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DNA POLICY AND PROCEDURE WORKING GROUP

Date/Time of Meeting: February 1, 12:00am-1:30pm
Place of Meeting: 20 Mass Ave, White Oak Room (2nd floor)

I. Follow-up on Previous Action Items/Deliverables:

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II. DNA Testing Results – USCIS Developing a Recommended Approach

- a. Single posterior probability threshold or range depending on benefit type?
- b. Single prior probability of .5 or range depending on benefit type?
- c. Likelihood Ratio – base population needs to mirror immigrant population?
- d. Standardized number of markers for use in testing?
- e. Use of retesting for unconfirmed claims – additional loci?

III. Approach to Getting these Questions Answered

- a. Sub-Working Group
- b. DHS S&T
- c. NIST
- d. Consultant

IV. Immigration Populations

- a. Main immigration populations
- b. Using NIST to run various simulations
- c. Using difference LRs for different groups based on the simulations

V. Identify representatives from USCIS for NIST Working Group

VI. Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting

From: Moglia, Marcela C
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 2:41 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Roberts, Rhonda J
Cc: Tomlyanovich, William J
Subject: DNA Presentation NetBIO - notes
Jennifer, Rhonda

I attended the **DNA Rapid Analysis presentation from NetBIO**, one of 3 selected by DHS Science and Technology Directorate. Richard Selden from NetBIO did the presentation. I **requested a copy of the powerpoint** used at the meeting. Attendees included Field Ops, Dom Ops, DOS CA/VO. The presentation was really informative.

Requirements

Their approach uses **DNA fingerprint identification using Short Tandem Repeats (STR)**. The technology they use is based on microfluidics to be used by non-technical staff/users.

Microfluidics refers to DNA analysis of a minute sample with precise control and manipulation, with the same analysis of a sample in a test tube in a lab.

The **accuracy of DNA results is 99.5%, fingerprints is 92.8%**.

Currently, they are in phase I - Requirements collection phase as provided by DHS (several agencies) and other federal agencies

Developing DNA FP analysis in 45min.

Uses include immigration, military, police

Ideal Properties:

non-technical user (high school level), easy use

fast - 45min.

ruggedized - extreme environment, current case weighs 53 kg / approx 100 lbs.

closed network ensures consistency and integrity of the sample

Multiple sample source: buccal, blood, sexual assault, or tissue

Performance must be better than conventional, manual technical process in a lab

Overview

The current process provides DNA analysis results for **16 samples in 45 minutes**.

There are 13 DNA loci in the genome currently used in most labs. The 13 loci is the basic number. **If there is an increase to 26 or more loci (up to 1st cousin)**, it can provide more accurate relationship results.

There is an **increase in time and costs in development for adding more than 13 loci**.

An **increased number of loci would allow the identification of additional levels of relationships such as to the 5th cousin**.

DNA analysis is the same whether one uses 13 loci or more.

Grandparent/child - 13 loci would be sufficient for analysis, but would be best to use 19 loci.

DOS/PRM Nairobi Pilot - Mr. Selden did not have the full report but considered that it had used 13 loci.

The **loci reveal genetic relationships only**. They are not useful for revealing ethnicity, health status, age, or other factors. However, **the intelligence community and the military are interested in these additional uses**.

Net BIO would recommend that DHS would consider including all loci that are used by other countries such as UK (best DNA database), Japan (next best). China is building a database that is Chinese-genome focused. Inclusion would permit later cross-referencing of records as part of future data-sharing partnerships.

John Butler at NIST was involved in building the best loci kit.

Storage of Sample

Collected samples (swabs) can last days/weeks

Retention sample - for later use, pure DNA is stable for years

Chain of Custody

There is a computer in the unit

Samples can be locked

Data can be stored in 4-5GB memory in the analysis unit. It can store 10s of thousands to millions.

Sample: Each swab stick has a barcode, data entry is needed to match a bar code to a person and relationship being analyzed.

DOS only allows a nurse or technician from the Panel Physician's office to collect the sample. The sample is given to the ConOfficer for placement in the analysis unit.

Interpretation of Results

There are existing standards and can be further defined to the needs of the agency

DOS CAVO uses 99.5% for parent /child relationships

Foiling the test

Person cannot change one's DNA

Person may attempt to submit another's DNA but it depends of accessibility, user alertness and appropriate procedures in place. Even a tampered sample may have one's own DNA mixed in and the software can identify a 'mixed ' sample. A new sample would be required.

Costs of the tests

Depends on the volume. The requirements are to be less expensive than conventional tests. Presently, about \$100 per sample.

Unit - CD Mart, battery operated (12 volt), uses a generator also.

Includes a ruggedized touch screen stored inside. It can be modified to user requirements.

Resources

The testing can be ongoing throughout the day. It requires a user or users attending to the unit/s for continuing collection of samples and analysis.

Each component would decide how the unit is to be used according to mission requirements: have results the same day, weekly, at the end of a circuit ride.

Depending of the size of the team and number of persons interviewed daily it need at least 1 person full time, and maybe more than one unit.

There may be policy and staffing resource issues to consider for each component

DOS requirements

Consular staff cannot collect or touch the samples

Aliens cannot take their own samples

Must have Panel Physician staff to collect sample (nurse/tech)

Consular officer must sign the sample test behind the bullet-proof glass windows

Security of the sample/chain of custody has been breached in the past.

Thanks, Marcela.

Marcela C. Moglia

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DNA POLICY AND PROCEDURE WORKING GROUP

Date/Time of Meeting: January 25, 2011, 11 – 12:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: 20 Mass Avenue, White Oak Conference Room

I. Attendees:

Name	Title	Organization	Email
Whitney Reitz	Branch Chief	RAIO/IO	Whitney.Reitz@dhs.gov
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William Tomlyanovich	Refugee Officer	RAIO/RAD	Anthony.Moscato@dhs.gov
Linda Sudmalis	Asylum Officer	RAIO/ASY	Linda.Sudmalis@dhs.gov
Laura Shaffner	Management and Program Analyst	ESD	Laura.Shaffner@dhs.gov
Kevin Quinn		FDNS/NSB	Kevin.Quinn@dhs.gov
Danielle Ryan		FDNS/NSB	Danielle.ryan@dhs.gov
Jennifer Kliska	Chief	OPS/HA	Jennifer.Kliska@dhs.gov
Cristina Hamilton	Chief	OPS/NSBI	Cristina.Hamilton@dhs.gov
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David Tu	Adjudications Officer	SCOPS/ANTZ	David.Tu@dhs.gov
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David G. Smith		DHS S&T/HFD	David.G.Smith@associates.dhs.gov

II. NIST Presentation on DNA Test Results and How to Interpret Them

- Dr. Kristin Lewis O'Connor of the National Institute of Standards and Technology presented to the group on how DNA test results are calculated and how they can be interpreted.
- The PowerPoint presentation that Dr. O'Connor used will shortly be available at our ECN site for all working group members to review.
- Discussion during the presentation was very lively and informative and left the group with a much more refined understanding of the testing process and several important concerns and areas for further discussion:
 - Uncertainty about the Likelihood Ratios being used by AABB accredited labs and their applicability to an immigration population, since the largest reference groups, whose characteristics feed into the calculations of the ratios, are American Caucasians and Hispanics.
 - Concern that the rapid DNA prototype machines due for field testing later this year will only test against 13 markers when the industry standard is for 15-25 markers.
 - Need for further discussion about the Prior Probability Ratio (PPR), which for FBI and U.S. Court purposes is always set at .5, meaning that it is equally likely that the claimed relationship is true as false. In the immigration context, if USCIS is requesting DNA testing, USCIS has already determined that the evidence available fails to meet a preponderance of the evidence (51%) standard. The question then arises as to whether the PPR should be set at less than .5 for USCIS purposes, given that the claimed relationship may already be in doubt. If so, should there be a range of PPRs available for use in different circumstances?
 - Need for further discussion about whether the Posterior Probability Ratio (the final results, for our purposes) threshold should be set higher or lower than 99.5% and whether USCIS should consider any results lower than the threshold as meaningful.
- Finally, Dr. O'Connor offered to look for alternative databases of DNA drawn from population groups that may be more applicable in the immigration context and to run simulations against those databases to give us alternate Likelihood Ratios to consider. The group will discuss what populations to ask her to look at during the next meeting.

III. Review of Previous Action Items/Deliverables

The group did not review previous action items at this meeting and will do so for this and the previous meeting at the next meeting on February 1.

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V. Next Meeting: February 1, 2011, 12-1:30 a.m., White Oak Conference Room. Call-in number will be provided.

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FW DNA Policy Procedure Working Group Meeting.txt

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 7:52 PM
To: Sohrakoff, Karen A; Moscato, Anthony; Tomlyanovich, William J
Subject: FW: DNA Policy & Procedure working Group Meeting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Attachments: 2010 10 27 FBI Privacy Law on DNA Collection v4.ppt;
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Karen/Bill - Can one of you cover the DNA meeting tomorrow? I have the RAI0 leadership meeting from 10-12. The details are below. I've tried to address some of Anthony's questions/points below as well...

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When: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 11:00 AM-12:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 20 Mass Ave, 2nd floor - Apple-Cherry Conference Room

For those who cannot attend the meeting in person (but please try if you are able), please use the following call-in number:

Toll-Free Phone Number: 866-709-5824
Participant Passcode: 7335843
Whitney's Passcode: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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Answer: Yes. NIST is technical and driven by national standards so there isn't much to change/comment on. That said, it couldn't hurt to share in case it sparks questions, so do raise at the WG.

Anthony's question: Also, he discusses the NIST Standards meetings. Have we ever attended these? Do we want to do so - perhaps something else to raise at the next USCIS DNA WG.

Answer: No, and I see no need for us to attend given the technical nature of the discussion. May be something Hugh Jordan or an OIT rep already attend...But again, couldn't hurt to see if someone from the USCIS WG also wants to attend.

Anthony's question: The individuals whom he recommends to come and speak about relationship testing and interpretation of results is in response to the discussion at the last USCIS DNA WG facilitated by Whitney. Perhaps IO is reaching out to them?

Answer: Don't know. Check w/ IO.

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

From: Moscato, Anthony
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Sent: Thu Jan 20 19:00:48 2011
Subject: FW: DNA Policy & Procedure working Group Meeting

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Hi, Jennifer

Just a reminder regarding the latest email sent by Chris Miles (DHS S&T) to the USCIS DNA/Rapid DNA WG...

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Finally, there was some discussion at the last USCIS DNA WG about reaching out to OGC to provide a POC to the meetings - OPS recommended this.

Sorry that I will not be there this coming week. It should be an interesting conversation.

Anthony

From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 4:29 PM
To: Nicholson, Maura J; Lauver, James L; Moscato, Anthony; Sudmalis, Linda M; Moglia, Marcela C; Shaffner, Laura; Quinn, Kevin T; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Miles, Christopher A; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); David.G.Smith@associates.dhs.gov; Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Higgins, Jennifer B; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Reitz, Whitney A
Subject: RE: DNA Policy & Procedure Working Group Meeting

All,

The S&T Rapid-DNA site can be found at:
<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/RapidDNA/default.aspx>
<<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/RapidDNA/default.aspx>> (Do let me know

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if you can't see it - we've had some issues). I have also added a link to it from the DNA WG ECN site on the right side of the page.

I've placed a copy of my presentation from the last meeting in the DHS Presentations Folder in the Library
<<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/rapiddna/Library/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fhfd%2fpids%2frapiddna%2fLibrary%2fPresentations%2fDHS%20Presentations&FolderCTID=&view=%7bAD66BA04%2dE726%2d4978%2dBDE3%2dCC21ECEDA6E4%7d>> .

The DRAFT NIST Standard for the sharing of DNA Data (DRAFT - Type 18 DNA Record V1) can be found in the Library in the Standards folder
<<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/RapidDNA/Library/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fhfd%2fpids%2frapiddna%2fLibrary%2fStandards%2fNIST%20Information%20Technology%20Laboratory%20%28ITL%29%20Biometrics%20Data%20Sharing&FolderCTID=&view=%7bAD66BA04%2dE726%2d4978%2dBDE3%2dCC21ECEDA6E4%7d>> . This portion of the standard only will contain the DNA information as other personal identifying information would be sent as other "Type" records that are already part of the standard or that are being added. This DRAFT is being finalized very soon, so any comments should be submitted ASAP to Joe Pancaro, FBI Laboratory, CODIS Unit, Joseph.Pancaro@ic.fbi.gov <<mailto:Joseph.Pancaro@ic.fbi.gov>> or 703-632-8367.

I'd recommend Joe Pancaro to come speak to the group about the Standard. Brad Wing from NIST is on TDY out of the country till January 18th.

The calendar contains an announcement for the NIST Standards meeting that is currently scheduled for March 1 - 3, 2010. See:
<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/rapiddna/Lists/calendar/DispForm.aspx?ID=1>
<<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/rapiddna/Lists/calendar/DispForm.aspx?ID=1>>
The calendar item also includes a sign up form for your organization to participate, vote, and receive notices regarding the upcoming meetings. I'd encourage you to fill that out and send it to Brad.Wing@NIST.gov <<mailto:Brad.Wing@NIST.gov>> if you'd like to be more involved in that effort.

The DHS Privacy Office hosted Michael Sherman (Michael.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov <<mailto:Michael.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov>>), Assistant General Counsel, FBI OGC, Privacy and Civil Liberties Unit to speak on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 on the privacy issues raised by the use of DNA in law enforcement investigations. The presentation (attached) included whether, and under what circumstances, it is acceptable to collect and test DNA, as well as what constitutional and State controversies are implicated by use of this science. The 'notes' that go along with each slide contain more specifics. The presentation is also in the Rapid-DNA Library in the FBI Presentations folder
<<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/rapiddna/Library/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fhfd%2fpids%2frapiddna%2fLibrary%2fPresentations%2fFBI%20Presentations&FolderCTID=&view=%7bAD66BA04%2dE726%2d4978%2dBDE3%2dCC21ECEDA6E4%7d>> .

<<2010 10 27 FBI Privacy Law on DNA Collection v4.ppt>>

I'd recommend Dr. Peter Vallone (http://www.nist.gov/mml/biochemical/genetics/peter_m_vallone.cfm <http://www.nist.gov/mml/biochemical/genetics/peter_m_vallone.cfm>) and Dr. Kristen Lewis O'Connor (http://www.nist.gov/mml/biochemical/genetics/kristen_lewis.cfm <http://www.nist.gov/mml/biochemical/genetics/kristen_lewis.cfm>) at NIST to come speak on Relationship Testing and interpretation of results (i.e., % probability or likelihood ratios).

I'm at a conference on the 25th so I don't believe I will be able to attend the next meeting. I may be able to call in.

Thanks,

Chris Miles

From: Ongcapin, Alfred H

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 10:26 AM

To: Sahli, Evelyn R; Hernandez, Efren; Lay, Dorothea B; Johnson, Bobbie L; Fagan, David W; Torino, Leah L; Brown, John W; Reitz, Whitney A; Rubinstein, Adonis F; Sicard, Kimberly R; Lombardi, Cherie; Tomlyanovich, William J; Alonso, Roxanne R; Janson, Nancy D; Mcgee, Ramona L; Groom, Molly M; Hamilton, Cristina; Stone, Mary M; Christian, Bryan P

Cc: Carpenter, Dea D; Stone, Mary M; Blackwood, Robert L; Posey, Deborah; Higgins, Jennifer B; Janson, Nancy D; Lopez, Glenda

Subject: Message to Biometrics/DNA Working Group

To all Working Group Members:

At this time, the Biometrics/DNA Working Group has been placed on hold. USCIS leadership is drafting a policy memorandum to the DHS Front Office in order to get a clear direction from the Department on this issue before moving forward.

Roxanne and I will keep you posted as information becomes available and as soon as we are ready to resume WG meetings. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me or Roxanne.

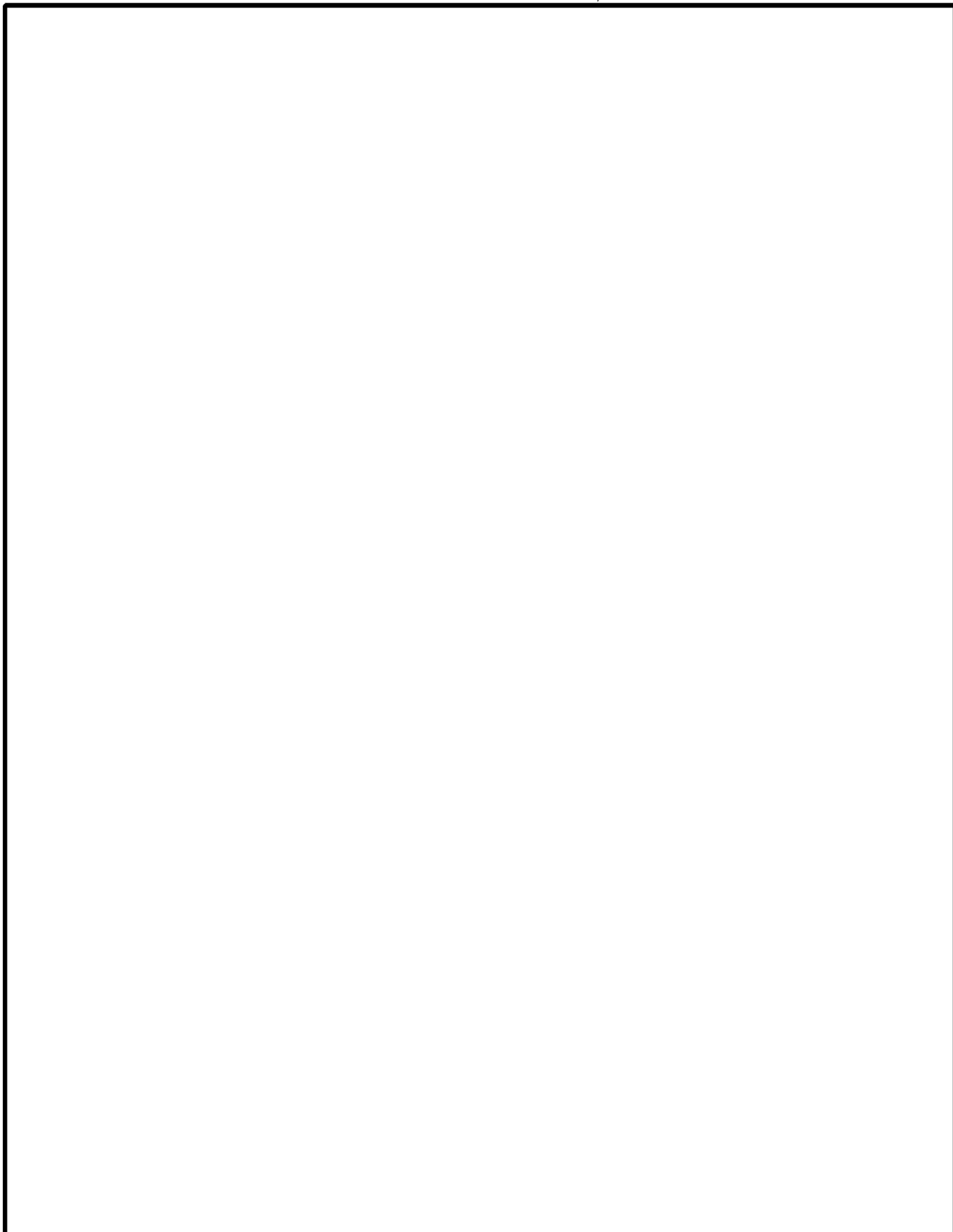
Thank you.

