had comments on the retention memo. She had a lot to say, so she wrote up a separate document, which is attached.

To paraphrase: she wants to be sure we don’t forget that religious questioning can occur during immigration secondary, specifically during admissibility determinations.

Here are edited versions. There’s a reference in the letter to a comment by but no comment. Once I get that part resolved, this can go to OGC. I’ve got nothing on the letters except that the spacing isn’t all single space.

Thanks,
Margo

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I took an extra day to get Program’s input into the retention memo. Attached is the retention packet, it’s usually one document, but this complaint has so many moving parts it was easier (and faster) for me to keep things separate. You will notice the number of retention letters does not match the number of complaints, the engagement team is working on getting addresses from their complainants.

I’ve also attached comment on the memo, for your consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I will be here tomorrow.

Best,

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From: Schlanger, Margo [mailto: schlanger.margo@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 7:35 PM
To: Schlanger, Margo
Cc: Kessler, Tamara; Blumberg, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: CBP Religious Questioning Retention Memo

Margo,

I finished a rough draft of the retention letters, request for information and investigative plan this evening. I’d like to give Jeff and Dana a chance to review, and to look at them again myself, to make sure I’m making sense. You should have something COB Wednesday.

Margo

From: Schlanger, Margo [mailto: schlanger.margo@dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 5:28 PM
To: Schlanger, Margo
Cc: Kessler, Tamara; Blumberg, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: CBP Religious Questioning Retention Memo

Ok, see attached.

We need the request for information, don’t we?

Margo

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Margo,

At the moment, there are 19 individual complaints (10 CAIR + 5 DHS OIG + 2 NPR + 1 from [b] (6) + 1 pre-existing) associated with this investigation. I’ve attached the ACLU/Muslim Advocates letter to the DHS OIG, a transcript of the NPR story, and the CAIR complaints. I also referenced the memo that Engagement wrote for your briefing book. Compliance is working diligently to get all of these complaints numbered and processed. I am aware that [b] is collecting names/dates/POEs that may also be added to this investigation.

You may know this already, but the DHS OIG has not made a decision on how they plan to respond to the ACLU/Muslim Advocates letter from December. I believe CRCL has been in contact with them for a few days now, at multiple levels, on this issue.

I wasn’t sure if you wanted to incorporate the conversations you’ve been having with Port Directors on religious questioning, and if you did, I wasn’t sure where to incorporate, so the memo is silent on this front.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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