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## Electronic Communication

**Title:** (U) Meeting With International Rescue Committee

**Date:** 07/06/2017

**From:** DENVER

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**Contact:** [Redacted]

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**Approved By:** [Redacted]

**Drafted By:** [Redacted]

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**Synopsis:** (U) To document FBI Denver's meeting with [Redacted] of the International Rescue Committee.

**Assessment Initiated:** 11/04/2013, set to expire 02/02/2014; extension granted 02/06/2014, set to expire 05/03/2014; extension granted 05/05/2014, set to expire 07/31/2014; extension granted 08/06/2014, set to expire 10/29/2014; extension granted 10/27/2014, set to expire 01/27/2015; extension granted 01/16/2015, set to expire 04/27/2015; extension granted 04/20/2015, set to expire 07/26/2015; extension granted 07/28/2015, set to expire 10/24/2015; extension granted 10/29/2015, set to expire 01/22/2016; extension granted 01/14/2016, set to expire 04/21/2016; extension granted 07/11/2016, set to expire 09/21/2016; extension granted 02/24/2017, set to expire 05/17/2017

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Agents Notes

**Details:**

On 06/21/2017, SAs [Redacted] and [Redacted] met with [Redacted] of Denver's chapter of the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The meeting was held at FBI Denver Headquarters, 8000 E. 36th Ave, Denver, CO 80238.

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Re: [REDACTED] 07/06/2017

The primary focus of the meeting was to learn about IRC's mission and to provide information on the FBI's priorities and goals concerning the incoming Refugee community the IRC is serving.

[REDACTED] provided the following background on Denver's IRC office:

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Although IRC is a national organization that was established 80 years ago, their Denver office opened it's doors in December 2016. IRC is federally funded through the Department of State (DOS) and has 29 field offices nationwide. The primary objective of IRC is to provide resettlement support to incoming refugees. IRC is one of three organizations in the state of Colorado that supports incoming refugees specifically in this way. Lutheran Family Services and the African Community Center are the other two organizations.

Approximately 1500 - 2000 refugees are slated to resettle in the state of Colorado in 2017; 250 of which IRC Denver is expecting to receive. Statistically, 30% are Syrians, 30% Somali, 20% Iraqi and 20% Afghani. Also, the incoming refugees are 50/50, male/female.

IRC provides numerous resettlement services for their clients, the majority of which occur within the first 90 days of their resettlement to Colorado. IRC secures housing, arranges for medical services, provides social support programs, personal and home safety orientations, integration services such as English language training and school transitions for kids.

[REDACTED] advised agents that the refugees that have resettled in this area are heavily suspicious of law enforcement due to their personal experiences from their home countries, and also by watching the news or learning about the current political climate and certain public factions that are publicly against refugees.

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SA [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] about the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and it's role in ensuring the safety of incoming refugees.

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Re: [REDACTED] 07/06/2017

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also discussed the FBI's Civil Rights program and offered to provide training on bias motivated crimes.

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[REDACTED] was amenable for recontact and invited Agents to IRC's quarterly staff meeting to meet with staff and also provide further instruction information on these programs that intersect with Colorado's refugee community.

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## Electronic Communication

**Title:** (U) Meeting With International Rescue Committee

**Date:** 10/12/2017

**CC:** [Redacted]

**From:** DENVER

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**Contact:** [Redacted]

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**Approved By:** SSA [Redacted]

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**Details:**

On 09/27/2017, SAs [Redacted] and [Redacted] met with [Redacted] of Denver's chapter of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and their [Redacted]. The meeting was held at URC-Denver Office, 405 Urban Street, Suite 400, Lakewood, CO, 80228.

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Re: [REDACTED] 10/12/2017

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[REDACTED] provided the following background on Denver's IRC office:

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[REDACTED] is located in Washington D.C. He expressed concern for the increasing contacts the FBI has had with refugees. [REDACTED] opinion was there has been an increase of FBI contacts with refugees

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and described the contacts as "aggressive." [REDACTED] explained he knew of instances where refugees have provided access to their homes, computers and Facebook accounts.

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[REDACTED] advised of an additional issue concerning lack of feedback, meaning that once a refugee has been contacted by the FBI there is not feedback in regards to if that person is still under investigation /suspicion.

[REDACTED] advised the IRC would direct refugees to the American Civil Liberties Union's website that provides guidance regarding contact with Federal Law Enforcement. [REDACTED] guidance to IRC office would be to assist the FBI in setting up a neutral location for interviews of a refugee by the FBI. Additional guidance may include advising the refugee to visit the ACLU website prior to the interview so the refugee would be informed of their rights.

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SA [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) mission and how the FBI and IRC could further establish a relationship.

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SA [REDACTED] further discussed the FBI's Civil Rights programs and issues concerning human trafficking.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were amenable for recontact and invited Agents to IRC's quarterly staff meeting to meet with staff and also provide further instruction information on these programs that intersect with Colorado's refugee community.

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SA [REDACTED] will attend the next IRC quarterly meeting scheduled for October 20, 2017.

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