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Re: 2021-HQFO-00868

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated April 30, 2021, and received by this office on April 30, 2021. You are seeking a copy of pages from the Senior Watch Officer (SWO) Log for the National Operations Center, DHS Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, related to the Las Vegas Shooting, October 1, 2017 and for one day before and seven days afterward.

A search of [NAMES OFFICES SEARCHED] for documents responsive to your request produced a total of five pages. Of those pages, I have determined that one page is releasable in its entirety and four pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), FOIA Exemptions 6 and b7(C).

Enclosed are five pages with certain information withheld as described below:

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Sincerely,



Jimmy Wolfrey  
Senior Director, FOIA Operations & Management

Enclosure: Responsive Documents, 5 pages

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0116	U//FOUO	<p><b>NOC 0693-17: Shooting Incident – Las Vegas, NV.</b>  Rcvd MMC Jabber message about reports of shots fired/active shooter near Excalibur/Luxor/Tropicana hotels in Las Vegas (LVNV).  <b>0121:</b> Rcvd MMC Jabber message about unconfirmed reports of an officer down in LVNV.  <b>0122:</b> Rcvd MMC Jabber message about possible "Multiple victims. Sounds like shooter is shooting down onto boulevard from a balcony."  <b>0133:</b> McCarran Airport called out over DEN that people were running on runway and the airport had closed down.  <b>0134:</b> Rcvd MMC IOI; Shooting Reported At Las Vegas Music Festival.  <b>0135:</b> NOC.State&amp;Local sent an email requesting information to IO.  <b>0135:</b> SWO called MMC for clarification about the time stamps.  <b>0137:</b> WHSR called SWO to ask for updated information.  <b>0139:</b> Rcvd MMC Jabber message that people were on McCarran Airport runway.  <b>0140:</b> USAF Watch called for an update about the situation.  <b>0142:</b> USNORTHCOM called SWO about an update to the situation.  <b>0142:</b> Rcvd MMC Jabber message that LVMPD tweeted a warning about the situation.  <b>0151:</b> NOC.TSA reports that FAA Las Vegas Tower reported active shooter situation at Mandalay Bay Casino rooftop. Open source media reports several people shot attending country music festival. Location is approximately one block from LAS. People are reported as running from the festival onto airport property. A complete ground stop has been initiated. All TSA employees are accounted for. No impact to TSA operations reported.  <b>0152:</b> First national media report noted.  <b>0152:</b> Rcvd RICCS-IC3: National News; LVNV Police are reporting a possible active shooter near the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino. IC3 is coordinating with FEMA to obtain further information and updates.  <b>0152:</b> Rcvd NOC.TSA Prelim report (same as 0151 note).  <b>0153:</b> NOC.TSA gave verbal update.  <b>0154:</b> NDD spoke with Director, Operations Division, Richard Chavez.  <b>0157:</b> NDD attempted to speak with Undersecretary for I&amp;A, David Glawe on BlackBerry. No answer.  <b>0158:</b> NDD attempted to speak with Undersecretary for I&amp;A, David Glawe at home. No answer.  <b>0158:</b> FEMA NCR called SWO about incident.  <b>0159:</b> NDD attempted to speak with Undersecretary for I&amp;A, David Glawe on personal cell phone. NDD left voicemail.  <b>0200:</b> Rcvd NOC.TSA FAA: LVNV Security Incident: Prelim info from FAA OPS. Clark County has ceased airport operations until further advised.  <b>0202:</b> NDD attempted to call Principal Deputy Undersecretary for I&amp;A (b)(6) on BlackBerry. No answer.  <b>0203:</b> NDD spoke with CT Advisor (b)(6) NDD spoke with (b)(6) about incident.  <b>0203:</b> Rcvd CMC-01 report.  <b>0204:</b> Rcvd email from IO-LV at the Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center, (b)(6) Initial reports are this is legitimate. Automatic gunfire. 20 possible casualties.  <b>0207:</b> Rcvd NICC report.  <b>0211:</b> SWO sent email notification to leadership, Shooting Incident – Las Vegas, NV.  <b>0212:</b> Rcvd MMC IOC; Police Responding To Reported Shooting Near Mandalay Bay Casino In LVNV. Police believe there may be more than one shooter.  <b>0213:</b> Rcvd NOC.TSA Update #1 LVMPD reports people fleeing the scene gained access to the airport property through Signature FBO. Runway 19 which is closest proximity to the strip has been closed. Situation is isolated to the Las Vegas Strip. Shooter is still at large.  <b>0217:</b> NDD spoke with OPS DIR, Chavez.  <b>0217:</b> NOC.TSA provided TSA Update #1 on Jabber.  <b>0222:</b> NDD spoke with COS, Chad Wolf.</p>
