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**From:** Sandweg, John  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

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Concur with distro to close hold group.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Awareness  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 29 00:01:03 2010  
**Subject:** FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

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- Information was received via FBI CT Watch stating that there were explosives disguised as toner cartridges being shipped via UPS and FedEx flights from Yemen. The explosives were to be detonated while the aircraft were in flight. Shipping numbers were provided.
- FedEx coordinated with authorities in Dubai, UAE to remove the package from the FedEx aircraft. The package is isolated awaiting disposition by Dubai authorities.
- UPS located their package in Midland, England and have placed it in isolation. Local authorities have responded.
- Both aircraft are on the ground.

Recommend no formal NOC reporting due to law enforcement and intelligence community sensitivity. Further recommend this information be shared with the DHS Significant Incident Close Hold Group.

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy [Amy.Shlossman@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 1:37 PM  
**To:** Chavez, Richard; Kroloff, Noah; **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**; Triner, Donald  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Grant, Daniel; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** Re: Tick tock

Need it electronically, please.

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**From:** Chavez, Richard  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
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**Cc:** 'John.Sandweg@dhs.gov' <John.Sandweg@dhs.gov>; 'Daniel.Grant@dhs.gov' <Daniel.Grant@dhs.gov>; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 29 13:36:33 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Tick tock

Gramilick is printing and on his way up...

Richard M. Chávez

Acting Director, Operations Coordination and Planning Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Kroloff, Noah  
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**To:** Chavez, Richard; Shlossman, Amy; **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**; Triner, Donald  
**Cc:** 'John.Sandweg@dhs.gov'; 'Daniel.Grant@dhs.gov'; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** RE: Tick tock

Guys--need what you have NOW

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**From:** Chavez, Richard  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:59 PM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy; **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**; Triner, Donald  
**Cc:** Kroloff, Noah; 'John.Sandweg@dhs.gov'; 'Daniel.Grant@dhs.gov'; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** RE: Tick tock

Already working. Will send ASAP...

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
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Cc: Kroloff, Noah; 'John.Sandweg@dhs.gov'; 'Daniel.Grant@dhs.gov'; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia

Subject: Tick tock

Rich/Don- Secy is asking for a tick tock since last night when we were first notified. Can you please send to this group asap. Thanks.



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## SUSPICIOUS DEVICES FOUND IN UPS/FEDEX PACKAGES

### ***UPDATE #9: Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 8:00 PM (EDT)***

**Domestic Offices:** Baltimore, Chicago, New York, Newark, and, Philadelphia

**International:** Attaché London and Attaché United Arab Emirates

#### **Synopsis:**

On October 29, 2010, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) SAC Philadelphia received intelligence information that two (2) separate packages, reported to contain explosives, were shipped via UPS and FEDEX from Yemen and were destined to addresses associated with religious organizations located in the city of Chicago. One of the parcels was detained in London; the second parcel was detained in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Initial examination by UK authorities of the UPS package detained in London tested negative for explosives. However, additional intelligence warnings prompted UK authorities to reexamine the parcel; after careful scrutiny, authorities discovered a toner cartridge with attached wires and a plastic syringe. Subsequent laboratory analysis conducted by UK authorities confirmed the presence of explosive material within the toner cartridge.

The second parcel, a FedEx package detained by UAE authorities in Dubai, also tested positive for the presence of PETN, a stable, high explosive nitrate compound. Presented with these facts, DHS components to include the HSI, TSA, and CPB, as well as the FBI and FAA, subsequently targeted commercial aircraft transporting packages that had originated in Yemen destined to the U.S. for careful inspection immediately upon arrival in the United States

#### **Details of HSI Response to Incidents – Domestic Operations**

##### **SAC BALTIMORE**

###### **Update on 10/29/2010 at 1:30 PM (EDT):**

- On October 29, 2010, HSI SAC Baltimore (SAC BA) reported the discovery of several suspicious packages at the Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI).
- One of the suspicious packages was from Yemen and addressed to a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an Egyptian female, lawful permanent resident, married to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a U.S. born Citizen at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Baltimore. According to his passport, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
- The package was manifested as an external modem for a computer and HSI agents assisted the FBI with surveillance on the address.

###### **Update on 10/29/2010 at 3:30 PM (EDT):**

- HSI SAC BA reported that DHL Global located a suspicious package at BWI Airport. The DHL/Global package was abandoned by a woman at DHL in Glenn Bernie, Maryland, was screened and determined to not be a threat.
- In an unrelated incident, there were six (6) packages at BWI that were separated for further screening at a different location subsequent to clearing Customs. The packages were examined and cleared by TSA explosive detection dogs.

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- HSI was on scene with partner agencies including TSA, CBP, Maryland Transportation Authority and FBI and witnessed the examination of the suspect parcels.

Update on 10/29/2010 at 10:30 PM (EDT):

- HSI SAC BA special agents assigned to the Airport Group assisted TSA K-9 units with the inspection of an arriving FedEx flight; negative results for any suspicious parcels.

Update on 10/30/2010 at 3:00 PM (EDT):

- HSI agents SAC BA reported that they assisted in clearing two FedEx cargo flights that arrived at BWI on Saturday, October 30, 2010; SAC Baltimore agents were on scene to meet each flight to examine any potential suspect parcels found on board.
- On Saturday, October 30, 2010, HSI SAC BA and FBI JTTF special agents interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the husband of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Baltimore, MD; the addressee of the package of interest.
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised he purchased this modem, which is a specific VOIP system, only sold by this company in Yemen. He pulled up the company website and displayed it for the agents.
- No derogatory information was uncovered and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was cleared by JTTF agents.
- The FBI has no further action planned at this point.
- HSI SAC BA reports there is no target-specific activity at this point within the in SAC BA AOR.

## **SAC CHICAGO**

Initial Information (10/29/2010 at 11:00 AM – EDT):

- HSI SAC Chicago (SAC CH) has information dating back to October 1, 2010, of a Threat Assessment Section (TAS) report on two packages detained by CBP and referred to FBI/JTTF.
- The TAS report identified (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), naturalized USC, manager of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had been a suspect on multiple financial investigations.
- The packages contained thumb drives. No mention of packages with explosives.
- CBP and FBI are working together, with HSI monitoring the investigation and providing limited assistance.
- HSI SAC CH is currently awaiting the delivery of a subsequent package from Germany.

Update on 10/29/2010 at 3:30 PM (EDT):

- On October 29, 2010, at approximately 10:00 a.m., HSI SAC CH became aware of ongoing activities related to suspect parcels destined for Chicago that were determined to contain explosive devices. The notification included an advisement of an upcoming conference call related to the activities.
- HSI SAC CH management and personnel, along with other JTTF executive board members, participated in the conference call, which provided background and briefing information on events that had transpired up to that point.
- HSI SAC CH deployed agents to the three consignment carrier facilities located within the HSI SAC CH area of responsibility (AOR): a DHL hub in Northern Kentucky, a UPS hub in Louisville, Kentucky, and a FedEx hub in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- HSI SAC CH ensured that all HSI agents and management assigned to the JTTF were present at JTTF offices and were involved in ongoing operations. This participation included presence at the command center.

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- Subsequent to the agents' deployment, SAC Chicago management engaged its counterparts at CBP to facilitate cooperation and collaboration in efforts related to the aforementioned consignment hubs.
- HSI SAC CH engaged the Chicago Field Intelligence Group (FIG) to ensure the effective monitoring and handling of all classified traffic related to the events.
- Based on the potential for other developments requiring immediate intervention, two groups of agents within the HSI SAC CH office were placed on standby in the event that deployment became necessary.
- Throughout the day, two international flights arriving within the HSI SAC CH AOR, one at the Louisville UPS facility and one at the Northern Kentucky DHL facility, were subjected to special screening based on suspected threats. HSI agents, in coordination with CBP, participated in screening efforts.
- It was determined, in partnership with CBP, that parcels from Yemen had already been cleared for entry prior to the agencies becoming aware of the threat. Consequently, HSI agents worked with CBP officials to recall those parcels for additional screening. Agents from RAC Louisville, RAC Northern Kentucky, and RAC Indianapolis were placed in standby mode in the event that related investigative leads are developed.
- HSI SAC CH JTTF agents participated, in partnership with the FBI, in interviews of approximately five representatives of Chicago-based Jewish religious institutions. Among these institutions are the two to which intercepted parcels containing explosive devices were destined.

Update on 10/30/2010 at 8:30 AM (EDT):

- On Friday, evening October 29, 2010, HSI SAC CH JTTF Agents assisted in locating and conducting interviews at four addresses for synagogues in the city of Chicago. The interview teams consisted of four teams, comprised of one FBI and one HSI SAC CH agent in each team.
- Two of the synagogues identified for interview were the intended recipients of packages from Yemen that were intercepted in the UK and the UAE which contained explosives. Of the two locations, neither building in Chicago was an active synagogue. One was inactive due to a decline in membership and has been sold to a private school several years ago. The other was actually not a synagogue that may have been misidentified as a synagogue in an open source search.
- As this investigation develops, all pertinent information will be forwarded, through channels, to HSI HQ Field Operations.

Update on 10/30/2010 at 3:00 PM (EDT):

- On Saturday, October 30, 2010, two international flights possibly containing parcels of interest arrived within the SAC CH AOR: one at the UPS hub the other at the DHL hub; both aircraft, and the cargo were subsequently been cleared.
- Four DHL parcels from Yemen were cleared on October 29, 2010 prior to CBP officials becoming aware of the recent threat; the only nexus to recent events was the origination country.
- Three of the four parcels had yet to be delivered and were still in the DHL package stream.
- Two of the three packages have subsequently been cleared.
- The remaining package has been secured by DHL at their facility in Ottawa, Canada and will be screened once the facility opens.

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- The remaining package had been delivered to an address in Portland was subsequently recovered by DHL and searched without incident.