Fred

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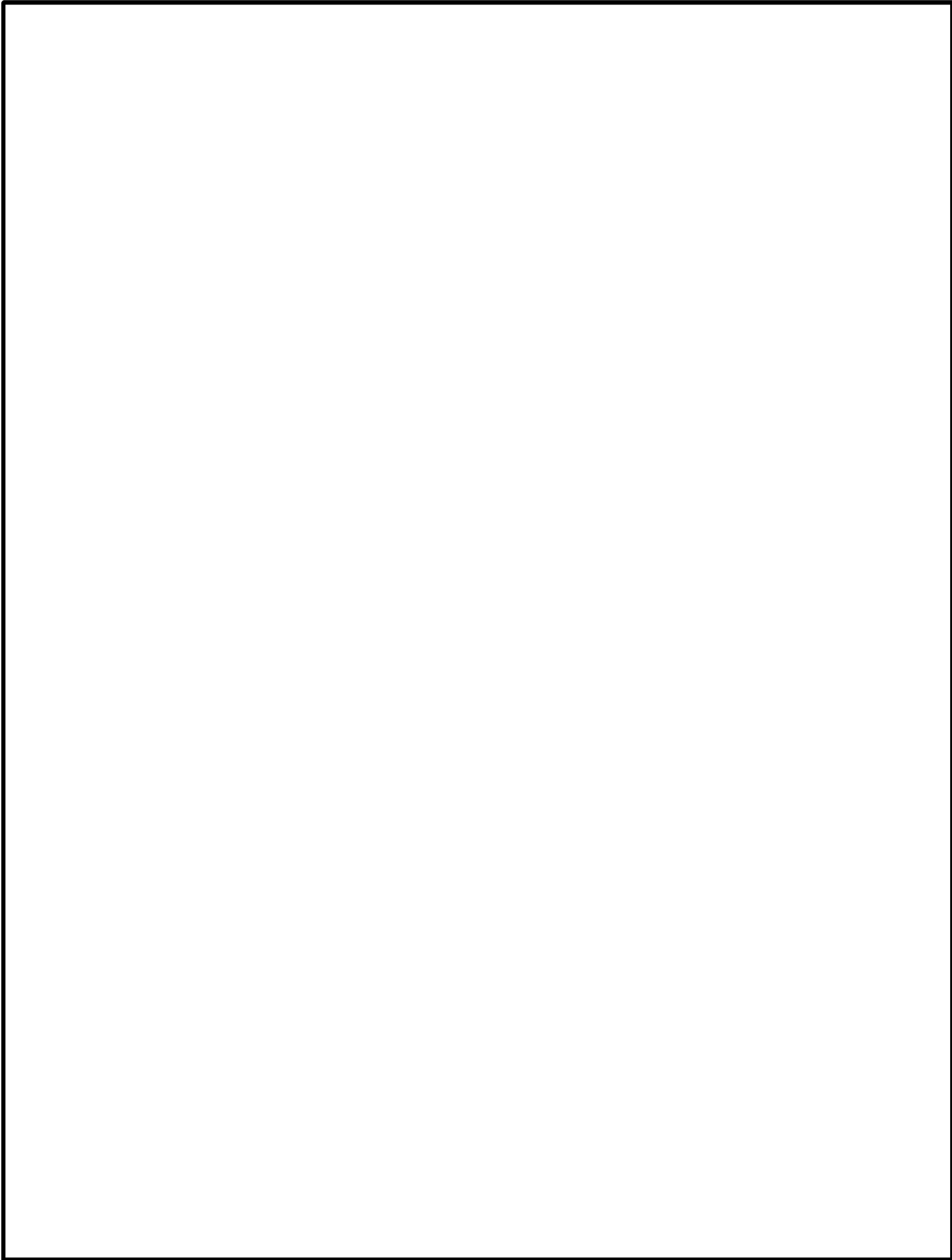
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**“Possible” Areas of Committee Assignments –
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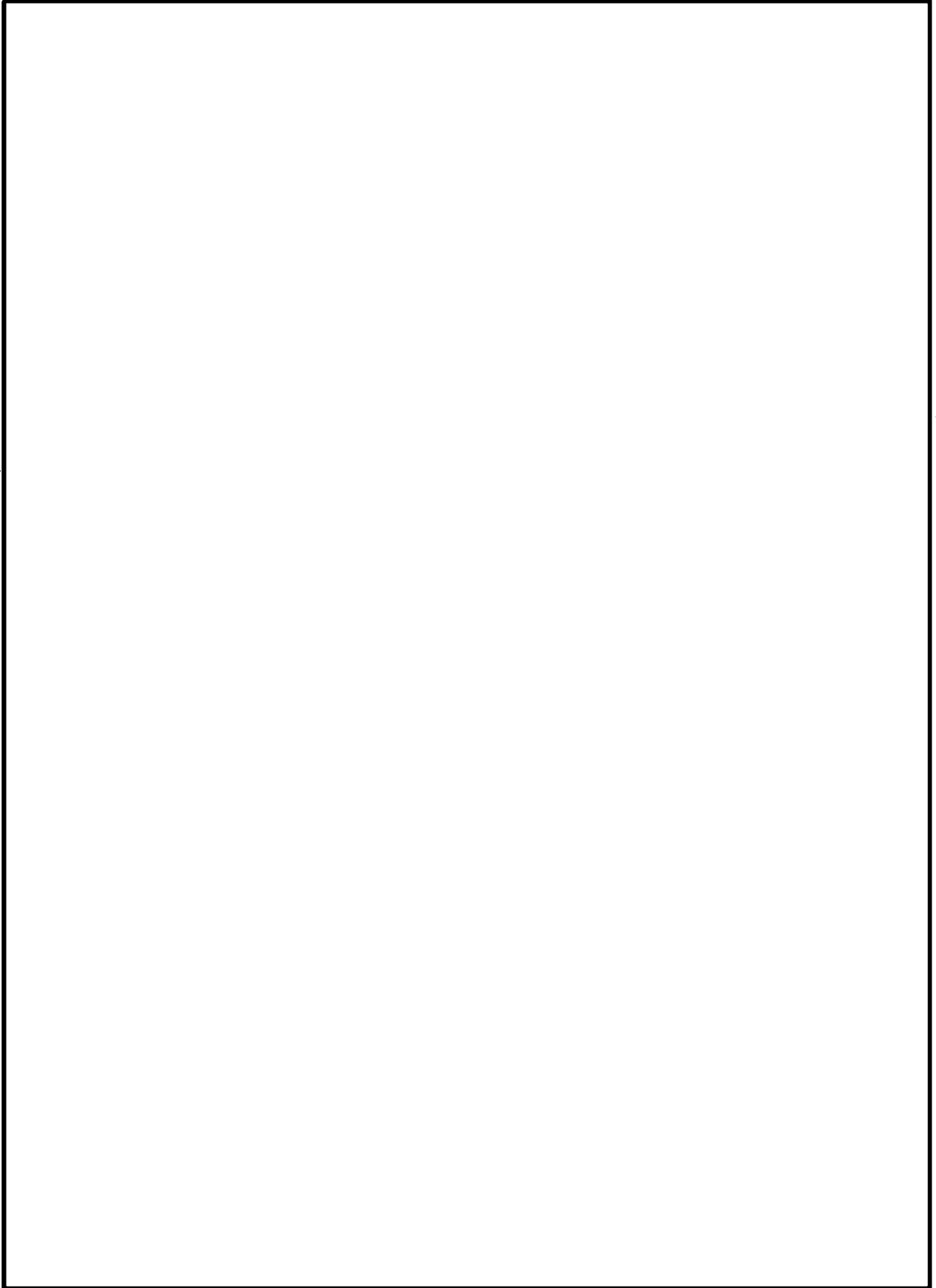
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Cc: Smith, David G (CTR); Lauver, James L; Miles, Christopher A; Turner, Christopher; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W

Subject: RE: DNA Working Group -- Press the Pause Button

All,

I'd like to encourage you all, during this down-time, to take a few minutes to look at the S&T Rapid-DNA SharePoint site at:

<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/rapiddna/default.aspx>

I've just posted a new Rapid-DNA poster that we developed (see the Announcements) and I'd really like to get some feedback on the questions on the Discussions page.

Thanks,

Chris Miles
S&T/HFD

From: Reitz, Whitney A [mailto:Whitney.Reitz@dhs.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:41 AM

To: Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Quinn, Kevin T; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Miles, Christopher A; Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Higgins, Jennifer B; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C; Lauver, Tinnina M

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Hi all,

Due to press of business in International Operations, I need to pause our meetings for a few weeks.

I'll be back in touch, hopefully in early March, to get us started again.

Cheers,

Whitney

Whitney A. Reitz

Branch Chief, Programs

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RE Monday's Government meeting on the ANSINIST-ITL standard.txt

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2011 8:35 PM
To: Moscato, Anthony; Tomlyanovich, William J
Cc: Dhanjal, Manpreet S
Subject: RE: Monday's Government meeting on the ANSI/NIST-ITL standard

Thanks, Anthony! The NIST meetings are really technical, so I think we'll sit this one out. Bill, you might want to make sure your Transformation contacts are aware of it, however, in case they want to consider attending....

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

From: Moscato, Anthony
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 10:06 PM
To: Tomlyanovich, William J
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B; Dhanjal, Manpreet S
Subject: Fw: Monday's Government meeting on the ANSI/NIST-ITL standard

sorry that you are getting this over the weekend - the bberry was not working for the past day+

Just want to ensure that you were aware of this...

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

From: Wing, Bradford
To: Justin Smith
To: michael.evanoff@leo.gov
To: Miles, Christopher A
To: Vemury, Arun
To: Young, Matthew Mr CTR US USA HQDA DCS G-3/5/7
To: Tom DAgostino
To: Wolfhope, Patricia
To: William Graves
To: Vallone, Peter M.
To: Scott Swann
To: Scott Carey
To: Hoang, Anthony
To: Boris Shur
To: Jennifer Stathakis
To: Cathy Wimer
To: Garris, Michael D.
To: Grother, Patrick J.
To: Hogan, Michael D.
To: Tabassi, Elham
To: Vorder Bruegge, Richard W.
To: Orandi, Shahram
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Just a quick reminder that we will be holding the Government meeting about the ANSI/NIST-ITL standard on Monday here at NIST. It will begin at 1 pm, in order to

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allow the people traveling from outside the DC area to arrive in town. If you have not already let me know that you are coming, please do so. I need to put you on a visitor list.

The meeting will be held Building 227. That is the first building you see after you turn left from the main entrance. Come to the front door of that building and we will have someone there to let you in and direct you to the conference room.

We will discuss the general changes to the standard, and I will point out the areas that could cause some 'discussion' during the workshop. Luckily, most of the issues have been resolved in the working Groups that have been functioning very well since the last workshop.

See you soon!

Brad

PS -- Pass this message to others that you deem appropriate. Please remember that this is for Government personnel and those contractors who are authorized to represent the Government (and vote) during the workshop. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that people who will officially represent the Government at the workshop know what the other Government agency positions are prior to attending the workshop itself. This meeting is not open to general contractor support staff, but, of course the workshop itself is!

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From: Higgins, Jennifer B
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Subject: Re: WG Committee List (Biometric & DNA Testing WG)

I think sticking w/ just 1 and 3 makes sense.

Thanks for keeping us posted on the other issues. I'd like to hear more about the CBP DNA lab...

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

From: Tomlyanovich, William J
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Subject: FW: WG Committee List (Biometric & DNA Testing WG)

Jennifer,

- * Evy Sahli chaired today's meeting of the DNA working Group.
- * The current WG plan is to draft a short, Biometrics NPRM - "Proposed Rule Change," which would include a provision for DNA testing.
- * Though the rule change would be short and crisp, the preamble to the Biometrics NPRM would be lengthy.
- * To that end, Evy has suggested splitting the WG into four committees (see highlighted text below), each of which would be discussed in the NPRM preamble.
- * I said RAD would definitely want to participate in committees 1 and 3 ("possible uses" and "integrity of DNA testing"). Should I also volunteer for the other committees (storage and costs)?

Other issues from meeting:

- * CBP has a DNA lab and is interested in working with us.
- * There will be another meeting this week on I-730s ... to include RAI0 and NSRV. (When DOMO met with Michael Aytes last week, they had only indentified 10 applicants for adjustment (485) who had not been interviewed by an officer for the I-730 petition. Aytes responded by saying they should hold back on plans initiate a pilot to interview all these types of cases. In the meantime, however, DOMO has identified 185 cases.

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Hello and good afternoon. It was a very good first meeting on this "immense" undertaking. I just wanted to confirm each USCIS component's/division's participation with the following committee areas:

- 1) Possible Uses
- 2) Storage
- 3) How To Improve The Integrity Of The DNA Testing Process
- 4) Costs

Kindly respond via email as to what committee areas that your component/division will work on. I took out the Fourth Amendment Concerns one since the OCC will be handling that. Thank you for your consideration and much valued participation.

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Expanding DNA Testing in the Immigration Process

Background: Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) is hereditary material found in humans and other organisms and is present in nearly every cell of a person's body. Since the ability to create DNA profiles was first realized in 1984, DNA testing has become the gold standard to prove relationships and for forensic identification. It is preferred over older blood testing technologies since it does not require blood samples and it is far more reliable.

USCIS currently does not have the authority to require DNA testing, even when fraud is highly suspected. An April 2006 memo from the CIS Ombudsman to the USCIS Director recommended expansion of DNA testing to prove family relationships. The Ombudsman asked USCIS to revise regulations to allow officers to require DNA testing, saying this would enhance national security, bring scientific certainty to USCIS adjudications, improve customer service, and increase USCIS efficiency. A July 2006 response from USCIS Director Gonzalez indicated that USCIS was drafting updates to Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR) 204.2(d)(vi) to allow USCIS to require DNA when fraud is suspected. The Director indicated that concerns about high costs and limited accessibility were reasons that DNA evidence had not been required in all cases. He said that USCIS would be willing to reconsider the issue when and if DNA testing "becomes more available and affordable worldwide." To date, 8 CFR has not been updated to allow officers to require DNA testing, and the CIS Ombudsman continues to express interest in this issue.

In 2008, in response to reports of relationship fraud among refugees in the Priority Three (P-3) family reunification based refugee access program, the Department of State (DOS) and USCIS initiated a pilot DNA testing program among refugees in Africa. The pilot revealed about an 85% fraud rate, if you combine those with proven fraud and those who refused to be tested. As a result, P-3 processing has been temporarily suspended. Revelation of this high fraud rate in Africa raises serious national security concerns. Up until last year, when USCIS began bringing large numbers of Iraqi refugees to the United States, Somalia represented the largest source country for refugee admissions. Screening from this region is important, as evidenced by the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania and the fact that Somalia has long been a haven for Al-Qaeda. Adding urgency to the issue is the recent revelation that a naturalized U.S. citizen blew himself up in a suicide bombing in Somalia. The FBI is investigating, and is concerned that young men of

Somali origin have departed the United States to fight and train overseas, possibly to return on U.S. passports to carry out terrorist acts here.¹

Leaving open loopholes that allow potential terrorists, or simply fraudulent applicants, to insert themselves in legitimate family groups not only threatens our security, but also creates a large economic burden. A recent refugee-processing circuit ride to West Africa resulted in only a ten percent approval rate, primarily because of relationship fraud. Without the ability to verify family relationships early on, USCIS and DOS will continue to waste vast resources to screen and interview enough refugees in order to meet their annual goal.

The current evidentiary requirements to prove family relationships for immigrant visa petitions are outlined in 8 CFR 204.2(d). All documents in a foreign language must be submitted with a certified English translation. When applicants and petitioners don't possess the necessary documents, USCIS must send written notice of the deficiency and wait for submission of the missing evidence. When primary evidence is not available, secondary evidence may be submitted. This is often a combination of items such as baptismal or school records, sworn affidavits or other documents. This creates a burden not only on the applicants and petitioners but also on USCIS, as relationship fraud screening interviews take an inordinate amount of time, and the entire process makes it difficult to complete adjudications within the target timeframe.

DNA testing could resolve many of these issues, but current regulations curtail USCIS authority to require it. The regulations further confuse the issue by setting out in great detail the circumstances under which blood testing, which is outdated and unreliable, may be requested. Although DNA testing may be suggested and accepted when the existing evidence in a case has been evaluated and determined to be insufficient, the process is not simple. In reality, officers often approve petitions based on documents for which they are unable to verify the authenticity. In the past, DNA has not been a feasible option because of regulatory language, high costs and logistical problems regarding the chain of custody of DNA samples.

Although DNA testing has proven benefits, the integrity of the process is essential, and the current system is broken. When DNA is voluntarily submitted, the procedures using the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) - accredited labs are rife with problems, especially overseas. Often the integrity of the collection process and chain of custody is compromised, and there are no controlled, streamlined ways to deliver the results to USCIS or DOS. DOS is currently investigating a man who petitioned for 14 children, allegedly providing DNA samples for all. Several labs were used. One lab inadvertently discovered that a DNA sample indicated a male donor instead of a female, even though the sample was for a daughter. When DOS investigated they discovered that a total of only three samples had been presented for the 14 children and one of those was the father's. In order to reap the many benefits of DNA testing USCIS must implement regulations and guidance that will streamline and enhance the integrity of the process. Below are three different options for the SPC to consider. Each advocates expansion of DNA testing,

¹Spillius, Alex, *Telegraph.co.uk*, March 13, 2009; "US facing home-grown Islamic terror threat." <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/somalia/4987199/US-facing-home-grown-Islamic-terror-threat.html>

beginning with the most comprehensive expansion to the least comprehensive expansion. The status quo (no change at all) is not recommended.