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0225: NDD spoke with DCOS, Elizabeth Neumann.  
 0226: NDD spoke with COS, Chad Wolf.  
 0227: NDD called NOC-Director (b)(6) on BlackBerry. No answer.  
 0228: NDD spoke with NOC-Director (b)(6) at home.  
 0228: SWO released Shooting Incident (Initial) – Las Vegas, NV (Awareness)  
 0229: MMC Jabber message that one suspect reportedly dead in a Mandalay Bay room.  
 0231: IA.Watch released Active Shooter incident inside Mandalay Bay Casino – LVNV.  
 0233: SWO spoke with LVPD NOC LNO.  
 0233: MMC Jabber message that one LVNV hospital reportedly treating 20 victims with gunshot wounds.  
 0238: SWO left message with NOC FBI LNO.  
 0239: Rcvd JAC Initial Sitrep  
 0239: Rcvd MMC Update 1; At Least 20 Reportedly Injured; Flights Reportedly Delayed.  
 0239: ASWO spoke with LVPD NOC LNO, there is reportedly one shooter down.  
 0242: NOC.State&Local spoke with IO-LV at the Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center. He stated shooter was killed on the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor inside the Mandalay Bay. Unconfirmed reports of possible 35 victims down.  
 0244: MMC Jabber message that Reuters claims two dead, 24 injured.  
 0247: SWO spoke with LVPD NOC LNO. Reported that they believed only one shooter, who was shooting from the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel. LVPD SWAT breached the room and the suspect was down. One officer was injured, but his condition was unknown. Additionally, the total number of victims was unknown.  
 0258: MMC Jabber message that 70 victims at local hospitals.  
 0302: SWO sent email update to leadership: Shooting Incident – Las Vegas, NV.  
 0302: SWO spoke with WHSR and provided update that one shooter was reported down.  
 0303: Rcvd MMC Update 2; At Least 2 killed, Up To 70 Reportedly Injured.  
 0306: LVPD press conference stated that the suspect was down.  
 0308: IA.Watch released Update 1.  
 0310: SWO spoke with LVPD NOC LNO. He spoke with LVPD Sgt and Sgt confirmed all previous information. All indications point to only one shooter. LVPD updating HSIN.  
 0314: NOC.State&Local spoke with IO-LV at the Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center. He confirmed that shooter was dead.  
 0315: Local media reported that there were two fatalities and 26 injured.  
 0318: Rcvd JAC SITREP UPDATE 001.  
 0319: NOC.TSA provided verbal update that airport ground stop has been lifted.  
 0320: NOC.TSA provided update on Jabber and via email. Airport has been reopened. Airport property has been swept and cleared by LEO. Runway 19/01 will remain closed due to active shooter situation.  
 0320: NOC.State&Local spoke with IO-LV at the Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center. He provided suspects name and information.  
 0323: Rcvd NOC.TSA Update #2; LVMPD reported shooter was firing from 32<sup>nd</sup> floor of Mandalay Bay Casino. LVMPD SWAT entered the room and shot the suspect who is deceased. Two fatalities and 24 injuries were reported. LAS (McCarran) ground stop has been lifted. Arrivals and departures have resumed. LEOs swept West area of airport where individuals had fled with negative results. Individuals who fled onto airport property were being bussed by LEOs to an undisclosed location.  
 0332: NOC.State&Local provided one plus information to NOC.ITA.  
 0334: MMC Jabber message that FOX reported that there are no more shooters.  
 0345: SWO called LVPD NOC LNO about the possible other shooters.  
 0349: MMC Jabber message that a local reporter on scene says more than 20 dead.  
 0349: ASWO spoke with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from USNORTHCOM. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) asked about shooter's motive. ASWO stated that it was unknown at the present time.  
 0353: Rcvd MWCOG RICCS Update 3; LVMPD reported that they do not believe there are any outstanding shooters. Initial reports of injuries include two deceased, 24 injured, 12 critical. The scene

