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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 74538D  
10 July 2018

JOHN GREENEWALD  
27305 W LIVE OAK RD  
SUITE 1203  
CASTAIC CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 24 August 2013 for "all emails and means of correspondence, pertaining to the overall situation in, and around, Benghazi, Libya. This would include correspondence from, and pertaining to, the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya along with Ambassador Christopher Stevens. This would include any and all emails and other forms of correspondence from Christopher Stevens, or any other personnel or his staff at the embassy between it, and the NSA. If any other documents are in the possession of the NSA, which the Office of Primary Responsibility is elsewhere, I ask that these records are sent to the OPR, and reviewed for release. I am specifically looking for any and all information about potential dangers of attack, threats against the consulate, concerns etc. You can limit the search for this request for records dating from January 1, 2012." A copy of your request is enclosed.

As you recall, you paid \$132.00 for search time. We received your payment on 5 January 2017. The final fee assessment entitles you to a refund of \$12.75. In keeping with the spirit of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, we have determined that we will refund the full payment you provided. Your \$132.00 refund will be provided under separate cover.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA and some of the documents you requested are enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the enclosures and 5 documents (32 pages) have been withheld in their entirety.

Some of the withheld information has been found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. The information meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4 and remains classified TOP SECRET and SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of Executive Order 13526. The information is classified because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave or serious damage to the national security. Because the information is currently and properly classified, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)).

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in these documents. Accordingly, those portions are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 3024(i); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

Since some documents were withheld in their entirety and information was withheld from the enclosures, you may construe this as a partial denial of your request. You are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below. NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving any appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax, or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)  
National Security Agency  
9800 Savage Road STE 6932  
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

The facsimile number is 443-479-3612.

The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is FOIARSC@nsa.gov.

- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested information was unwarranted.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Rd. - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740  
ogis@nara.gov  
877-684-6448  
(Fax) 202-741-5769

Sincerely,



for  
JOHN R. CHAPMAN  
Chief, FOIA/PA Office  
NSA Initial Denial Authority

Encls:  
a/s

**From:** donotreply@nsa.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2013 12:37 AM  
**To:** donotreply@nsa.gov  
**Cc:** john@greenewald.com  
**Subject:** FOIA Request (Web form submission)

Name: John Greenewald

Email: [john@greenewald.com](mailto:john@greenewald.com)

Company: The Black Vault

Postal Address: [REDACTED]

Postal 2nd Line: -

Postal City: [REDACTED]

Postal State-prov: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Country: United States of America

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Records Requested: To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I hope a full fee waiver for this request can be considered, because all documents received will be available FREE OF CHARGE in their entirety on <http://www.theblackvault.com>. This site, run entirely by me, has been around for 17 years, and literally served more than 8,000 people a day on average.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to [john@greenewald.com](mailto:john@greenewald.com) or via CD-ROM via postal mail. I agree to pay up to 15 dollars for the requested material.

I respectfully request a copy of all emails and means of correspondence, pertaining to the overall situation in, and around, Benghazi, Libya. This would include correspondence from, and pertaining to, the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya along with Ambassador Christopher Stevens. This would include any and all emails and other forms of correspondence from Christopher Stevens, or any other personnel or his staff at the embassy between it, and the NSA. if any other documents are in the possession of the NSA, which the Office of Primary Responsibility is elsewhere, I ask that these records are sent to the OPR, and reviewed for release.

I am specifically looking for any and all information about potential dangers of attack, threats against the consulate, concerns, etc. You can limit the search for this request for records dating from January 1, 2012 to September 12, 2012.

Previously, I filed a request given case #72581, which was determined to be too broad. I hope the above will clarify, and can be properly processed.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

[REDACTED]

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**11 September Passdown - Days to Mids (U):**

**9) Libya: US Consulate:**

[Redacted]

- Roughly 20 armed assailants are firing shots, and explosions have been reported. An unidentified number of assailants are inside the compound.
- Ambassador Stevens and 4 other State employees are at the diplomatic mission and are in the safehaven. According to State, this building is on fire.

[Redacted]

- There are no cameras at the compound to provide a visual.
- A/S Jones is reaching out to Prime Ministers in Libya and Egypt

[Redacted]

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**11 September 2012 Signification Action:**

**2. (U) Collection:**

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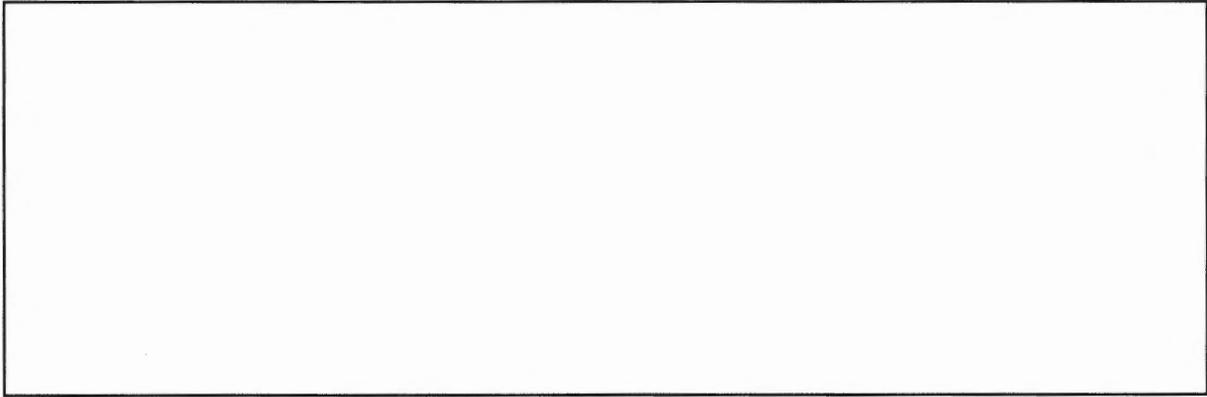
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**To:** DL CTMMCLDR[ctmmcldr@nsa.ic.gov]  
**From:** DL CTMMCLDR  
**Sent:** Tue 9/11/2012 10:10:08 PM  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** FW: (U) Update #4 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
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Additional PRESS:

SUBJ: (U) AFP: MOB SETS FIRE TO US CONSULATE IN BENGHAZI

SOURCE: PARIS AFP (NORTH EUROPEAN SERVICE) IN ENGLISH 2055 GMT 11

SEP 12 (U)

TEXT:

(U) AFP headline: "Mob sets fire to US consulate in Benghazi:

witness"

News Agencies

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An armed mob has attacked the US consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi and set fire to the building, witnesses reported, in what they said was a protest at a film they said offended Islam.

A little earlier, Libya's deputy interior minister Wanis al-Shari, told AFP the crowd had attacked the building and that information was confirmed by the US embassy in the capital Tripoli.

Description of Source: Paris AFP in English -- North European Service of independent French press agency Agence France-Presse

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Language(s): English

Article Metadata

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Precedence: Immediate

Country(s): Libya, United States

Region(s): Africa, Americas

Subregion(s): North Africa, North Americas

Topic(s): INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL, TERRORISM, URGENT

**(U//FOUO) Operations Officer  
Theater Cryptologic Operations Center  
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HQ CSG-AFRICOM**

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:31 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** (U) Update #3 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Importance:** High

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

First instance of PRESS reflection:

-(U) ARMED MILITIA, SECURITY FORCES CLASH AT U.S. CONSULATE IN LIBYAN CITY OF BENGHAZI-SECURITY SOURCE (Reuters)

-As of 2129z, the US Ambassador has NOT been accounted for.

Regards,

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:29 PM  
**To:** [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

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[redacted]

NSA CSS Europe & Africa

D/Chief CSG AFRICOM

SEC:988-1792, COMM: [redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:21 PM.  
**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
**Importance:** High

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

6 of 7 have been accounted for, however the US Ambassador is not one of them.  
1 of the 6 that have been accounted for has apparently been KIA'd.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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**From:** DL nsoces0 (ALIAS) K1

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:18 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

ALCON,

[Redacted] reported that the Ambassador + 4 State personnel were sheltered in place at the compound.