Issue: USCIS must protect the integrity of our immigration system, establish identity early on, and take steps to avoid granting benefits to criminals and terrorists. In light of the proven benefits of DNA technology in establishing family relationships and solving crimes, it would seem prudent for USCIS to expand its use of DNA testing, not only to protect the public but to reduce errors and speed benefit adjudication. Streamlining the process can greatly reduce the costs of DNA testing. Various legal, economic and operational issues must be resolved before DNA technology can be implemented within the immigration process.

Analysis: This comprehensive approach would benefit the following areas:

Combat Fraud and Human Trafficking – In addition to the usual family relationship fraud to help people come to the United States, at times children are petitioned for by persons who are bringing them here as sex slaves or household slaves. In some countries children are kidnapped from their biological parents and sold for adoption. A recent article highlighted the case of an infant kidnapped from her mother at gunpoint in Guatemala. The mother spotted her child 14 months later, right before she was to be adopted by an American couple. DNA tests proved the relationship.

Combat Crime – Most applicants for immigration benefits pay a biometric fee and appear at an Application Support Center (ASC), if in the U.S., to provide their photograph, signature and fingerprints. Fingerprints are processed through FBI databases to detect past criminal behavior. Since DNA is sometimes found at crime scenes when fingerprint evidence is not, DNA testing could enhance this immigrant identification and screening process. Below are three examples of alien criminals who were eventually identified through DNA:

- **Angel Resendez:** Also known as the “railroad killer,” this Mexican national was believed to have killed at least 15 people in multiple states. He had numerous encounters with the law, had raped many of his victims, and his DNA was found at multiple crime scenes. If his DNA had been collected early on, many of the murders may have been prevented.
- **Deniz Aydiner:** This Turkish citizen brutally raped, murdered and tortured a young woman in her college dormitory. With no clear suspects, police took samples from approximately 500 males and finally identified Aydiner. He had married an American and sought permanent residency in the U.S. Since no fingerprints were left at the scene, the routine USCIS fingerprint checks would not have identified him as the perpetrator.
- **Jose Juan Garcia-Perlera:** A citizen of El Salvador, he has recently been charged with multiple home invasion robberies of elderly citizens in the Washington, D.C. area. His DNA was found at three of the crime scenes. His crimes escalated, and he murdered one of his last victims. Had his DNA been on file, he may have been caught prior to committing the murder.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) oversees two important systems that manage DNA profiles. The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) is the computer software program used by

federal, state and local agencies to compare DNA profiles electronically. It compares data collected from unsolved crime scenes to samples taken from criminals, and it compares DNA samples from unidentified victims to DNA data that has been provided as a reference by relatives of missing persons. The National DNA Index System (NDIS) is the database that stores the information that feeds into the CODIS system. NDIS is searched on a weekly basis to reveal any matches. All matches are automatically returned to the lab that submitted the DNA profile. The same version of CODIS software is used by all state, local and federal laboratories. Match information is communicated on a secure intranet site, the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Service-Wide Area Network (CJIS-WAN). The FBI provides CODIS software to all public forensic laboratories at no cost. There are currently nearly seven million DNA profiles in NDIS.

Combat Terrorism - In addition to screening for crimes, it may be possible to screen for terrorism. The U.S. Department of Defense has DNA profiles of 80,000 terrorists in their database, and Interpol has 85,000 DNA profiles in their database.

Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform - It is likely just a matter of time before Congress passes some type of immigration reform. How encompassing that legislation will be is yet to be determined, but it will likely involve some way to legitimize millions of illegal aliens. In 2008, the Department of Justice issued a proposed rule and a final rule that expands the requirements for collection of DNA samples to include "non-United States persons who are detained under the authority of the United States." It said "the collection of DNA samples may be limited to individuals from whom an agency collects fingerprints." The samples are to be entered into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). Since all illegal aliens could, in theory, be detained by DHS agents because of their illegal status, there might be arguments for mandating collection of DNA samples in the context of an amnesty as well. Although there would be a host of legal and policy issues to address in such a scenario, it warrants consideration. Downloading DNA profiles into CODIS could enhance the security check processes that are already in place and ensure that we don't grant amnesty to persons who have committed crimes while living illegally in the United States. It could also ensure that only legitimate relatives of program beneficiaries are granted derivative benefits.

Aid Transformation - USCIS recently began a five-year, nearly \$500 million transformation project intended to speed benefits determination, combat identity fraud, and reduce backlogs by moving from paper-based to electronic processing. Requiring DNA testing to provide an initial personal identifier that works even for infants, as well as primary evidence of biological relationships, would enable USCIS to move toward true electronic petition filing for some petition types. On-line filing would automatically prompt biometric appointment notices, which would include DNA testing. DNA comparisons from those appointments would, in many cases, enable adjudication of the petition without the need for submission of birth certificates, marriage certificates or any secondary evidence, such as baptismal records, school records, or sworn affidavits, all of which can be forged.

Enable USCIS to meet goals and objectives outlined in the USCIS Strategic Plan 2008-2012 - Goal #1 is to "Strengthen the security and integrity of the immigration system." Objective 1.1 is to enhance the security of the U.S. by granting immigration benefits only to eligible applicants and petitioners. Objective 1.2 is to deter, detect and pursue immigration-related fraud. Part of this objective involves information sharing between USCIS and other law enforcement and intelligence agencies to address national security and public safety concerns involving applicants for U.S.

immigration benefits. Also, this objective calls for a system that “allows for efficient policy and procedural changes when a systemic vulnerability or widespread fraud activity has been detected.” Objective 1.3 is to identify and share immigration-related information with partners, and Objective 1.4 is to integrate security precepts with immigration adjudication processes.

Option #1: Draft regulations and develop MOUs to enable USCIS to implement DNA testing to establish identity and protect against fraud, human smuggling, crime and terrorism. Streamline the process by incorporating the costs of DNA testing in the biometric fee, with DNA samples collected at the time of biometric capture.

USCIS would publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register and invite public comment on recommendations to enable diffusion of DNA technology in the immigration context. Once comments are received and evaluated, USCIS would publish a final rule. The rule would propose that DNA evidence be used not only to prove qualifying family relationships but also to help determine admissibility to the United States, removability where appropriate and eligibility for other benefits, such as naturalization. In order for DNA profiles to be downloaded to NDIS we must be able to demonstrate a law enforcement purpose, and agreement must be reached with DOJ on that issue. USCIS would use CODIS to verify claimed family relationships. On-line filing would automatically prompt biometric appointment notices and DNA would be captured at USCIS Application Support Centers (ASCs) or at U.S. consulates abroad. Agreement would also have to be reached with DOS to assist in biometrics capture, or we may want to explore expansion of ASC responsibilities overseas. The estimated costs of less than \$40 per person would be incorporated into the biometric fee or, if USCIS is planning to eliminate the biometric fee, it would be incorporated into the cost of the application or petition. Since DNA would be obtained at the same time as photographs and fingerprints, if a person already has his or her DNA on file with USCIS, additional DNA samples from the petitioner would not be necessary should that person later petition for other family members.

DNA collection may create controversy, and it is important that USCIS procedures conform to privacy laws. Of the nearly 200 Constitutional challenges to DNA collection, none has ultimately been successful so far; the courts have likened DNA collection and storage to fingerprint collection and storage, which has become routine. Already, USCIS collects fingerprints and runs them through nationwide databases to locate criminal records. The current guidance on safeguarding fingerprints and other personal information may suffice in dealing with protection of DNA data, but additional safeguards could be implemented if necessary. The FBI’s method of creating DNA profiles, using 13 core loci, positively identifies the individual without disclosing his or her traits, disorders or dispositions. The design and legal rules of CODIS allow for law enforcement identification but prevent the unauthorized use of DNA profiles. Many issues would need to be worked out with DOS and DOJ prior to implementation. The rule should provide USCIS with the flexibility to allow for gradual implementation. It is imperative that the entire process remain transparent and that the preamble fully explains the reasons for the testing and the proposed uses of the DNA collected.

Budget Implications: Initial investments would be required to establish a DNA database to manage the DNA profiles and to contract with a lab to perform the analysis. USCIS would need to hire a geneticist to develop protocols and checklists indicating who must be tested and for what relationships, and to confirm matches. Technicians must be trained, collection kits ordered, and a

system established for overseas testing and transmission of samples. If USCIS collaborates with the FBI, the FBI will provide the CODIS program free of charge, which USCIS can use to match samples and determine relationships. Costs for DNA testing have historically been a significant barrier, with the first family member costing up to \$1,000 and additional family members up to \$500 each. This is a heavy burden for most immigrant families. However, with streamlining, we could bring our costs to within the range that was estimated in 2008 by the DOJ -- \$37.50 per sample collection and analysis. Implementation of DNA testing would save money in the long run, not only for USCIS, but for our customers, because it would reduce the need to mail documents, review evidence, issue RFEs, and conduct lengthy fraud interviews. In refugee processing alone, it could save hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars every year in travel and processing costs by USCIS and DOS. Its fraud deterrent effects could result in a large decrease in the number of fraudulent petitions, some of which (such as the I-730) require no fee, but use USCIS resources.

Pros:

- Provide a valuable personal identifier, even for infants
- Establish biological relationships without a doubt
- Reduce the need to submit documents
- Allow for increased electronic filing
- Allow USCIS to maintain more control over the chain of custody
- Enhance security checks
- Deter fraudulent petitions
- Free up resources for legitimate applicants
- Detect crime and terrorism
- Deter future criminal acts
- Enable law enforcement to solve more crimes
- Promote information sharing
- Decrease costs of DNA testing considerably

Cons:

- Privacy concerns
- Will not solve all immigration relationship issues
- May be “surprises”
- Increased costs to all applicants, at least initially

Flow chart for Option #1 is attached at the end of this document.

Option #2: Draft a regulation amending 8 CFR to allow USCIS to require DNA testing to establish identity and prove biological relationships, but do not share DNA results with the FBI. Streamline the process by incorporating the costs of DNA testing in the biometric or other fees, with DNA samples collected at the time of biometric capture. Develop MOUs with DOS to capture DNA overseas or explore ASC expansion. DNA testing would not be used to screen for terrorism or other crimes.

Budget Implications: Same as above, except that USCIS may not be given CODIS for free, so would have to purchase a software system to complete the matches.

Pros:

- Provide a valuable personal identifier, even for infants
- Establish biological relationships without a doubt
- Reduce the need to submit documents
- Allow for increased electronic filing
- Allow USCIS to maintain more control over the chain of custody
- Deter fraudulent petitions
- Free up resources for legitimate applicants
- Decrease costs of DNA testing considerably

Cons:

- Will not solve all immigration relationship issues
- May be surprises
- Will waste opportunity to enhance security checks
- Will waste opportunity for information sharing
- Increased costs to all applicants, at least initially

Option #3: At a minimum, USCIS should draft regulations to revise 8 CFR 204.2(d)(vi) to eliminate the reference to blood tests and instead allow USCIS to require DNA testing. Applicants and petitioners would work directly with an AABB-accredited laboratory to arrange and pay for DNA testing. USCIS would collaborate with DOS to improve the current process, in order to gain more control over the transmittal and storage of results, chain of custody and other issues related to the integrity of the testing.

Budget Implications: The heavy cost burden would continue to be on individual applicants and petitioners who often cannot afford the hundreds of dollars required for DNA testing through private labs. No time will be saved at the onset, as petitioners will have to wait for an RFE before proceeding with DNA testing. USCIS will not have to expend funds on test kits or transportation of samples, but may consider creating databases to better manage transmission of results. USCIS would need to hire or contract with a geneticist to establish protocols and checklists.

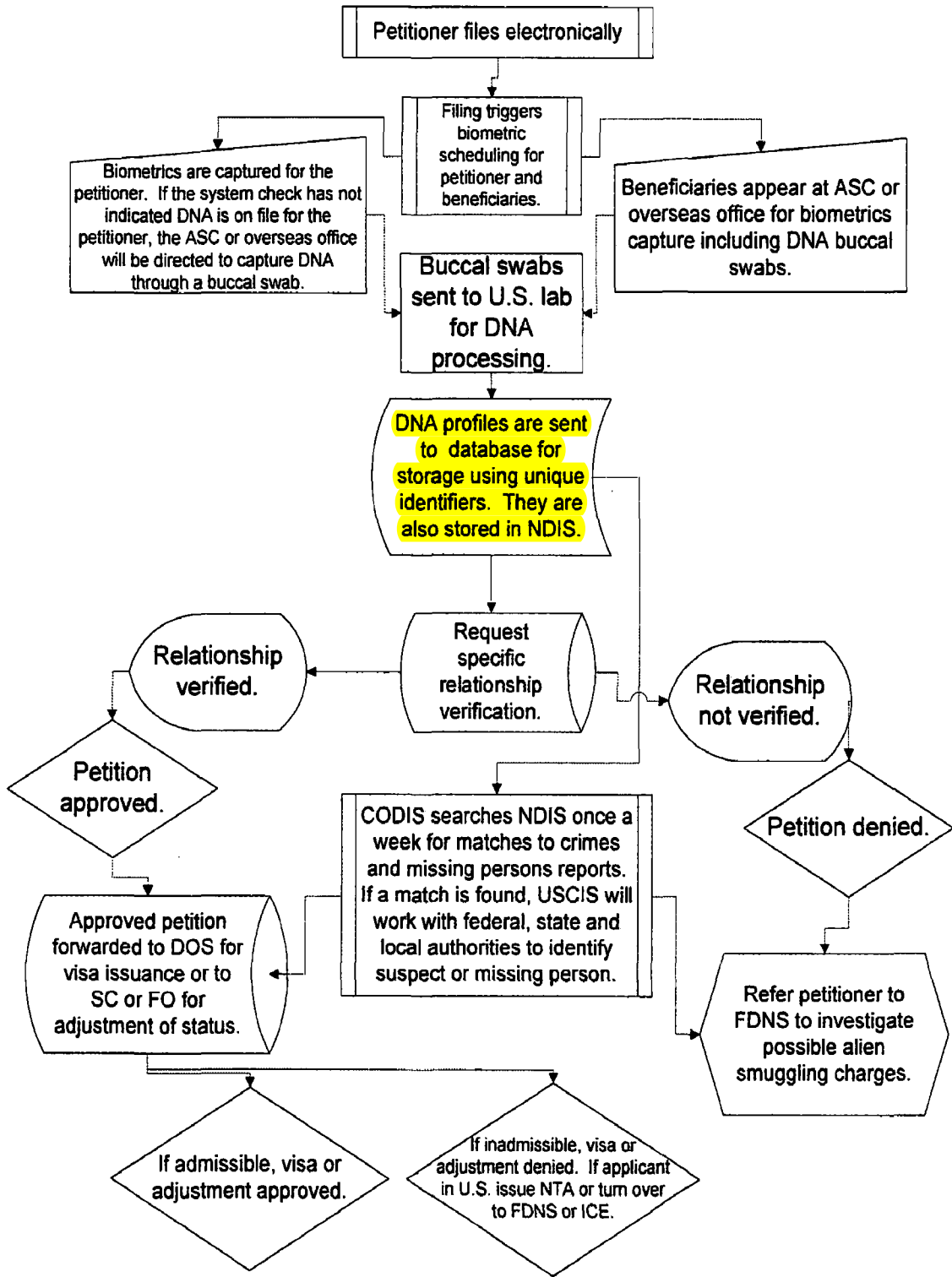
Pros:

- Establish family relationships with a little more certainty when fraud is suspected or other evidence is inconclusive
- Deter fraudulent petitions

Cons:

- May be surprises
- Costs will remain high, resulting in complaints from the public
- Will waste opportunity to create personal identifier
- Will waste opportunity to enhance security checks
- Will waste opportunity for information sharing
- DNA may have to be captured numerous times if numerous petitions are filed and fraud is suspected or other evidence is inconclusive
- Will not allow USCIS to maintain control over the chain of custody or integrity of the testing
- Will not allow streamlining or improved service

DNA Testing in the Immigration Process
to detect and deter fraud, human trafficking, crime and terrorism
and to provide immigration benefits with more ease and speed



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IO concurs with Jennifer's edits, and adds the attached with some minor edits.

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All – Attached are comments/edits from RAD on these Q&As including the addition of two items that we believe may be asked in light of the nextgov article.

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The majority of the questions I (Chris Lee) initiated are included in the write up Chris Miles posted below.

Therefore, I recommend using the questions Chris Miles provided below as the basis of review.

If more questions are raised by the DHS Privacy Office, I will work with USCIS Privacy Officer Donald Hawkins and circle back to this group for assistance.

Best wishes,
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I'd say to review both. I think Chris Lee's were just starter issues and he's really just looking for us to help prep the Privacy office for questions they may receive.

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Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Chris M. - We received a similar task from Chris Lee on Friday though the draft Q&As provided then were different. Should we be reviewing only the draft you sent now?

