From:	(b)(6)
Sent:	Saturday, March 2, 2019 2:56 PM
То:	cbpmediarelations
Subject:	AP inquiry re: deported parents at Calexico

Hi guys,

Would it be possible to get a statement on the advocacy group claims that 29 parents who say they were separated from their children are being stopped from entering the Calexico port of entry to request asylum?

Writing for deadline this afternoon.

Thanks, (b)(6) AP

 From:
 (b)(6)

 Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 12:42 PM

 To:
 (b)(6)

Subject: (b)(6) BREAKING: Deported Parents Arrive at U.S.-Mexico Border, Demand Reunion with Their Children

(b)(6)

ICYMI this is **breaking and happening now**. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to connect for phone interviews.

Including more details below.

Best, (b)(6)

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BREAKING For Immediate Release: March 2, 2019 Contact: (b)(6) (b)(6)

BREAKING: Dozens of Parents Deported Without Their Children are at U.S.-Mexico Border Seeking Asylum & Reunion with their Children The parents are being escorted by religious leaders and advocacy groups, who aim to ensure that the Trump administration follows U.S. and international law and allows the parents to present themselves for asylum.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, a delegation of religious leaders has joined <u>Al Otro Lado</u>, <u>Families Belong</u> <u>Together</u>, and <u>Together Rising</u> to personally escort 29 parents, who were separated and deported without their children, to the legal point of entry at Calexico, California to claim asylum and demand the return of their children.

Last year, these parents were torn apart from their children as result of President Trump's family separation policy and were deported without their children. All of their children are still in the United States. Some of these families have been separated for nearly a year. The youngest child is five. The religious leaders and organizations accompanying these parents to the point of entry are helping them navigate the Trump administration's self-made crisis and ensuring that the administration follows international and U.S. law in allowing them to present for asylum.

The organizations are also providing the parents with pro bono attorneys and sponsors in the United States.

"The Trump administration tore children from the arms of these parents and has made no real effort to reunite them," **said Erika Pinheiro, Litigation and Policy Director of Al Otro Lado.** "These parents must be released and immediately reunited with their children in the U.S. while they pursue their rightful claims to asylum and safety."

U.S. law allows individuals to apply for asylum at any port of entry, but the Trump administration is routinely turning applicants away under an illegal "metering" policy created to stall border processing and force refugees into a months-long wait in Mexico, placing their safety and lives at risk.

"The parents seeking asylum at the border are risking their lives out of desperation to find safety and their children," **said Sandra Cordero, Director of Families Belong Together**. "We will not rest until these parents get their children back, the Administration stops tearing children from their parents, and all families are reunited."

"Together Rising is here to represent our 76,168 givers who pooled their small gifts to fund Al Otro Lado's heroic mission to find these deported parents and reunite these families, and to stand with the courageous parents who are desperate to have their children back in their arms," said **Glennon Doyle, Founder and President of Together Rising**. "We are here to honor our belief that if we the people refuse to go numb and instead choose to allow our hearts to be broken by the world's pain – together we can turn that heartbreak into life-saving, world-changing action."

To welcome and show their support for the parents on the U.S. side of the border, clergy and activists will hold a vigil for the families in Calexico in the plaza at the WEST port of entry at 9am PT.

The parents' request for asylum at the border comes as a new report from the <u>Texas Civil Rights Project</u> has exposed the number of families who have been and continue to be separated at the border, despite the Trump administration's false claims that this practice ended months ago.

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То:	cbpmediarelations
Subject:	BuzzFeed News inquiry on 29 parents at Calexico port of entry

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out about the 29 parents at the Calexico port of entry. Just wanted to confirm that they can't be processed because of capacity at the moment?

Also, is there any indication a settlement from last September, that gave some parents the chance to redo their credible fear interviews, would apply to these parents?

Thank you.

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Cc:	
Subject:	FW: BREAKING: Deported Parents Arrive at U.SMexico Border, Demand Reunion with Their Children

Can you please confirm the information in the press release below? Did a group of previously deported parents come to the Calexico border today to claim asylum? This groups is claiming that CBP turned them away because they are full.

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: BREAKING: Deported Parents Arrive at U.S.-Mexico Border, Demand Reunion with Their Children

Can you please confirm what if anything is happening at the Calexico point of entry? According to a person representing this group, there are 28 parents who've shown up at the point of entry to seek asylum who are being turned away.

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For Immedi	iate Release: March 2, 2019
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BREAKING: Dozens of Parents Deported Without Their Children are at U.S.-Mexico Border Seeking Asylum & Reunion with their Children

The parents are being escorted by religious leaders and advocacy groups, who aim to ensure that the Trump administration follows U.S. and international law and allows the parents to present themselves for asylum.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, a delegation of religious leaders has joined <u>Al Otro Lado [alotrolado.org]</u>, <u>Families Belong Together [familiesbelongtogether.org]</u>, and <u>Together Rising [togetherrising.org]</u> to personally escort 29 parents, who were separated and deported without their children, to the legal point of entry at Calexico, California to claim asylum and demand the return of their children.

Last year, these parents were torn apart from their children as result of President Trump's family separation policy and were deported without their children. All of their children are still in the United States. Some of these families have been separated for nearly a year. The youngest child is five. The religious leaders and organizations accompanying these parents to the point of entry are helping them navigate the Trump administration's self-made crisis and ensuring that the administration follows international and U.S. law in allowing them to present for asylum.

The organizations are also providing the parents with pro bono attorneys and sponsors in the United States.

"The Trump administration tore children from the arms of these parents and has made no real effort to reunite them," **said Erika Pinheiro, Litigation and Policy Director of Al Otro Lado.** "These parents must be released and immediately reunited with their children in the U.S. while they pursue their rightful claims to asylum and safety."

U.S. law allows individuals to apply for asylum at any port of entry, but the Trump administration is routinely turning applicants away under an illegal "metering" policy created to stall border processing and force refugees into a months-long wait in Mexico, placing their safety and lives at risk.

"The parents seeking asylum at the border are risking their lives out of desperation to find safety and their children," **said Sandra Cordero, Director of Families Belong Together**. "We will not rest until these parents get their children back, the Administration stops tearing children from their parents, and all families are reunited."

"Together Rising is here to represent our 76,168 givers who pooled their small gifts to fund Al Otro Lado's heroic mission to find these deported parents and reunite these families, and to stand with the courageous parents who are desperate to have their children back in their arms," said **Glennon Doyle, Founder and President of Together Rising**. "We are here to honor our belief that if we the people refuse to go numb and instead choose to allow our hearts to be broken by the world's pain – together we can turn that heartbreak into life-saving, world-changing action."