Respectfully,

[Redacted] USMC

Expeditionary Support Team 1

National Security Operations Center

XO, B Company, MCSB

NSTS 963-3422

COMM [Redacted]

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:14 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

Good Evening,

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[Redacted] Getting sketchy details that 5 of 7 of the personnel have been accounted for. Members of AFRICOM Senior Leadership have been called in.

Kind Regards,

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

[Redacted]  
**(U//FOUO) Operations Officer  
Theater Cryptologic Operations Center  
NSA/CSS Europe and Africa  
HQ CSG-AFRICOM**  
[Redacted]

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:07 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
**Importance:** High

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

Compound Secure—This straight from AFRICOM Watch. No word if everyone is accounted for yet.

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[Redacted] DSN/STE

**From:** NCEUR TCOC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 10:27 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** (U) Update #1 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
**Importance:** High

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

Good Evening,

These are sketchy details right now, but AFRICOM leadership is being alerted to this. I will try to firm up this information in due course

Latest details:

-US Ambassador in Benghazi is on site, possibly 7 additional personnel on site as well

-Consular walls were breached

[Redacted]

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-Occurred at 2145 (local Libya)

-1 villa destroyed

Regards,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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DSN/STE

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From: DL soo (ALIAS) K1

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 10:14 PM

To:

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: (U) US Consulate Attacked in Libya

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Thanks,

Please keep us updated on this.

[Redacted]

(U//FOUO)

[Redacted]

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Senior Operations Officer, Team 3  
NSA National Security Operations Center (NSOC)  
Ft Meade, MD NSA-W, [Redacted]

NSTS: 963.3777

Comm/STE:

[Redacted]

DSN:

JWICS (DoDIIS)

[Redacted]

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(Personal email: [redacted])  
NSOC SOO DropBox

**From:** NCEUR TCOC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 September, 2012 16:13  
**To:** DL NSOCSMM; DL nsocsoo (ALIAS) K1  
**Subject:** (U) US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
**Importance:** High

**Classification:** ~~CONFIDENTIAL//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

I am being told by the Team Chief at the AFRICOM Watch floor that the US Consulate in Libya has been attacked about 20-30 people. The Defense Attache is currently in contact. General Ham (Commander AFRICOM) is also being contacted.

More details to come.

Regards,

[redacted] (b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

(U//FOUO) Operations Officer  
Theater Cryptologic Operations Center  
NSA/CSS Europe and Africa  
HQ CSG-AFRICOM

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[redacted] DSN/STE

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To: [redacted]  
 From: [redacted]  
 Sent: Thur 11/14/2013 12:17:24 PM  
 Importance: Normal  
 Sensitivity: None  
 Subject: FW: (U//FOUO) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12  
 Categories: [redacted]

Classification: ~~TOP SECRET//HCS//SI//ORCON//NOFORN~~

[redacted] (b) (3) - P.L. 86-36  
 [redacted] **Corporate Support Staff**  
**967-7624s**  
 [redacted]

From: [redacted]  
 Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2012 12:17 PM  
 To: [redacted]  
 Cc: [redacted]  
 Subject: FW: (U//FOUO) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12

Classification: ~~TOP SECRET//HCS//SI//ORCON//NOFORN~~

Please pass to [redacted] - the highlighted stuff should be enough (pretty sure it's in line with what he was probably already thinking).

If questions arise in the brief that he doesn't feel comfortable answering directly, he can always use the "I need to check with my Hqs" line to buy some time.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Chief, Special Operations Division [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

967-7721 (NSTS)

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2012 12:13 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U//~~FOUO~~) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12

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[Redacted]

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I didn't receive any additional feedback from [Redacted] but you have it covered with your guidance below. Thanks.

Very Respectfully,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

967.7336 (secure)

*Listen, Learn, Lead*

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2012 11:44 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: (U//~~FOUO~~) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12

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[Redacted]

Last call - Other than what was briefly discussed at the table yesterday, any additional guidance on Libya from the DIR or [Redacted]?

We're simply advising [Redacted] to keep his cards close to the vest - but to clearly state that [Redacted] for the foreseeable future.

He's going to tell the Ambassador that we are moving forward with plans to [Redacted] [Redacted] (when that happens - likely late next year).

[Redacted]

Other than that - he'll discuss current activities - as well as current support we're providing [Redacted] etc.

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Thanks,

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

967-7721 (NSTS)

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2012 7:04 AM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U//FOUO) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12

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[Redacted]

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Tomorrow is the AMBOs brief. Is there anything [Redacted] wants relayed? Is there any power point templates for our shop?

Very Respectfully,

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2012 10:56 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: (U//FOUO) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12

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Gents,

Is there [Redacted] message that [Redacted] should be taking into this meeting?  
Probably want to engage [Redacted] on what should be put forward so there are no  
missteps.

#####

(U//FOUO)

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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967-7732

From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 27, 2012 5:12 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: (U//FOUO) Input for US Ambassador to Tripoli Brief 8/29/12

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NSAW & [redacted]

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I am briefing the US Ambassador in Tripoli this Wednesday 8/29 at 1000 Local on [redacted]

I wanted to get some feedback from you on [redacted]  
[redacted] Also anything you want me to highlight to the Ambassador to include [redacted]

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Very Respectfully,

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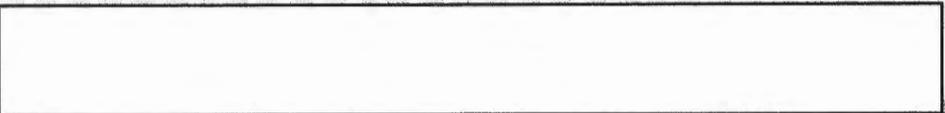
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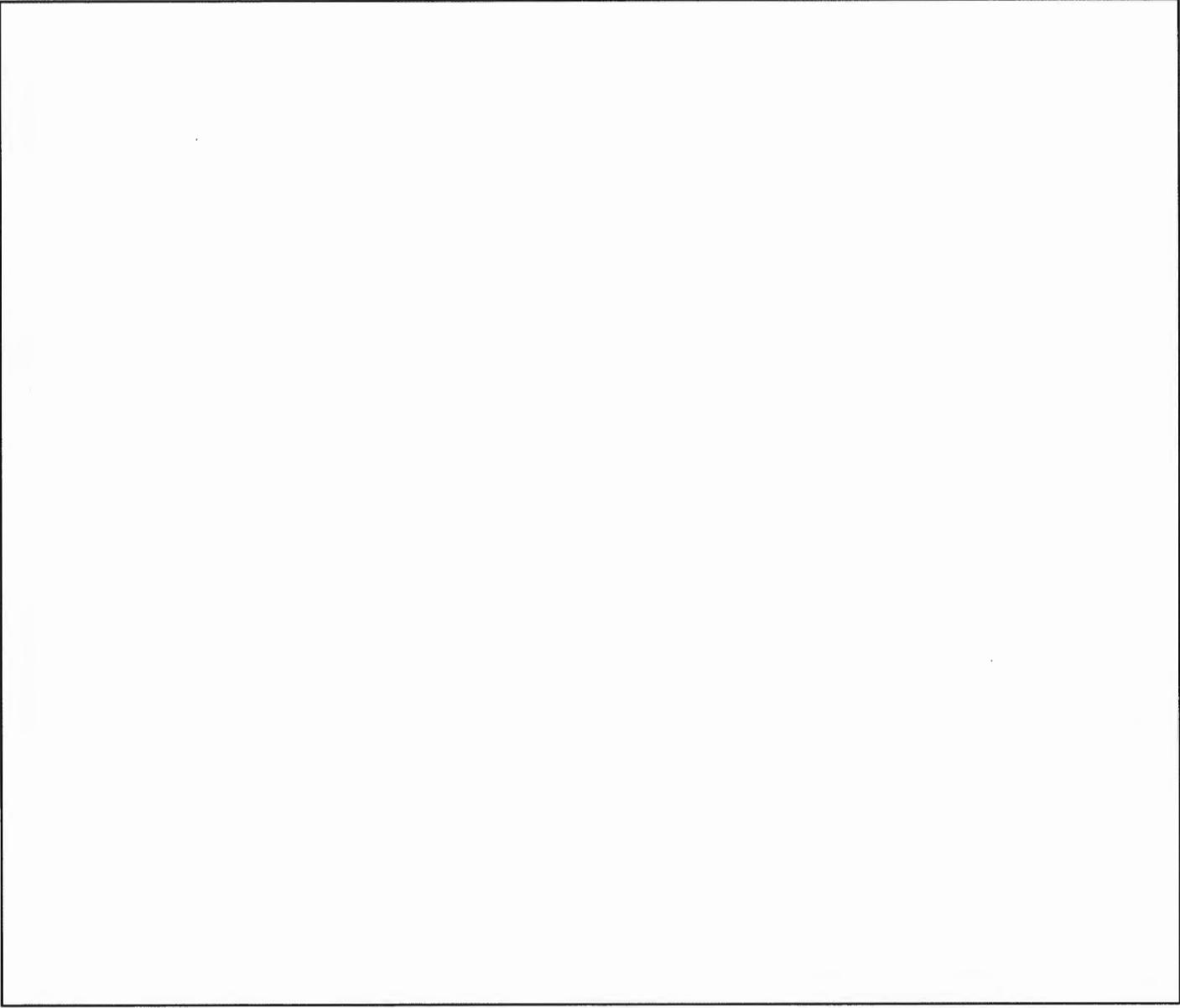