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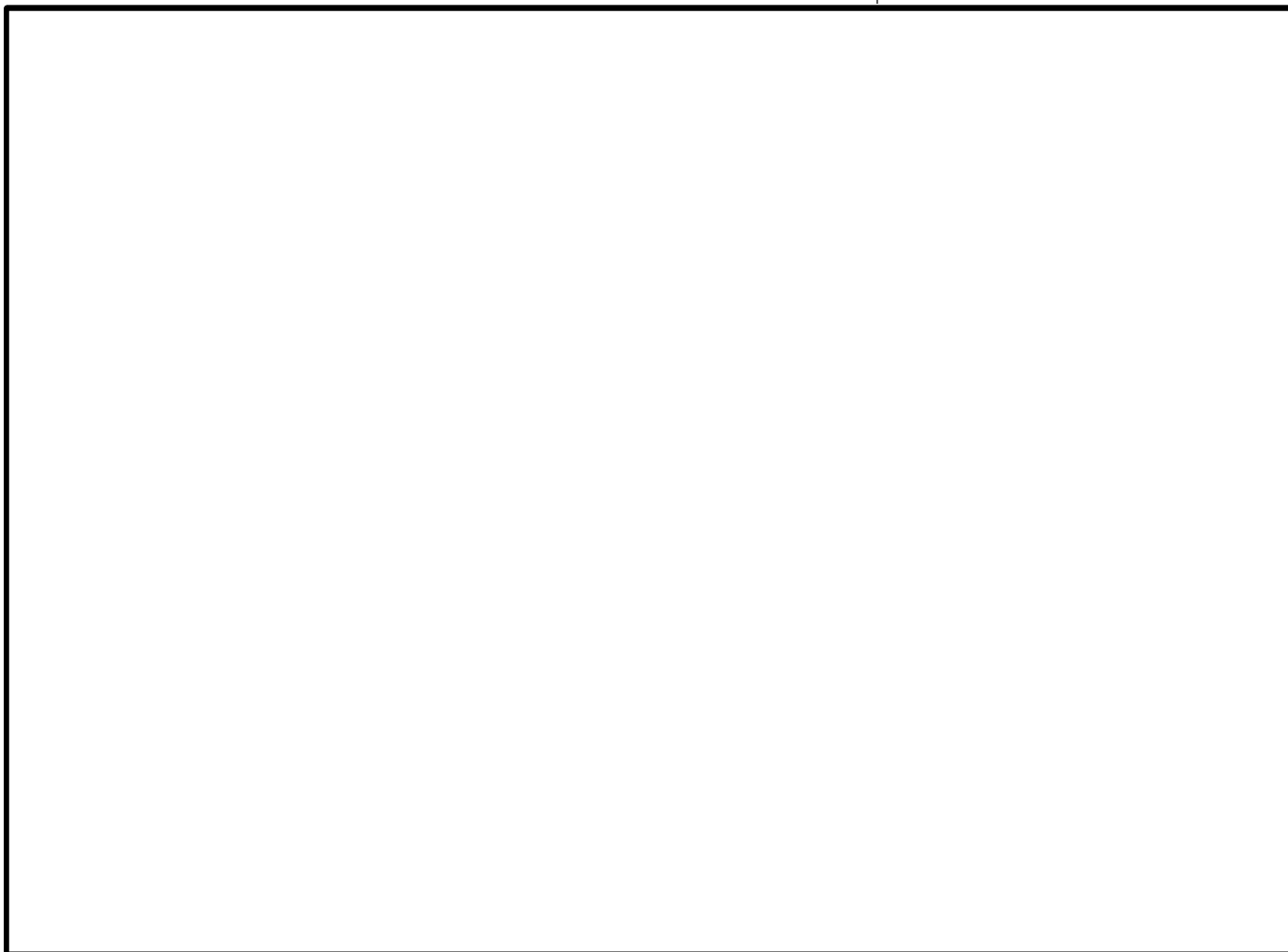
In preparation for any questions regarding the www.NextGov.com article (and spin-offs), DHS Chief Privacy Officer Mary Ellen Callahan asked us to develop a list of potential Questions and Answers about the Rapid DNA Test Program. I put together the attached (text copied below) and I'd appreciate if you look them over and provide me back any comments, edits, or additions. They are primarily focused on S&T issues since that is what I am most familiar with, but there are probably a lot more that could be developed on ConOps, policy, etc.

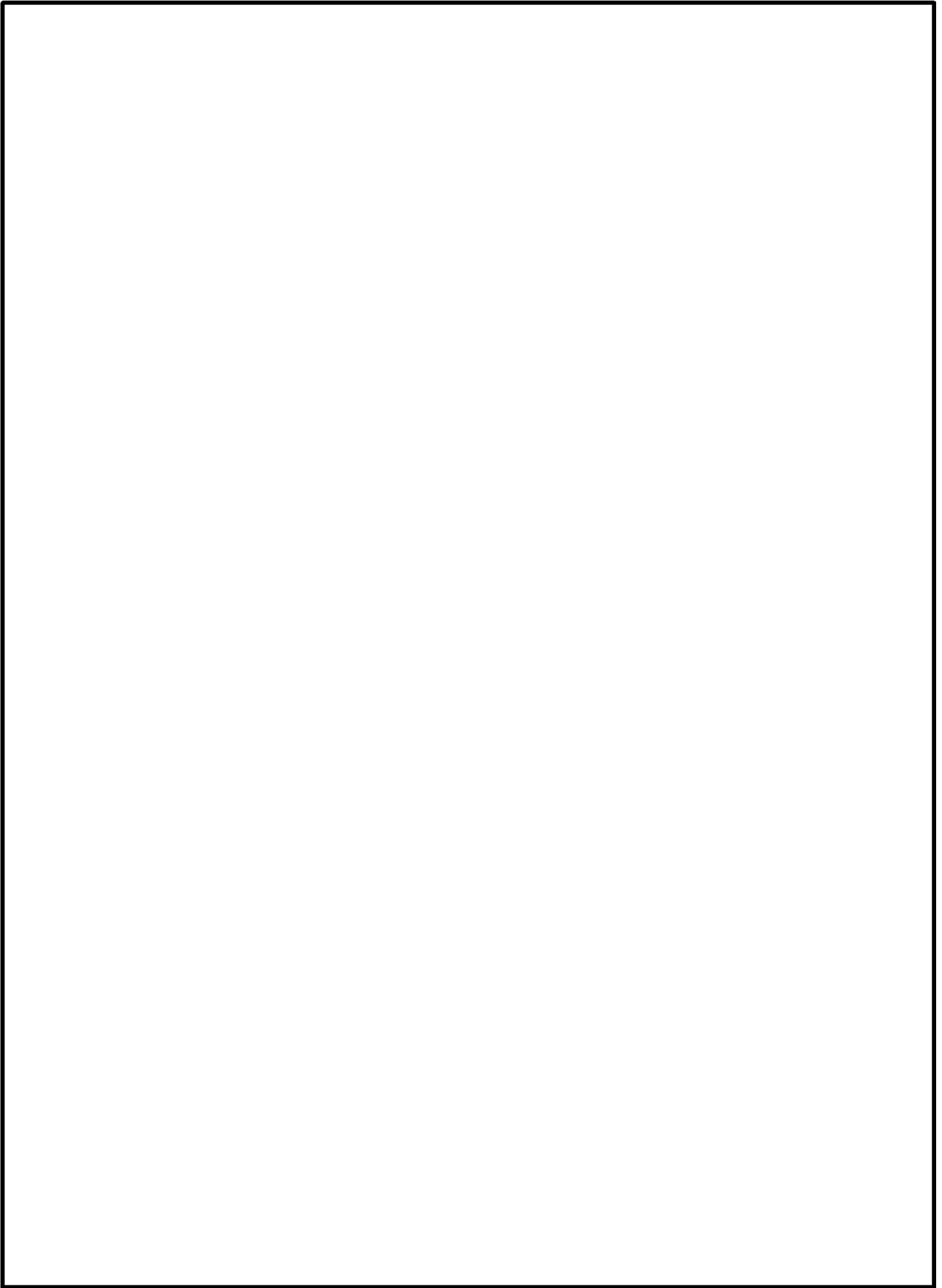
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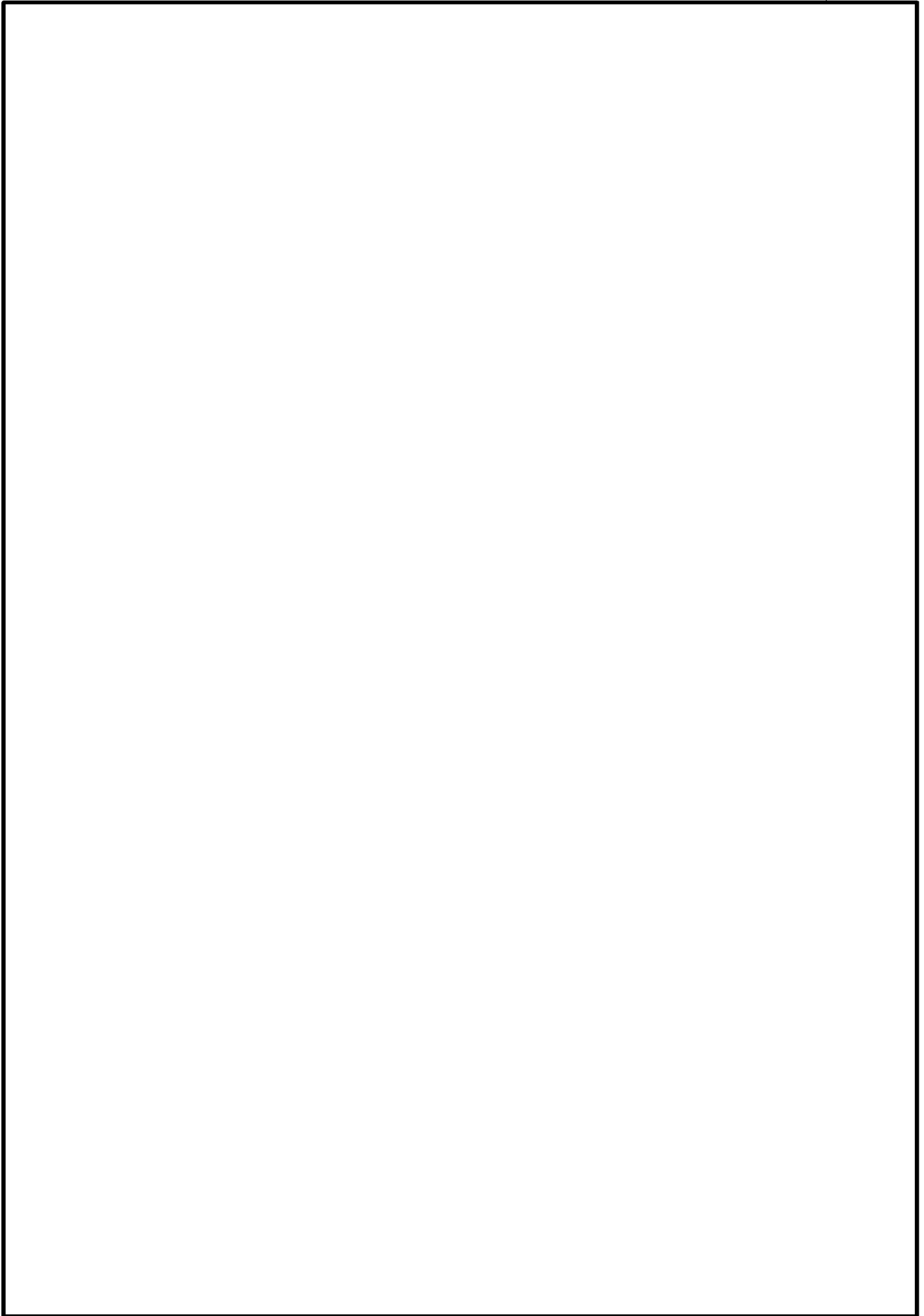
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Sent: Fri Feb 25 08:37:21 2011

Subject: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

I just wanted to make sure everybody saw this article from Nextgov on USCIS's potential use of rapid DNA testing. Interesting overview.

http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110224_1299.php#

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[1] "Recommendation from CIS Ombudsman to the Director, USCIS," p. 4.

The FBI says a unique Specimen Identifier Number is used in CODIS, not the SSN. This needs to be verified.

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 5:15 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: FW: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program

Here's the S&T draft.

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From: Bertucci, Theresa C [mailto:theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 2:36 PM
To: Turner, Christopher; Bertucci, Theresa C; Miles, Christopher A
Cc: Strack, Barbara L; Contaldi, Kerry T; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Hamilton, Cristina; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Smith, David G <CTR>
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Your answer covers it all. Let's submit that.

Sent using BlackBerry

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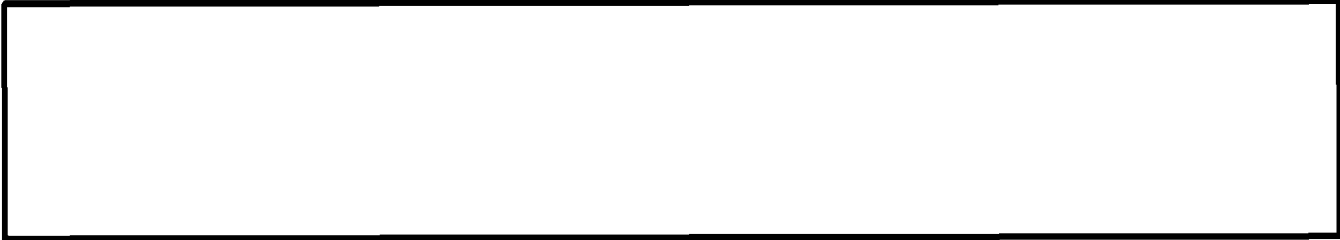
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Cc: Strack, Barbara L <barbara.strack@dhs.gov>; Contaldi, Kerry <Kerry.Contaldi@dhs.gov>; O'Grady, Elizabeth A <Elizabeth.O'Grady@dhs.gov>; Hamilton, Cristina <cristina.hamilton@dhs.gov>; Zaragoza, Conrad J <conrad.zaragoza@dhs.gov>; Smith, David G <CTR>
Sent: Thu Sep 16 13:40:03 2010
Subject: RE: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program

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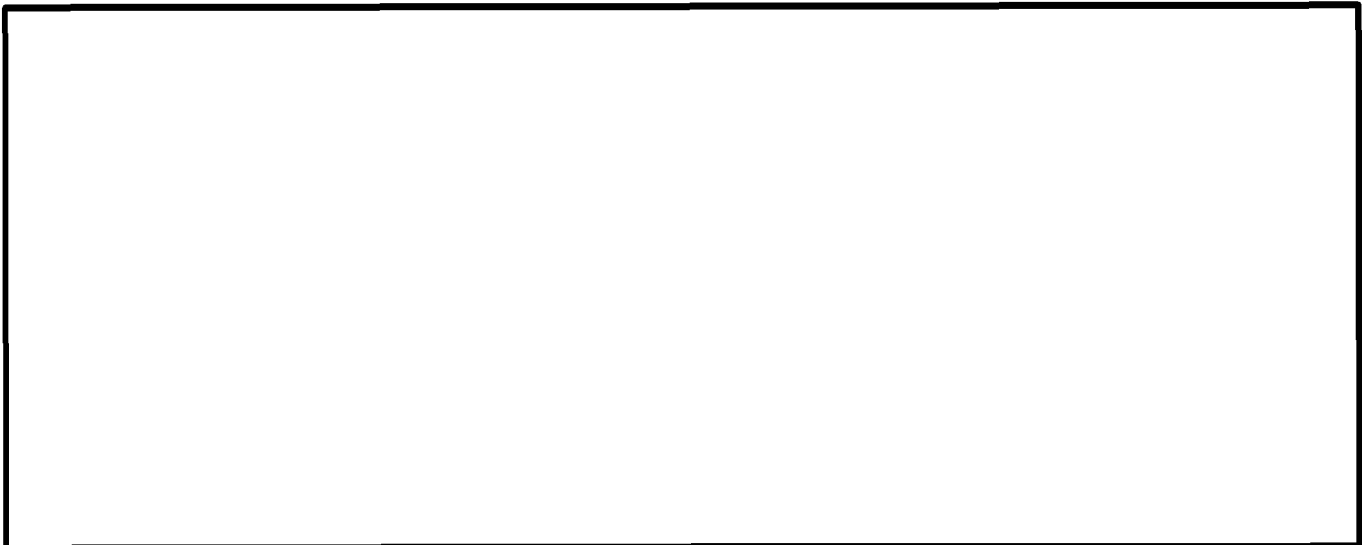
Please let me know if you agree with the draft response below. Would you like me to add your answer to the response below? Thank you.

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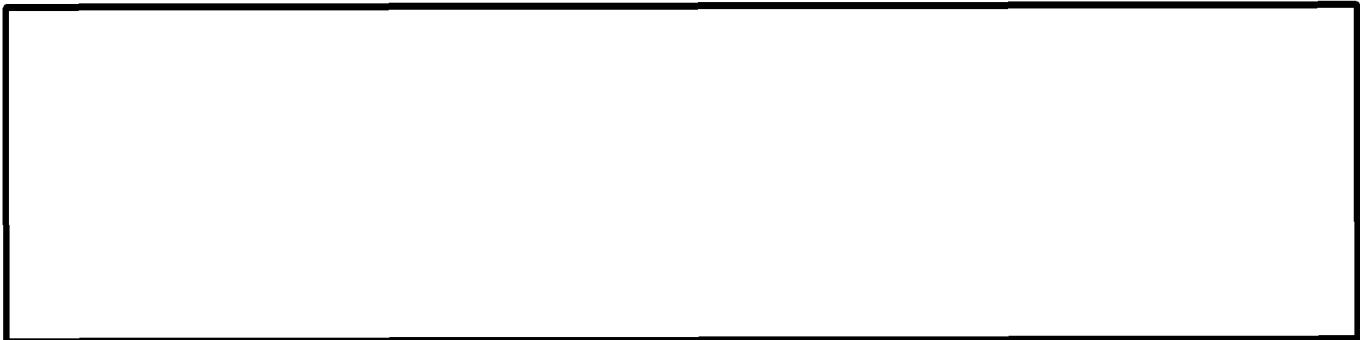
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Can you give some background information on this new technology?



What is the security impact both of this technology and of the agreement?



Can you send me more information on the potential agreement?

The draft TTA is currently with USCIS review. We can send the draft TTA if desired, but please note that it may still undergo substantial revisions.

From: Bertucci, Theresa C [<mailto:theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 12:02 PM

To: Miles, Christopher A

Cc: Turner, Christopher; Strack, Barbara L; Contaldi, Kerry; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Hamilton, Cristina; Zaragoza, Conrad J

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Subject: FW: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program
Importance: High

See below, apparently your office submitted a blurb in the DHS Weekly Report; this is a followup question by S2's office; I'd ask that you guys take the lead in responding to the answer (so there are no holes related to the security impact, etc..... making it clear that the agreement will be one by which we will work with you on next steps etc.

So you know, I briefly discussed with the Associate Director of RAIO this morning, we believe we will need to get our Director up to speed as well as we move toward next steps.

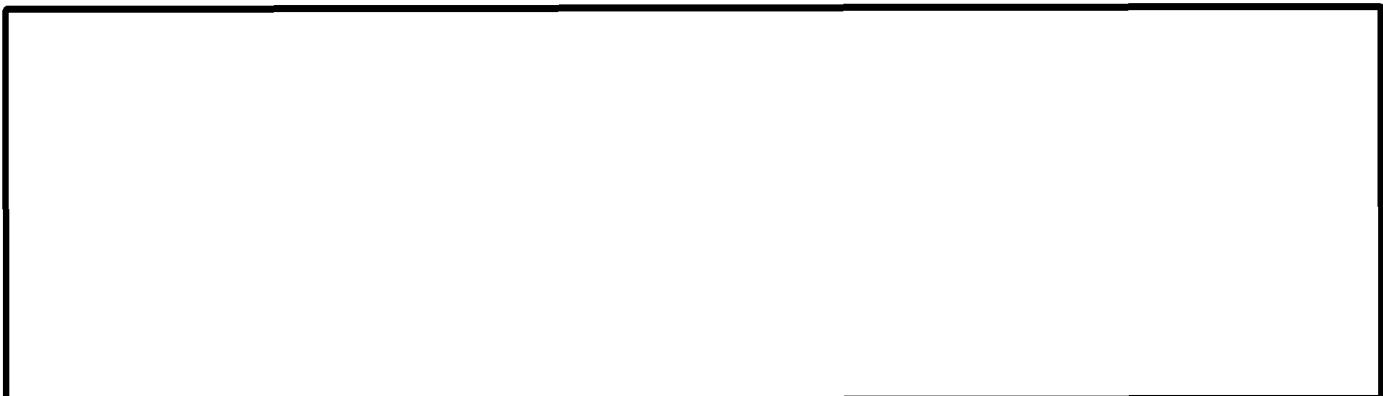
Barbara/Christine: see below, please weigh in on my response below. I am asking S&T to also comment for purposes of responding to S2. This will be run through our Exec Sec also.