To welcome and show their support for the parents on the U.S. side of the border, clergy and activists will hold a vigil for the families in Calexico in the plaza at the WEST port of entry at 9am PT.

The parents' request for asylum at the border comes as a new report from the <u>Texas Civil Rights Project</u> [texascivilrightsproject.org] has exposed the number of families who have been and continue to be separated at the border, despite the Trump administration's false claims that this practice ended months ago.

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Subject:	RE: From ABC News - Border crossing today at Calexico

I would like to add, if you are willing to give us a response, that below is (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) We also plan to quote a man named (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who said he was separated from his 15 year old daughter and did not realize that he was signing deportation papers, which were in English, and was then deported without his daughter.

Since they have now filed asylum applications (which happened today), I was given permission to share their names.

Thank you, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 4:06 PM To: 'CBPMEDIARELATIONS@cbp.dhs.gov' <CBPMEDIARELATIONS@cbp.dhs.gov> Subject: From ABC News - Border crossing today at Calexico

Dear Press Office,

I am a producer with ABC National News, writing a story for our digital platform about the 29 migrant parents who tried to present themselves in Calexico earlier today. Are you able to comment for me on the status of these parents' applications and whether they will be able to apply for asylum, stay in the United States, and/or be reunited with their children?

I have been asked not to use his name, but we are profiling one father, using only the initials because he fears retribution in his home country, who told us that he was separated from his young son in May 2018, claims he signed his deportation papers mistakenly believing he was signing an asylum application, and then was sent to an airport after being told his son would be meeting him there. He said he was tricked multiple times into believing his son would be going home with him, when in fact, his son was not. His son remains in the U.S. with sponsors, who are relatives.

Do you have any comment about allegations that some migrant parents were misled into believing that their children would join them when they were deported, when in fact the children remained in the US?

Many thanks in advance,

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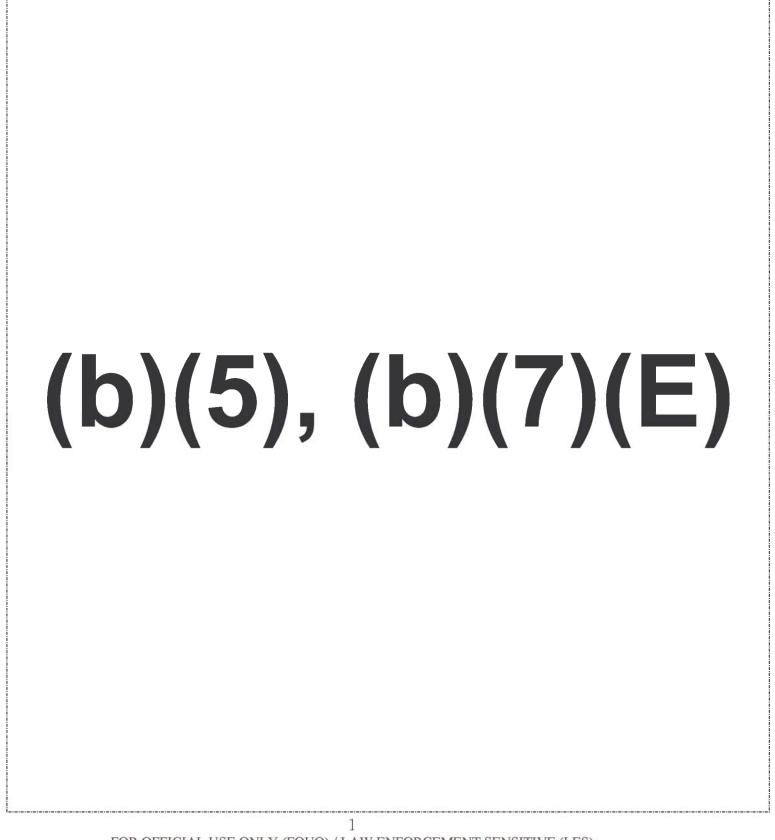
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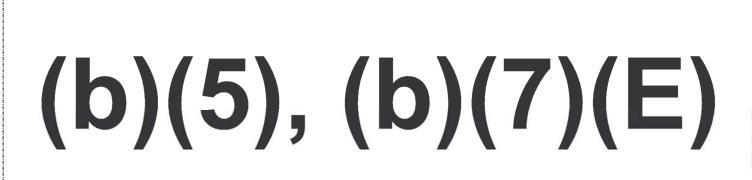
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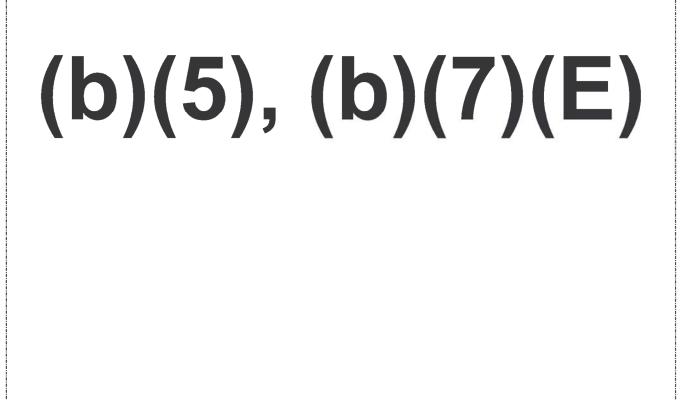
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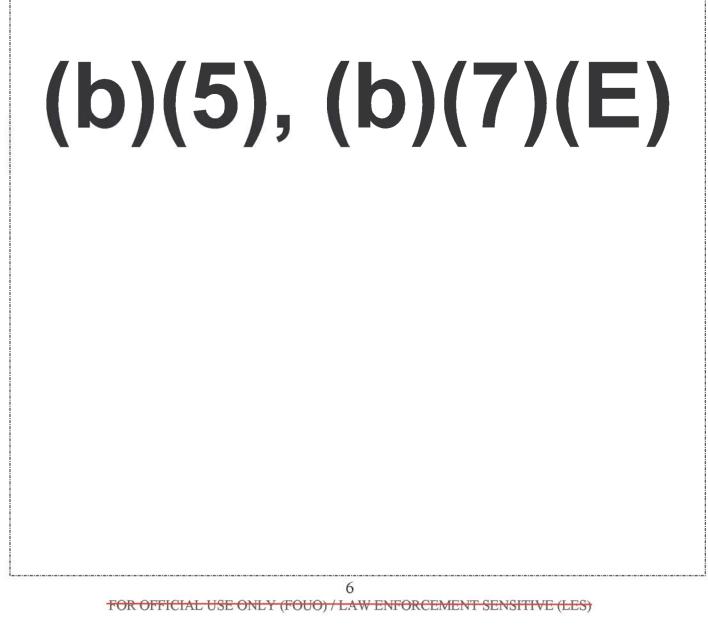
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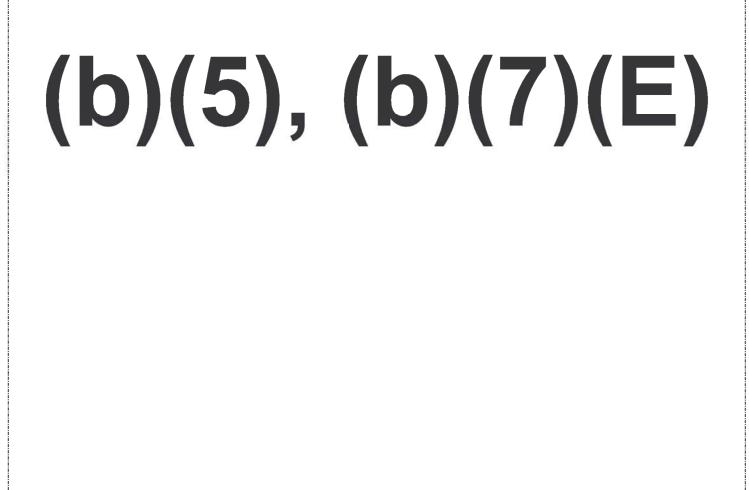