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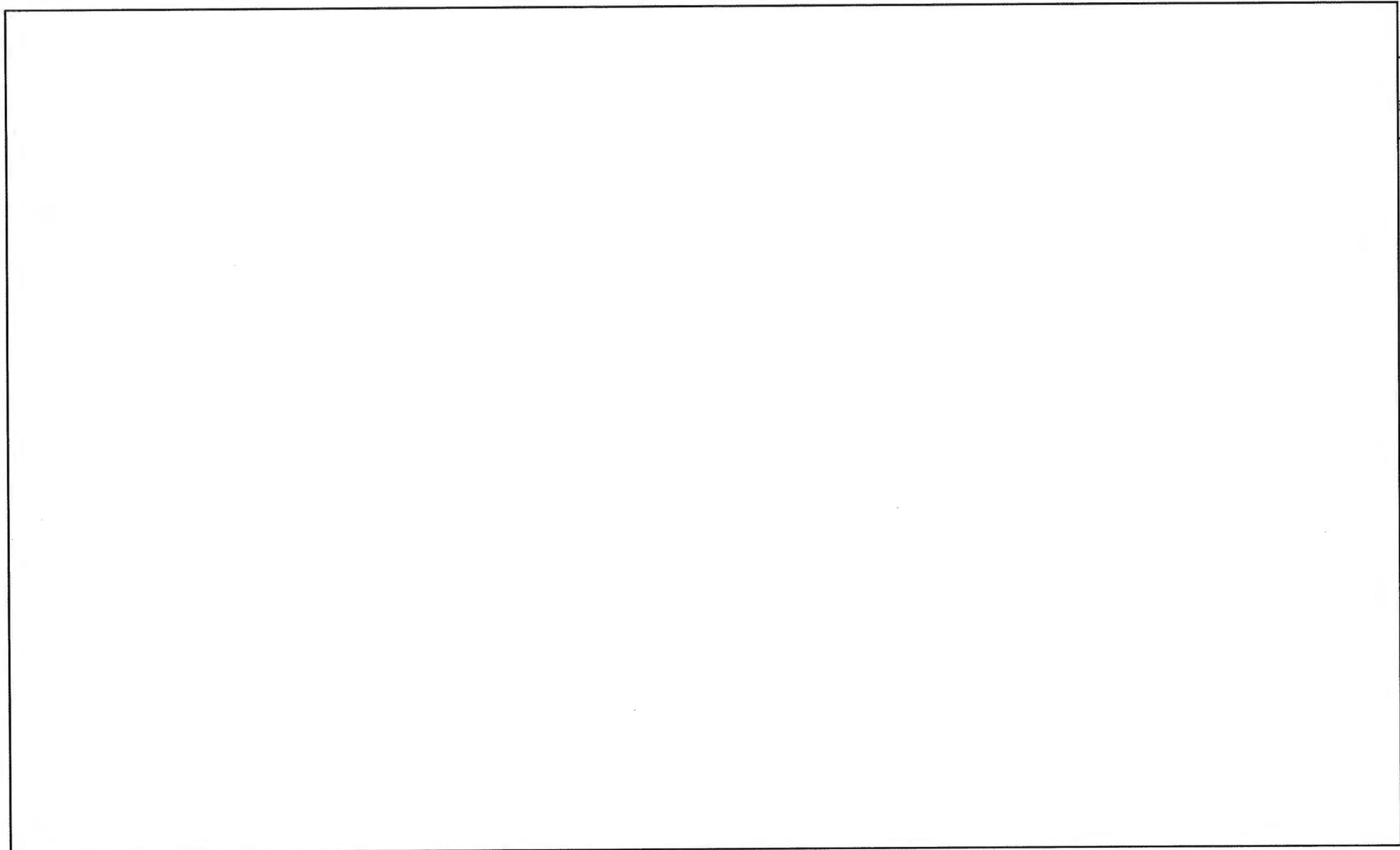
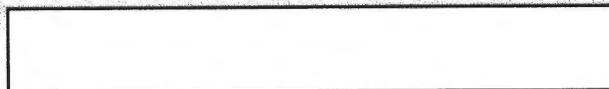


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# Current Situation



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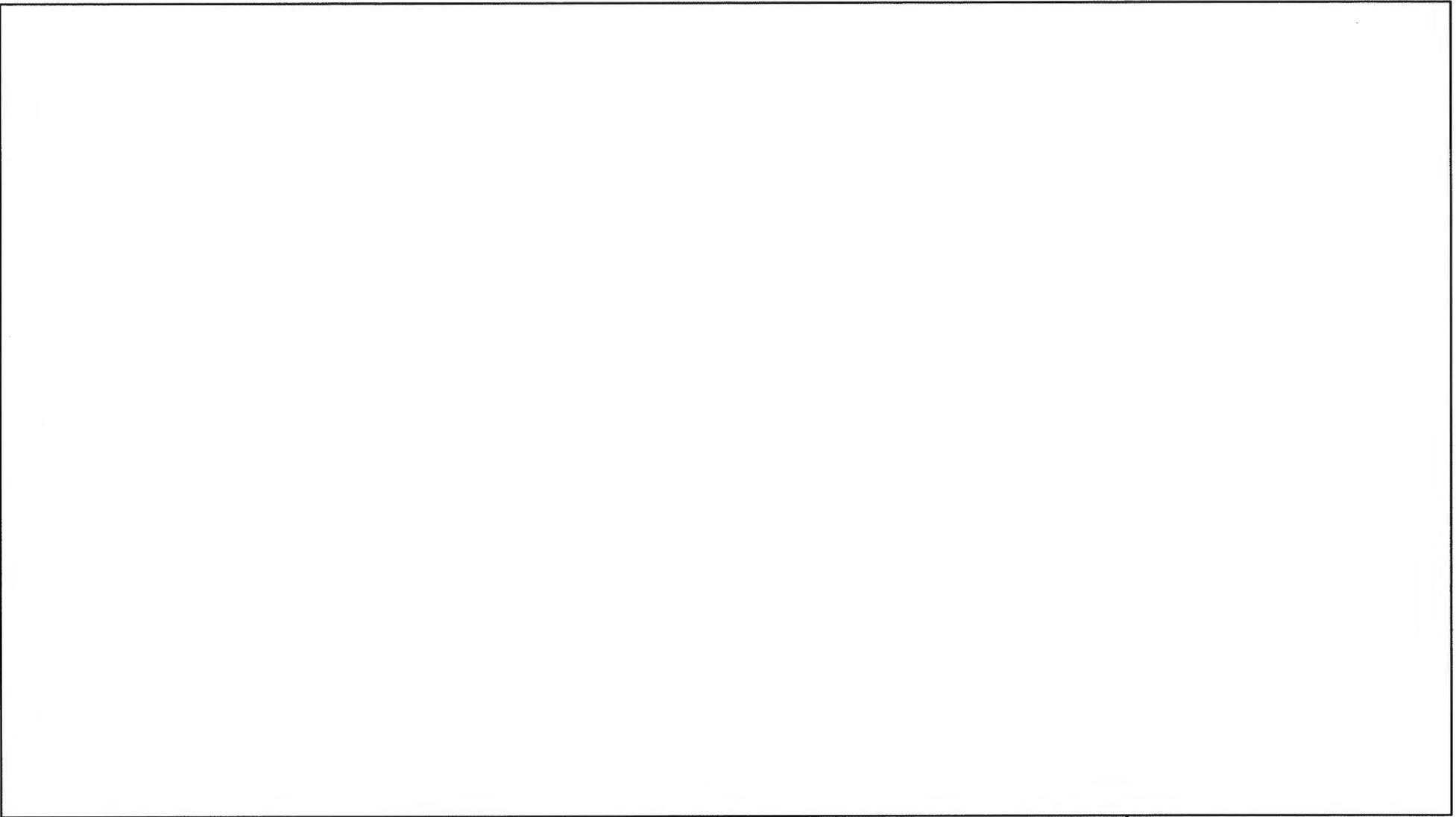