Theresa C. Bertucci

From: Contaldi, Kerry
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 11:35 AM
To: O'Grady, Elizabeth A
Cc: Bertucci, Theresa C
Subject: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program
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DHS Science & Technology submitted the item below for inclusion in the DHS Weekly Report. S2's office compiles the Weekly Report and sends follow-up questions each week. These are questions raised by DHS leadership, often by S2. S2's office asked S&T the questions below, but would also like us to respond. If you can, please answer the questions below and provide any other pertinent details. Thank you.

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Please send all official actions to uscisexecsec@dhs.gov and, if applicable, attach a completed G-1056. Thank you.

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Schofield, Trina; Lee, Elizabeth N; Shyne, Kendra D
Cc: Tancredi, June R
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Screening and Analysis

Trina - Would you please pull together the background material that we've shared w/OCC and forward it to me? I think I have it in bits and pieces, but not all together. thanks.

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

From: Scialabba, Lori
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 9:45 PM
To: Strack, Barbara L
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Screening and Analysis

Ok. I'd like to see what OCC has been reviewing.

Thanks!

Lori

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

From: Strack, Barbara L
To: Scialabba, Lori; Tancredi, June R; Ruppel, Joanna
Cc: Bucher, Steve P
Sent: Tue Jun 17 18:50:26 2008
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Screening and Analysis

Lori - As the email chain indicates, RAD met w/this DNA expert back in April. We've been working jointly w/John and Linda in discussing the follow-up to the DNA pilot -- as Linda has been providing us with more (bad) results from the expanded testing. Rome is not putting together a DNA proposal of its own.

The real key is for us to get some answers from OCC on what steps they think are legally permissible. We've put a plan together, and I'd like to give that until the end of the week before asking you to reach out to Lynden on this.

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To: Rhatigan, Chris; Bentley, Christopher S; McCament, James W; Tintary, Ruth E; Rosado, Timothy A; Reilly, Richard M
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: FW: rapid DNA testing

I wanted to highlight and follow up w/you all on the article in today's clips about DNA testing for refugees, which is based on a presentation done by our HQ colleagues from the Office of Science and Technology. While the article is mostly accurate, it's a bit forward-leaning and makes it sound like this effort is further along than it really is – please see the backstory below from S&T. While this story may not be picked up by mainstream media or the Hill, we wanted you to be prepared just in case.

For your information: Several years ago, S&T reached out w/in DHS for ideas on where they could help with research and development. RAD suggested research on rapid, low-cost DNA testing, and S&T decided to take this up. They solicited various proposals and then decided to fund 2 different technologies through to the prototype stage, which is where we are now. All the funding has come from S&T's budget, not ours. The next step will be to test the prototypes, and the first one will be ready this summer.

There are no plans underway to expand DNA testing for refugees; this is a pure R&D effort geared to making DNA testing cheaper and faster in those instances where there has been a policy decision to do DNA testing.

Please let me know if you hear anything further on this score!

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Nextgov.com

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 10:38 AM
To: Bartlett, Lawrence E.
Subject: rapid DNA testing

Larry – I think you know that we reached out a couple of years ago to the Science and Technology (S&T) Office at DHS and asked if they would use some of their funding and expertise to develop methods for rapid, low-cost DNA testing. They jumped at the idea and solicited proposals from various sources, then decided to fund 2 of the proposals that use different technologies. The first prototype will be ready for testing this summer, as described in the clip below.

While the project is not a secret – e.g., we presented on this at the Experts' Working Group meeting – we didn't realize that S&T would be doing press on it, either. Please be assured that this doesn't reflect any plans by RAD to expand DNA testing of refugees beyond the contexts we've already discussed w/PRM; rather, it's an effort to develop technology that will make any DNA testing that is agreed upon for refugees faster and cheaper. (And all the R&D came out of someone else's budget.)

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 7:51 AM
To: Langlois, Joseph
Cc: 'stacy.strong@dhs.gov'
Subject: Re: DNA poc for S&T

Joe - Anthony was assigned to develop a plan to pilot the rapid, low-cost DNA prototype being developed by S&T. I'm not sure how far he got w/this before leaving for AAO a few weeks ago - I'll check on that today. We'll be announcing his backfill this week, so that person will be taking over this project, but we can name in interim POC if necessary.

From: Ratliff, Gerri
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2011 08:46 PM
To: Langlois, Joseph; Rausch, Sharla; Crocetti, Don; Coffin, Richard H; Strack, Barbara L
Subject: Re: DNA poc for S&T

Joe: thanks- so will RAIO appoint another poc to replace him? (Sharla: Asylum and RAD- Refugee Affairs Div- are both in the RAIO directorate).

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From: Langlois, Joseph
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2011 07:35 PM
To: Ratliff, Gerri; Rausch, Sharla; Crocetti, Don; Coffin, Richard H; Strack, Barbara L
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Asylum then RAD

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Joe/Don/Rick: was Anthony Moscoto with RAIO or FDNS, by chance?

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From: Rausch, Sharla [mailto:Sharla.Rausch@dhs.gov]
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To: Ratliff, Gerri <Gerri.Ratliff@dhs.gov>
Subject: DNA

Gerri,

I understand that Anthony Moscoto has left USCIS. He was our DNA contact and we really need a new one. We're getting ready to hold a program review and want to make sure we're still on track with what USCIS needs.

Best Regards,
Sharla

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 2:49 PM
To: Schofield, Trina; Tancredi, June R; Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Have we asked PRM what they paid for the pilot? It was in the mid-hundreds, even w/a group discount.

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

From: Schofield, Trina
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 2:32 PM
To: Tancredi, June R; Higgins, Jennifer B; Strack, Barbara L
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Jennifer,

The topic of costs of refugee interviews relative to DNA testing costs was not one discussed at the last I730 working group meeting.

We mainly discussed the idea of service centers not adjudicating I730s until after they were interviewed overseas and how to get to 100% interview of I730s overseas and domestically, especially in high-fraud locations. The possibility of having service centers issue RFEs for DNA testing was also discussed.

Based on the email chain, it does look like Dom Ops wants to make a money-saving argument regarding DNA testing. It's an easy argument to make when you're staking your claim on the supposition that DNA testing costs only \$28.50.

Trina

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

From: Tancredi, June R
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 1:48 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Strack, Barbara L; Schofield, Trina
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Trina,

Please respond to Jennifer's Q below.

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 1:38 PM
To: Strack, Barbara L; Tancredi, June R
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

This is the first I've heard of it. Looks like Dom Ops wants to argue that by requiring DNA, the government will ultimately save money by weeding out potential apps for interview.

June, maybe Trina would know if this was raised at the last working group and have a more detailed understanding of the context for the request?

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

From: Strack, Barbara L

Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 12:57 PM
To: Tancredi, June R; Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

June and Jennifer - I don't want to try to provide a figure for this project unless we understand what's going on and how it would be used. Maybe you know this through the working group, but I don't.

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

From: Sahli, Evelyn R
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2008 11:28 AM
To: Tancredi, June R; Strack, Barbara L; Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Ongcapin, Alfred H
Subject: Fw: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

June/Barbara/Jennifer, Do you have an estimate of the average cost of a refugee interview? I'll be back in the office Monday. Thanks. Evy.

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

From: Zimmerman, Robert <Robert.Zimmerman@hsi.dhs.gov>
To: Sahli, Evelyn R <evelyn.sahli@dhs.gov>
Cc: Ongcapin, Alfred H <alfred.ongcapin@dhs.gov>; Arroyo, Susan K <susan.arroyo@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 31 10:00:22 2008
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Evy,

Regarding cost of doing an interview - we only need a ballpark estimate that would include the big expenses like travel cost; personnel cost, and any overhead you can think of. Again, ballpark numbers will work for our report.

Bob Z

From: Zimmerman, Robert
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2008 7:54 AM
To: 'Sahli, Evelyn R'
Cc: Ongcapin, Alfred H; Arroyo, Susan K
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Evy,

Happy Halloween ... is there a ghost of a chance you had any luck on finding data on the cost of refugee interviews?

Bob Z

Robert L. Zimmerman, Jr.

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Arlington, VA - 22206
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From: Sahli, Evelyn R [mailto:evelyn.sahli@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 1:03 PM
To: Zimmerman, Robert
Cc: Ongcapin, Alfred H; Arroyo, Susan K
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

I'll see what we can come up with. For the refugee interviews overseas, it's huge, and the cost is borne not only by DHS, but also by DOS and other NGOs, such as UNHCR, IOM, etc. Even domestically, I would say the costs of DNA could be less than obtaining and translating and mailing documents, not to mention the ease of electronic filing versus the need to mail the documents. This doesn't even take into consideration the cost of the interviews when fraud is suspected.

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From: Zimmerman, Robert [mailto:Robert.Zimmerman@hsi.dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 8:21 AM
To: Sahli, Evelyn R
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Evy,

Yes, it is OK to share it with them. I apologize if I forgot to sent the message. And again, thanks for talking to us. We are moving into the technology phase of our work now. Lets hope we can find a technology on the horizon that will be inexpensive and fast enough to be a solution for USCIS. By the way, it would interesting to learn where the fiscal "break-point" is between cost of doing an interview versus the cost of a DNA analysis. Since the DOS pilot clearly demonstrated that even just the threat of doing DNA causes people to turn away from an interview, the government could save the cost of the interview. Even if a figure doesn't exist, it might be possible to estimate it knowing the component costs, e.g., travel, per diem, interviewer's salary, etc.).

Bob Z

From: Sahli, Evelyn R [mailto:evelyn.sahli@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 8:14 AM
To: Zimmerman, Robert; Ongcapin, Alfred H

Cc: Smith, David G <CTR>
Subject: RE: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Hi Bob,

I thought I asked you this before I left the office for two weeks, but maybe I didn't. The CIS Ombudsman would like a copy and I want to make sure it is OK to share it with them. Please let me know. Thanks.

Evy

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From: Zimmerman, Robert [mailto:Robert.Zimmerman@hsi.dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 4:15 PM
To: Sahli, Evelyn R; Ongcapin, Alfred H
Cc: Smith, David G <CTR>
Subject: Electrons for Interim Rapid DNA Testing Report

Evi and Fred,

Here are the electrons for our interim report. If you still need a hardcopy or two we can provide that also. Just let me know.

Bob Zimmerman

Robert L. Zimmerman, Jr.

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From: Zimmerman, Robert
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 4:05 PM
To: 'Sahli, Evelyn R'
Subject: Per Phone Conversation

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Evi,



Again, thanks for help us out on this work.

Bob Zimmerman

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:15 PM
To: 'William.G.Wright@dhs.gov'; 'jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov'; 'christopher.bentley@dhs.gov'; 'Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov'
Cc: 'lori.scialabba@dhs.gov'; 'Chris.Rhatigan@dhs.gov'
Subject: Re: Media Matters

Buck - sorry I wasn't available earlier this evening for a call. I think with the follow-up emails this is now taken care of, but pls let Jennifer and me know if you need more.

Wonder if there will be any post mortem w/S and T to suggest that they coordinate better in advance in the future when participating in events w/media present.

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

From: Wright, William G <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>
To: Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>; Ortman, Chris; Bentley, Christopher S <christopher.bentley@dhs.gov>; Wright, William G <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>; Humphrey, Buck H <Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Fetcher, Adam; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby
Cc: Scialabba, Lori <lori.scialabba@dhs.gov>; Strack, Barbara L <barbara.strack@dhs.gov>; Rhatigan, Chris B <Chris.Rhatigan@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 02 20:36:34 2011
Subject: Re: Media Matters

Thank you Jennifer.

Chris O - I believe that should answer the mail.

Please advise.

Bill

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>
To: Ortman, Chris; Bentley, Christopher S <christopher.bentley@dhs.gov>; Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>; Wright, William G <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>; Humphrey, Buck H <Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Fetcher, Adam; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby
Cc: Scialabba, Lori <lori.scialabba@dhs.gov>; Strack, Barbara L <barbara.strack@dhs.gov>; Rhatigan, Chris B <Chris.Rhatigan@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 02 20:34:54 2011
Subject: Re: Media Matters

Actually, the language I was suggesting is in between the asterisks. Here it is again:

I would revise the first answer as follows:



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

From: Ortman, Chris <Chris.Ortman@dhs.gov>
To: Bentley, Christopher S <christopher.bentley@dhs.gov>; Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>; Wright, William G <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>; Ortman, Chris; Humphrey, Buck H <Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Fetcher, Adam; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby

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Cc: Scialabba, Lori <lori.scialabba@dhs.gov>; Strack, Barbara L <barbara.strack@dhs.gov>;
Rhatigan, Chris <Chris.Rhatigan@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 02 20:23:33 2011
Subject: Re: Media Matters



From: Bentley, Christopher S [mailto:christopher.bentley@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 08:12 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Wright, William G; Ortman, Chris <Chris.Ortman@dhs.gov>;
Humphrey, Buck H; Fetcher, Adam <Adam.Fetcher@dhs.gov>; Smith, Sean <Sean.Smith@dhs.gov>;
Kudwa, Amy <Amy.Kudwa@dhs.gov>; Chandler, Matthew <Matthew.Chandler@dhs.gov>; Whithorne,
Bobby <Bobby.Whithorne@dhs.gov>
Cc: Scialabba, Lori; Strack, Barbara L; Rhatigan, Chris
Subject: Re: Media Matters

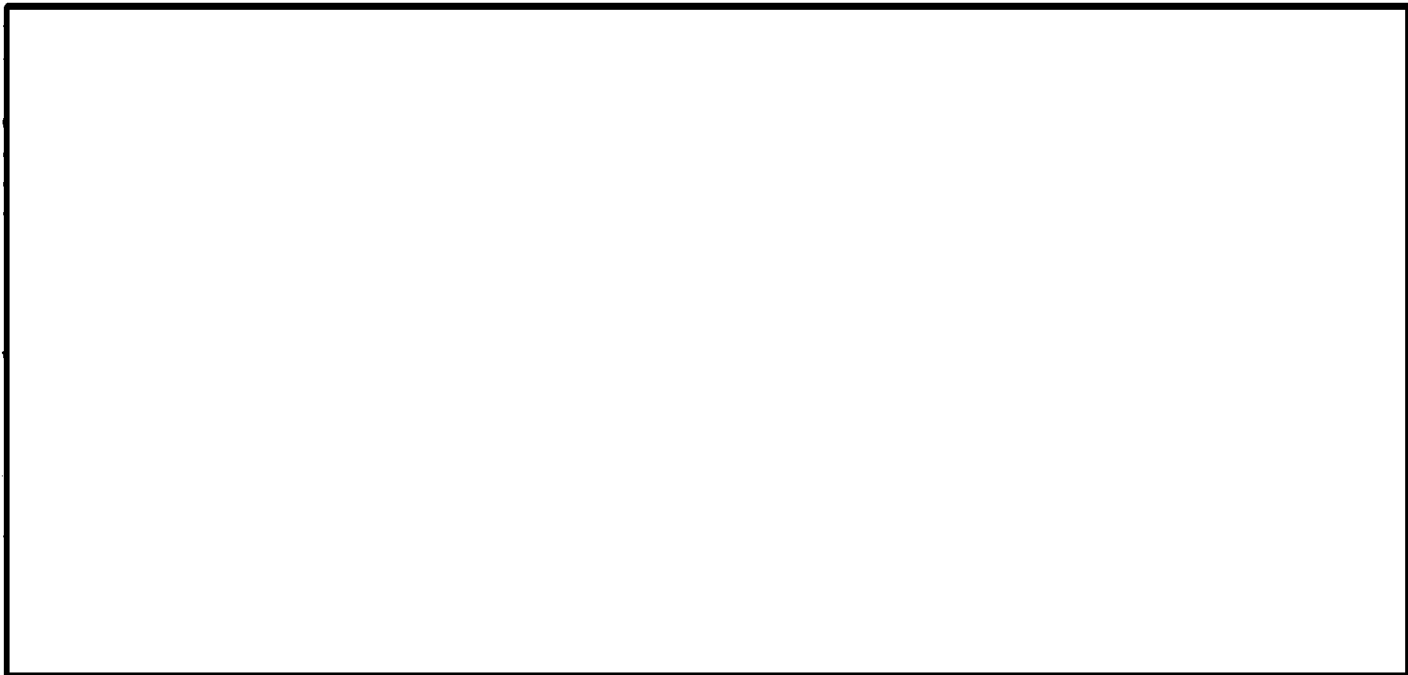
Thanks Jennifer. This is very helpful. - Chris

Christopher S. Bentley
Press Secretary
Office of Communications, Media Relations Division USCIS, DHS
202-272-1224 (work)



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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>
To: Wright, William G <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>; Ortman, Chris; Humphrey, Buck H
<Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Fetcher, Adam; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew;
Whithorne, Bobby; Bentley, Christopher S <christopher.bentley@dhs.gov>; Wright, William G
<William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>
Cc: Scialabba, Lori <lori.scialabba@dhs.gov>; Strack, Barbara L <barbara.strack@dhs.gov>;
Rhatigan, Chris <Chris.Rhatigan@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 02 20:09:03 2011
Subject: Re: Media Matters



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Finally, Chris Rhatigan has the Q&As that DHS drafted and I revised so you may want to pull from those as well.