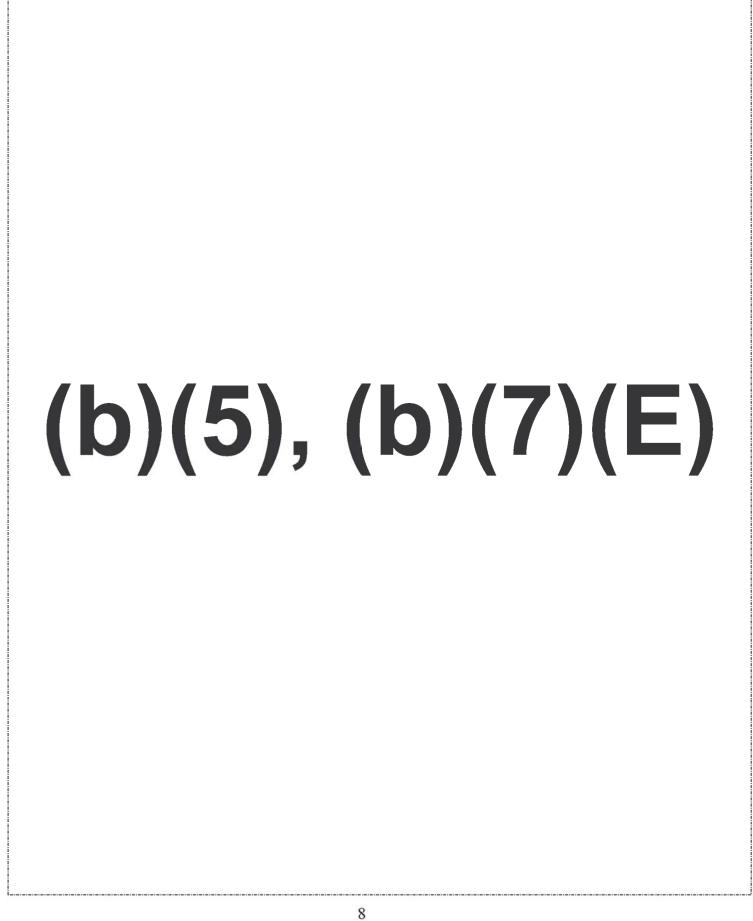
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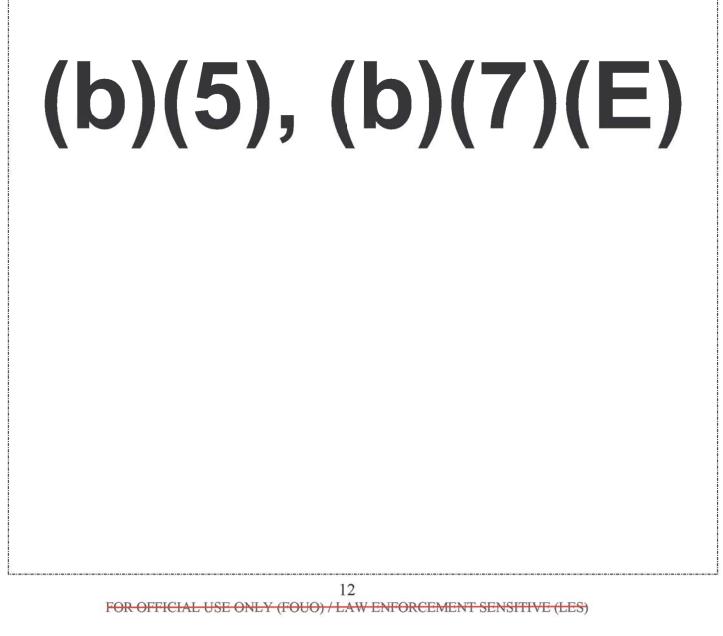