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# Significant Recent SIGINT Reporting



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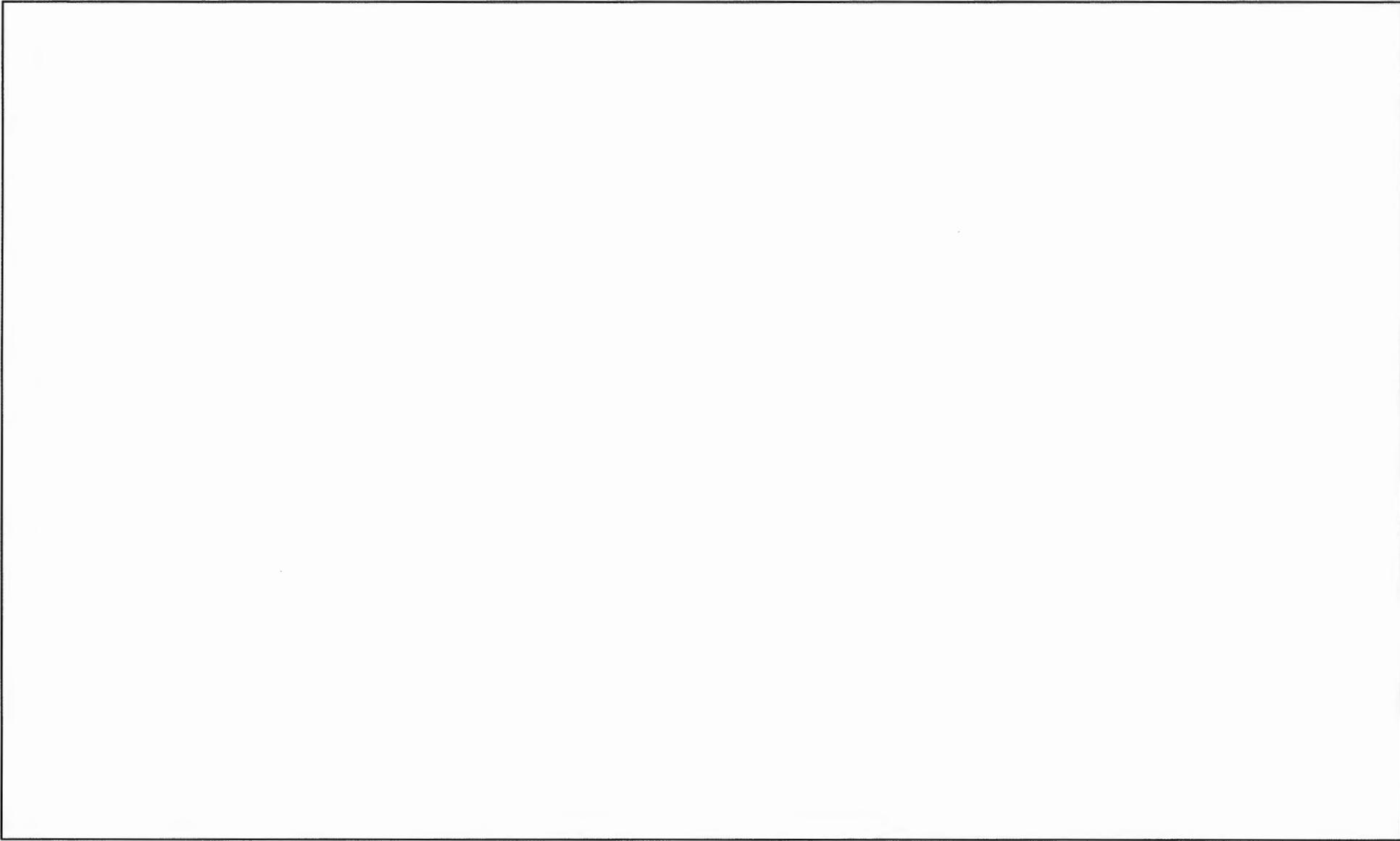


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# Connections and Influence (S)



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# Additional North Africa CT Priorities

- In addition  other high-priority CT topics in North Africa include:

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(b) (3)-50 USC 3024(i)  
(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36



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# Policymaker Priorities for N. Africa

## National Strategic Guidance:

### - National CT Strategy (Aug 2011)

- Tier 2 Area of Emphasis: [redacted]

- Includes [redacted]

- Desired End States

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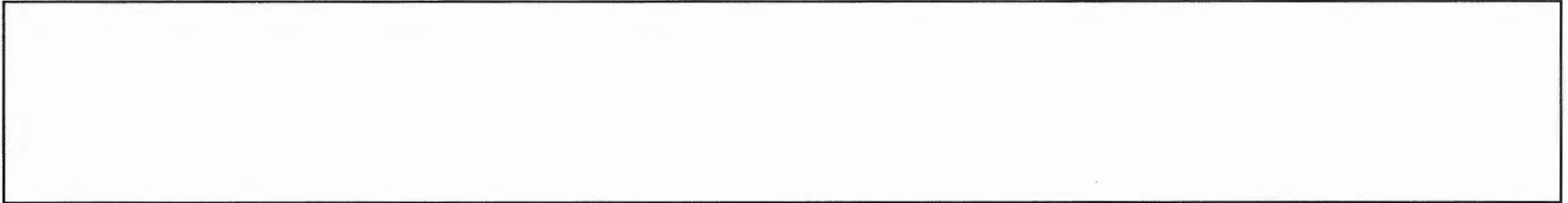
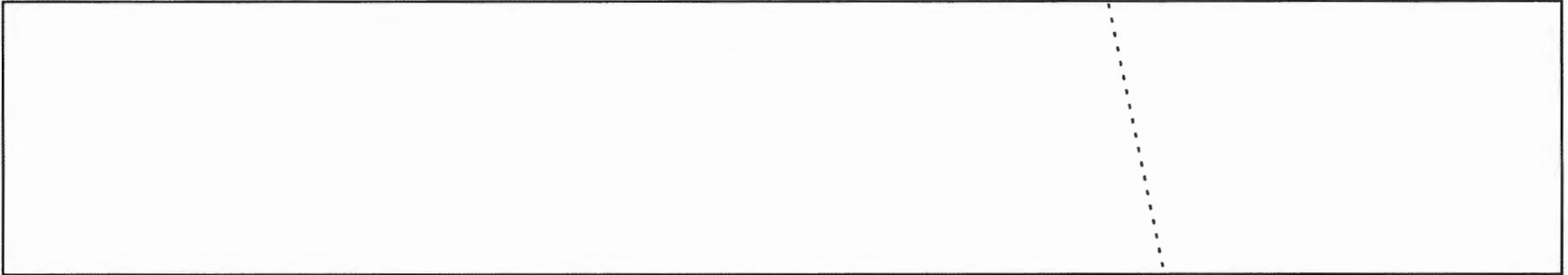
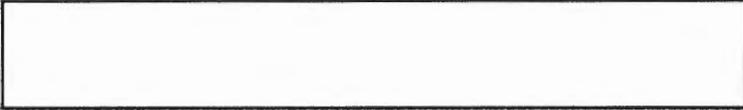
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# Collection Posture –



