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- (U//~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) UNITED STATES: Suspicious Individuals Traveling Under Cover of Familial Responsibilities.** The CBP Office of Intelligence Trends Analysis team has noted that over the past month, an increasing number of known or suspected terrorists, extremists, or associates thereof, have traveled in the company of their immediate family. In each case, when interviewed by CBP inspectors, individuals indicated they were traveling for family reasons: an illness in the family, a family vacation, a visit to a cousin's home, a family wedding, or a visit to a childhood friend. It remains unclear if this is a potential diversionary tactic to minimize suspicions or simply a coincidence. (CBP 210-04; 2 Sep 04; HSOC 3177-04)
- (U//~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) NEW YORK: FPS Officers Arrest Suspicious Overstay.** On 31 August, in New York, Federal Protective Service (FPS) officers observed British national [redacted] walk several times around the perimeter of the Jacob K. Javits Federal Office Building. [redacted] was observed taking notes detailing the location of cameras and security devices. FPS officers detained [redacted] and subsequently arrested him as a visa overstay. According to the [redacted] last entered the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program on 1 November 2002 for 90 days. (BTS Daily Operations Report, 2 Sep 04; HSOC 3178-04) (b)(6)
- (U//~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Charges Filed in Nuclear Trigger Case.** According 31 August BTS reporting, ICE and the Department of Commerce conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrest of Israeli national [redacted] Law enforcement officials arrested [redacted] on charges involving the illegal export of Triggered Spark Gaps to Pakistan. The U.S. controls the export Triggered Spark Gaps in support of nuclear non-proliferation efforts. (BTS Daily Operations Report, 2 Sep 04; HSOC 010-04) (b)(6)
- (U//~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) MONTANA: Company Suspected of Illegal Export of Grenade Launcher Parts.** According to BTS reporting, in Billings, on 1 September [redacted] (BTS Daily Operations Report, 2 Sep 04; HSOC 3179-04) (b)(6)

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5. (U//FOUO//~~LES~~) **PUERTO RICO: CBP Inspectors Deny Entry to Dominican-Subject of Visa Revocation Lookout.** According to CBP reporting, on 1 September, at San Juan Puerto Rico International Airport,

[redacted] U.S. issued Non-immigrant Visa (NIV) Foil nr [redacted] applied for admission into the U.S. as a visitor for pleasure. CBP inspectors noted that he was the subject of a visa revocation lookout and referred him to secondary screening. CBP inspectors confirmed that on 14 April the Department of State had revoked [redacted] visa. Research revealed that [redacted] also had a record for alien smuggling. Following an interview and an inspection, CBP inspectors determined that [redacted] was inadmissible to the U.S. as an immigrant without an immigrant visa. (CBP Morning Report, 3 Sep 04; HSOC 3180-04)

6. (U//FOUO//~~LES~~) **CALIFORNIA: ICE Agents Arrest Israeli for Assaulting CBP Inspectors.** According to BTS reporting, on 31 August, at Los Angeles International Airport, ICE agents

arrested Israeli national [redacted] for assaulting a Federal officer. [redacted] had presented himself for inspection with a valid B1/B2 non-immigrant visa and was referred to secondary screening. While in secondary screening, [redacted] became belligerent, kicked a female plainclothes CBP officer and physically attacked another CBP officer. [redacted] attempted to forcibly exit the terminal knocking a CBP Agricultural Technician off of his podium. Other CBP officers subdued LEVI, and ICE agents placed him under arrest. (BTS Daily Operations Report, 3 Sep 04; HSOC 3181-04)

7. (U//FOUO//~~LES~~) **Southwest Flight Attendant's Flight Bag Stolen.** According to TSA reporting, on 2 September, in Phoenix, a Southwest airline flight attendant's flight bag was stolen from a restroom in the public area. The bag contained a flight manual with Southwest access codes to Southwest access doors in the sterile area, cockpit, and jet-way doors. An investigation is on-going. (TSA 09579204, 2 Sep 04; BTS Daily Operations Report, 3 Sept 04; HSOC 3182-04)

8. (U//FOUO//~~LES~~) **COLORADO: Suspicious Photographing of Baseball Stadium and Nearby Strip Mall.** In Denver, on 1 September, a concerned citizen reported observing two women photographing the baseball stadium and a nearby strip mall. One of the women wore a headdress, and the other woman had blonde hair. It appeared to the concerned citizen that one of the women attempted to stay out of sight behind a tree while filming. They drove off in a dark blue Lexus. (Call-in, 2 Sep 04; HSOC 3168-04)

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**Homeland Security Information Network
Request for Information (RFI)**

1. (b)(7)(C) ILLINOIS: Male Subjects Videotape in the Vicinity of Midwest Generation Plant. According to Illinois State Police reporting, on 27 August, two dark skinned males were observed videotaping in the vicinity of the Midwest Generation Plant. The individuals were in a dark green Toyota, make and model unknown at time of reporting. The Illinois State Police, Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center (STIC) is requesting any information regarding the aforementioned incident. The STIC POC is _____ telephone number _____. (STIC, 2 Sep 04; HSOC 3183-04) (b)(7)(C)

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