Update on 10/31/2010 at 6:00 PM (EDT):

- HSI SAC CH special agents, working in close coordination with CBP/OFO, have identified DHL parcels originating in Yemen destined for Atlanta, GA and Ottawa, Canada. Subsequent to careful inspection, these two parcels have been cleared of explosive devices.
- A third DHL parcel, also originating in Yemen and bound for Sacramento, CA, is being held in a closed, secure facility pending a thorough search on Monday morning, November 1, 2010.
- An interview with the recipient in Sacramento identified the contents of the package as photographs from the recipient's mother in Yemen; this package is also less than one pound in weight.

**SAC NEW YORK**

Initial Information (10/29/2010 at 11:00 AM – EDT):

- On October 29, 2010, at approximately 10:30 AM (EDT) HSI SAC New York (SAC NY) agents assigned to the JTTF received information concerning two (2) suspicious packages in UPS delivery trucks: one truck was in Brooklyn; the second truck was in Queens.

Update on 10/29/2010 at 3:30 PM (EDT):

- At approximately 11:40 a.m. (EDT) HSI SAC/NY received information from HQ inquiry about NY and JFK involvement with various reports of UK discovery of explosive device discovered on UPS flight originating in Yemen, transiting UK destined for US.
- At approximately 11:47 a.m. HSI SAC/NY JTTF agents in response to the information received are dispatched to the NY JTTF Chelsea Office and engage the involved JTTF squads (Yemen / UK Threat). HSI agents assigned to each of these squads begin receiving reportable information and provide assistance in vetting incoming threat streams.
- At approximately 11:50 a.m. HSI SAC/NY JTTF agents receive information that NYPD has detained a UPS truck in Queens for Bomb squad evaluation.
- At approximately 12:05 p.m. HSI SAC/NY JTTF attempt to vet information regarding the detention by NYPD of two UPS trucks. One in Queens, NY and the other in Brooklyn, NY in the vicinity of the Metroplex office complex.
- At approximately 12:20 p.m. HSI SAC/NY JTTF receives confirmation that both vehicles have been detained, have undergone hazmat and explosives screening and have been cleared.
- At approximately 12:40 p.m. HSI SAC/Newark advised the SAC/NY that Newark activity has been cleared.
- At approximately 12:54 SAC/NY informs HQ personnel that the Queens UPS truck and the Brooklyn Metroplex was cleared by the NYPD.
- At approximately 1:26 p.m., HSI SAC/NY JTTF special agents notified by CBP that they will be conducting enhanced security screening of two inbound flights reported to have cargo that originated in Yemen: one flight was identified as Emirates EK 201; the other flight a FedEx cargo flight. HSI SAC NY and the JTTF had not received any specific threat information on either flight; both aircraft arrived at JFK International Airport at 3:30 p.m.
- At approximately 1:30 p.m. SAC NY JTTF dispatches agents to JFK to assist CBP in the cargo/passenger screening.
- At approximately 1:30 p.m. SAC/NY JTTF agents on scene at JFK coordinating screening activity with CBP and FBI.

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- HSI SAC NY remains engaged with its DHS partners (CBP and TSA) responding to and searching aircraft purported to contain packages originating in Yemen.
- HSI SAC NY remains engaged with the FBI/JTTF conducting analysis of intelligence received during this ongoing event.

Update on 10/29/2010 at 10:30PM ( EDT):

- At approximately 5:30 p.m. SAC/NY JTTF reports that the FEDEX flight has been cleared with no reportable information developed.
  - SAC/NY JTTF agents further report that Emirates Flight 201 did not have any cargo originating from Yemen. It is reported that the package in question arrived on an earlier flight.
  - SAC/NY JTTF agents, in coordination with CBP conduct efforts to locate this package.
- At approximately 5:45 p.m. SAC/NY and CBP identify the freight forwarder involved in the shipment. Shipment originally reported to have been delivered to a Harlem, NY address.
- At approximately 6:30 p.m. SAC/NY and JTTF agents are dispatched to the Harlem address to interview consignee.
- At approximately 8:30 p.m. the package was determined to be in possession of a freight forwarder and was not delivered.
- At approximately 9:00 p.m. the consignee of package interviewed by SAC/NY JTTF and FBI agents no derogatory information developed.
- At approximately 10:00 p.m. CBP detains package from freight forwarder for further inspection.

Update on 10/30/2010 at 8:30 AM (EDT):

- At approximately 11:30 p.m. SAC/NY JTTF agents reported that CBP examination of a package revealed it to be documents, no derogatory or threat information is linked to package. SAC/NY JTTF agents were present during examination.
- SAC NY reported that the New York JTTF JOC has been deactivated.

## **SAC NEWARK**

Initial Information (10/29/2010 at 11:00 AM – EDT):

- On October 29, 2010, at approximately 10:08 AM (EDT), the FBI contacted Port Authority Police Department at Newark Liberty International Airport (NLIA) with information about fifteen (15) possible IED's on a UPS flight 828 from Germany.
- Thirteen (13) of the devices were recovered prior to arriving at NLIA. One of the remaining devices was believed to be in the UPS building at NLIA which was evacuated and the Union County Bomb Squad responded. Further research by law enforcement and the Intelligence Community indicated the aforementioned information on the thirteen devices to be inaccurate.
- There was, however, an additional package of interest originating from Yemen addressed to a business in Long Island City, NY that was placed on a UPS delivery truck.
- The UPS truck carrying the suspect package to Long Island City, (Queens) NY was intercepted by the NYPD bomb squad and re-x-rayed with a more sophisticated screening machine; this package was subsequently cleared by the of NYPD.
- The airport is running on schedule, cargo area is secured and a UPS plane was searched; no device was found and the suspicious package contained a letter believed to be a death certificate.

Update on 10/29/2010 at 1:30PM (EDT):

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- The package in Newark has been cleared by local bomb squad and the contents were found to be negative.
- Additionally, the bomb squad has cleared the letter package at the UPS facility; this package contained paper. SAC/NY JTTF copied the contents of this parcel that was bound for the Bronx.

## **SAC PHILADELPHIA**

### Initial Information (10/29/2010 at 11:00 AM – EDT):

- On October 29, 2010, HSI SAC Philadelphia (SC PH) special agents assigned to the JTTF and Airport Investigations Groups responded to two inbound UPS cargo planes arriving at Philadelphia International Airport. The response was predicated upon the discovery of a suspicious UPS package located in London, UK that was detained by UK authorities, and subsequently found to contain a toner cartridge laden with explosive material.
- Seven (7) HSI SAC PH special agents, along with FBI, TSA, CBP, and Philadelphia Police Department, assisted in screening parcels originating in Yemen on board both the UPS flights: numbered UPS 0204 and UPS 0281.
- Five parcels were identified on these arriving UPS flights for screening. HSI SAC PH special agents were stationed within a multi-agency Command Post established at the UPS facility adjacent to the Philadelphia International Airport to provide updates as they became available.

### Update on 10/29/2010 at 1:30 PM (EDT):

- HSI SAC PH special agents provided assistance with other partner agencies in physically locating the 5 parcels to be examined.

### Update on 10/29/2010 at 3:30 PM (EDT):

- HSI SAC PH reported that all parcels were deemed to pose no threat and have been detained by CBP for potential further investigative measures.
- HSI SAC PH will continue to coordinate with the inter-agency partners assigned to the Philadelphia Joint Terrorism Task Force.

## **AMOC**

### Update on 10/29/2010 at 1:30 PM (EDT):

- HSI liaison to the CBP Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) in Riverside, CA has been monitoring developments in this incident as they affect the U.S. airspace.

### Update on 10/29/2010 at 3:30 PM (EDT):

- HSI AMOC liaison reports twelve additional cargo aircraft inbound to the United States are being tracked predicated on the possibility of having cargo originating in and/or transiting through Yemen.
- There is no specific intelligence to indicate the presence of suspicious packages on board any of these aircraft.

## **OTHER PROACTIVE HSI INITIATIVES – HSI HEADQUARTERS**

### Update on 10/31/2010 at 10:00 AM (EDT):

- HSI has obtained a summons for internet provider (IP) activity on the two suspicious FedEx and UPS shipments that were identified and subsequently detained in Dubai and London respectively on Friday, October 29, 2010.

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- Information received by HSI specific to the UPS parcel has yielded one potential lead: a sea cargo container that was previously exported to Yemen from the U.S. has received several queries via the internet (otherwise known as a “ping”) over the course of the past several months. These queries have originated from the identical IP address that queried the UPS shipment containing the toner cartridge laden with PETN.
- HSI Headquarters has obtained IP query data for UPS package intercepted in London from UPS Corporate Security. Special agents conducted research of all of the addresses in the system for the time period beginning May 1, 2010 through October 30, 2010. The data set provided the following information germane to this incident:
  - The results set revealed one relationship for a single U.S.-based hit on an air shipment from an address which comes back to FedEx.
  - Of greater significance, the results set contained a relationship for a Yemen-based address found in the target ping history. Specifically, this address hit on ping made on July 1, 2010 for a sea cargo container that was exported out of New York in late May 2010; this container transited Antwerp, Belgium and Salalah, Dhofar (a port city located in the southern region of Oman near the border of Yemen) before discharging on August 17, 2010 in Hodeidah, Yemen (a port city situated on the Red Sea located in western Yemen). Research conducted by HSI of container tracking records for the commercial shipping line that moved the container indicates the cargo container that had been pinged is currently empty and is located at the port terminal yard in Hodeidah, Yemen.
- IP records developed by HSI special agents reveal the Yemen-based interest in the aforementioned sea cargo container was pretty significant. Further, the interest in this container was exclusive to Yemen with the exception of two U.S. based addresses: one belonging to Monmouth (NJ) Internet Corporation and the other to Comcast.
- HSI special agents issued a summons for the Ping data on the second FedEx package on Friday, October 29, 2010 and anticipate a report within the next several days.