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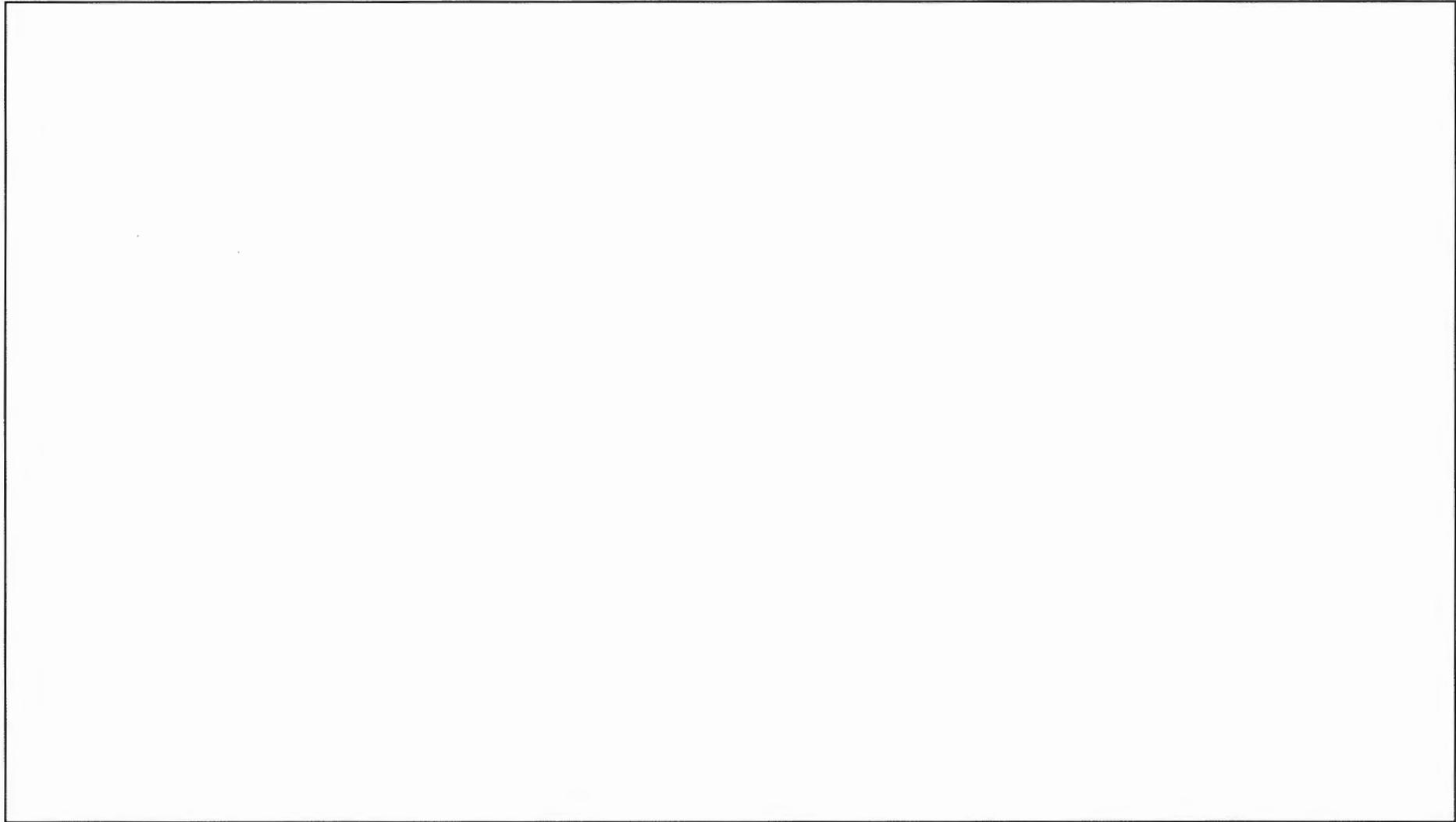
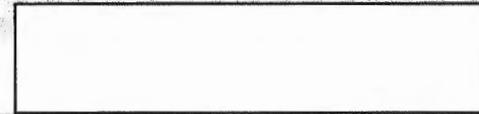


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# Collection Posture -



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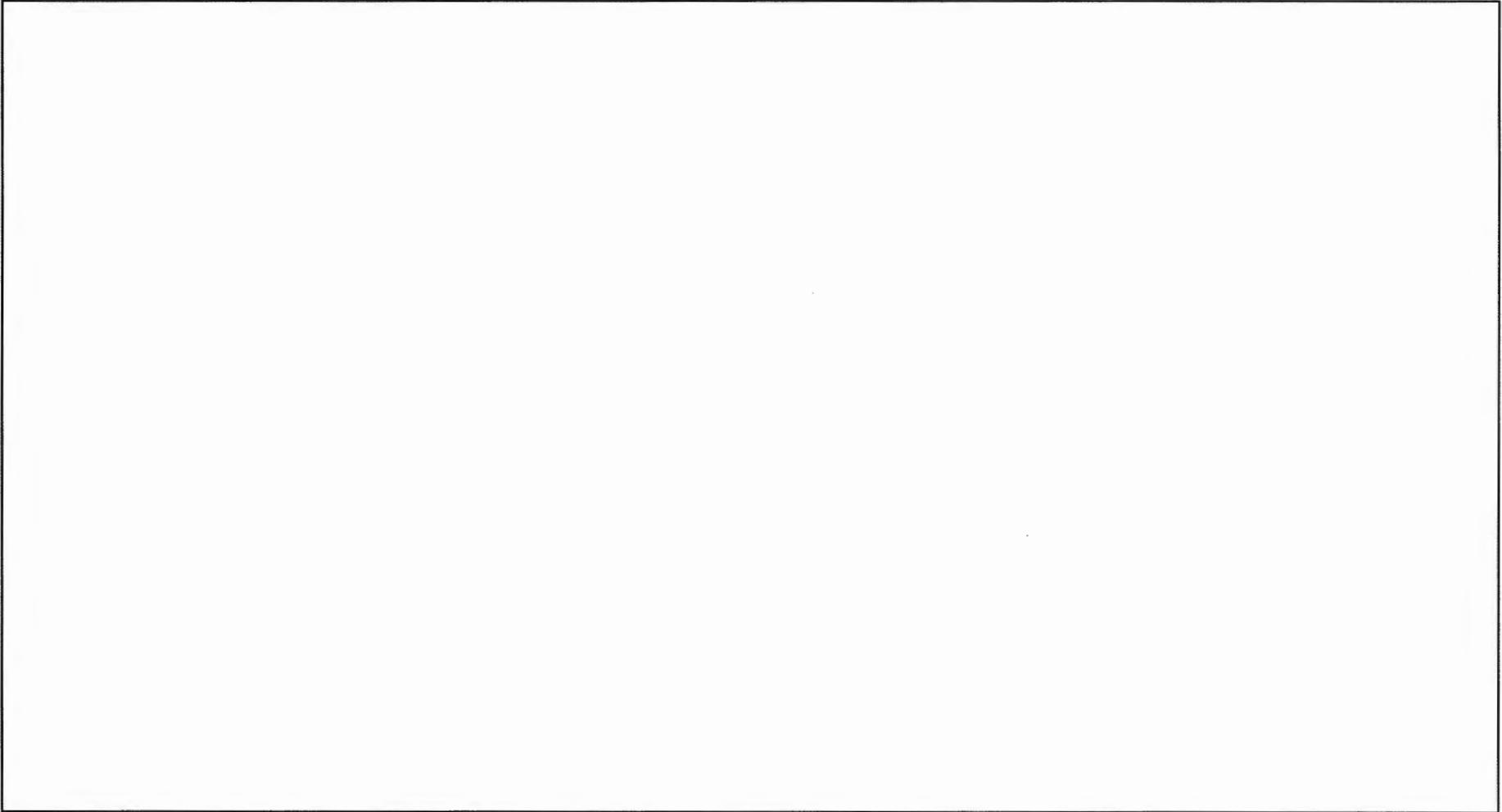