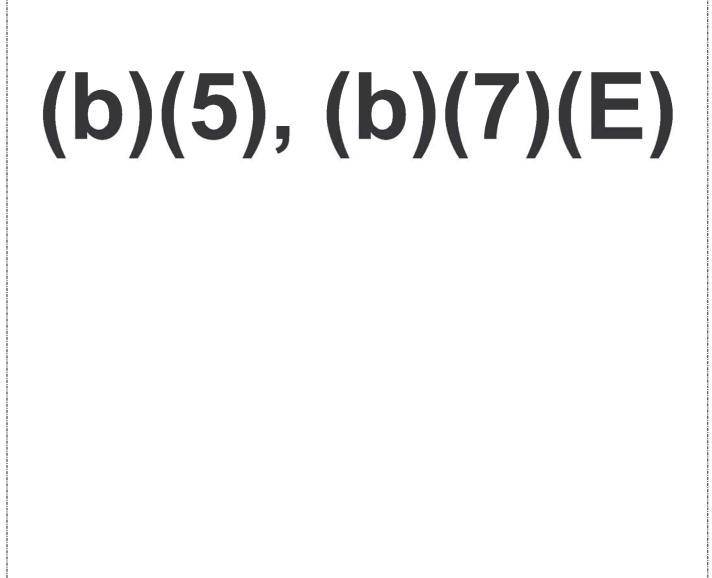


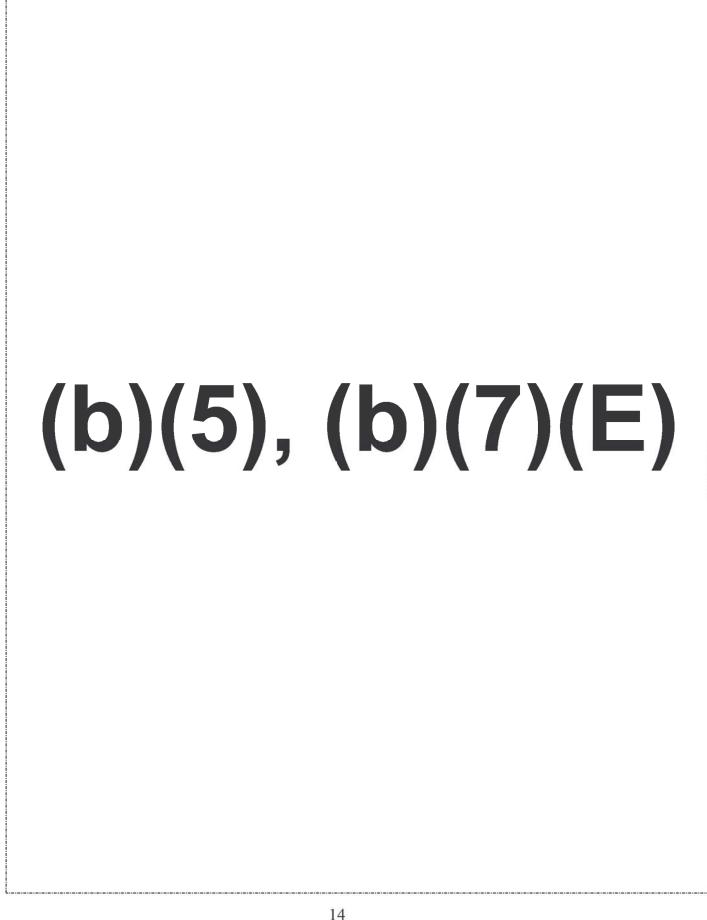


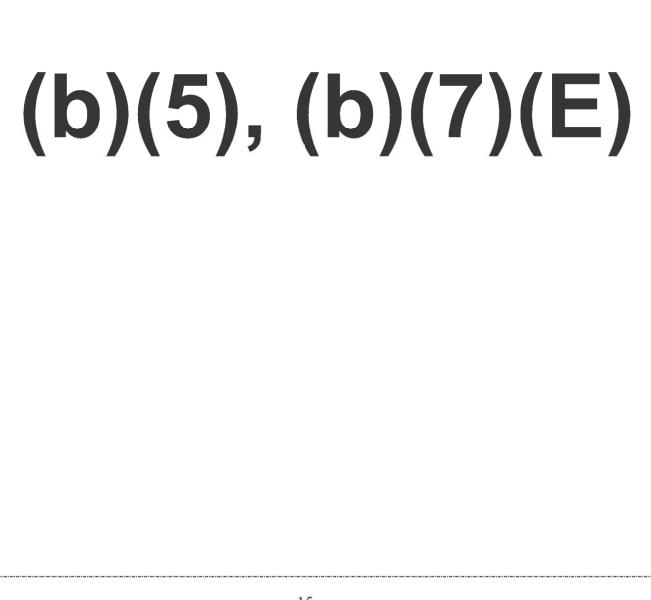






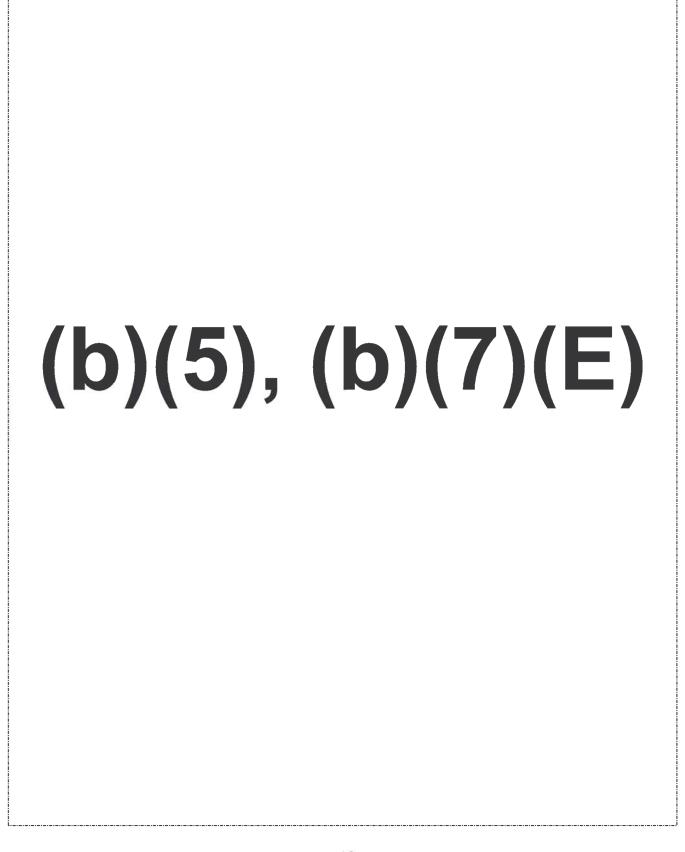


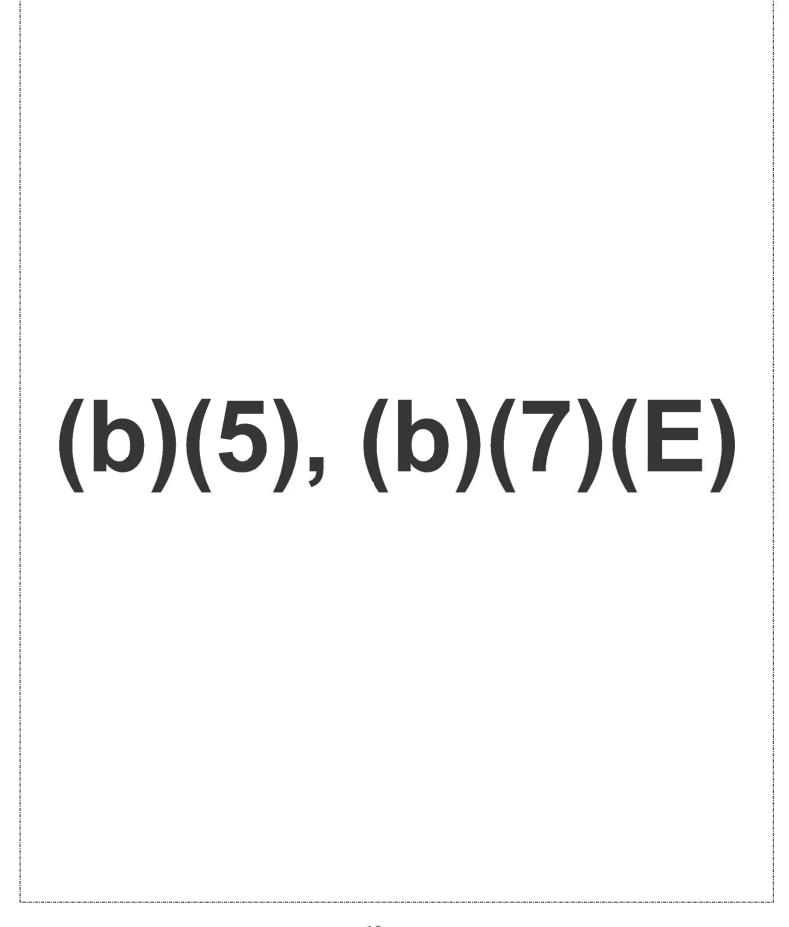




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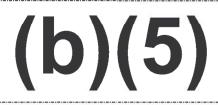
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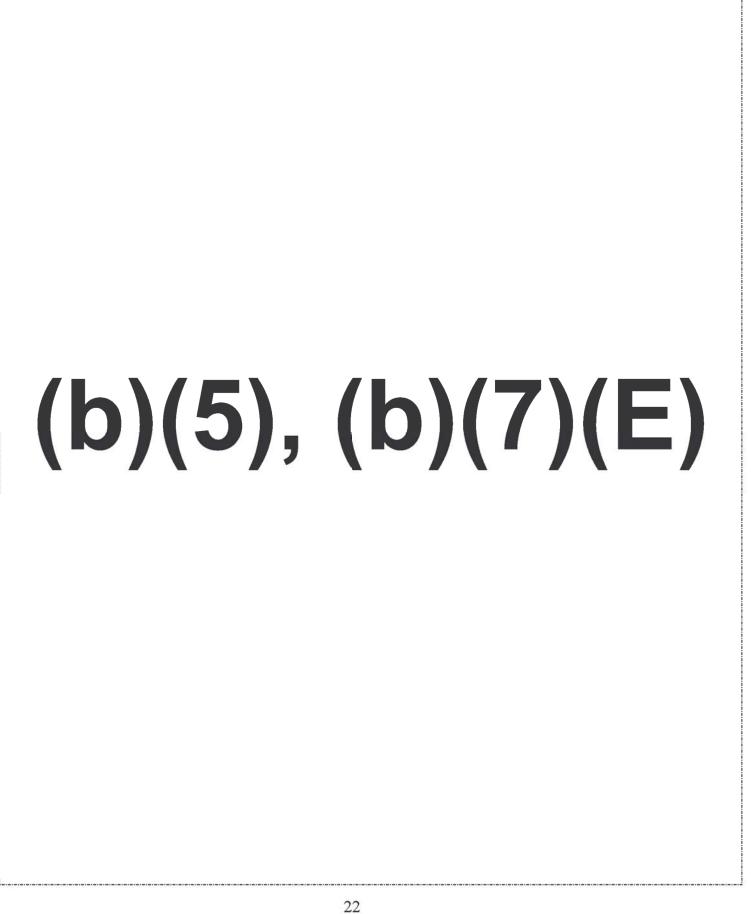


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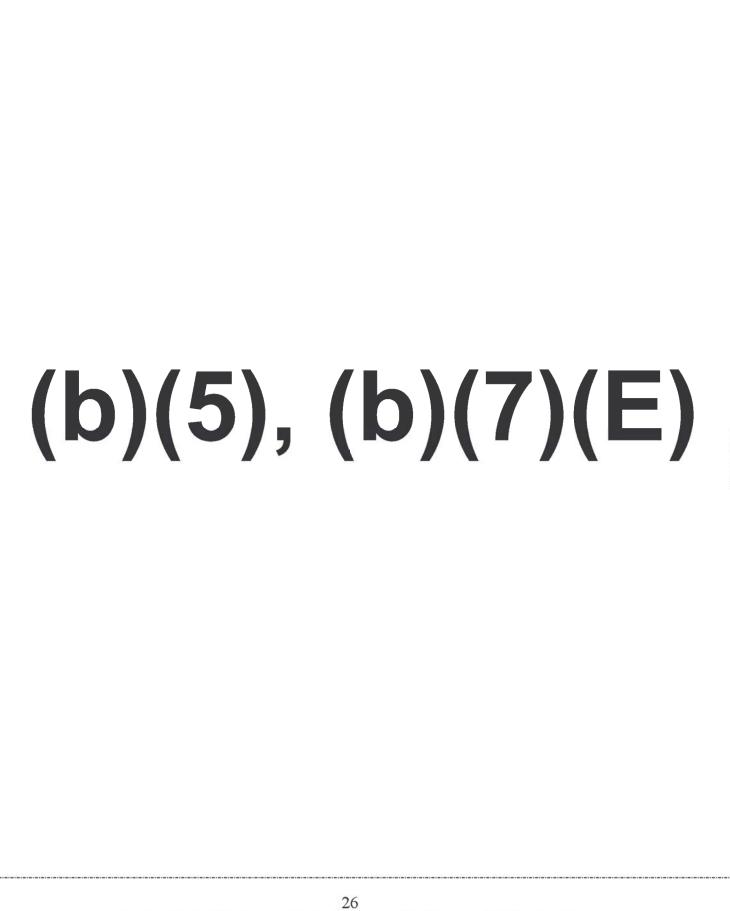
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Senior Director Refugee Protection Human Rights First 805 15th Street, NW #900 Washington, DC 20005

Dear (b)(6)

Thank you for your July 27, 2016 letter regarding asylum seekers and the San Ysidro port of entry.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is committed to allowing access to the U.S. asylum system for those individuals in need of protection arriving at our ports of entry. In response to the high number of individual's arriving at our ports of entry, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has employed a number of administrative and technological capabilities to frame strategic plans. Temporarily deploying hundreds of CBP officers to San Diego ports of entry, streamlining administrative processes, leveraging new technology applications, and re-framing the distribution of workload across the CBP enterprise, are some of the many investments CBP has made to maximize processing efficiencies while minimizing operational impacts to the lawful flow of travelers and trade across our borders.