Update on 10/31/2010 at 6:00 PM (EDT):

- HSI special agents assigned to Headquarters National Security Unit (NSU) Threat Assessment Section (TAS) have run various database queries on the name provided by the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. This name is believed to be the name of the female student in custody by the Yemeni authorities who is purported to have sent the two parcels found to contain explosives secreted in toner cartridges.
- No further biographical information is known about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at this time.
- To date, records searched on the exact name provided and logical variations have not identified any nexus to the U.S.

**HSI International Operations**

**ATTACHÉ LONDON**

Initial Information (10/29/2010 at 11:20 AM –EDT)

- On October 29, 2010, HSI agents assigned to Attaché London reported that two packages originating from Yemen first determined to be negative for explosives were re-examined and later determined to be IEDs.

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- The parcel detained by the UK authorities conducted an initial X-ray examination and explosives testing which returned negative results.
- A subsequent, in-depth examination the package in the UK was submitted to a further 360 X-Ray exam and some anomalies were discovered. The UK package was filled with a white powder (instead of black in a black ink cartridge) and contained anomalous wiring protruding from the plastic casing connected to a 30ml “cut” syringe. Photographs are provided below for reference. The UPS package also contained a laptop, plastic figurines, books, and clothing.
- This UPS parcel originated in Yemen and was consigned to the address was listed as [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60657; open source research revealed the address is likely synonymous with the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Church.
- Based on the findings in the UK, LEGAT London coordinated with Dubai who also re-examined their package and found similar results.
- Examination of the device by New Scotland Yard revealed following:
  - A “cell phone” or circuit board found in HP Laser Jet Printer Series 20555 (not usual part of the printer)
  - The printer cartridge (model KMP 2055) was located inside the HP printer.
  - Initial tests on the white powder in the cartridge reflected it weighed approximately one pound. The powder contained the explosive material PETN (percentage TBD). PETN explosion can be initiated by a small electric spark (10-60 millijoules ).
  - The syringe found in the cartridge with the white powder was reported to contain lead axide, which has a use in detonators to initiate secondary explosives. In a commercially usable form it is a white to buff colored powder.
  - The package remains in the custody of New Scotland Yard for further examination and laboratory analysis.

### Toner Cartridge from Suspect Parcel Detained in London Found to Contain Explosive Material



**ATTACHÉ LONDON** (Continued)

Update on 10/30/2010 at 3:00 PM (EDT):

- On Saturday, October 30, 2019 HSI Attaché London received the following information concerning the dialogue between the U.S. and UK leaders:

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## ATTACHÉ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### Initial Information (10/29/2010 at 11:30 AM –EDT)

- HSI Attaché United Arab Emirates (UAE) reports preliminary laboratory results utilizing "spectrometer tests" by the Dubai Authorities indicate a positive result for PETN; this initial test will be followed up by a more extensive chemical analysis by UAE laboratory chemists.
- The destination address for this parcel was listed as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Chicago, IL 60626; open source research revealed the address is likely synonymous with the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] Synagogue.
- HSI Attaché UAE is uncertain at this time when the chemical tests will be conducted but has been advised by Dubai Authorities the tests might be performed late tonight.

### Update on 10/30/2010 at 3:00 PM (EDT):

- On Saturday, October 30, 2010 HSI Attaché UEA contacted U.S. Embassy officials, including the LEGAT, and will participate in a meeting with UAE law enforcement counterparts to discuss the investigation.
- Of concern is the fact the Emirati's are upset at the way the U.S. authorities handled the arrival of Emirates Air Flight EK 201 and its passengers, which arrived at JFK International Airport on Friday, October 29, 2010 and was escorted by U.S. military aircraft.
- During the meeting, ICE and the FBI hope to obtain specific information concerning the package intercepted locally.

## ATTACHÉ SANA'A YEMEN

### Update on 10/30/2010 at 3:00 PM (EDT):

- The HSI Attaché in Yemen has offered assistance to the FBI and CIA in country. The HSI Attaché in Yemen will participate in an emergency action committee on Sunday, October 31, 2010. HSI may have more information on the in-country activities subsequent to the meeting.

### Update on 10/31/2010 at 10:00 AM (EDT):

- On October 31, 2010 the HSI Attaché in Sana'a, Yemen reports the arrest of the female that was detained last night was discussed in the meeting today, it appears as if the Government of Yemen (GoY) is conducting the investigation and disclosure is limited.
- GoY is still claiming there is no proof the bombs originated in Yemen, even though they arrested the female last evening.
- The mother was used to locate the suspect daughter; she is not being detained by authorities, but is not leaving her daughter's side either.
- At this time, the daughter is claiming to have no knowledge of the packages, or what they contained.
- HSI Attaché in Sana'a, Yemen is continuing to monitor all activity within the country and will pursue all intelligence as it relates to this incident. At this time no information is being relayed by the GoY and the USG.

### Update on 10/31/2010 at 6:00 PM (EDT):

- HSI Attaché in Sana'a, Yemen has provided HSI special agents assigned to Headquarters National Security Unit (NSU) with the following name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. This name is believed to be the name of the female student in custody by the Yemeni authorities who is purported to have sent the two parcels found to contain explosives secreted in toner cartridges.

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- No further biographical information is known about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at this time, but HSI special agents in Yemen are pursuing all viable leads to develop further information on this subject.
- HSI Attaché in Sana'a, Yemen reports as of 8:30 PM local time in Yemen, the female student suspected of sending the parcels containing the bombs is still being detained by Yemeni authorities; however, she has not been formally charged.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:21 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

NOC # 12301-10

Answers for S1 Briefing Staff

NOC CBP DESK

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:16 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY

NOC # 12301-10

Answers for S1 Briefing Staff

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:14 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:11 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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- 1. When the package in question involved in the incident below departed Yemen.**

The package departed Yemen on October 28, 2010.

- 2. Where it had come from immediately before arriving at JFK.**

The package departed Dubai, United Arab Emirates on October 28, 2010, and arrived at JFK on October 29, 2010.

**3. How the package was identified by authorities and whether/how it was flagged by CBP as suspicious (whether by standard targeting rules or other means)/**

The package was one of the 38 shipments identified in the initial response to the air IED threat from Yemen.

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Watch Commander  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
National Targeting Center - Cargo  
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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:47 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Importance:** High

NTCC WC,

Are you able to respond to this RFI from the Secretary's Briefing Staff?

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*Please provide no later than 7:30am. Thanks.*

Senior Watch Officer  
CBP Commissioner's Situation Room

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:24 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:20 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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*Senior Watch Officer*

*DHS National Operations Center - Watch*

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:15 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Cc:** Triner, Donald; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** S1 RFI

**Importance:** High

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**Please provide no later than 7:30am. Thanks.**

Bryan

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2010 8:45 PM**Subject:** NOC Steady State 1230-10 Update Report 9 - Cargo Facility Evacuated - New York, NY (2030 EDT 3 Nov 10)**NOC Steady State 1230-10 Update Report 9 - Cargo Facility Evacuated – New York, NY**

**Current:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reports a cargo facility at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) was partially evacuated while a suspicious package was investigated by New York/New Jersey Port Authority police. Customs and Border Protection reported a re-delivery on a package originating from Yemen. A Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) scan revealed a cell phone. No explosives were detected. A Department of Homeland Security component and inter-agency blast call was conducted with amplifying information from TSA. The package was cleared and identified as a cell phone wrapped in envelopes and paper. The cargo facility has resumed normal operations.

**Future:** The DHS National Operations Center (NOC) will continue to monitor this incident and provide updates as warranted. This item will be removed from the Common Operational Picture at 2130 EDT.

**Other:** Open source media reports that the package originally arrived on United Arab Emirates flight 201 on 29 Oct.

**Background:** On the evening of 28 Oct 10, TSA reported suspicious packages aboard two commercial cargo aircraft.





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Assistant Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 4:39 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** TSACIMG Coordination  
**Subject:** FW: Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 4:38 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

1601: JFK TSA removed Emirates 201 passengers by bus to main terminal. Pax will not be rescreened. CBP will conduct 100 percent cargo and checked baggage screening. All pax will be visually inspected.

Regards,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 3:42 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

RFI,

TSACimg.Coordination,

Will the passengers onboard the flight be rescreened upon landing at JFK?

Regards,

TSA NOC Liaison Officer  
NOC/OLE/FAMS Operations  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:08 AM  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

Yes sir.

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Subject:** Re: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

Please do not send a noc note at this pt

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 29 00:01:03 2010  
**Subject:** FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

Classification: ~~UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO~~

- Information was received via FBI CT Watch stating that there were explosives disguised as toner cartridges being shipped via UPS and FedEx flights from Yemen. The explosives were to be detonated while the aircraft were in flight. Shipping numbers were provided.
- FedEx coordinated with authorities in Dubai, UAE to remove the package from the FedEx aircraft. The package is isolated awaiting disposition by Dubai authorities.
- UPS located their package in Midland, England and have placed it in isolation. Local authorities have responded.
- Both aircraft are on the ground.

Recommend no formal NOC reporting due to law enforcement and intelligence community sensitivity. Further recommend this information be shared with the DHS Significant Incident Close Hold Group.

R/S  
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Asst Senior Watch Officer  
National Operations Center  
Dept. of Homeland Security  
Comm: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**To:** Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Triner, Donald  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Grant, Daniel; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** RE: Tick tock

Will do.

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**Sent:** Fri Oct 29 13:36:33 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Tick tock

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Cc: Kroloff, Noah; 'John.Sandweg@dhs.gov'; 'Daniel.Grant@dhs.gov'; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia

Subject: Tick tock

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**28 October 2010 Timeline for Disguised International Explosive Shipment (Yemen)****NOC Incident # 1230-10**

Input collected from: OPS

**2224:** (IWW) NCTC called an informed IWW that there were two packages on a flight from Cologne, Germany. Destination was reportedly Chicago although initially they had no destination.

**2230:** (IWW) NCTC called- the packages had timing devices and that the plane would explode after take off. NCTC provided two tracking numbers of the packages there were to be shipped.