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# Collection Posture -



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# Manpower Resources

Counterterrorism Division

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North African Extremist

CVE

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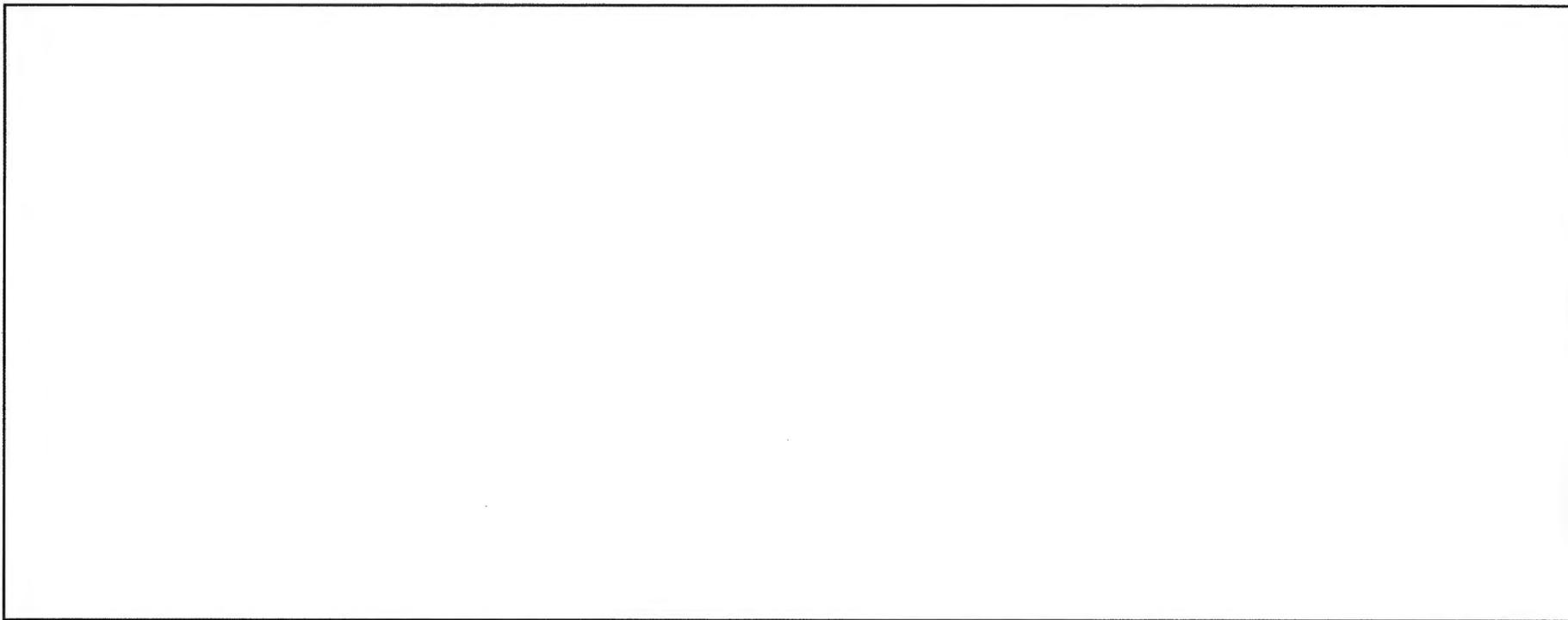
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# Manpower Resources cont.

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S2E/MEA and  Regional Targets



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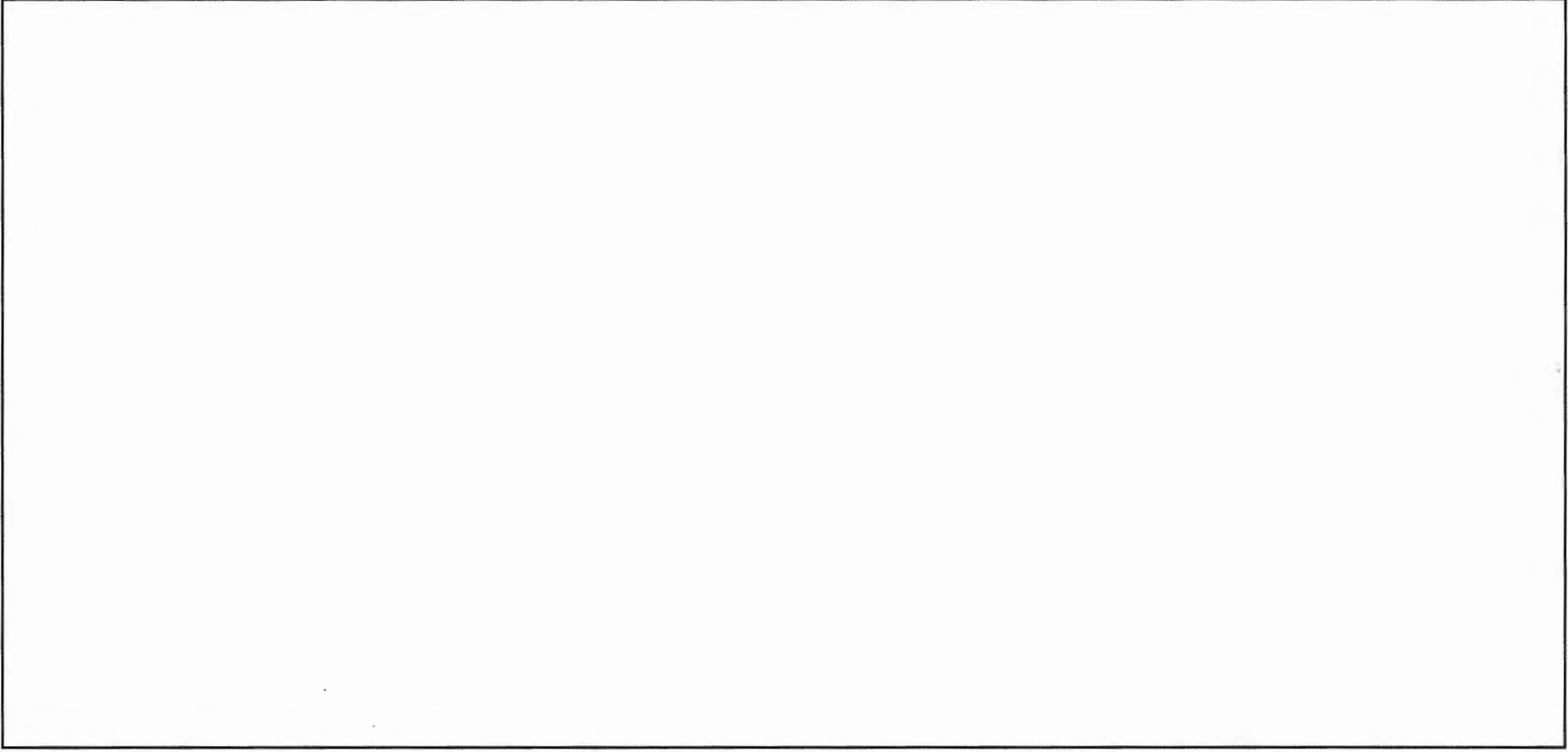