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

From: Wright, William G
To: Ortman, Chris; 'Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov' <Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Fetcher, Adam; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby; 'christopher.bentley@dhs.gov' <christopher.bentley@dhs.gov>; 'William.G.Wright@dhs.gov' <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>
Cc: Scialabba, Lori; Strack, Barbara L; Higgins, Jennifer B; Rhatigan, Chris
Sent: Wed Mar 02 19:24:24 2011
Subject: Re: Media Matters

Adding our RAIIO folks for a review.

r/
Bill

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

From: Ortman, Chris <Chris.Ortman@dhs.gov>
To: Humphrey, Buck H <Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Fetcher, Adam; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby; Bentley, Christopher S <christopher.bentley@dhs.gov>; Humphrey, Buck H <Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov>; Wright, William G <William.G.Wright@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 02 19:01:41 2011
Subject: RE: Media Matters

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From: Humphrey, Buck H [mailto:Buck.Humphrey@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:38 PM

To: Fetcher, Adam; Ortman, Chris; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H; Wright, William G
Subject: RE: Media Matters

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Running to ground now.

Regards,

Buck Humphrey

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Fetcher, Adam [mailto:Adam.Fetcher@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Ortman, Chris; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew; Whithorne, Bobby; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H; Wright, William G
Subject: RE: Media Matters

Thanks Chris - Buck, Bill - the sooner we can run this to ground, the better. This piece will be a huge help as we battle a few really misguided stories. Thanks!

From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:04 PM
To: Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy; Chandler, Matthew M; Fetcher, Adam; Whithorne, Bobby D; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H; Wright, William G
Subject: Media Matters

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USCIS, can you answer the second bullet?

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ON BACKGROUND:



Thanks, Chris

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 5:15 PM
To: Hamilton, Cristina; Bertucci, Theresa C
Cc: Contaldi, Kerry; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Chang, Pearl B; Vanison, Denise; Dawkins, Laura; Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RE: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program
Attachments: Comments on S2 Draft Questions.doc

Please add Jennifer Higgins to any follow-up emails on this. Thanks.

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From: Hamilton, Cristina
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 2:37 PM
To: Bertucci, Theresa C
Cc: Strack, Barbara L; Contaldi, Kerry; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Chang, Pearl B; Vanison, Denise; Dawkins, Laura
Subject: RE: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program

Theresa, thanks for the opportunity to comment. I've reviewed your proposed response to the one issue regarding the S&T and USCIS partnership, and also looked at the S&T draft responses to the various questions that they had subsequently sent. Attached are here are my comments in redline/comment form on your response, and on the last of the questions that S&T submitted regarding the security impact. I've left off the S&T folks on this in case we wanted to keep our discussions in-house at this point.

Cristina Hamilton
Chief, National Security and
Benefits Integrity Division
Office of Policy and Strategy, USCIS
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From: Bertucci, Theresa C
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 12:02 PM
To: Miles, Christopher A
Cc: Turner, Christopher; Strack, Barbara L; Contaldi, Kerry; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Hamilton, Cristina; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: FW: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program
Importance: High

See below, apparently your office submitted a blurb in the DHS Weekly Report; this is a followup question by S2's office; I'd ask that you guys take the lead in responding to the answer (so there are no holes related to the security impact, etc..... making it clear that the agreement will be one by which we will work with you on next steps etc.

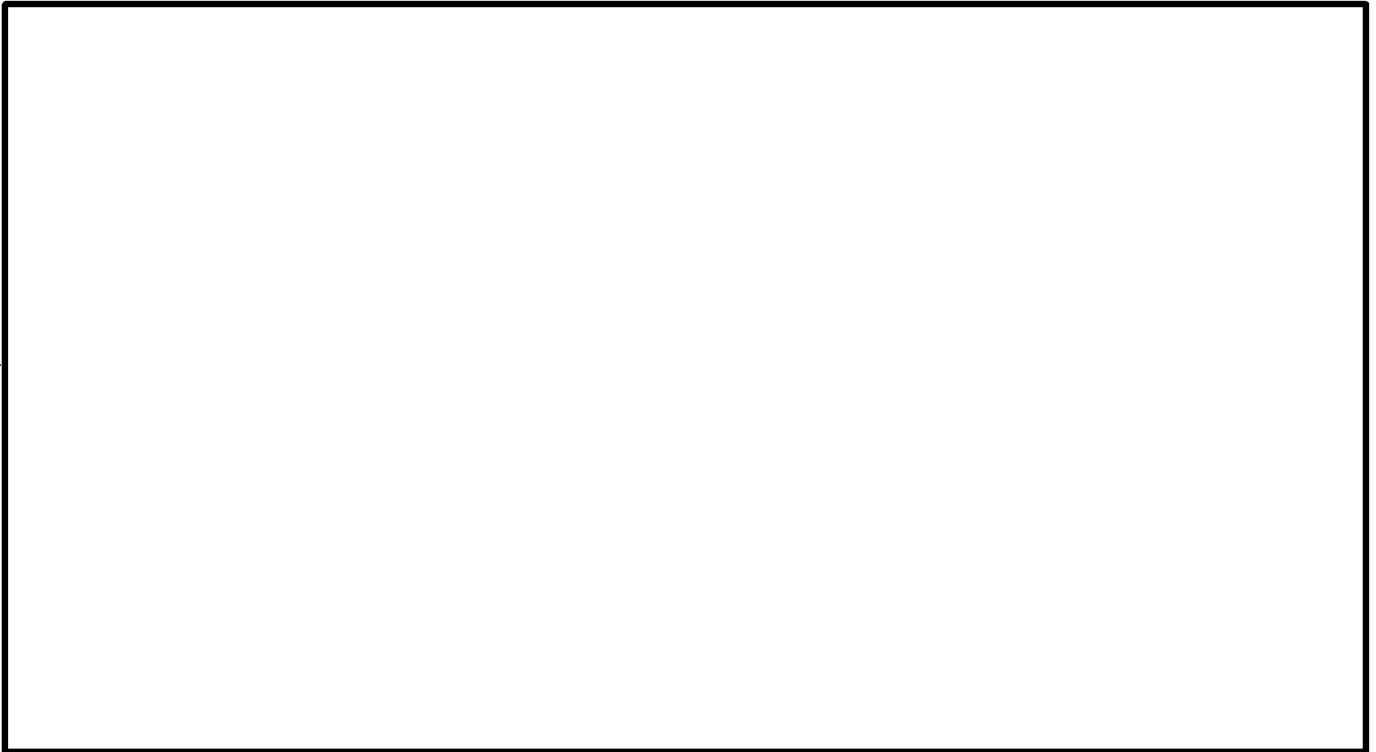
So you know, I briefly discussed with the Associate Director of RAIO this morning, we believe we will need to get our Director up to speed as well as we move toward next steps.

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Theresa C. Bertucci

From: Contaldi, Kerry
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 11:35 AM
To: O'Grady, Elizabeth A
Cc: Bertucci, Theresa C
Subject: Qusetion re DHS S&T's Rapid, Low Cost DNA Program
Importance: High



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Please send all official actions to uscisexecsec@dhs.gov and, if applicable, attach a completed G-1056. Thank you.

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 5:49 PM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Scialabba, Lori; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

FYI, David Smith of the DHS S&T Directorate did a very good presentation for our Antifraud meeting this week. He &/or a colleague stayed to sit in through most of the 3-day meeting, which is encouraging for possible future collaboration. They seem to be using S&T funding to fund development of 2 different prototypes, for delivery in FY 12 and FY13, I believe. One project involves S&T kicking in some supplemental funding for an ongoing DOD project.

I think we got a copy of his presentation that we can share.

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From: Bucher, Steve P [<mailto:steve.bucher@dhs.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 2:02 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori; Strack, Barbara L; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Bucher, Steve P
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

I'd like to know who is funding the prototype equipment scheduled for delivery in FY11--

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

From: Scialabba, Lori <lori.scialabba@dhs.gov>
To: Strack, Barbara L <barbara.strack@dhs.gov>; Ruppel, Joanna <joanna.ruppel@dhs.gov>; Bird, John W <jwally.bird@dhs.gov>; Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>
Cc: Bucher, Steve P <steve.bucher@dhs.gov>
Sent: Tue Sep 14 13:59:01 2010
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Anyone have anything to add to this?

From: Bertucci, Theresa C
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 1:29 PM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Scialabba, Lori
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Lori and Steve: this will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting, the TTA (Technology Transfer Agreement) would be the next step in the delivery of a "prototype." Essentially these agreements ensure that S&T's development of the technology is something a component wants and something a component will commit to; there is always the opt out clause as part of this. I wanted to share this with you and we will be sure all meeting participants have a copy as well.

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As I'm representing CIS as a Co-Chair for the group, I want to ensure that I am representing the interests of RAIO appropriately. Thanks.

Theresa C. Bertucci

From: Turner, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.G.Turner@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 1:18 PM
To: Smith, David G <CTR>; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Bertucci, Theresa C
Cc: Miles, Christopher A; Rausch, Sharla; Bednar, Ryan <CTR>; Cargo, Stephen <CTR>
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Theresa and Elizabeth,

Please find attached the **draft Technology Transition Agreement (TTA)** for discussion tomorrow. We have found that TTAs are excellent tools in making sure that you know what it is we are developing and when we will deliver it, and that we know what your expectations are. Sometimes our customers get "cold feet" when presented with something like this so please note the notice on the front of the document, especially,

Nothing in this TTA obligates the participants to expend funds and the TTA may be unilaterally terminated by any participant at any time.

We are still tweaking this TTA a bit and will bring any updates with us tomorrow. We are looking forward to our meeting.

v/r,

Chris

Christopher Turner

Deputy Division Head

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From: Smith, David G <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 5:16 PM
To: O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Bertucci, Theresa C
Cc: Turner, Christopher; Miles, Christopher A; Rausch, Sharla
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Elizabeth & Theresa:

Here is our planned agenda for the meeting:

1. Discussion of Current Status of DHS S&T Rapid, Low Cost DNA Project
2. Questions/Answers
3. Discussion of Rapid DNA Technology Transition Agreement

Each segment will take roughly 30 minutes. Individuals may want to come to parts 1 and 2 who may not be necessary for part 3.

Thank you.

David G. Smith

David G. Smith, Ph.D.

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From: O'Grady, Elizabeth A [<mailto:Elizabeth.O'Grady@dhs.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Smith, David G <CTR>
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Good morning,

9/19/2011

Would it be possible to get an advance copy of the agenda for this meeting? I believe this will help Theresa to know who should be invited.

Thank you,

Elizabeth O'Grady

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From: O'Grady, Elizabeth A
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 10:06 AM
To: 'Smith, David G <CTR>'
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Good morning,

Yes, the meeting is still on for September 15th, 11-12:30pm. I have emailed Theresa regarding expanding the invite list to include all participants of the past meeting; when I hear from her I will let you know.

Also, it would be helpful if you sent an email directly to her regarding your request for her signature to a Technology Transfer Agreement, so she expects it and is prepared, and knows who to contact if she has additional questions about the background of the request.

Thank you,

Elizabeth O'Grady

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Rapid, Low-Cost DNA

locus \rightarrow loci

Traditional FBI testing: 13 "loci" Focus is parent-child. Now, moving to 19 loci - better interop. w/ UK, Japan, etc. Will help w/ $\frac{1}{2}$ sib's, etc.

For more extended kinship relationships (grandparents, aunts/uncles...), need 30-40 for greater accuracy. (Need to avoid any markers for [diseases, ethnicity, race])
etc. that might be hereditary.

Working w/ NIST.

Privacy & Civil sts: recog. that DNA is an adjud. tool, \neq the deterministic answer.

Prototypes in FY12 + FY13.

NZ - exceptional

Austral. - cost prohib. to do as much as we'd like

- try to get sponsors to pay
- how to handle refusals

Canada - DNA on last-resort basis.

Norway - take DNA in some cases, esp. w/ case-loads w/ more prob.

Sweden - same; voluntary. For resettlers, we see fam. history (per HCR) more imp. than biology.

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Moscato, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 4:39 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Roberts, Rhonda J
Subject: Suggested Edits to HSI Report
Importance: High

Hi, Jennifer

Following, please find the suggested response to Lori. Please let me know whether it accurately reflects our discussion. I will look for the flowchart referenced at the end of the bullets.

Rhonda -- please chime in as well.

Thanks,
Anthony

Good Afternoon, Lori

Thank you for the opportunity to review the accuracy of the information contained in the attached document. Following are our general observations and specific edits/comments. Our specific edits/comments are in red to differentiate from the original language contained in the document. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

General Observations:

- We note that there are some grammatical errors and Type-Os throughout the document. Given that we are not the authors of the document, we focused our review on the substantive information contained in the document. We are willing, however, to provide suggested grammatical edits if necessary.
- USCIS is incorrectly referred to as *United States Citizenship and Immigration Service*, rather than *United States Citizenship and Immigration Services*.
- The report incorrectly refers to the *Family Reunion Program*, rather than the *Family Reunification Program*.
- At times, the report specifically mentions certain individuals, and not all individuals who were interviewed to provide information contained within the report. For consistency, we recommend that all individuals should be specifically identified, or all individuals should not be specifically named (please see pg. 5). We suggest that no individual be named specifically.

Specific Edits/Comments:

- Executive Summary
 - Paragraph 3 - ... In FY 2007, 48,217 persons were admitted into the United States as refugees. Considering the cost for current DNA testing for the principal applicant (19,911 of the 48,217) and that for each family member (28,036 in FY 2007), ... **The proposed technology solution to this problem is a low-cost, rapid DNA biometrics device that will provide test results at \$50 per test.** Given the number of refugees admitted in FY 2007,

overall DNA costs would be approximately \$2.4 million (a potential savings of approximately \$8.4 million) ... (Department of State saw a 79^[u] % reduction in participation when they pilot tested DNA testing). This deterrent would mean that DHS officers could spend less time interviewing applicants and verifying documentation. While the use of DNA testing could assist DHS officers in the amount of time they spend to adjudicate family based applications and petitions, this is not the case for officers involved in the refugee context. Pursuant to the mandate of the refugee program and the regulatory requirements articulated in 8 CFR 207.2, Refugee Officers still must conduct an in-person interview to verify family relationships and make an eligibility determination because documentary evidence may not be readily available or even exist.

- Introduction
 - Paragraph 2 - ... DNA testing performed in a traditional laboratory setting has been proven to be a deterrent to fraudulent claims in a Department of State (DOS) pilot program conducted in cooperation with USCIS overseas.
- Methodology and Scope of Analysis
 - Operations Interviews
 - Paragraph 1 - ... The team reviewed the DNA Testing Pilot Project by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).FN3. This pilot was performed in collaboration with the USCIS Refugee Affairs Division to assess the level of fraud suspected to be present in the P-3 Family Reunification Program based on anecdotal evidence identified through file reviews and interview observations.
- Operational Needs for DNA Testing
 - United States and Immigration Services
 - As noted above, USCIS was the first agency to bring its need for DNA testing to the attention of the DHS Science and Technology Directorate. Therefore, HIS conducted several interviews with USCIS staff involved in the refugee admissions program and the domestic processing of immigrant applications and petitions. These SMEs have intimate knowledge ...
 - FN7 – An individual may be eligible for admission to the U.S. if s/he:
 - Is of special humanitarian concern,
 - Meets the definition of a refugee contained in Section 101(a)(42) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA),
 - Is otherwise admissible to the U.S. under Section 212(a) of the INA, and
 - Is not firmly resettled in a foreign country
 - Pg. 10, first full paragraph - ... USCIS is responsible for determining the eligibility of prospective refugees, based on an in-person interview with the applicant and accompanying family members. Verification of family relationships thorough the in-person interview process is being supplemented with DNA analysis through the pilot program ...
 - Pg. 10, second full paragraph - ... USCIS relies chiefly on documentary evidence and credible testimony obtained through in-person interviews to verify the legitimacy of claimed family relationships. The investigative and adjudicative process is rarely conducted in embassies outside the United States, and could be conducted under difficult circumstances at remote sites. Documentary evidence may be incomplete, unavailable, non-existent, or outright fraudulent.
 - Pg. 10, third full paragraph – HSI should consider clarifying in this section of the

- report that many of the recommendations and requests related to DNA testing for USCIS programs goes far beyond the Refugee Affairs Division. This paragraph seems to reference USRAP, when actually, it is referring to the process involved domestically.
- Pg. 10, last paragraph – This paragraph describing the P-3 Program is inaccurate. We should refer HSI to the Report to Congress for the correct definition of the Program. The Report may be obtained at: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/113507.pdf>^[u2].
 - Pg. 11, first full paragraph - We are unsure of the source indicating that refugees are paying \$5,000 - \$10,000 dollars for P-3 slots.
 - Pg. 11, first full paragraph - ... When anchors are initially pre-screened to prepare the case for USCIS interview, they are asked to describe their family tree in order to identify all relatives. To help assess any concerns of an individual's identity and family relationship, Refugee Officers will use this family tree, in conjunction with available documentary evidence and credible testimony obtained during the in-person interview, to determine eligibility for refugee status of all qualified family members. Thus, a typical interview confirming an applicant's experiences in the country of claimed persecution and in the country to which the applicant has fled, may include simple questions such as, "what did you and your family members have for dinner last night." These types of questions may be necessary given that the applicant and their family members may not readily have available corroborating, tangible documentation to evidence their family relationship.
 - Pg. 11, last paragraph – Both rates of negative DNA results and the refusal of applicants to submit to DNA testing suggest that there was substantial fraud in the program. Some relevant measures are quite dramatic ...
 - FN 10 – In this reference to the asylum program, HSI states that 10,000 asylees are permitted to adjust to LPR status each year. The REAL ID Act removed this cap as of May 2005.
 - Pg. 12, first paragraph – HSI should confirm the 79% refusal rate with PRM.
 - Pg. 12, first bullet – We are unsure as to what "investigation" refers. Does HSI mean, "interview costs"? Also, we are unsure as to what "documentation" refers. Does HSI mean, "travel arrangements"? Additionally, *Refugee Resettlement Program* should be changed to *USRAP*. Also, we suggest the penultimate sentence be changed to something like the following, "Because the costs associated with the refugee program have historically been borne by the U.S. Government, some individuals and NGOs have objected to asking anchors and potential refugees to pay for DNA testing particularly given the socio-economic demographics of this population group. DOS and DHS continue to discuss the cost-issue.
 - Pg. 12, second bullet – USCIS P-3 Program interviews generally are conducted at remote areas ... Other concerns include the availability of power and transportation ... as well as the security of the officers and the applicants.
 - Pg. 12, last paragraph – see the discussion above (Executive Summary) concerning the overall costs of DNA testing
 - Pg. 13, Figure 1 is incorrect. Attached is a P-3 flowchart, describing the process for the first four boxes.

[u1]Jennifer & Rhonda – I have a copy of a memo from Barbara to Jock (via Lori), titled, "DNA Pilot Program in the USRAP". There, it states that, "... (31% of the cases included in the DNA pilot) did not consent to, or did not appear for, DNA testing." Thereby, if I am understanding correctly, this percentage should be "69%", and not

"79%?"