DHS has pursued a multi-pronged approach with the Department of State, regional partners, and others to address the large number of individuals seeking to enter the United States. The U.S government is expanding its Refugee Admissions Program to help vulnerable men, women and children in Central America who qualify as refugees. Our Department is partnering with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and non-governmental organizations in the region to do this as soon as possible. This approach builds on the Central American Minors program, which is now providing an in-country refugee processing option for certain children with lawfully present parents in the United States. Additionally, on May 19-20, 2016, Secretary Johnson personally visited El Salvador and Honduras to discuss illegal migration with government leaders, and reiterated the message that our borders are not open to illegal immigration. While we continue our efforts to expand safe and alternate paths to the United States for those who qualify for protection, we are closely monitoring the situation on the southwest border and will continue to maximize our efforts where necessary.

Due to ongoing construction at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, CBP is directing all asylum applicants to the new Pedestrian West facility for processing. Additionally, the

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Government of Mexico developed protocols to manage the large number of transient migrant population. These protocols include the guiding of migrants to humanitarian shelters in Tijuana, and metering their flow to the U.S. port of entry. This ensures that migrants' health and safety are protected while they await their turn for CBP processing. CBP continues to assess the situation and make the appropriate improvements to ensure the humanitarian needs of these individuals are met.

CBP officers conduct initial screening and processing of all travelers to the United States, including individuals seeking asylum. If during processing, a foreign national expresses fear of return to their home country, and is subject to expedited removal, he or she will be referred to a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) asylum officer for a credible fear interview. CBP officers have no discretion as to this referral for credible fear determination. Moreover, individuals subject to other forms of removal have an opportunity to affirmatively seek protections such as asylum. No foreign national is denied the ability to apply for admission at a port of entry and those seeking protection are being processed in accordance with the regulations.

While still safeguarding our borders against ever-evolving threats, CBP officers have processed and cared for over 57,000 inadmissible migrants along the southern border ports of entry already in Fiscal Year 2016. Often at their own initiative and personal expense, these same CBP officers offer items of comfort, such as toys, books, DVDs, and other entertainment articles to these hopeful migrants. These officers should be a testament to the high level of professionalism practiced within CBP.

We remain committed to addressing the surge of migrants at the San Ysidro port of entry. We are continuously assessing the personnel and infrastructure needs at our ports of entry and will employ every administrative and technological solution available to ensure the timely and appropriate processing of individuals arriving in the United States in need of protection.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alejandro N. Mayorkas Deputy Secretary

Cc: (b)(6) Regional Representative, UNHCR (b)(6) Asst Secretary of State for PRM

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Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	HOFFMAN, TODD
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Subject:	FW: Asylum claims at San Ysidro/Ped West	

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FYDA Below

We are trying to set up a call with (b)(6) (Democratic Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, Committee on the Judiciary) to talk about the NGO strenuous assertions that POE is turning away CF applicants at SYS. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with OCA did speak with (b)(6) on talking points we used for call with DHS but he still wants to speak with POE management to get our version and better understand the situation.

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Do we have proposed times for this call?

J. Ryan Hutton Deputy Executive Director (A) Admissibility and Passenger Programs RRB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Washington, DC

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10-4, pls coordinate with (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Todd C. Owen Executive Assistant Commissioner Office of Field Operations U.S. Customs & Border Protection

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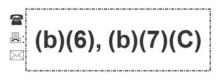
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E-AC Owen FYDA below

(b)(6) (Democratic Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, Committee on the Judiciary) would like to have a conference call with the PD at San Ysidro and the appropriate HQ SME to discuss the processing of asylum claims at San Ysidro/Ped West. This relates to call you, XD Hoffman & PD
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) recently had with DHS on this very issue in which NGO's were claiming that POE was turning away people claiming CF when in fact Government of Mexico is assisting with metering pedestrians due to current construction.

J. Ryan Hutton Deputy Executive Director (A) Admissibility and Passenger Programs RRB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Washington, DC





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Hey Ryan,

Thanks for your help on this one. Per our conversation, (b)(6) (Democratic Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, Committee on the Judiciary) would like to have a conference call with the PD at San Ysidro and the appropriate HQ SME to discuss the processing of asylum claims at San Ysidro/Ped West.

(b)(6) has received calls from local advocacy groups alleging that CBP officers are turning Mexican nationals away from the Port (once they claim asylum) and directing them to a facility/mission house in Mexico to receive a new date/time to return to the Port. (b)(6) is concerned CBP is violating policies/regulations by turning these individuals away and wants to discuss these concerns on the conference call.

Let me know if there's anything else you need. Once participation is decided, we'll need to look at dates/times early next week that work for the group.

Thanks in advance!