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# Challenges/Gaps



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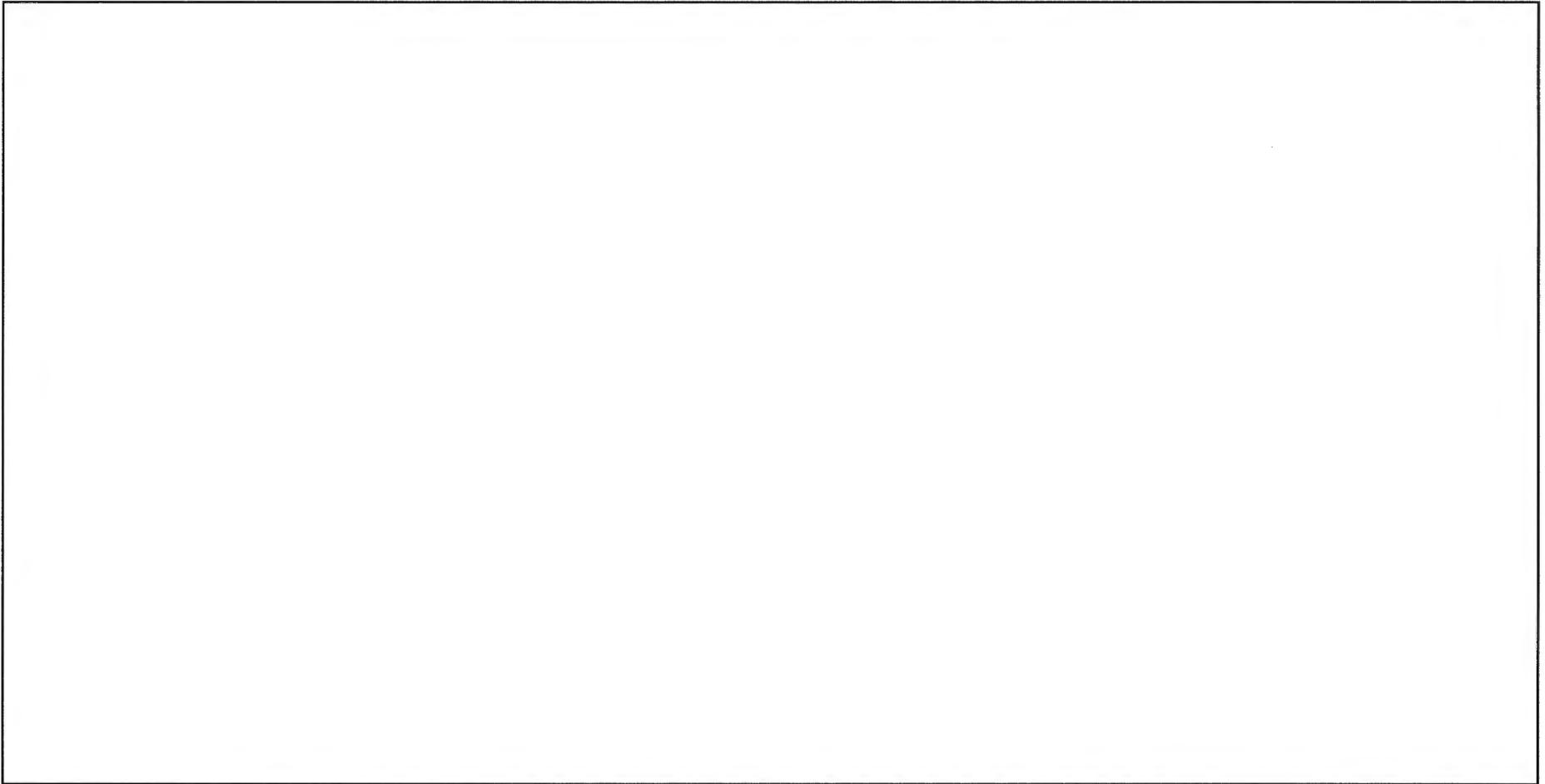


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# Initiatives



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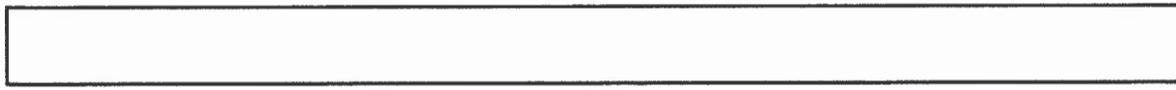
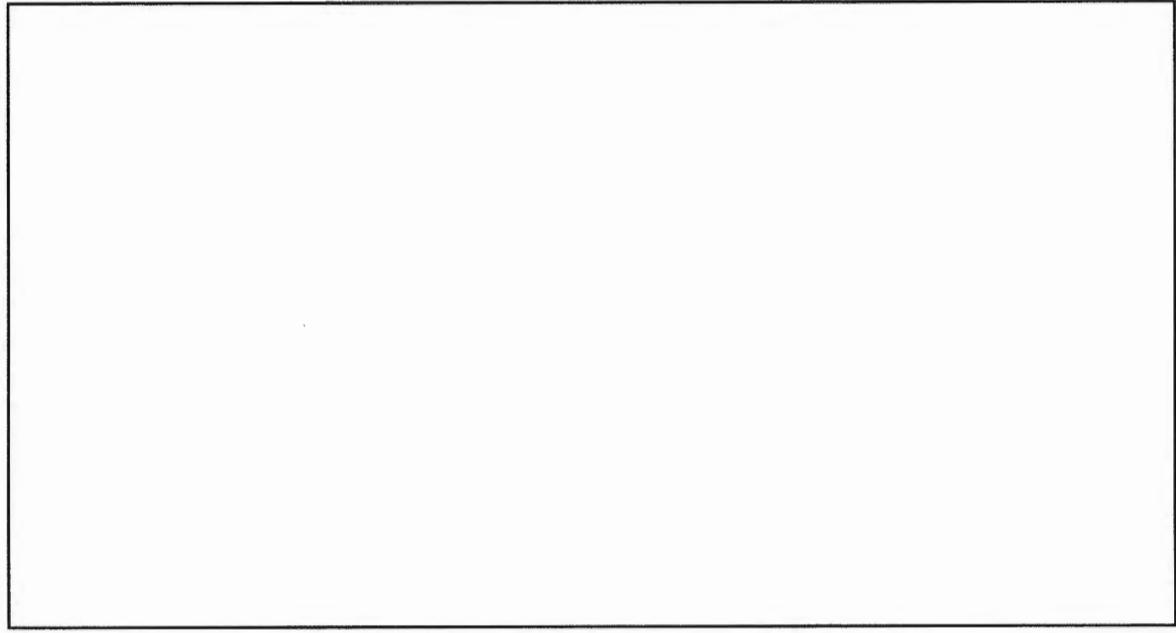
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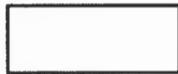
# Partners/Intelligence Sharing



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- No SIGINT Relationship
- Reporting Shared via FORREL Process

## CEMOC (Combined Operations General Staff Committee)

-  Partner Lead
- Partner Shares Information Provided by NSA





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# Questions?

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To: DL ctmmlt (ALIAS) STC1[ctmmlt@nsa.ic.gov]

Cc:

From: DL CTMMCLDR  
Sent: Tue 9/11/2012 10:10:32 PM  
Importance: Normal  
Subject: FW: (U) FYI: Attack on US Mission Benghazi; Libya  
Categories:

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(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

All,

[Redacted] I have also attached a series of update emails from ICOC.

The latest update is that The U.S. Ambassador is currently unaccounted for.

[Redacted] We will provide updates as available.

V/R,

[Redacted]

(b) (1)  
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Senior Ops Leader (Tm 4)

CT Mission Management Center

NSTS: 966-6073 / [redacted]

NSANet: [redacted]

SIPR Net: [redacted]

Unclass: [redacted]

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**From:** DL soo (ALIAS) K1

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:53 PM

**To:** [redacted]

[redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

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**Subject:** (U) FYI: Attack on US Mission Benghazi, Libya