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was still active.

**0426:** MMC Jabber message that FOX news interviewed a medic who said he personally pronounced 15 to 20 dead.

**0429:** Clark county Sheriff press conference: Incident started at 0108 ET. Shooter was shooting towards Route 91 concert. Police identified shooter on 32<sup>nd</sup> floor of Mandalay Bay, officers responded and engaged the shooter. The shooter is dead. The shooter was identified as a local resident. The police are interested in companion (b)(6). The police are interested in two vehicles registered to the individuals: (b)(6) Nevada plate (b)(6) and a (b)(6) Nevada plate (b)(6). American Red Cross was responding to the police department for family members trying to locate family members. FBI SA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is working with LVMPD on the case. The Sheriff did not have a number of total victims. He said that there were 100+ injured and 20+ had died. The Sheriff emphasized that there were no other shooters at other resorts and no explosives, only SWAT breaching room. There was no known motive. Two police officers were injured, one in critical condition, one with minor injuries. Possibly a couple of off-duty officers who were attending the concert were injured.

**0437:** Rcvd MMC Update 3; At Least 20 Reportedly Dead, 100 Injured; Limited Flight Activity Resumes.

**0440:** Rcvd email from NOC FBI LNO. Reports are that the suspect rented two rooms at the hotel. When LE breached the rooms, they located a large cache of weapons. FBI Las Vegas and local police were vetting reports of multiple shooters.

**0442:** Rcvd email from NOC.TSA; FAA Las Vegas TRACON reported that normal operations had resumed. LV TSA reported airport was secure. All individuals had been bussed off airport property. TSA operations were unaffected during the incident.

**0451:** SWO released Shooting Incident (Update 1) – Las Vegas, NV (Awareness)

**0456:** IA.Watch released Update 2.

**0504:** Rcvd MMC Jabber that FOX was reporting at least four people detained.

**0519:** LAS (McCarran) on DEN: back to normal operations except for Runway 01/19L due to County mobile operations clearing people from area.

**0522:** Rcvd MMC Update 4; Authorities Seeking Suspect's Roommate; 4 Reportedly Detained.

**0531:** Rcvd email from NCTC requesting names of suspects.

**0550:** Rcvd FEMA SLB.

**0621:** IO update: 36 dead at scene, 22 died at local hospitals; total 58 dead.

**0622:** NIC Current Situation Report.

**0641:** MMC Update 5.

**0643:** Passed suspect gunman +one data to VA for veteran status.

**0650:** FBI LNO update. No motive ATT.

**0733:** HHS R9 SPOTREP.

**0850:** DHS Press release.

**0906:** MMC Update 6.

**0909:** Released Awareness (Update 2) report.

**1002:** IA Watch Update 3.

**1047:** HHS R9 SPOTREP.

**1053:** MMC Update 7.

**1137:** SWO sent email update to leadership and WHSR.

**1148:** IWW Update 3.

**1200:** Monitored NCCL Call. Local jurisdictions have the lead for public affairs. DHS is supporting and has nothing to report.

**1212:** NCCL Conference concluded.

**1210:** MMC Update 8.

**1300:** HHS R9 SPOTREP.

**1304:** Nation JIC NICCL Call Summary.

**1354:** Rcvd email from LV IO; 58 deceased; 514 transported to local hospitals.

**1439:** Rcvd email from LV IO with updated details.

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	<p><b>1501:</b> Critical Incident Conference Call from SLTT Partner Engagement.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> So far 58 killed, over 515 wounded at Route 91 Harvest Fest in LV. At least 1 LE killed in incident. Shot himself concurrent with entry of SWAT team into hotel room. Stephen Craig Paddock from Mesquite NV, paid for 2 rooms checking in on 28 Sep. Know to local police in LV and had a criminal history. 2016 travelled to Barcelona, return from Dubai in May of 2016. Girlfriend a LPR, schedule to return 4 Oct. No clear ties to extremist activities. Had 219 suspicious activity reports and currency transfer reports mostly related to casino activities. Danly also had 18 CTRs filed thru casinos. Also sent 100K to Philippines <u>this year</u> but unknown to whom. After entering subject's room found ammo pack with name (b)(6) who lives in Arizona born 1962. Tannerite found in hotel room and in vehicle and in residence in Mesquite NV. Pieces of electronic media found there as well. No obvious derog on Paddock, Danley or Hague. Rcvd 4 ISIS claims rcvd but no support for any ties. At least 1 post from ANTIFA group suggesting he was associated with ANTIFA in Melbourne Australia but not corroborated. Second residence owned by him in Reno was also searched and results of all are being analyzed along with Social Media sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LV Deputy Chief Chris Jones: Not known to LV police dept. Only prior are 2009 traffic citations. Not associated with any groups or ideologies but just beginning scrub of evidence. Hundreds of rounds fired over a 5 min period.</li><li>- DHS (b)(6) Claims of responsibility show strong interest in these sorts of attacks from violent extremist groups.</li><li>- Host: Will continue to update with relevant information.</li></ul> <p><b>1800:</b> Fox News televised LV Police update briefing. Death toll up to 59.</p> <p><b>1824:</b> MMC email; State of Emergency declared for Clark County; death toll rises to 59 (update 9).</p>
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	<b>U//FOUO</b>	<p><b>3 Oct</b> <b>0248:</b> SWO released Awareness report (Update 3). <b>0648:</b> Released FEMA SLB to Phase 1. <b>1402:</b> Rcvd MMC (Update 10) Authorities uncover additional weapons used to make explosives. ISIS released video claiming attack. <b>1530:</b> Rcvd S&amp;L Update 4; Casualty count is expected to rise. There are several victims who are brain dead. <b>1601:</b> Rcvd HHS Operations Order. <b>1730:</b> Rcvd MMC Update 11; Officials confirm incident "Pre-Planned." <b>2109:</b> NDD/SWO directed closing this NOC #. <b>Closed.</b></p>
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