[u2]Jennifer & Rhonda – I believe that this is the report to which you want us to refer HSI?

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 8:25 PM
To: Moscato, Anthony; Chiorazzi, Anne
Subject: Fw: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Attachments: Rapid DNA TTA Draft 20100914.docx



Rapid DNA TTA
Draft 20100914.d...

Last one....

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

From: Scialabba, Lori
To: Strack, Barbara L; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: 'Bucher, Steve P' <steve.bucher@dhs.gov>
Sent: Tue Sep 14 13:59:01 2010
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Anyone have anything to add to this?

From: Bertucci, Theresa C
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 1:29 PM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Scialabba, Lori
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Lori and Steve: this will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting, the TTA (Technology Transfer Agreement) would be the next step in the delivery of a "prototype." Essentially these agreements ensure that S&T's development of the technology is something a component wants and something a component will commit to; there is always the opt out clause as part of this. I wanted to share this with you and we will be sure all meeting participants have a copy as well.

As I'm representing CIS as a Co-Chair for the group, I want to ensure that I am representing the interests of RAIO appropriately. Thanks.

Theresa C. Bertucci

From: Turner, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.G.Turner@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 1:18 PM
To: Smith, David G <CTR>; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Bertucci, Theresa C
Cc: Miles, Christopher A; Rausch, Sharla; Bednar, Ryan <CTR>; Cargo, Stephen <CTR>
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Theresa and Elizabeth,

Please find attached the draft Technology Transition Agreement (TTA) for discussion tomorrow. We have found that TTAs are excellent tools in making sure that you know what it is we are developing and when we will deliver it, and that we know what your expectations are. Sometimes our customers get "cold feet" when presented with something like this so please note the notice on the front of the document, especially,

Nothing in this TTA obligates the participants to expend funds and the TTA may be unilaterally terminated by any participant at any time.

We are still tweaking this TTA a bit and will bring any updates with us tomorrow. We are looking forward to our meeting.

v/r,

Chris

Christopher Turner

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From: Smith, David G <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 5:16 PM
To: O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Bertucci, Theresa C
Cc: Turner, Christopher; Miles, Christopher A; Rausch, Sharla
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Elizabeth & Theresa:

Here is our planned agenda for the meeting:

1. Discussion of Current Status of DHS S&T Rapid, Low Cost DNA Project
2. Questions/Answers
3. Discussion of Rapid DNA Technology Transition Agreement

Each segment will take roughly 30 minutes. Individuals may want to come to parts 1 and 2

Who may not be necessary for part 3.

Thank you.

David G. Smith

David G. Smith, Ph.D.

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From: O'Grady, Elizabeth A [mailto:Elizabeth.O'Grady@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Smith, David G <CTR>
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Good morning,

Would it be possible to get an advance copy of the agenda for this meeting? I believe this will help Theresa to know who should be invited.

Thank you,

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From: O'Grady, Elizabeth A

Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 10:06 AM
To: 'Smith, David G <CTR>'
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Good morning,

Yes, the meeting is still on for September 15th, 11-12:30pm. I have emailed Theresa regarding expanding the invite list to include all participants of the past meeting; when I hear from her I will let you know.

Also, it would be helpful if you sent an email directly to her regarding your request for her signature to a Technology Transfer Agreement, so she expects it and is prepared, and knows who to contact if she has additional questions about the background of the request.

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 6:09 PM
To: Moscato, Anthony; Chiorazzi, Anne
Subject: Fw: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Fyi. We'll need to coordinate w/ Whitney but you're the "lead."

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

From: Bird, John W
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Bucher, Steve P
Cc: Reitz, Whitney A; Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Wed Sep 22 18:04:48 2010
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

And Whitney will be our IO POC.

Wally

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 6:01 PM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Bird, John W
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Great! I'll let Anthony know and plan to sit in on the first couple of meetings....

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

From: Bucher, Steve P
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Bird, John W
Sent: Wed Sep 22 13:31:09 2010
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Okay...looks like an October start up is a go--

From: Bertucci, Theresa C [mailto:theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 1:17 PM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Bertucci, Theresa C; Scialabba, Lori; Rankin, Carrie A; Robinson, Joi L; Sudmalis, Linda M
Cc: Hamilton, Cristina; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Yes, I would think that would be fine.

Next step is that Lori and I give Ali a heads up related to the MOU. I believe that S&T is more interested in knowing our desire to move forward via the MOU, the PM can then be appointed.

Theresa C. Bertucci

From: Bucher, Steve P [mailto:steve.bucher@dhs.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 1:05 PM

To: Bertucci, Theresa C; Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Rankin, Carrie A; Robinson, Joi L; Sudmalis, Linda M
Cc: Hamilton, Cristina; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Ratliff, Gerri
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Theresa—Sorry to be so long in responding. We've had a good deal of internal discussion on this here and agree that RAI0 should take Program Management of this effort. However, we are a bit stretched with end of year activities right at the moment. Do you think it would be okay if waited until the beginning of the FY to appoint our Program Manager?
Thanks--Steve

From: Bertucci, Theresa C [mailto:theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 2:46 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Rankin, Carrie A; Robinson, Joi L; Sudmalis, Linda M
Cc: Hamilton, Cristina; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Ratliff, Gerri
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Lori/Steve: I'm attaching the presentation and proposed Technology Transfer Agreement related to Rapid DNA. This is where we are:

- * We would need to appoint one lead Program Manager to help with the what, when, where & how as we move forward in the possibility of piloting this technology.
- * We (USCIS) would sign the MOA with SST which is a "non-binding" financial or other commitment, BUT, one that establishes our working relationship as they support us in this effort.
- * It should be noted that S&T has earmarked substantial funds for this project to bring it to fruition.
- * We all understand that as an agency, there are a lot of questions to be answered, but, it does appear that this may be ready for a pilot in FY 11 sometime.

It seems to me that RAI0 should be the lead for Program Management in moving ahead. Let's talk about the next steps once you've had some time to be briefed and/or read the attached. Let me know what you think. Thanks!

Theresa C. Bertucci

From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 2:22 PM
To: Bertucci, Theresa C; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Hamilton, Cristina; Perry, Brian F; Rankin, Carrie A; Robinson, Joi L; Sudmalis, Linda M
Cc: Rausch, Sharla; Turner, Christopher; Smith, David G <CTR>; Cargo, Stephen <CTR>; O'Grady, Elizabeth A
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Meeting Sept 15th

Ms. Bertucci,

We really appreciate meeting with you all this morning regarding the Rapid-DNA effort.

The discussion was very informative to us in planning for the most effective and acceptable use of the technology. We look forward to working with you all to plan for its transition.

I've attached a copy of the slides that were presented as well as the latest version of the technology transfer agreement (TTA). The TTA does have a number of sensitive items in it, such as our budget plans, so please protect it accordingly.

Do let me know if you have any questions or modifications you'd like to have made to the TTA. We'd like to develop a document that we are both comfortable with and willing to sign by the end of September, if possible.

Thanks,

Chris Miles

Christopher Miles

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2010 11:37 AM
To: Ratliff, Gerri; Bertucci, Theresa C; Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Strack, Barbara L; Moscato, Anthony
Cc: O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Walker, Jennifer K; Southwell, Jessica
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Study

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Green

Thanks, Gerri. Anthony Moscato is scheduled to attend for Refugee Affairs.

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

From: Ratliff, Gerri
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 7:52 AM
To: Bertucci, Theresa C; Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Strack, Barbara L; Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Walker, Jennifer K; Southwell, Jessica
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Study

Adding Jennifer Higgins

Gerri Ratliff
Chief
Office of Transformation Coordination USCIS
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From: Ratliff, Gerri
To: Bertucci, Theresa C; Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Strack, Barbara L
Cc: O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Walker, Jennifer K; Southwell, Jessica
Sent: Thu Jun 24 07:50:18 2010
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Study

Several RAI0 folks have expressed interest at past mtgs and signed up for this subgrp- as well as Eliz Gaffin with OCC and P&S and others...

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

From: Bertucci, Theresa C
To: Scialabba, Lori
Cc: Ratliff, Gerri; O'Grady, Elizabeth A; Walker, Jennifer K; Southwell, Jessica
Sent: Wed Jun 23 18:32:44 2010
Subject: Rapid DNA Study

Lori: I took Gerri's place as the rep for Lauren on the S&T Capstone projects. S&T will

have a meeting on July 1st related to Rapid DNA progress. I have been invited as an optional attendee, and I am not sure that I can participate. However, I would like to know if you have someone within your staff that may be interested in participation that is familiar with the work that is being pursued. I've included the "message" included in the invite. Please let me know. Thanks, Theresa

All,

We have scheduled a meeting of the Rapid-DNA Sub-IPT for Thursday, July 1st from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in our 8th floor conference room at 1120 Vermont Avenue. The meeting will include an update on the progress of the on-going Rapid-DNA effort and planning for the **prototype delivery that is tentatively scheduled for March 2011.** There is a lot to discuss including the status of the technology development, use policies, privacy implementation, user interface, and evaluation of the prototype.

I've included a bit of background below if you need to catch up on the Rapid-DNA project. We are looking forward to the meeting and hope you will be able to attend.

I am going to be out of the office for the next two weeks, so please contact my SETA, Jamie Cash (Jamie.Cash@associates.dhs.gov <mailto:Jamie.Cash@associates.dhs.gov>) or my Deputy Division Director, Chris Turner (Christopher.Turner@dhs.gov <mailto:Christopher.Turner@dhs.gov>) if you have any specific questions regarding the meeting. We have a fairly large space available for the meeting, but are restricting attendance to Federal staff and their full-time support contractors.

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Background:

Our DHS S&T Human Factor's/Behavioral Sciences Division (HFD) has been working on integrating and automating the current laboratory DNA processes to create a capability for rapid (< 45 minutes) and cost effective (< \$100 per test) DNA testing. This capability gap was identified to us through our People Screening Capstone Integrated Process Team (IPT) and we met with most of you to identify the needs and requirements for such a Rapid-DNA device. Final reports from each of the three DNA companies we funded to conduct those assessments are attached and we are moving ahead with funding two of these companies to pursue Phase I-I SBIR projects.

<<NetBioDHSSBIRFINALReport NeedsandRequirementsSection113009.pdf>> <<11-30-09 NBCHC090035 Final Progress Rpt.pdf>> <<PNL Final Report 20091130.pdf>>

This needs/gap analysis identified four main areas for us to focus on in DHS in the technology development:

- Prevention of fraud in familial relationships - asylum and refugee immigration cases
- Prevention of fraud in international adoptions
- Rapid identification in mass casualty situations
- Capability to support FBI requirement to collect DNA on all arrested individuals

In parallel with these Small Business efforts, we were also able to leverage a larger multi-agency Rapid-DNA effort through MIT/Lincoln Laboratory. This effort is supported by multiple components within the DoD, the DOJ/FBI and by us here at DHS S&T. A brief overview presentation on that effort is attached below.

<<2010 03 14 ANDE Overview (MIT Lincoln Lab).pdf>>

The Lincoln Laboratory project is going to deliver to us a prototype unit in approximately March of 2011 and it is time to begin to plan for the use of that prototype.

Theresa C. Bertucci
Associate Director
Enterprise Services Directorate

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Miles, Christopher A
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 1:56 PM
To: Paar, Tom; Miles, Christopher A
Cc: Turner, Christopher; Rausch, Sharla; Bucher, Steve P; Harrison, Julia L; Rogers, Debra A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Moscato, Anthony; Moglia, Marcela C
Subject: RE: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Tom,

Thanks for all your help on this and support for the Rapid-DNA effort. We'll follow up with them.

Chris M.

From: Paar, Tom [mailto:tom.paar@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Miles, Christopher A
Cc: Turner, Christopher; Rausch, Sharla; Bucher, Steve P; Harrison, Julia L; Rogers, Debra A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Moscato, Anthony; Moglia, Marcela C
Subject: FW: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Chris,

Sorry for the delay in responding. Please advise Jennifer Higgins and Julia Harrison of the proposed times and places for **meets with "Network Biosystems"** next week and they will alert the appropriate folks to the event. Any questions, please call me at 202-272-8222. Thanks.

Respectfully,

From: Bucher, Steve P
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 9:22 AM
To: Paar, Tom
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RE: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Tom—From RAD we will have Anthony Moscato and Marcela Moglia available for this. Also, when you do schedule this, please copy in Jennifer. If she is available, she would also like to attend. Thanks—Steve

From: Paar, Tom
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 8:42 AM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Harrison, Julia L
Cc: Rogers, Debra A
Subject: FW: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device
Importance: High

Steve, Julia,

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Moscato, Anthony
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 2:24 PM
To: Sommerville, Mary J; Shaffner, Laura
Subject: RE: Working Group Minutes from 12/14 meeting

Thanks, Jane.

Hi, Laura – we definitely will include you on any further communication. In fact, Theresa previously made the request that we do so. I am meeting with S&T next week, and will send out an update to the Rapid DNA group based on that discussion.

Hope this helps,
Anthony

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From: Sommerville, Mary J
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 10:39 AM
To: Shaffner, Laura
Cc: Moscato, Anthony
Subject: RE: Working Group Minutes from 12/14 meeting

Certainly. I'll let Anthony know to reach out to you re. his meetings, etc. with the topic.

Have a good weekend,

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From: Shaffner, Laura
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Sommerville, Mary J
Subject: RE: Working Group Minutes from 12/14 meeting

Thank you very much! My title is "Management and Program Analyst" if you need it. Additionally, I will have to confirm it with my Associate Director (Theresa Bertucci) but since she signed the Rapid DNA TTA, I think she would like ESD representation on the Rapid DNA working group. If there's any further communication about that working group, could you please include me?

Thank you,

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(Sorry for the delay!)

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Look forward to the presentation and the "show-and-tell".

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Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 10:38 AM
To: Moscato, Anthony
Cc: Sohrakoff, Karen A; Cargo, Stephen (CTR)
Subject: Re: S&T Connect Resource for Rapid-DNA

I can bring my laptop.

We usually can get in without any problems. We'll see you there tomorrow.

Chris M.

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From: Moscato, Anthony <anthony.moscato@dhs.gov>
To: Sohrakoff, Karen A; Miles, Christopher A <Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov>
Sent: Mon Jan 03 10:32:29 2011
Subject: Re: S&T Connect Resource for Rapid-DNA

Thanks, Karen!

Chris - will you bring your own laptop or should we provide that along with the projector?

Also, are you normally able to access 20 Mass without any issues; should I be available to bring you to the conference room?

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

From: Sohrakoff, Karen A
To: Moscato, Anthony; Miles, Christopher A
Sent: Mon Jan 03 10:28:08 2011
Subject: RE: S&T Connect Resource for Rapid-DNA

It works!

Thank you, Chris.

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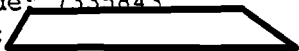
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Subject: RE: Working Group Minutes from 12/14 meeting

Good afternoon Anthony,

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Thank you,
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To: Sommerville, Mary J; Shaffner, Laura
Subject: RE: Working Group Minutes from 12/14 meeting

Thanks, Jane.

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Thank you very much! My title is "Management and Program Analyst" if you need it. Additionally, I will have to confirm it with my Associate Director (Theresa Bertucci) but since she signed the Rapid DNA TTA, I think she would like ESD representation on the Rapid DNA working group. If there's any further communication about that working group, could you please include me?

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To: Scialabba, Lori; Bird, John W; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A; Moscato, Anthony
Subject: Re: EASP meeting

Lori - RAD is developing a plan to pilot the system in the refugee context. Anthony Moscato, who has the lead on this for us, has been out of the country for more than a month and will be focusing on this (along w/ overall changes to P3 and RAVU) when he returns. The earliest we'd pilot the prototype (assuming it does materialize in Q3) is Q4 but Q1FY12 is more likely.

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From: Scialabba, Lori
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Bird, John W; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A
Sent: Wed Mar 02 17:02:26 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

We are starting to get questions now that the genie is out of the bottle. Who is going to work on protocols and a SOP for the pilot?

Lori

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Bird, John W; Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A
Subject: Re: EASP meeting

We've recommended that RAD serve as the guinea pig for the prototype since it will serve as a good test ground as the unit is supposed to be "ruggedized". DHS seems to be game for that, but we have yet to work out all the details.

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To: Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
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Sent: Wed Mar 02 08:41:42 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Sorry for the confusion Lori, Jennifer cleared up the cross cutting part:

RAD agreed to take the lead on the prototype discussions at the same time Whitney convened the broader DNA policy group. RAD is ready to contribute as needed.

For the working group, the last meeting the DNA working group held was on January 25, 2011. During that meeting we received a presentation by Dr. Kristin Lewis O'Connor of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The presentation was on how DNA results are compiled to determine the probability that two individuals are related. The group is trying to determine what probability should be used when determining that a biological relationship exists. Meetings were halted in early February due to operational needs within IO and are set to resume in early March. DHS Science and Technology reported that the Rapid DNA prototype machine they have been working on is slotted to be ready in 3rd quarter 2011. The initial prototype machine will check 13 markers for conducting parent child testing. In later prototypes they plan on checking 19 markers to be able to determine grandparent and sibling testing. We were not informed where the initial prototype machine will be piloted.

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From: Scialabba, Lori
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 3:20 PM
To: Bird, John W; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine
Subject: Re: EASP meeting

We need to all sit down and get on the same page. I think we may be talking past each other.

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

From: Bird, John W
To: Bucher, Steve P; Scialabba, Lori; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine
Sent: Tue Mar 01 14:05:36 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Yes Steve, we will give an update on the WG status and rapid DNA, and I reached out to RAD. I am heading over to HAB now, and we will try to have something sometime after 3pm today for you. In a nutshell, the WG has been on hold for a short period, and while Jim Lauver has attended a presentation on the rapid DNA, we understood that a pilot was being planned for 4th quarter at DHS (not USCIS).

wally

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From: Bucher, Steve P
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Bird, John W; Scialabba, Lori; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Okay...can you guys work with RAD to prepare a status update?

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

From: Bird, John W
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 1:28 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Whitney has the lead on DNA, but RAD has the lead on the vetting document, I don't know if there are cross cutting issues.

Wally

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To: Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R; Bird, John W
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Subject: Re: EASP meeting

No it's RAD. I'm pretty sure it's RAD.

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

From: Bucher, Steve P
To: Defensor, Michael R; Scialabba, Lori; Bird, John W
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine
Sent: Tue Mar 01 12:46:02 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Wally—You guys are heading up the DNA quick scan initiative, are you not? Thanks--Steve

From: Defensor, Michael R
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 12:41 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine
Subject: EASP meeting

Hello Lori, Steve,

During today's EASP meeting they mentioned media reports that TSA inspectors are carrying handheld DNS scanners as a tool to assist them in their work. DHS is playing down this issue.