**2246:** (TSA) At 2246 hours, notified by JTTF in regards to a possible threat on a inbound FEDEX & UPS flight carrying possible explosives from Yemen

**2246 (NOC SWO)** Notified by JTTF in regards to possible threat on an inbound FEDEX & UPS flight carrying possible explosives from Yemen.

**2257 (NOC)** New Incident #1230-10 (28 Oct) – Disguised International Explosive Shipment. S2 Cos Brian De Vallance speaks with SWO concerning classified information being developed with the Intel community regarding the above subject line.

**2300:** (IWW) Called TSA to ensure that they were aware of the situation. They said they were contacting their leadership but could give us no further information at the time.

**2301:** (IWW) Called Branch Chief Fischer to inform him. He directed me to call Director Afman and I CALLED him and informed him of the situation and he directed me to call Ms. Scalici and then Ms. Wagner. I informed all parties of the situation. Specific times follow.

**2320:** (IWW) NCTC called and said the FBI had grounded the FedEx flight in Dubai and the UPS package had been intercepted in the UK.

**2322 (CTWatch)** SWO receives Tier 1 Notification: Disguised Explosives Shipped via UPS and FEDEX from Yemen:

(U) Update: Originating information is from a highly credible source. FedEx has coordinated with Dubai Authorities are getting item of FedEx aircraft and isolating item that contains TR#8734 4790 1730 until Dubai can neutralize item. As per SSA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): UPS has located their package in Great Britain and putting in isolation. Authorities on scene. Additional Flight information: UPS flight from Yemen to Cologne to Great Britain to Chicago. CT Watch is currently engaged in efforts to obtain additional information regarding this matter. We will continue to post updates, when appropriate, in an expeditious manner. CT/Watch/rcs (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**2335:** (IWW) Contacted FBI CT Watch and they confirmed packages were grounded.

**2308** (NOC) OI watch stated on 25/25, Sep possible packages traveling from Yemen to U.S. on FEDEX and UPS and FEDEX Planes grounded in Midland, UK and Dubai. UPS package is in Midland, US and is isolated. A Dubai package is isolated. One package FEDEX disguised as toners. Info on situation being sent TSARs in area to close loop. Explosives maybe in liquid form located in printer cartridges. One explosive connected to timer device and other explosives device connected to cell phone.

**2316** (NOC) NOC begins fielding multiple calls from DHS individuals requesting entrance to the S2 Conference Bridge and White House personnel requesting to speak with S1 (See SWO Log). CWO's having difficulty establishing S2 Conference Bridge due to volume of calls, dropped calls, bridge call sound quality, and system limitations. SWO, ASWO, CWOs, IMOs and Trackers are fielding all phone calls.

**2322:** (NOC) From FBI CT Watch: Information source rated as credible state that there were explosives contained in toner cartridges which were to be detonated while in the air. Both packages located aboard aircraft. One package located in Midland, England and on package located in Dubai. Both packages have been removed from the aircraft, isolated and, are awaiting disposition by local authorities.

**2327:** (NOC) Mr. Kroloff calls SWO about sound quality of Conference Bridge. SWO advises Mr. Kroloff that NOC was attempting to establish a new conference bridge in order to address the sound quality issues.

**2337:** (NOC) SWO confirms with WHST, on behalf of Mr. De Vallance, that a WHSR SVTC is not scheduled.

**2336:** (NOC) S1 enters into the conference bridge

**2353:** (NOC) TSA advises it was informed of two cargo aircraft reportedly carrying explosives located inside toner cartridges. Both aircraft currently on ground in Dubai and Midland, England. Local law enforcement on scene.

## **29 Oct 2010**

**0000:** (TSA) UPS and FEDEX Planes grounded in Midland UK and Dubai  
UPS package is in Midland UK and package is isolated. LEOs are on scene. Tracking numbers are passed to TSOC.

**0001:** (NOC) Notification sent to Front Office Awareness group email.

**0007:** (NOC) Ms. Amy Kudwa query, "when do we expect to hear if packages contain explosives?"

**0018:** (NOC) Ms. Amy Schlossman advises to forward email to Close Hold Group

**0019:** (NOC) Notification sent to Significant Incident/Close Hold Group

**0019:** (NOC) FBI CT Watch estimates three to four hours for local authorities to determine if packages explosives.

**0041:** (NOC) Mr. Kroloff directs CWO to establish Conference Bridge at 0045 EDE

**0050:** (NOC) CWO contacts Mr. Kroloff and enters him into the conference call. Mr. Kroloff requests another conference bridge at 0200 EDT.

**0058:** (IWW) Called the FBI CT Watch to see if the individual packages were intercepted or whether the containers were. They informed us that the individual packages were intercepted.

**0130:** (IWW) 0100 NCTC SPOT Report posted on NOL.

**0156:** (NOC) Update #1 sent to Significant Incident / Close Hold Group.

**0200:** (NOC) S1/S2 Conference Bridge established.

**0229:** (NOC) Per U/S Intel, Ms. Caryn Wagner, NOC is to notify S1 upon determination of explosive content of suspect packages.

**0235:** (NOC) Per Mr. Kroloff, the NOC will establish a conference bridge at 0900 EDT. The notification email is to be sent at 0830 EDT.

**0247:** (NOC) NDD forwarded update #1 to WHSR and Mr. Dabney Kern.

**0259:** (IWW) Called CT Watch concerning the unclass TEARLINE proposal that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had sent and let them know that CINT did not agree with it because it still needed more information redacted from it. Phil said that it was all up to NCTC and other now.

**0320:** (IWW) Contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the Chicago rep and left a message on his cell to give the Watch a call and that we had some pertinent information on the threat to the synagogues.

**0327:** (NOC) Sent update to Significant Incident / Close Hold group: TSA reports that at 0355 EDT, the suspect package in Midland, England has been cleared by Scotland Yard. The package contained a laptop computer, clothes, and porcelain.

**0335:** (IWW) Talked to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) via secure phone and gave him details of the situation. He requested that we send the TEARLINE out to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Chicago Rep) when in receipt.

**0423:** (NOC) SWO contact CAPT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with information about the Midland, England package.

**0423:** (NOC) NDD forwarded Update #2 to WHSR and Mr. Dabney Kern.

**0516:** (NOC) Mr. Triner requests confirmation that both packages have been cleared and that there is a 48 hour hold on all package shipments from Sanaa, Yemen (FEDEX & UPS).

**0523:** (NOC) Responded to Mr. Triner confirming status of packages: checking with TSA on package shipment hold.



**0538:** (NOC) Responded to Mr. Triner that as per TSA, there is a possible hold on processing FEDEX packages in Sanna, but there was no mention of UPS.

**0556:** (IWW) Emailed CIA and asked status of tearline as we had not received it yet.

**0608:** (IWW) Called NCTC about the Unclass TEARLINE and they are now saying they are waiting on CIA to send them a workable TEARLINE with regards to the two packages from Yemen to Chicago.

**0634:** (IWW) Response from CIA- still working.

**0741:** (IWW) Received CIR- multiple packages with explosives heading to Chicago

**0755:** (IWW) Disseminated CIR.

**0936:** (IWW) Received CIR.

**0941:** (IWW) Disseminated CIR.

**1000:** (IWW) 0600 NCTC SPOT Report disseminated.

**1015:** (NOC) Mel, WHSR, requested confirmation if planes in Philly were related to the overnight incident.

**1024:** (NOC) Dab Kern, WHSR, requested confirmation if planes in Philly were related to the overnight incident.

**1029:** (IWW) Pulled from AMHS and disseminated CIR.

**1045:** (NOC) TSA reports UPS cargo facility in Philadelphia and Newark notified.

**1055:** (NOC) Conference notification email sent.

**1103:** (TSA) Initial information received from NTC Cargo: Two aircraft grounded and being examined in Philadelphia: UPS Flight 218 and 204. One aircraft at Newark UPS 208.

**1107:** (NOC) Email to S1 Front office awareness group on Newark and Philly UPS facility radiological threat.

**1109:** (TSA) 0945 hours: UPS Cargo Facility in EWR being evacuated due to a suspicious package, approx. 1,000 feet from EWR main terminal.

**1133:** (TSA) Newark JTTF ATSAC reports that suspicious package described as containing syringes,, white powder (no further details at this time) and wires is destined to an address in the Bronx, NY. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
 [REDACTED] Bronx NY.

**1143:** (TSA) TSAR-UK reported that cell phone physically located inside toner cartridge

**1149:** (NOC) John Sandweg edits received.

**1157:** (NOC) NOC note released

**1200:** (NOC) WHSR asked if radiological event was confirmed. Per TSA, no radiological suspected or received.

**1209:** (NOC) Blast call. Ms. McGrath, CBP SITROOM, stated that UPS trucks in Brooklyn & Illinois were stopped with suspicious packages. She requested follow-up on whether or not the incidents were related & a copy of the tearline.

**1210:** (TSA) UPS Facility is still evacuated. Preliminary testing done on first package with negative results. Package has been x-rayed (results pending)  
Second package remains on UPS truck near JP Morgan building.

**1216:** (NOC) Tearline sent to Blast Call Distro.

**1216:** (NOC) Conference reminder sent to distro.

**1230:** (NOC) Conference commenced

**1236:** (NOC) Tearline pushed to fusion and state/local desks.

**1238:** (TSA) The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is aware of and monitoring reports of potentially suspicious items onboard cargo flights that landed safely at Newark Liberty and Philadelphia International airports. Out of an abundance of caution the planes were moved to a remote location where they are being met by law enforcement officials and swept.