(b)(6) Office of Congressional Affairs U.S. Customs and Border Protection (b)(6)

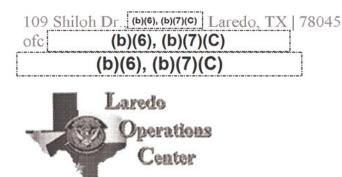
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Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 18, 2019					

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for February 18, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
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Laredo	Hidalgo		83%	22				Non
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Respectfully,

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Sent:	Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:32 PM
То:	HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P;
	CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) LAREDO OPS
	CENTER
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 19, 2019

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Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for February 19, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Report Date: February 19, 2019 @ 1000 Hrs CST									
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened		
Laredo	Brownsville		36%	0				None	
Laredo	Progreso		24%	O				None	
Laredo	Hidalgo		117%	20		b), (b)(7)		Non	
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5) (b)(7)(5)	0%	0	(b)(5			None	
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	100%	4	(b)(3), (D)(/)(L)	None	
Laredo	Laredo		42%	82				No I:	
Laredo	Eagle Pass		136%	25				The 1	
Laredo	Del Rio		25%	0				None	

Respectfully,

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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:39 PM
То:	HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P;
	CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) LAREDO OPS
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Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 21, 2019

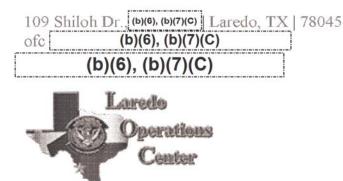
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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
Laredo	Brownsville		30%	0			Non	
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0				Non
Laredo	Hidalgo		60%	7				Non
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0%	0	(b)(5	(5) (b)(5	7\/E\	Non
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(2)	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E) 38% 0 (b)(5), (b)(7)(/)(Ľ)	Non			
Laredo	Laredo		52%	38				Non
Laredo	Eagle Pass		186%	25				The 1
Laredo	Del Rio		11%	0				Non

Report Date: February 21, 2019 @ 1000 Hrs CST

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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Monday, February 25, 2019 1:17 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 25, 2019

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for February 25, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Report Date: Fe	ebruary 25, 2019 @	1000 Hrs CS	Т					
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	°₀ of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue â Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
Laredo	Brownsville		30%	0			2 Pet	
Laredo	Progreso		29°°	2				Mino
Laredo	Hidalgo		105°o 0		None			
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0°°	0	(b)/5	(b)	7)(E)	None
Laredo	Roma	- (b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	3100	1	(b)(5), (b)(None
Laredo	Laredo		48°°	28				No li
Laredo	Eagle Pass		136°o	25				The r
Laredo	Del Rio		2100	0				

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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:10 PM
То:	HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P;
Cc:	СВР-МСАТ-ТЕАМ; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) LAREDO OPS
	CENTER
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 26, 2019

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for February 26, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Report Date: February 25, 2019 @ 1000 Hrs CST

Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
Laredo	Brownsville	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	19%	3				None
Laredo	Progreso		29%	4				Mino
Laredo	Hidalgo		83%	14				None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0%	0	(b)(5) (b)(7)(E)	None
Laredo	Roma		25%	3	(b)(3	5), (b)(/)(L)	None
Laredo	Laredo		38%	23				No L
Laredo	Eagle Pass		136%	25				The r
Laredo	Del Rio		18%	0				None

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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:39 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 27, 2019

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for February 27, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Report Date: F	ebruary 27, 2019 @	1000 Hrs CS	T					
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	⁰₀ of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue â Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
Laredo	Brownsville		28%	3				None
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0		(b)(5), (b)((7)(E)	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		131%	32				None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0%	0	(b)/5			None
Laredo	Roma	— (b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	63%	3	(b)(5		/)(Ľ)	None
Laredo	Laredo	-	38%	29				No li
Laredo	Eagle Pass		129%	25				The r
Laredo	Del Rio		21%	0				None

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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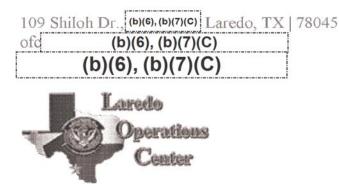
From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:58 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for February 28, 2019

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for February 28, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Report Date: Feb	bruary 28, 2019 @ 1	1000 Hrs CS	Т					
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
Laredo	Brownsville		52%	12				Non
Laredo	Progreso		0%	4				Non
Laredo	Hidalgo		71%	30				Non
Laredo	Rio Grande City		50%	0	(b)(5) (b)(7)(E)	Mini
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	50%	8	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	, // ⊏)	Non	
Laredo	Laredo		38%	54				No I
Laredo	Eagle Pass		79%	25				The :
Laredo	Del Rio		25%	0				Non

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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Friday, March 1, 2019 1:56 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for March 1, 2019

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for March 1, 2019, @ 1000 hours (CST).

Report Date: M	(arch 01, 2019 @ 10	000 Hrs CST						
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	°₀ of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened	
Laredo	Brownsville		39%	7				None
Laredo	Progreso		12°°	8			7)/E)	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		60°°	33				None
Laredo	Rio Grande City	– (b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	50°°	0	(b)/5	(b)/		None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(3), (b)(7)(E)	69°°	0	(b)(5	5), (b)(/)(E)	None
Laredo	Laredo		36%	35				No li
Laredo	Eagle Pass		86°°	25				The r
Laredo	Del Rio		43°o	0				None

Respectfully,

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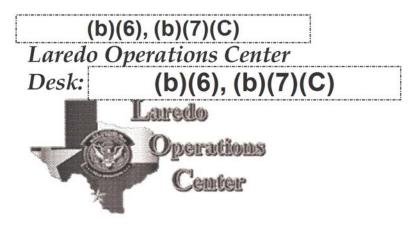
From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER	
Sent:	Sunday, March 3, 2019 12:58 PM	
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RAND	Y J; CAMPBELL, CARL S;
	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEA	AM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	LAREDO OPS
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Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for March 3, 2019	

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Report Date: March 03, 2019 @ 1000 Hrs CST									
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of CF Migrant Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Minors Detained	Minors Processed	Minors Medically Screened		
Laredo	Brownsville		33%	5				Non	
Laredo	Progreso		12%	6	(b)(5), (b)(7)(l			Non	
Laredo	Hidalgo		60%	43				Non	
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	38%	0			7)(E)	Non	
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(2)	38%	18	(5)(3	/)(L)	Non		
Laredo	Laredo		36%	51				No I	
Laredo	Eagle Pass		93%	25			The 1		
Laredo	Del Rio		11%	0				Non	

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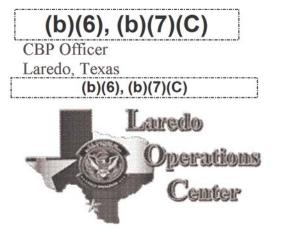
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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Monday, November 26, 2018 1:51 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for November 26, 2018

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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary	Impact to I
Laredo	Brownsville		28%	0	None
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		62%	4	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	0%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		45%	15	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		71%	37	The number of Credible Fear applicants being process
Laredo	Del Rio		25%	0	None

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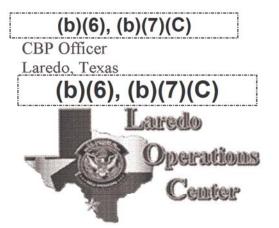
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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Monday, December 17, 2018 1:45 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for December 17, 2018

Attached is the Laredo Field Office - Queue Management Report for December 17, 2018 @ 1000 hours CST.

Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	Impact
Laredo	Brownsville		25%	8	None
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		45%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	- (b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	19%	0	Queue Management Staffing Overtime.
Laredo	Laredo		29%	24	No impact to operations.
Laredo	Eagle Pass		79%	0	The number of Credible Fear applicants being processed
Laredo	Del Rio		13%	6	None

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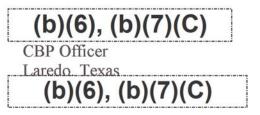


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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of LAREDO OPS CENTER
Sent:	Tuesday, December 18, 2018 2:10 PM
То:	LAREDO OPS CENTER; HOWE, RANDY J; CAMPBELL, CARL S; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; CBP-MCAT-TEAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	LFO Queue Management Report for December 18, 2018

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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary	Impact to
Laredo	Brownsville		26%	8	None
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo	1	0%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		0%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	0%	0	Queue Management Staffing Overtime.
Laredo	Laredo	1	34%	22	No impact to operations.
Laredo	Eagle Pass]	164%	0	The number of Credible Fear applicants being process
Laredo	Del Rio	1	19%	9	None





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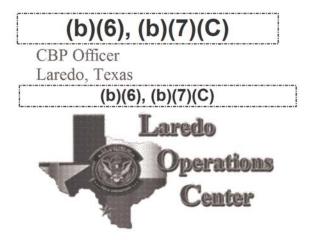
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To:	LAREDO OPS CENTER	ζ (b)(7)(E)	HOWE, RANDY	
J	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	CAMPBELL, CARL S	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
	(b)(6), (b)(7)	C)	HIGGERSON, DAVID	
P	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	CBP-MCAT-TEAM	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)	
	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)			
Cc:		(b)(6), (b)(7)(C	;)	
	(b)(6), (b)	(7)(C)	
From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]		
Sent:	Mon 10/1/2018 1:34:06	PM		

Subject: LFO Queue Management Report for October 1, 2018

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Attached is the Laredo Field Office-Queue Management Report for October 1, 2018 @ 1000 hours CDT.

1, 2018 @ 1000	0 Hrs CDT			
Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	
ownsville		26%	3	None
ogreso		6%	0	None
dalgo		79%	0	None
o Grande City		13%	0	None
ma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	25%	0	None
redo		29%	15	None
gle Pass		129%	0	None
l Rio		7%	0	None
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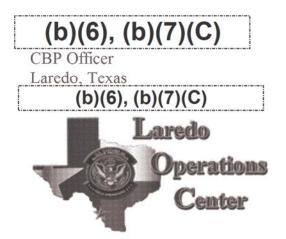


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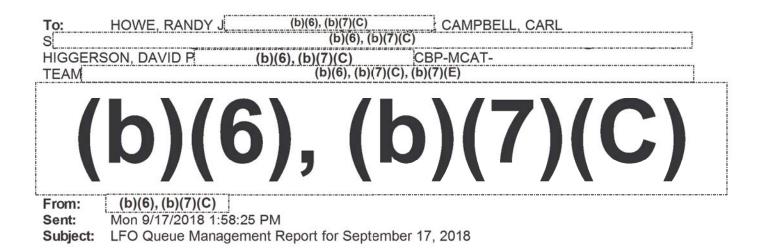
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Report Date: October 3, 2018 @ 1000 Hrs CDT							
Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line			
Laredo	Brownsville		20%	4	None		
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0	None		
Laredo	Hidalgo		31%	0	None		
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	31%	0	None		
Laredo	Roma		19%	0	None		
Laredo	Laredo		47%	29	None		
Laredo	Eagle Pass		114%	0	None		
Laredo	Del Rio		0%	0	None		



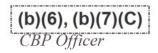
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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	
Laredo	Brownsville		30%	18	None
Laredo	Progreso		41%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		67%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		31%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	13%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		14%	6	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		100%	4	None
Laredo	Del Rio		0%	0	None

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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	
Laredo	Brownsville		39%	21	None
Laredo	Progreso		24%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		50%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	25%	0	None
Laredo	Roma		6%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		18%	0	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		136%	0	None
Laredo	Del Rio		0%	0	None

Respectfully,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	
Laredo	Brownsville		17%	12	None
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		17%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	13%	0	None
Laredo	Roma		0%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		25%	0	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		121%	0	None
Laredo	Del Rio		11%	0	None

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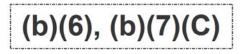


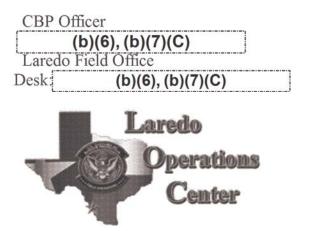
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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	
Laredo	Brownsville		19%	0	None
Laredo	Progreso		0%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		10%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	31%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(3), (b)(7)(E)	6%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		30%	10	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		121%	0	None
Laredo	Del Rio		0%	0	None





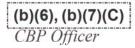
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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary Line	
Laredo	Brownsville		43%	17	None
Laredo	Progreso		12%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		21%	0	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City		25%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	13%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		15%	17	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		157%	0	None
Laredo	Del Rio		18%	0	None







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Field Office	Port	Total number of Detainees	% of Capacity	Number in Queue @ Boundary	Impact to Port O
Laredo	Brownsville		35%	0	None
Laredo	Progreso		12%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		60%	1	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City]	19%	0	None
Laredo	Roma	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)	13%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		38%	15	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		114%	0	None
Laredo	Del Rio		11%	0	None

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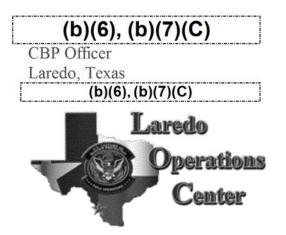


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Laredo	Brownsville		25%	0	None
Laredo	Progreso		12%	0	None
Laredo	Hidalgo		43%	1	None
Laredo	Rio Grande City	(b)(5), (b)(7)(E) –	31%	0	None
Laredo	Roma		0%	0	None
Laredo	Laredo		38%	12	None
Laredo	Eagle Pass		93%	0	None
Laredo	Del Rio		0%	0	None



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