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Date: January 30, 2008

(b)(2); (b)(7)(E)

**(b)(2); (b)(7)(E) Suspicious Files Located During Media Exploitation in Furtherance of a Border Search.**ISSUE

On January 15, 2008, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) and was targeted by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for document and electronic media screening. (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) were notified and responded to the airport. An (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) imaged a laptop computer and two external hard drives contained in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) luggage. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was later admitted into the United States by Customs and Border Protection as a returning F-1 student for the duration of his status. The imaged copies were sent to the (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) for analysis in furtherance of a border search.

On January 30, 2008, an (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) reported the discovery of the following suspicious files:

- Al Qaeda training manuals (bomb making, physical fitness, and first aid)
- Documents describing the conversion of cell phones into remote detonators for Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), to include schematics
- Pictures of hand written notes that appear to relate to bomb making and cell phone detonators
- A video of the apparent execution of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(2); (b)(7)(E) have been apprised of the discovery and in consultation with the (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) will seek to seize the items and share them with the appropriate agencies. (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) will also pursue administrative and/or criminal charges as appropriate in consultation with other agencies who have an ongoing interest in this individual.

The (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) is currently preparing a comprehensive report on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for use by (b)(2); (b)(7)(E)

BACKGROUND

On January 15, 2008, (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) he was identified as (b)(2); (b)(7)(E) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was a returning F-1 student attending full-time doctoral degree studies at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) According to student records; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that he traveled overseas to perform a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. No potential derogatory information was discovered during the interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and he was admitted by CBP as a returning F-1 student with duration of status.

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(b)(2); (b)(7)(E)

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