**1241:** (TSA) Phila Bomb Squad are "Backscatter" scanning aircraft on the ground at PHL.

**1244:** (TSA) Unconfirmed reports state that package located on UPS truck at Metrotech Center in Brooklyn NY, has been cleared by New York City Bomb Squad (time not reported)

**1245:** (NOC) Mr. Chavez, State Ops, requested if explosives had been confirmed.

**1246:** (NOC) TSA reported that Newark UPS facility reopened.

**1250:** (NOC) Call to Mr. Chavez noting no explosives found in Newark and Newark reopened.

**1251:** (NOC) Notification sent re: 1500 Conference call.

**1253:** (TSA) CLARIFICATION: the "cell phone" /circuit board was found in a HP Laser Jet Printer Series 2055 (also contained in the UPS package) and NOT determined to be organic to the printer. The printer cartridge (model KMP 2055) was located inside the HP printer. Initial tests on the white powder in the cartridge reflected it weighed appx. 1 pound. The powder contained PETN (percentage TBD).

The syringe found in the cartridge with the white powder contained lead axide (NFI).

**1307:** (TSA) At 1256 hours, EWR UPS Cargo Facility suspicious package cleared by FBI and Union County EOD. Normal Ops. EWR pack contained docs. Susp pack in Brooklyn cleared by NYPD EOD.

**1312:** (NOC) SWO briefed Canada OPCEN

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**Subject:** RE: Tick tick

Tick Tock is on the classified side. On its way. The NOC just received TSA's updated tick tick and will incorporate in the next versions.

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**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 5:10 PM  
**To:** State OPS Center  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

As requested.

V/R

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 4:39 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** TSACIMG Coordination  
**Subject:** FW: Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 4:38 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

1601: JFK TSA removed Emirates 201 passengers by bus to main terminal. Pax will not be rescreened. CBP will conduct 100 percent cargo and checked baggage screening. All pax will be visually inspected.

Regards,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 3:42 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Emirates Air 201 (Dubai-JFK)

RFI,

TSACimg.Coordination,

Will the passengers onboard the flight be rescreened upon landing at JFK?

Regards,

TSA NOC Liaison Officer  
NOC/OLE/FAMS Operations

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 9:02 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: HSI Timeline: Suspicious UPS Packages on Aircraft - UPDATE #9: 10/31/2010 at 8:00 PM

Thank you.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:55 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: HSI Timeline: Suspicious UPS Packages on Aircraft - UPDATE #9: 10/31/2010 at 8:00 PM

Here you go.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Watch Operations Officer  
Joint Intelligence Operations Center  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Washington, DC  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:53 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: HSI Timeline: Suspicious UPS Packages on Aircraft - UPDATE #9: 10/31/2010 at 8:00 PM

Can you please resend with attachment.

Thanks.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:51 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**Subject:** HSI Timeline: Suspicious UPS Packages on Aircraft - UPDATE #9: 10/31/2010 at 8:00 PM  
**Importance:** High

NOC SWO,

Please see the attached ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) consolidated summary of activities in response to the discovery of suspicious UPS packages originating from Yemen. This report documents ongoing HSI investigative activity occurring in multiple jurisdictions. The document was last updated Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 8:00 PM (EDT).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Watch Operations Officer  
Joint Intelligence Operations Center  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Washington, DC  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:24 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Answer: NOC # 1230-10- 012 S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY  
**Attachments:** TSA-11-11861-10 DHL Cargo Facility Evacuated at New York Kennedy (JFK).docx; image001.jpg

From the CBP Commissioner's Morning Report:

**SYNOPSIS:** On November 3, CBP JFK International Airport, NY reported the interception of a package originating from Yemen. The package was targeted under the "Yemen Red Flag Initiative" and was returned to DHL at JFK. The package ex-ray examination revealed an anomaly. NYPD Bomb Squad, PAPD, JTTF and ICE were notified and responded. The package, which was found to contain a cell phone, was inspected with negative results.

Believe this with the SWO's response below should answer your questions.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Duty Director**

**National Operations Center**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:56 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Partial Answer: NOC # 1230-10- 012 S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY

Questions have been tasked to TSA and CBP. In the interim, attached is the TSA report with a photo:

**Q 2:** According to the attached report, the package arrived on 10/29 onboard Emirates 203 (Dubai, UAE – NY Kennedy).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

*Senior Watch Officer*

*DHS National Operations Center - Watch*

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:20 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** NOC # 1230-10- 012 S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY

**Importance:** High

The Secretary's Briefing Staff's RFI follows. CBP/TSA – please provide any information you have to answer the RFI. Please note suspense time.

*Good Morning, In advance of the Secretary's morning briefing today, can you please provide (via CBP or other means) the following information:*

- 1. When the package in question involved in the incident below departed Yemen.*
- 2. Where it had come from immediately before arriving at JFK.*
- 3. How the package was identified by authorities and whether/how it was flagged by CBP as suspicious (whether by standard targeting rules or other means)/*

*Please provide no later than 7:30am. Thanks.*

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

*Senior Watch Officer*

*DHS National Operations Center - Watch*

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:15 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Cc:** Triner, Donald; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** S1 RFI

**Importance:** High

Good Morning, In advance of the Secretary's morning briefing today, can you please provide (via CBP or other means) the following information:

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Please provide no later than 7:30am. Thanks.

Bryan

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2010 8:45 PM

**Subject:** NOC Steady State 1230-10 Update Report 9 - Cargo Facility Evacuated - New York, NY (2030 EDT 3 Nov 10)

## **NOC Steady State 1230-10 Update Report 9 - Cargo Facility Evacuated – New York, NY**

**Current:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reports a cargo facility at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) was partially evacuated while a suspicious package was investigated by New York/New Jersey Port Authority police. Customs and Border Protection reported a re-delivery on a package originating from Yemen. A Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) scan revealed a cell phone. No explosives were detected. A Department of Homeland Security component and inter-agency blast call was conducted with amplifying information from TSA. The package was cleared

and identified as a cell phone wrapped in envelopes and paper. The cargo facility has resumed normal operations.

**Future:** The DHS National Operations Center (NOC) will continue to monitor this incident and provide updates as warranted. This item will be removed from the Common Operational Picture at 2130 EDT.

**Other:** Open source media reports that the package originally arrived on United Arab Emirates flight 201 on 29 Oct.

**Background:** On the evening of 28 Oct 10, TSA reported suspicious packages aboard two commercial cargo aircraft.



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:09 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

IWW any word?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Senior Watch Officer  
 DHS National Operations Center  
 Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Kudwa, Amy  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Subject:** Re: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

When do we expect to hear whether the packages actually contain explosives? Thank you.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 29 00:01:03 2010  
**Subject:** FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

Classification: ~~UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO~~

- Information was received via FBI CT Watch stating that there were explosives disguised as toner cartridges being shipped via UPS and FedEx flights from Yemen. The explosives were to be detonated while the aircraft were in flight. Shipping numbers were provided.
- FedEx coordinated with authorities in Dubai, UAE to remove the package from the FedEx aircraft. The package is isolated awaiting disposition by Dubai authorities.
- UPS located their package in Midland, England and have placed it in isolation. Local authorities have responded.
- Both aircraft are on the ground.

Recommend no formal NOC reporting due to law enforcement and intelligence community sensitivity. Further recommend this information be shared with the DHS Significant Incident Close Hold Group.

R/S  
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
 Asst Senior Watch Officer  
 National Operations Center  
 Dept. of Homeland Security  
 Comm: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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## **28 October 2010 Timeline for Disguised International Explosive Shipment (Yemen)**

### **NOC Incident # 1230-10**

Input collected from: OPS

**2224:** NCTC called an informed NOC IWW that there were two packages on a flight from Cologne, Germany. Destination was reportedly Chicago although initially they had no destination.

**2246:** TSA/NOC Notified by JTTF in regards to a possible threat on a inbound FEDEX & UPS flight carrying possible explosives from Yemen

**2316:** S1 Conference call convened to discuss the event.

**2320:** NCTC called and said the FBI had grounded the FedEx flight in Dubai and the UPS package had been intercepted in the UK.

**2322** FBI CTWatch informs NOC SWO: Disguised Explosives Shipped via UPS and FEDEX from Yemen.

### **29 Oct 2010**

**0000:** TSA reports UPS and FEDEX Planes grounded in Midland UK and Dubai. UPS package is in Midland, UK and package is isolated. LEOs are on scene. Tracking numbers are passed to TSOC.

**0019:** FBI CT Watch estimates three to four hours for local authorities to determine if packages explosives.

**0200:** NOC established S1/S2 Conference Bridge established.

**0247:** NOC NDD forwarded update #1 to WHSR and Mr. Dabney Kern.

**0423:** NOC NDD forwarded Update #2 to WHSR and Mr. Dabney Kern.

**0556:** NOC IWW Emailed CIA and asked status of tearline as we had not received it yet.

**0608:** NOC IWW Called NCTC about the Unclass TEARLINE and they are now saying they are waiting on CIA to send them a workable TEARLINE with regards to the two packages from Yemen to Chicago.

**1045:** TSA informs NOC that UPS cargo facility in Philadelphia and Newark notified.

**1230:** DHS Senior Leader Conference commenced

**1236:** Tearline pushed to fusion and state/local desks.

**1238:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is aware of and monitoring reports of potentially suspicious items onboard cargo flights that landed safely at Newark Liberty and Philadelphia International airports. Out of an abundance of caution the planes were moved to a remote location where they are being met by law enforcement officials and swept.

**1312:** NOC SWO briefed Canada OPCEN



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:11 AM  
**To:** Kudwa, Amy  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

We're checking to see. Currently unknown.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** Kudwa, Amy  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
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R/S  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Asst Senior Watch Officer  
National Operations Center  
Dept. of Homeland Security  
Comm: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 9:03 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

SWO,

Can you please provide some clarification to the below question from the NICC? Thanks.

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
NOC IPNICC Desk  
Department of Homeland Security  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** NICC  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:56 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

NOC,

Desk can you ask the SWO the question below regarding the NOC RFI

- *Watch - call the swo for clarification? Do they want all activities taken (e.g. Outreach) or activities taken specifically to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10?*

Thanks

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
NICC Watch Operations  
Department of Homeland Security  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

For more information on the NICC go to:  
[DHS National Infrastructure Coordinating Center](#)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:49 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NICC  
**Subject:** Re: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

Watch - call the swo for clarification? Do they want all activities taken (e.g. Outreach) or activities taken specifically to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10?