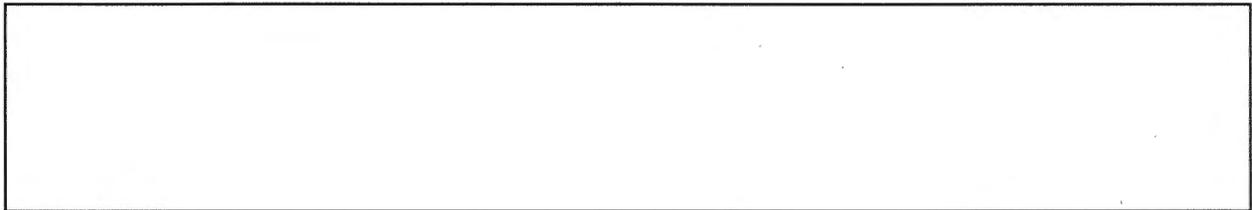
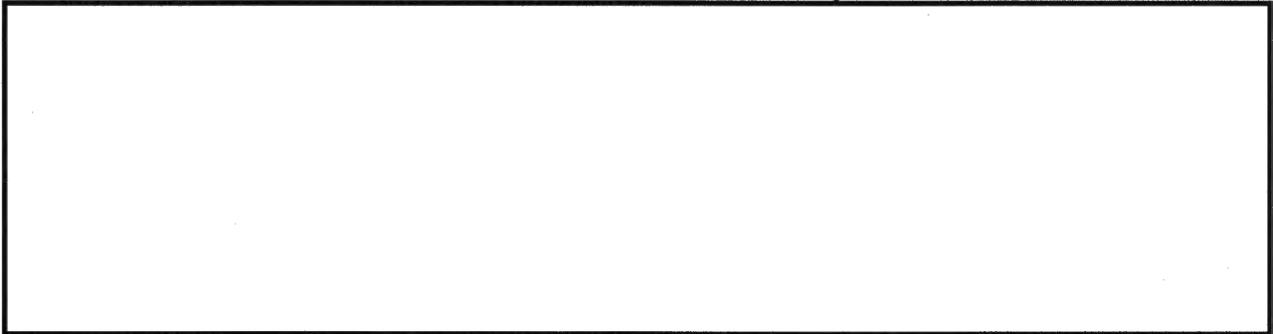
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SIR,

~~(S)~~ **BLUF:** There is an ongoing attack on the US Mission in Benghazi, Libya.

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**DETAILS**



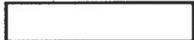
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V/R,

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(U//~~FOUO~~)



Senior Operations Officer, Team 3  
NSA National Security Operations Center (NSOC)  
Ft Meade, MD NSA-W [redacted]

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NSTS: 963.3777

Comm/STE: [redacted]

DSN:  
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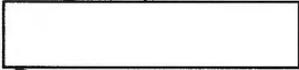
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To:

[Redacted]

**From:** DL CTMMCLDR  
**Sent:** Tue 9/11/2012 11:58:11 PM  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** FW: (U) UPDATE 1: Attack on US Mission Benghazi, Libya  
**Categories:** [Redacted]

**RE: (U) Update #5 US Consulate Attacked in Libya (59.6 KB)**

**Classification: ~~TOP SECRET//COMINT//NOFORN~~**

All,

Latest update from the SOO below. Latest update from TCOC attached. Additionally,

[Redacted]

V/R,

[Redacted]

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Senior Ops Leader (Tm 4)

CT Mission Management Center

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**From:** DL soo (ALIAS) K1

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:32 PM

**To:** [redacted]

[redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** (U) UPDATE 1: Attack on US Mission Benghazi, Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//SI//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

Sir,

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

The US Ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, is currently unaccounted for. AFRICOM has declared a PR event (PR-AC-12-007). [redacted]

[redacted]

PR = Personnel Recovery

We understand now that there were seven State Department personnel in the compound, including the Ambassador that had taken cover in the safe haven. The

building had been reported on fire and there had been at least one explosion in the facility.

As of now, all but the Ambassador have been accounted for. One of six accounted for personnel has died due to smoke inhalation.

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[Redacted]

The situation on the ground is still very dynamic, though we have unconfirmed indications that US security forces are on site securing the perimeter. However, it is also understood that the attackers may still be in the vicinity.

We will continue to update you on further significant developments.

V/r CFA

[Redacted]

NSOC SOO-2

963-3777, [Redacted]

Navy Member, JOCCP Executive Panel

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** DL soo (ALIAS) K1  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** (U) FYI: Attack on US Mission Benghazi, Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

SIR,

~~(S)~~ **BLUF:** There is an ongoing attack on the US Mission in Benghazi, Libya.

**DETAILS**

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[Redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) We will update you if there are any significant new developments with this situation.

V/R,

[Redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~)

[Redacted]

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Ft Meade, MD NSA-W, [Redacted]

NSTS: 963.3777

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To: [redacted]  
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**From:** DL CTMMCLDR  
**Sent:** Tue 9/11/2012 11:10:08 PM  
**Importance:** High  
**Subject:** FW: (U) Update #5 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
**Categories:** urn:content-classes:message

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

All,

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

Latest update from TCOC, below.

V/R,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior Ops Leader (Tm 4)

CT Mission Management Center

NSTS: 966-6073 / STE: [redacted]

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:48 PM

To:

**Subject:** (U) Update #5 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
**Importance:** High

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The Latest:

-The individual that was KIA'd apparently died of smoke inhalation and had been collocated with the Ambassador. The individual had made it out, but died shortly after. It appears that the Ambassador may not have made it out of the villa that had caught fire. There was heavy smoke that prevented a rescue. **He is still unaccounted for.**

Regards,

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(b) (3) -50 USC 3024(i)  
(b) (3) -P.L. 86-36

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** (U) Update #4 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

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**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

Additional PRESS:

SUBJ: (U) AFP: MOB SETS FIRE TO US CONSULATE IN BENGHAZI

SOURCE: PARIS AFP (NORTH EUROPEAN SERVICE) IN ENGLISH 2055 GMT 11

SEP 12 (U)

TEXT:

(U) AFP headline: "Mob sets fire to US consulate in Benghazi:

witness"

News Agencies

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An armed mob has attacked the US consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi and set fire to the building, witnesses reported, in what they said was a protest at a film they said offended Islam.

A little earlier, Libya's deputy interior minister Wanis al-Shari, told AFP the crowd had attacked the building and that information was confirmed by the US embassy in the capital Tripoli.

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From: NCEUR TCOC

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:31 PM

To:

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Subject: (U) Update #3 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

Importance: High

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First instance of PRESS reflection:

-(U) ARMED MILITIA, SECURITY FORCES CLASH AT U.S. CONSULATE IN LIBYAN CITY OF BENGHAZI-SECURITY SOURCE (Reuters)

-As of 2129z, the US Ambassador has NOT been accounted for.

Regards,

[Redacted]

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:29 PM  
To: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

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[Redacted]

NSA CSS Europe & Africa

D/Chief CSG AFRICOM

SEC:988-1792, COMM:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

From: NCEUR TCOC

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:21 PM.

To:

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
Importance: High

Classification: ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

6 of 7 have been accounted for, however the US Ambassador is not one of them.  
1 of the 6 that have been accounted for has apparently been KIA'd.

[Redacted]

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

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**From:** DL nsoces0 (ALIAS) K1  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:18 PM.  
**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

ALCON,

[Redacted] reported that the Ambassador + 4 State personnel were sheltered in place at the compound.

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Respectfully,

[Redacted] USMC

Expeditionary Support Team 1

National Security Operations Center

XO, B Company, MCSB

NSTS 963-3422

COMM [redacted]

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

**From:** NCEUR TCOC

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:14 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL~~

Good Evening,

(b) (1)  
(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (i)  
(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

[redacted] Getting sketchy details that 5 of 7 of the personnel have been accounted for. Members of AFRICOM Senior Leadership have been called in.

Kind Regards,

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

[redacted]

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Theater Cryptologic Operations Center  
NSA/CSS Europe and Africa  
HQ CSG-AFRICOM

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From: NCEUR TCOC  
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:07 PM  
To: [Redacted]

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Subject: (U) Update #2 US Consulate Attacked in Libya  
Importance: High

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Compound Secure—This straight from AFRICOM Watch. No word if everyone is accounted for yet.

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**From:** NCEUR TCOC

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 10:27 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** (U) Update #1 US Consulate Attacked in Libya

**Importance:** High

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Good Evening,

These are sketchy details right now, but AFRICOM leadership is being alerted to this. I will try to firm up this information in due course

Latest details:

-US Ambassador in Benghazi is on site, possibly 7 additional personnel on site as well

-Consular walls were breached

-Occurred at 2145 (local Libya)

-1 villa destroyed

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Please keep us updated on this.

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I am being told by the Team Chief at the AFRICOM Watch floor that the US Consulate in Libya has been attacked about 20-30 people. The Defense Attache is currently in contact. General Ham (Commander AFRICOM) is also being contacted.

More details to come.

Regards,

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