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Doc. No.	Document Description	Bates Numbers	Status/Exemption	Justification/Description	Redaction Category
1	Email	000001	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.	Protected personal information
2	Intelligence Assessment	000002 - 000013	Withheld in Part (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)(E)	<p>Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of contact information for DHS/I&A. The contact information is redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.</p> <p>The withheld information is part of a finished intelligence product disseminated to DHS/I&A's intelligence customers that contains evaluated national intelligence information produced by DHS/I&A as a member of the IC. Information withheld under (b)(3) consists of, or relates to, intelligence sources and methods that are protected from unauthorized disclosure under 6 U.S.C. § 121(d)(11) and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i). The redacted information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 121(d)(11) and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i) as disclosure of</p>	Protected personal information; Statutorily Exempted Information;

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				<p>this document would reveal intelligence sources and methods utilized by I&A. Specifically, it would reveal (1) the underlying sources of information and intelligence that I&A relied upon to form its analytical assessments and draft this intelligence product; (2) the analytical insights of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) into individuals supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a designated terrorist group; (3) the confidence-level of I&A's analytical assessments; (4) IC's analytical insights into the pre-travel activities of individuals intending to travel to Syria to join and fight alongside ISIL; and (5) the indicators displayed by individuals who intend to provide material support to ISIL and travel to Syria to join ISIL as foreign fighters.</p> <p>The redacted information is also protected from release under exemption (b)(7)(E), as release of this information would reveal guidelines for national security investigations and prosecutions and could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, as release of this information would enable individuals who are supporting ISIL and intending to travel to Syria to join ISIL to avoid detection by DHS and the IC, thereby endangering U.S. national security.</p>	Law Enforcement Information
3	Email	000014 - 000015	Withheld in Part (b)(5), (b)(6)	Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because	Protected personal information;

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4	Email	000016 – 000017	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	<p>Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.</p>	Protected personal information
5	Email	000018	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	<p>Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission</p>	Protected personal information

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6	Email	000019 - 000020	Withheld in Part (b)(5), (b)(6)	<p>Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.</p> <p>The information redacted under (b)(5) describes predecisional and deliberative internal discussions between DHS/I&A officials critiquing a training another DHS Office provided to a Fusion Center. Releasing this information could chill candid discussions between officials within the Department.</p>	<p>Protected personal information</p> <p>Deliberative Process (Pre-Decisional)</p>
7	Email	000021	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.	Protected personal information
8	Email	000022	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of	Protected personal information

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10	Email	000073 – 000076	Withheld in Part (b)(5), (b)(6)	<p>Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS/I&A employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.</p> <p>The information redacted under (b)(5) describes predecisional and deliberative DHS/I&A internal discussions concerning recommendations for engaging with and coordinating with the DHS Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program. Releasing this information could chill candid discussions between officials within the Department.</p>	<p>Protected personal information</p> <p>Deliberative Process (Pre-Decisional)</p>
18	Email	000357 - 000358	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS performs its mission nor is	Protected personal information

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19	Email	000359	Withheld in Part (b)(6)	Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of names and contact information for DHS employees. The names and contact information are redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.	Protected personal information
23	Intelligence Assessment	000554 – 000571	Withheld in Part (b)(3), (b)(7)(E)	The withheld information is part of a finished intelligence product disseminated to DHS/I&A's intelligence customers that contains evaluated national intelligence information produced by DHS/I&A as a member of the IC. Information withheld under (b)(3) consists of, or relates to, intelligence sources and methods that are protected from unauthorized disclosure under 6 U.S.C. § 121(d)(11) and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i). The redacted information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 121(d)(11) and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i) as disclosure of this document would reveal intelligence sources and methods utilized by I&A. Specifically, it would reveal (1) the underlying sources of information and intelligence that I&A relied upon to form its analytical assessments and draft this intelligence product; (2) the confidence-level of I&A's analytical assessments; (3) I&A's core analytical judgment regarding key individuals who can be enlisted to help prevent	Statutorily Exempted Information; and

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				<p>Somali youth from radicalizing to become Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs); (4) suggested means by which the government and other individuals can intercede to prevent Somali youth from radicalizing to become HVEs; and (5) vulnerabilities within the American Somali community that can lead to radicalization.</p> <p>The redacted information is also protected from release under exemption (b)(7)(E), as release of this information would reveal guidelines for national security investigations and prosecutions and could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Release of this information would enable individuals to learn of the government's strategy and tactics to prevent, detect, and deter Somali youth from radicalizing, thereby weakening the government's HVE prevention and detection efforts, which endangers U.S. national security.</p>	Law Enforcement Information
24	Intelligence Assessment	000572 - 000584	Withheld in Part (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)(D), and (b)(7)(E)	<p>Information withheld under (b)(6) consists of contact information for DHS/I&A. The contact information is redacted because release would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Release of such information does not shed light on how DHS/I&A performs its mission nor is there any public interest in the disclosure of such information.</p> <p>The withheld information is part of a finished intelligence product disseminated to DHS/I&A's</p>	Protected personal information;

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