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sun Oct 31 20:14:04 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

Jim,  
Who should we send this to within IP? Just those sector in IP or should it go to NPPD Exesec?  
Please advise.

V/r  
Darin  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Senior Watch Officer  
NICC Watch Operations  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** NICC  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sun Oct 31 19:19:17 2010  
**Subject:** FW: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

Darin,

See below RFI from the NOC regarding the Air Cargo Threat.

- *A summary of operational activities that DHS components have taken in response to this incident in an effort to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10 and prevent future packages from coming into the USA from Yemen*
- *Due 1200 EDT 1 Nov 10*

Please advise how you want to proceed with this RFI. Has something been put together already, should this just be NICC or all of IP.

See below for further information.

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

NICC Watch Operations

Department of Homeland Security

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 7:09 PM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Chavez, Richard; Triner, Donald; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

**Incident Name:** Air Cargo Threat – United States

**Date:** 31 October 2010

**NOC RFI #:** 1230-10-010

**Requested Due Date/Time:**

1 November 2010/1200 EDT

**Current Classification/Caveat Level:** UNCLASS

**Desired (Highest) Classification/Caveat Level of Response:** UNCLASS FOUO LES SSI

**Subject:** Summary of Operational Activities by DHS components

**Provide the following:**

The NOC request a summary of operational activities that DHS components have taken in response to this incident in an effort to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10 and prevent future packages from coming into the USA from Yemen.

Intended audience: one document outlining all of DHS activities for DHS and Fusion Centers.

Please send responses to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

**Note:** Please ensure that the “SUBJECT LINE” of your response e-mail contains the “**Response to NOC RFI #1230-10-010 Summary of Operational Activities**”

You may contact the NOC at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), if you have problems sending your reply.


Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Senior Watch Officer

DHS National Operations Center

Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:27 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Answer: NOC # 1230-10- 012 S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

This pretty much satisfies my request, but I'm sure the Secretary will ask why a redelivery of a parcel destined for Cincinnati sat at JFK for some time. Any insight into that?

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**Duty Director**  
**National Operations Center**  
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
 Unclass: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[JWICS: NOC.NDD@dhs.ic.gov](mailto:NOC.NDD@dhs.ic.gov)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) d  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 5:56 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Partial Answer: NOC # 1230-10- 012 S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY

Questions have been tasked to TSA and CBP. In the interim, attached is the TSA report with a photo:

**Q 2:** According to the attached report, the package arrived on 10/29 onboard Emirates 203 (Dubai, UAE – NY Kennedy).

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
*Senior Watch Officer*  
*DHS National Operations Center - Watch*  
**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
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**Please provide no later than 7:30am. Thanks.**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

*Senior Watch Officer*

*DHS National Operations Center - Watch*

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Cc:** Triner, Donald; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** S1 RFI

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Bryan

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2010 8:45 PM

**Subject:** NOC Steady State 1230-10 Update Report 9 - Cargo Facility Evacuated - New York, NY (2030 EDT 3 Nov 10)



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**Current:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reports a cargo facility at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) was partially evacuated while a suspicious package was investigated by New York/New Jersey Port Authority police. Customs and Border Protection reported a re-delivery on a package originating from Yemen. A Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) scan revealed a cell phone. No explosives were detected. A Department of Homeland Security component and inter-agency blast call was conducted with amplifying information from TSA. The package was cleared and identified as a cell phone wrapped in envelopes and paper. The cargo facility has resumed normal operations.

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**Background:** On the evening of 28 Oct 10, TSA reported suspicious packages aboard two commercial cargo aircraft.



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

2522 10/29/2010 Per the instructions in EA 1546-10-05 Lufthansa Airlines (DLAF) has  
 13:28:07 contacted TSA with the following information:  
 CIMG  
 GlobStrtgs DLAF email notification:  
 Seattle, Washington Facility -  
 "We have AWB 635-06799715 consigned to "Hoey Well" (presumably  
 Honeywell). 1pc/15kg originating from "Yemenia Material Division" in  
 Sanaa, Yemen. CBP was in this morning to x-ray and physically inspect this  
 piece. Documents and freight have been moved to a secure/isolated location.  
 "

Lufthansa is awaiting a response  
**Posted to:** SA IM

2520 10/29/2010 1407 Hours: New York Police Bomb Squad responded and cleared the  
 11:16:13 package via x-ray equipment. There were no evacuations. Traffic was re-  
 CIMG routed around the area, but has since resumed normal operations. There was  
 CoordGroup no impact to mass transit operations.

1117 Hours: There are reports of a suspicious package on a UPS delivery  
 truck near Queens Plaza North and Crescent Street. No injuries or evacs  
 reported.  
**Posted to:** SA

2527 10/29/2010 OLE/FAMS establishing POC for Cargo flights.  
 11:03:01  
 CIMG Initial information received from NTC Cargo:  
 OLEFAM Two aircraft grounded and being examined in Philadelphia: UPS Flight 218  
 and 204. One aircraft at Newark UPS 208.

All checks reportadly negative at this time.  
**Posted to:** SA Brief SitRep SigEvt IM

2654 10/29/2010 NOC SWO is requesting an answer to the following question:  
 15:07:56  
 CIMG "Where did the information come from that there was a suspicious package  
 CoordGroup on Emirates 201 Dubai-New York Kennedy"  
**Posted to:** RFI IM

2651 10/29/2010 FBI is in custody of a package which arrived in Memphis, originating from  
 14:54:59 Yemen. NFI.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA Brief IM  
 CoordGroup

2650 10/29/2010 FBI has taken into custody ONE (1) Cell Phone that arrived in the Chicago  
 14:52:59 Fedex Facility, which originated out of Yemen. NFI.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA Brief IM  
 CoordGroup

2649 10/29/2010 The following offices are to staff the CIMG in the FC ECR 24x7 until  
 14:48:29 directed otherwise: OGS, TSNM Aviation, TSNM Cargo, OSO, OSCPA,

CIMG FAA Liaison, and CBP Liaison. All other CIMG components are to staff their positions from 0800 - 2000, but are on call 24x7.

**Posted to:** SA IM

2548 10/29/2010 Incident Response Activities at HQ  
12:04:56 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) here; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) here

CIMG \* drafting SD/EA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C))  
FrontOffice \* deploying inspectors to Yemen (b) (6), (b) (7)(C))  
\* Comms out to FSDs/ SAC/ TSARs (tear line out); call conducted  
\* Public Affairs got news piece out  
\* 1 pager on cargo security status (TSNM/Intel)  
\* Status of flights in the air - Lee with NCTC tracking  
\* status of devices on-going  
\* EU heads up

moving to 7th floor VTC

**Posted to:** SA SigEvt IM

2646 10/29/2010 1155 Hours: United Arab Emirates 201 (Dubai- JFK) being escorted by  
14:34:38 Canadian Fighters due to suspicious package on board. US Fighters will  
CIMG intercept at US airspace border and escort a/c to JFK. CBP scrubbing  
CoordGroup passenger and cargo manifests. ETA 1513 Hours.

**Posted to:** SA Brief SitRep SigEvt IM

2643 10/29/2010 Press Office  
13:33:26  
CIMG U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
PubAffairs

Press Release, Oct. 29, 2010

Contact: DHS Press Office, (202) 282-8010

#### DHS STATEMENT ON INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

“As a precaution, DHS has taken a number of steps to enhance security. Some of these security measures will be visible while others will not. The public may recognize specific enhancements including heightened cargo screening and additional security at airports. Passengers should continue to expect an unpredictable mix of security layers that include explosives trace detection, advanced imaging technology, canine teams and pat downs, among others. As always, we remind the public to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to local law enforcement.”

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**Posted to:** SA IM



2524 10/29/2010 1054: per CNN news: reported 3-people onboard aircraft (flight: not  
 11:28:53 obtained) were scanned for HAZmat with negative results.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA SitRep SigEvt IM  
 CoordGroup

2637 10/29/2010 1417 Hours: DTW BDO referred American Eagle 4434 (DTW-LGA)  
 14:20:26 passenger for additional screening due to suspicious behavior. TSA found  
 CIMG UPS uniform in passengers' carry-on baggage. Passenger not UPS employee.  
 CoordGroup Passenger states it is a Halloween Costume.  
**Posted to:** SA Brief SitRep SigEvt IM

2531 10/29/2010 1004: PHL Coordination Center reported tracking #'s for packages:  
 11:34:27 201-29V-FC-34C  
 CIMG H815-169-2178  
 CoordGroup  
**Posted to:** SA

2636 10/29/2010 Please see attached final versions as of 10/29/10 on Cargo originating in  
 14:25:14 Yemen.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA Brief SitRep IM **Attachment:** [Open File](#)  
 CoordGroup

2635 10/29/2010 Please see attached final versions as of 10/29/10 on Cargo originating in  
 14:24:16 Yemen.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA Brief SitRep IM **Attachment:** [Open File](#)  
 CoordGroup

2539 10/29/2010 0946: PHL TSA reported UPS cargo building evacuated due to suspicious  
 11:37:52 packages. Building is approx. 450-550 ft from main terminal.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA SigEvt IM  
 CoordGroup

2538 10/29/2010 0957: Delta Corp. reported that PHL has initiated a ground stop for all  
 11:35:07 arrival/departure flights until 1045 hrs.  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA SigEvt IM  
 CoordGroup

2528 09/26/2010 OI watch reported that on 25, 26 SEP possible packages traveling from  
 23:08:26 Yemen to U.S, on FEDEX  
 CIMG **Posted to:** SA  
 CoordGroup

2546 10/29/2010 Newark JTTF ATSAC reports that suspicious package described as  
 11:33:34 containing syringes,, white powder (no further details at this time) and wires  
 CIMG is destined to an address in the Bronx, NY. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Bronx NY.  
 OLEFAM  
 OLE FAMS conducting further checks on business and personnel at this  
 address location.  
**Posted to:** SA

2549 10/29/2010 At 1158 hours, TSA EWR reported that UPS 208 departed as UPS 235  
 12:10:21 (Newark-Stansted, England) (STN)  
 TSOC Watch

	Incident Management	UPS Facility is still evacuated. Preliminary testing done on first package with negative results. Package has been x-rayed (results pending) Second package remains on UPS truck near JP Morgan building. <b>Posted to:</b> SA
<u>2530</u>	10/29/2010 11:33:51 CIMG CoordGroup	1008: per PHL: situational awareness: all inbound aircrafts were placed on ground hold. Ground stop lifted at 1006 hrs. <b>Posted to:</b> SA SitRep SigEvt IM
<u>2545</u>	10/29/2010 11:55:10 CIMG CoordGroup	At 1141 hours, NC4 reported a suspicious package on a UPS truck near Metrotech Center & Johnson St. No injuries initially reported. <b>Posted to:</b> SA SitRep SigEvt IM
<u>2544</u>	10/29/2010 11:47:06 TSOC Watch Incident Management	TSAR-UAE reported that FED-EX 5034 (Dubai-Charles De Gaulle) has cargo that is due to transfer to Memphis. <b>Posted to:</b> SA
<u>2541</u>	10/29/2010 00:00:01 CIMG CoordGroup	1333 Hours (NC4): Media reports authorities confiscated a suspicious package at the FedEx facility at the Dubai Int'l Airport. The package was reportedly found on a plante that originated in Sana'a, Yemen, and was en route to Chicago. FedEx reportedly suspended all flights from Yemen to Chicago.
		Initial: UPS and FEDEX Planes grounded in Midland UK and Dubai. UPS package is in Midland UK and package is isolated. LEOs are on scene. Tracking numbers are passed to TSOC. <b>Posted to:</b> SA
<u>2614</u>	10/29/2010 12:40:40 CIMG PubAffairs	THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary
		For Immediate Release October 29, 2010
		Statement of White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs
		Last night, intelligence and law enforcement agencies discovered potential suspicious packages on two planes in transit to the United States. Based on close cooperation among U.S. government agencies and with our foreign allies and partners, authorities were able to identify and examine two suspicious packages, one in London and one in Dubai. Both of these packages originated from Yemen. As a result of security precautions triggered by this threat, the additional measures were taken regarding the flights at Newark Liberty and Philadelphia International Airports.
		The President was notified of a potential terrorist threat on Thursday night at

10:30, by John Brennan, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counter-terrorism. The President directed U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies, and the Department of Homeland Security, to take steps to ensure the safety and security of the American people, and to determine whether these threats are a part of any additional terrorist plotting. The President has received regular updates from his national security team since he was alerted to the threat.

**Posted to:** SA SigEvt IM

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:11 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

At this time we do not know that information but when we do, I will pass it on.

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:09 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

IWW any word?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
 Senior Watch Officer  
 DHS National Operations Center  
 Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**To:** NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 29 00:01:03 2010  
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R/S

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Asst Senior Watch Officer  
National Operations Center  
Dept. of Homeland Security  
Comm: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Gramlick, Carl  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 4:11 PM  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Chavez, Richard; Triner, Donald  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Tic Toc adds from NOC  
**Attachments:** Yemen suspicious package event timeline 29 Oct 1540.docx

The NOC's basic timeline adds.

Carl S. Gramlick  
Director, National Operations Center  
Operations Coordination and Planning  
Department of Homeland Security  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Bb: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 9:38 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

Outreach activities (e.g. TRIPwire Quick-Look), PSA, OBP involvement if any. Sector Specialist interaction with Private Sector on the issue. Any other sections of NPPD/IP that might have accomplished any activities in relation to the incident.

Thanks.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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SWO,

Can you please provide some clarification to the below question from the NICC? Thanks.

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
NOC IPNICC Desk  
Department of Homeland Security  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:56 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

NOC,

Desk can you ask the SWO the question below regarding the NOC RFI

- *Watch - call the swo for clarification? Do they want all activities taken (e.g. Outreach) or activities taken specifically to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10?*

Thanks

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

NICC Watch Operations

Department of Homeland Security

202-282-9201

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

For more information on the NICC go to:

[DHS National Infrastructure Coordinating Center](#)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 8:49 PM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Re: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Sun Oct 31 20:14:04 2010

**Subject:** Fw: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

Jim,

Who should we send this to within IP? Just those sector in IP or should it go to NPPD Exesec?

Please advise.

V/r

Darin

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Senior Watch Officer

NICC Watch Operations

W-(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Sun Oct 31 19:19:17 2010

**Subject:** FW: NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

Darin,

See below RFI from the NOC regarding the Air Cargo Threat.

- *A summary of operational activities that DHS components have taken in response to this incident in an effort to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10 and prevent future packages from coming into the USA from Yemen*
- *Due 1200 EDT 1 Nov 10*

Please advise how you want to proceed with this RFI. Has something been put together already, should this just be NICC or all of IP.

See below for further information.

V/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

NICC Watch Operations

Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 7:09 PM

**To:** CDO TSA; IROC; NICC; NOC.CBP; NOC.ICE; NOC.IPNICC; NOC.TSA; SITROOM

**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Chavez,

Richard; Triner, Donald; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

**Incident Name:** Air Cargo Threat – United States

**Date:** 31 October 2010

**NOC RFI #:** 1230-10-010  
1 November 2010/1200 EDT

**Requested Due Date/Time:**

**Current Classification/Caveat Level:** UNCLASS

**Desired (Highest) Classification/Caveat Level of Response:** UNCLASS FOUO LES SSI

**Subject:** Summary of Operational Activities by DHS components

**Provide the following:**

The NOC request a summary of operational activities that DHS components have taken in response to this incident in an effort to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10 and prevent future packages from coming into the USA from Yemen.

Intended audience: one document outlining all of DHS activities for DHS and Fusion Centers.

Please send responses to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Note:** Please ensure that the "SUBJECT LINE" of your response e-mail contains the "**Response to NOC RFI #1230-10-010 Summary of Operational Activities**"

You may contact the NOC at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), if you have problems sending your reply.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Senior Watch Officer

DHS National Operations Center

Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:18 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Subject:** RE: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

This can go to the close hold significant incident group. Please keep this list apprised of any updates throughout the night. Thank you.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:01 AM  
**To:** NOC-DHS-S1-FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Subject:** FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

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Comm: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)d  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 12:28 AM  
**To:** Triner, Donald  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: NOC RFI

Sir,

Who would you like the responses sent to?

Dan

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Triner, Donald  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 6:46 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] Chavez,  
Richard  
**Subject:** NOC RFI

SWO - Please send a RFIs to the DHS opcons of:

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for a summary of operational activities that DHS components have taken in response to this incident in an effort to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15Oct and prevent future packages from coming into the USA from Yemen.

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Due by 1200 Monday.

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Don Triner  
Acting Director, Operations Coordination Division  
Office of Operations Coordination and Planning  
Department of Homeland Security  
Desk - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 30, 2010 9:56 AM  
**To:** Current OPS Duty Officer; Future-Ops; Chavez, Richard; DiFalco, Frank; NOC-Director; IA.IWW  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** NOC #1230-10 - Air Cargo Threat - US - Possible Security Threat on Inbound FedEx and UPS Flights  
**Attachments:** Possible Security Threat on Inbound FedEx and UPS Flights\_102910\_3.pdf

Latest timeline from TSA attached.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Senior Watch Officer  
National Operations Center  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Unclassified: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Possible Security Threat on Inbound FedEx and UPS Flights

Please see attached.

Thank you,

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 30, 2010 9:51 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Possible Security Threat on Inbound FedEx and UPS Flights

Dave,  
Please make sure you send this to the SWO. Current TSA password applies.

Thanks,  
Danielle

Regards,

Command Duty Officer (CDO)  
TSOC/OLE/FAMS Operations  
Commercial: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]

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CDO

The following timeline captures events from 2246 hours on October 28, 2010 until 0815 hours on October 30, 2010. The Incident Manager (IM), Bob Allison, has reviewed the document. The attached document was locked down at 0929 hours on October 30, 2010.

Please transmit to the NOC. Copy SAC Parks and I on the email. Current password applies.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: NOC RFI

I want to see the final product of the NOC to this RFI before we send it to the requestor.

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Acting Director, Operations Coordination Division  
Office of Operations Coordination and Planning  
Department of Homeland Security  
Desk - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Desk - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and any handwritten notes or dates that might have been present.

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

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**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:19 AM  
**To:** Kudwa, Amy  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

FBI CT watch thinks it may be 3 to 4 hours; however, since it is being handle outside the US, they are only guessing.

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

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 DHS National Operations Center  
 Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Asst Senior Watch Officer  
 National Operations Center  
 Dept. of Homeland Security  
 Comm: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:29 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Answer: NOC # 1230-10- 012 S1 RFI - QUICK RESPONSE REQUESTED: NOC 12301-10/ / Cargo Facility Evacuated - NY  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Brian

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**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 6:08 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Reminder For - NOC RFI 1230-10-010 Summary of DHS Component Operational Activities - Air Cargo Threat - United States

**Incident Name:** Air Cargo Threat – United States**Date:** 31 October 2010

**NOC RFI #:** 1230-10-010  
 1 November 2010/1200 EDT

**Requested Due Date/Time:****Current Classification/Caveat Level:** UNCLASS

**Desired (Highest) Classification/Caveat Level of Response:** UNCLASS FOUO LES  
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**Subject:** Summary of Operational Activities by DHS components**Provide the following:**

The NOC request a summary of operational activities that DHS components have taken in response to this incident in an effort to account for all potential packages destined for the USA from Yemen since 15 Oct 10 and prevent future packages from coming into the USA from Yemen.

Intended audience: one document outlining all of DHS activities for DHS and Fusion Centers.

Please send responses to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Note:** Please ensure that the "SUBJECT LINE" of your response e-mail contains the "**Response to NOC RFI #1230-10-010 Summary of Operational Activities**"

You may contact the NOC at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), if you have problems sending your reply.

Thank you,


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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:19 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Possible explosives onboard FedEx Cargo planes/ Yemen to US

At 2349 hours, TSOC was notified of two FedEx Cargo planes possibly contained liquid explosives inside containers. Both planes have been grounded, one in Dubai and one in Midland England. One container contained a timer and the other was connected to a cell phone. Both containers are isolated. ed attempt was conducted on September 27, 2010. TSARs are releasing statements to carriers.

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TSOC/OLE/FAMS  
Watch Officer

**Friday October 29, 2010**

- TSA released Security Directives and Emergency Amendments that directed carriers to not accept or transport any air cargo from Yemen.
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**Saturday October 30, 2010**

- TSA consulted with International partners about opportunities to enhance international cargo security
- TSA and CBP performed ongoing research on all shipments coming from Yemen; many shipments were examined and detained. No additional devices were discovered.

**Sunday October 31, 2010**

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**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

The information was forwarded to the Close Hold Group at 0019 EDT.

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This can go to the close hold significant incident group. Please keep this list apprised of any updates throughout the night. Thank you.

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**From:** CTWatch (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:28 AM  
**To:** FBI CT Watch; Robert S. Mueller; CTW TIER1; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: TIER 1 NOTIFICATION: DISGUISED EXPLOSIVES SHIPPED VIA UPS AND FEDEX FROM YEMEN

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

Both packages (UPS and FedEx) have been located and are still currently being screened.

CT Watch  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 11:22 PM  
**To:** CTWatch; Robert S. Mueller; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

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As per SSA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) : UPS has located their package in Great Britain and putting in isolation. Authorities on scene.

Additional Flight information: UPS flight from Yemen to Cologne to Great Britain to Chicago.

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**Subject:** TIER 1 NOTIFICATION: DISGUISED EXPLOSIVES SHIPPED VIA UPS AND FEDEX FROM YEMEN

ALCON:

Information received from a source which is assessed to be credible stated that there are explosives contained in toner cartridges which are to be detonated while in the air.

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The following shipping numbers were provided:

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) FrontOffice-Awareness  
**Subject:** Re: FRONT OFFICE AWARENESS - Disguised International Explosive Shipment

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**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Disguised International Explosive Shipment

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- Information was received via FBI CT Watch stating that there were explosives disguised as toner cartridges being shipped via UPS and FedEx flights from Yemen. The explosives were to be detonated while the aircraft were in flight. Shipping numbers were provided.
- FedEx coordinated with authorities in Dubai, UAE to remove the package from the FedEx aircraft. The package is isolated awaiting disposition by Dubai authorities.
- UPS located their package in Midland, England and have placed it in isolation. Local authorities have responded.
- Both aircraft are on the ground.
- FBI has advised us that both packages have been located and are still being screened.

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**Duty Director**

**National Operations Center**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 8:10 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: NOC 1230-10 [Air Cargo Threat - United States] MMC Update #045--Parcel Bomb Plot Foiled Because Intel Agencies Decoded Al Qaeda Message

For your situational awareness.

Commissioner's Situation Room-

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### **NOC Media Monitoring Capability - Traditional Media**

**Title:** 'Wedding gift is being delivered' message foiled al Qaeda bomb plot

**Location:** Global

**NOC MMC CIR #3: Identifying events with operational value...corroborating critical information**

#### **Excerpt from News Article:**

The Indian Express reports that an intelligence officer stationed in Afghanistan intercepted a transmission that said "A wedding gift is being delivered." In al Qaeda speak that translates to mean that a bomb is enroute to delivery somewhere in the world.

The alleged al Qaeda plot of parcel bombs on two United States-bound flights was foiled when intelligence agencies decoded the terrorists' chilling message.

The code was cracked hours before the two packages containing explosive liquid explosive PETN were intercepted in the United Kingdom and Dubai.

The packages, which were being shipped by air from Yemen to synagogues in Chicago, were discovered last Friday at East Midlands Airport in Nottingham, and at a courier facility in Dubai.

The package found on a UPS plane in England had an active timer going that was ticking away the time until it would explode. Officials there say the package was prepared to explode while the plane was in flight over the United Kingdom.

**Sources** (some page content may change or not be available over time):

#### **- Indian Express News**

-- <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/wedding-gift-is-being-delivered-message-foiled-alqaeda-bomb-plot/705570/>

#### **- Sify News**

-- <http://sify.com/news/wedding-gift-is-being-delivered-message-foiled-al-qaeda-parcel-bomb-plot-news-international-klbpkecehg.html>

#### **- Associated Content**

-- [http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/5957082/ups\\_bomb\\_information\\_picked\\_up\\_in\\_afghanistan.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/5957082/ups_bomb_information_picked_up_in_afghanistan.html)

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**From:** CTWatch **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 1:04 AM  
**To:** FBI CT Watch; Robert S. Mueller; **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

**Subject:** RE: TIER 1 NOTIFICATION: DISGUISED EXPLOSIVES SHIPPED VIA UPS AND FEDEX FROM YEMEN

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

As per SC **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** the following Tearline was requested to be disseminated regarding captioned event:

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Subject: ALLEGED AQAP SHIPMENT TO CHICAGO, IL OF TWO PRINTERS VIA COMMERCIAL SHIPPING COMPANIES BELIEVED TO CONTAIN EXPLOSIVES IN THE TONER CARTRIDGES

In late October 2010, two packages containing printers sent via commercial shipping companies UPS and FEDEX from Sana, Yemen to Chicago, Illinois, United States, were believed to have explosives in the printers' toner cartridges. (COMMENT: The explosives may be in liquid form.) Of note, the smaller of the packages shipped via UPS was believed to contain a timer, and the larger shipped via FEDEX a cellular telephone. As of 29 October 2010, the packages may have been located in Europe with an expected arrival date in Chicago of 1 November 2010.

3. As of 29 October 2010, the following details were known regarding the two packages:

A. UPS Package:

**(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)**

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**From:** CTWatch

**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 12:28 AM

**To:** CTWatch; Robert S. Mueller; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: TIER 1 NOTIFICATION: DISGUISED EXPLOSIVES SHIPPED VIA UPS AND FEDEX FROM YEMEN

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

Both packages (UPS and FedEx) have been located and are still currently being screened.

CT Watch

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**From:** CTWatch

**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 11:22 PM

**To:** CTWatch; Robert S. Mueller; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** TIER 1 NOTIFICATION: DISGUISED EXPLOSIVES SHIPPED VIA UPS AND FEDEX FROM YEMEN

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

Originating information is from a highly credible source.

FedEx has coordinated with Dubai Authorities re getting item off of FedEx aircraft and isolating item that contains TR #8734 4790 1730 until Dubai can neutralize item.

As per SSA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) : UPS has located their package in Great Britain and putting in isolation. Authorities on scene.

Additional Flight information: UPS flight from Yemen to Cologne to Great Britain to Chicago.

CT Watch is currently engaged in efforts to obtain additional information regarding this matter. We will continue to post updates, when appropriate, in an expeditious manner.

CT Watch/rcs

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**From:** CTWatch

**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:17 PM

**To:** Robert S. Mueller; CTW\_TIER1; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** TIER 1 NOTIFICATION: DISGUISED EXPLOSIVES SHIPPED VIA UPS AND FEDEX FROM YEMEN

ALCON:

Information received from a source which is assessed to be credible stated that there are explosives contained in toner cartridges which are to be detonated while in the air.

Reports are that the packages were sent from Yemen with a final destination of Chicago.

The following shipping numbers were provided:

UPS: (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

Fed Ex: (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

CT Watch has requested the relevant Divisions coordinate with the companies.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 1:35 AM  
To: JA.IWW  
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: FW: Request Information

For your awareness, shipper names and addresses

Per FEDEX Corporate Security:

(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

EOD on UPS Aircraft in Midland UK

TSAR UK stated that British EOD has reports of another package possibly going to France. Unofficial report.

66 UPS planes inbound Cargo

119 FEDEX planes inbound Cargo

In the air over the next 6 hours.

(note) flights subject to change over the next 6 hours.

Actual package in Dubai is identified is in screening facility, never got onto FEDEX aircraft EOD in route. Came to screening facility via another aircraft non cargo carrier.

(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

12 other packages from Yemen located in Dubai isolated with no screening anomalies. turned over to Fire department per the per FEDEX corporate security.

no more packages will be processed for 48 hours in SANA YEMEN.

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Senior Watch Officer  
DHS National Operations Center  
Non-Secure: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 1:22 AM  
To: Restricted, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: FW: Request Information

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 1:13 AM  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: Request Information

At 2246 hours, notified by JTTF in regards to a possible threat on a inbound FEDEX & UPS flight carrying possible explosives from Yemen.

At 2308 hours, SLT bridge established

OI watch stated that on 25, 26 SEP possible packages traveling from Yemen to U.S., on FEDEX

UPS and FEDEX Planes grounded in Midland UK and Dubai

UPS packages are in Midland UK and packages are isolated. LEOs are on scene. Tracking numbers are passed to TSOC.

Dubai package are isolated.

Midland UK package is isolated.

one package FEDEX disguised as toners

Information on situation being sent to TSARs in area to close loop.

Packages are located in containers. One per aircraft

Cargo planes not passenger aircraft.

(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

Statement to all US carriers will be released by TSAR.

27 SEP failed attempt of shipment of possible explosives

(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

OI will push unclassified TEAR lines to all information to US Carriers and shippers.

Destination of packages where to churchs located within 6 miles of each other.

FAA to pull all incoming commerical and cargo flights for the next 6 hours.

FBI stated to FEDEX director that all package with possible explosive are located in Dubai.

Package has been identified and isloated on the ground in Dubai. No aircraft involved.

FEDEX is checking all there systems from Yemen for any suspicious packages.

Per FEDEX Corporate Security:

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