Someone in the meeting (Lauren I believe) mentioned that possibly S&T and RAIO (maybe RAD) have had meetings to discuss DNA scanners? I was asked to confirm.

We had 3 items in today's discussion:

- 1) Tomorrow's stakeholder event which will have 19 participants and 113 calling in
- 2) Ho Chi Minh closure - OCOMM and OLA discussed their outreach efforts which are on track
- 3) Adjudications of I-130 domestically - Which we deferred all questions to OPS.

thanks

Michael

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:13 PM
To: Strack, Barbara L; Dhanjal, Manpreet S
Subject: FW: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing
Attachments: Rapid DNA TPs Part 2 2011Feb28 RAD.docx

Meant to include you both...

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:59 PM
To: Lee, Christopher; Miles, Christopher A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Quinn, Kevin T; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C; Sohrakoff, Karen A; Chiorazzi, Anne; Tomlyanovich, William J
Cc: Lauver, James L; Turner, Christopher; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Chiang, James Y; Lee, Christopher
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

All -- Attached are comments/edits from RAD on these Q&As including the addition of two items that we believe may be asked in light of the nextgov article.

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The majority of the questions I (Chris Lee) initiated are included in the write up Chris Miles posted below.

Therefore, I recommend using the questions Chris Miles provided below as the basis of review.

If more questions are raised by the DHS Privacy Office, I will work with USCIS Privacy Officer Donald Hawkins and circle back to this group for assistance.

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Best wishes,
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I'd say to review both. I think Chris Lee's were just starter issues and he's really just looking for us to help prep the Privacy office for questions they may receive.

Chris M.

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Chris M. – We received a similar task from Chris Lee on Friday though the draft Q&As provided then were different. Should we be reviewing only the draft you sent now?

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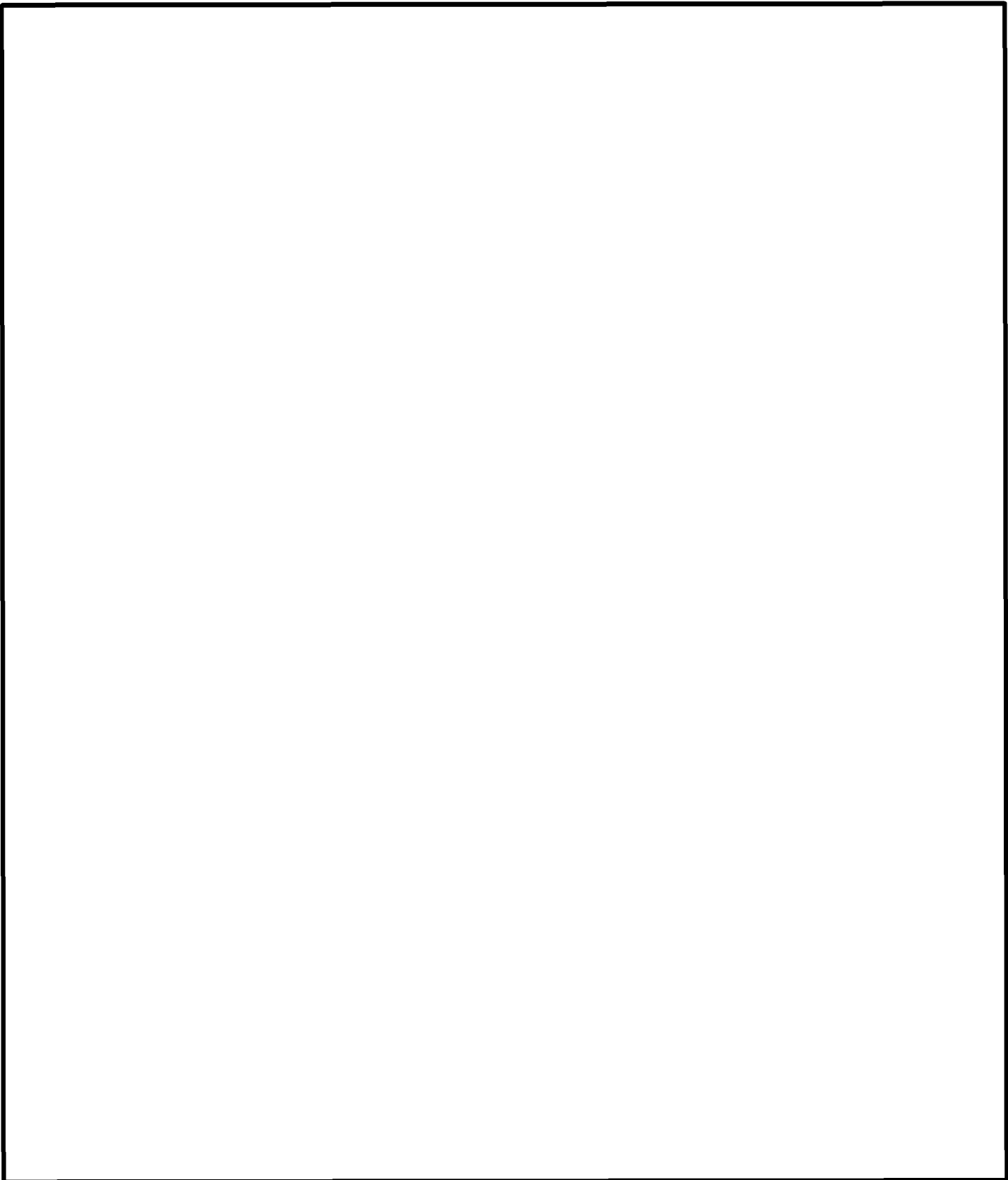
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Subject: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

I just wanted to make sure everybody saw this article from Nextgov on USCIS's potential use of rapid DNA testing. Interesting overview.

http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110224_1299.php#

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[1] "Recommendation from CIS Ombudsman to the Director, USCIS," p. 4.

The FBI says a unique Specimen Identifier Number is used in CODIS, not the SSN. This needs to be verified.

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From: Moscato, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 7:01 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Subject: FW: DNA Policy & Procedure Working Group Meeting
Attachments: 2010 10 27 FBI Privacy Law on DNA Collection v4.ppt

Hi, Jennifer

Just a reminder regarding the latest email sent by Chris Miles (DHS S&T) to the USCIS DNA/Rapid DNA WG...

The DRAFT NIST Standard for sharing of DNA Data that Chris references below is extremely technical. It does not appear to be the type of document that the Rapid-DNA WG would have too much interest in commenting. Perhaps this is something to bring-up at the next USCIS DNA WG?

Also, he discusses the NIST Standards meetings. Have we ever attended these? Do we want to do so – perhaps something else to raise at the next USCIS DNA WG.

The individuals whom he recommends to come and speak about relationship testing and interpretation of results is in response to the discussion at the last USCIS DNA WG facilitated by Whitney. Perhaps IO is reaching out to them?

Finally, there was some discussion at the last USCIS DNA WG about reaching out to OGC to provide a POC to the meetings – OPS recommended this.

Sorry that I will not be there this coming week. It should be an interesting conversation.


Anthony

From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 4:29 PM
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Subject: RE: DNA Policy & Procedure Working Group Meeting


All,

The S&T Rapid-DNA site can be found at:

<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/RapidDNA/default.aspx> (Do let me know if you can't see it – we've had some issues). I have also added a link to it from the DNA WG ECN site on the right side of the page.

I've placed a copy of my presentation from the last meeting in the DHS Presentations Folder in the Library .


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The DRAFT NIST Standard for the sharing of DNA Data (DRAFT – Type 18 DNA Record V1) can be found in the Library in the Standards folder . This portion of the standard only will contain the DNA information as other personal identifying information would be sent as other “Type” records that are already part of the standard or that are being added. This DRAFT is being finalized very soon, so any comments should be submitted ASAP to Joe Pancaro, FBI Laboratory, CODIS Unit, Joseph.Pancaro@ic.fbi.gov or 703-632-8367.

I'd recommend Joe Pancaro to come speak to the group about the Standard. Brad Wing from NIST is on TDY out of the country till January 18th.

The calendar contains an announcement for the NIST Standards meeting that is currently scheduled for March 1 – 3, 2010. See:

<https://collaborate.st.dhs.gov/hfd/pids/rapiddna/Lists/calendar/DispForm.aspx?ID=1> The calendar item also includes a sign up form for your organization to participate, vote, and receive notices regarding the upcoming meetings. I'd encourage you to fill that out and send it to Brad.Wing@NIST.gov if you'd like to be more involved in that effort.

The DHS Privacy Office hosted Michael Sherman (Michael.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov), Assistant General Counsel, FBI OGC, Privacy and Civil Liberties Unit to speak on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 on the privacy issues raised by the use of DNA in law enforcement investigations. The presentation (attached) included whether, and under what circumstances, it is acceptable to collect and test DNA, as well as what constitutional and State controversies are implicated by use of this science. The 'notes' that go along with each slide contain more specifics. The presentation is also in the Rapid-DNA Library in the FBI Presentations folder .

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I'd recommend Dr. Peter Vallone (http://www.nist.gov/mml/biochemical/genetics/peter_m_vallone.cfm) and Dr. Kristen Lewis O'Connor (http://www.nist.gov/mml/biochemical/genetics/kristen_lewis.cfm) at NIST to come speak on Relationship Testing and interpretation of results (i.e., % probability or likelihood ratios).

I'm at a conference on the 25th so I don't believe I will be able to attend the next meeting. I may be able to call in.

Thanks,

Chris Miles

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Subject: DNA Policy & Procedure Working Group Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 11:00 AM-12:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 20 Mass Ave, 2nd floor - Apple-Cherry Conference Room

Hi all,

Our next DNA WG meeting, originally scheduled for January 18, is being rescheduled given that key players will be on travel. The meeting will now be on Tuesday, January 25th. We will send out an agenda closer to that date.

For those who cannot attend the meeting in person (but please try if you are able), please use the following call-in number:

Toll-Free Phone Number: 866-709-5824

Participant Passcode: 7335843

Whitney's Passcode

As a reminder, the DNA WG ECN can be found at <http://mgmt-sp.dhs.gov/uscis/SiteDirectory/scops/HQSCOPS/Adjust/uscisdna>. Also, there is a link on the left-hand side of the ECN site (Quick Launch area) called SCOPS Web Based Training. The training page has a link to a commercial site that has some good basic information on Microsoft SharePoint 2007; this is the platform that the ECN uses.

Please notify David Tu if you need access to the DNA WG ECN site.
Thanks!

Maura

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From: Strack, Barbara L
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To: Rhatigan, Chris; Bentley, Christopher S; McCament, James W; Tintary, Ruth E; Rosado, Timothy A; Reilly, Richard M
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: FW: rapid DNA testing

I wanted to highlight and follow up w/you all on the article in today's clips about DNA testing for refugees, which is based on a presentation done by our HQ colleagues from the Office of Science and Technology. While the article is mostly accurate, it's a bit forward-leaning and makes it sound like this effort is further along than it really is – please see the backstory below from S&T. While this story may not be picked up by mainstream media or the Hill, we wanted you to be prepared just in case.

For your information: Several years ago, S&T reached out w/in DHS for ideas on where they could help with research and development. RAD suggested research on rapid, low-cost DNA testing, and S&T decided to take this up. They solicited various proposals and then decided to fund 2 different technologies through to the prototype stage, which is where we are now. All the funding has come from S&T's budget, not ours. The next step will be to test the prototypes, and the first one will be ready this summer.

There are no plans underway to expand DNA testing for refugees; this is a pure R&D effort geared to making DNA testing cheaper and faster in those instances where there has been a policy decision to do DNA testing.

Please let me know if you hear anything further on this score!

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Here's the backstory....

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Cc: Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Chiang, James Y
Subject: rapid DNA testing

I wanted to highlight this item from today's clips.

Nextgov.com

New portable DNA screener to debut this summer

The Homeland Security Department this summer plans to begin testing a DNA analyzer that's small enough to be easily portable and fast enough to return results in less than an hour. The analyzer, about the size of a laser printer, initially will be used to determine kinship among refugees and asylum seekers. It also could help establish whether foreigners giving children up for adoption are their parents or other relatives, and help combat child smuggling and human trafficking, said ... (24 Feb)
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Tomlyanovich, William J

Subject: Meeting with Advanced Liquid Logic (ALL) [Discuss Rapid DNA Technology]
Location: Apple-Cherry Conference Room (Rm. 2205), 2nd Floor, USCIS 20 Mass Ave, N.W.

Start: Thu 7/23/2009 11:00 AM
End: Thu 7/23/2009 12:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Required Attendees: Alonso, Roxanne R; Lopez, Glenda; Janson, Nancy D; Hernandez, Efren; Lay, Dorothea B; Mcgee, Ramona L; Groom, Molly M; Johnson, Bobbie L; Fagan, David W; Rosenstock, Peter; Hamilton, Cristina; Torino, Leah L; Brown, John W; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Rubinstein, Adonis F; Sicard, Kimberly R; Lombardi, Cherie; Christian, Bryan P; Miles, Christopher A; Whitney, Ronald W; Smith, Alice J; Sahli, Evelyn R; nystromja@state.gov; HiltonRF@state.gov; Scott.Richards@Liquid-Logic.com; MPollack@Liquid-Logic.com; Nicole.Bell@Liquid-Logic.com; Higgins, Jennifer B; Mura, Elizabeth E

Optional Attendees: Arroyo, Susan K; Rodgers, Debra; Stone, Mary M; Carpenter, Dea D; Blackwood, Robert L; Posey, Deborah; Jafer, Halide

This meeting is with another vendor that is part of the SBIR project. The vendor is Advanced Liquid Logic (ALL). Like NetBio, ALL is working with Chris Miles at DHS/S&T to develop a low-cost and rapid DNA biometric device. The proposed device would be a fully-automated and portable unit capable of performing identity and kinship testing using a DNA sample. The aim of their current effort is to develop a detailed set of requirements and a system concept based on DHS proprietary microfluidic technology. ALL wanted to establish this teleconference in the hopes of better understanding how USCIS might utilize such a device from both a requirements and operational level. A conference room has been reserved for the USCIS/DOS meeting attendees to gather for the conference call.

However, if you are unable to attend the meeting at the conference room, the "call in" tel# is 866-625-6657. (Passcode - 5209709)

Thank you.

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Tomlyanovich, William J

Subject: Meeting with NetBio (Discuss Rapid DNA Technology)
Location: Apple-Cherry Conference Room (Rm. 2205), 2nd Floor, USCIS 20 Mass Ave, N.W.

Start: Mon 7/20/2009 1:00 PM
End: Mon 7/20/2009 2:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Required Attendees: Alonso, Roxanne R; Lopez, Glenda; Janson, Nancy D; Hernandez, Efren; Lay, Dorothea B; Mcgee, Ramona L; Groom, Molly M; Johnson, Bobbie L; Fagan, David W; Hamilton, Cristina; Torino, Leah L; Brown, John W; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Rubinstein, Adonis F; Sicard, Kimberly R; Lombardi, Cherie; Christian, Bryan P; Miles, Christopher A; Whitney, Ronald W; Sahli, Evelyn R; jill.nystrom@dos.gov; rachel.hilton@dos.gov; heather.mills@dos.gov

Optional Attendees: Arroyo, Susan K; Rodgers, Debra; Stone, Mary M; Carpenter, Dea D; Blackwood, Robert L; Higgins, Jennifer B; Posey, Deborah

When: Monday, July 20, 2009 1:00 PM-2:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Apple-Cherry Conference Room (Rm. 2205), 2nd Floor, USCIS 20 Mass Ave, N.W.

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Please see Evy's email below as reference. If anyone is unable to attend in person, the "call in" tel# is [REDACTED] (Passcode - [REDACTED]) For those invited from other agencies, kindly call me at 202-372-5184 upon checking into our first floor security. In this way, I can meet you at the front desk and bring you to the meeting. Thank you.

DNA/Biometrics Working Group:

We plan to meet with NetBio on Monday, July 20, around 1 p.m. Their representatives will travel from Boston to meet with interested parties to assess our needs for DNA testing. Please see the message from Sadie Walthers directly below and one from Richard Selden of NetBio further below. I have also attached a message from Chris Miles of DHS S&T to give you more background. Fred Ongcapin will arrange a conference room and send out an invitation. Thanks.

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From: Walthers, Barbara (Sadie) [mailto:barbara.walthers@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 7:35 AM
To: Sahli, Evelyn R; Walthers, Barbara (Sadie); Allen, Mark A
Cc: Hernandez, Efren; Gregory, Peter D
Subject: RE: USCIS Needs and Requirements Assessment

I have reviewed this and have no objection to you meeting with the representatives of NetBio. **The one caution is to make sure that no one does or says anything to give impression that USCIS will buy any system they may ultimately develop.**

From: Richard Selden [mailto:richard@networkbiosystems.com]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 11:23 AM
To: Sahli, Evelyn R
Cc: Eugene Tan
Subject: USCIS Needs and Requirements Assessment

Dear Evelyn—

Thank you for your time this morning. I'm writing to summarize our project:

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· Network Biosystems (NetBio) recently was awarded a Phase I SBIR from the Science and Technology Directorate at DHS. The goal of the program is to perform a needs and requirement assessment to determine the optimal approach to conducting rapid DNA analysis for DHS applications. Dr. Eugene Tan and I are representing NetBio, and we are partnered with Dave Robbins and Tom Cirillo of SAIC. The DHS SBIR sponsor is Chris Miles (Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov, 202-254-6642).

· NetBio is developing a rapid DNA analysis system that accepts buccal swabs and generates DNA fingerprints (specifically CODIS/NDIS-compatible STR profiles) in 45 minutes. The system is designed to be operated in the field or an office and does not require a technical operator. All the components of the system have been completed, and NetBio is currently integrating these components.

· NetBio has developed the system in a modular fashion to allow customization based on stakeholder requirements. The needs and requirement assessment will focus on USCIS, FEMA, and CBP applications. Based on that assessment, NetBio will have the ability to incorporate required features into the final system.

It would be very much appreciated if we could meet with you to discuss potential USCIS needs in this area and your thoughts regarding making the logistics of DNA testing as minimally disruptive as possible. Ideally, we would like to meet sometime during the next two weeks—we're based in Boston and can fly in at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard

Richard Selden, MD, PHD
781-938-6013 (office)
[redacted] cell)

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Tomlyanovich, William J

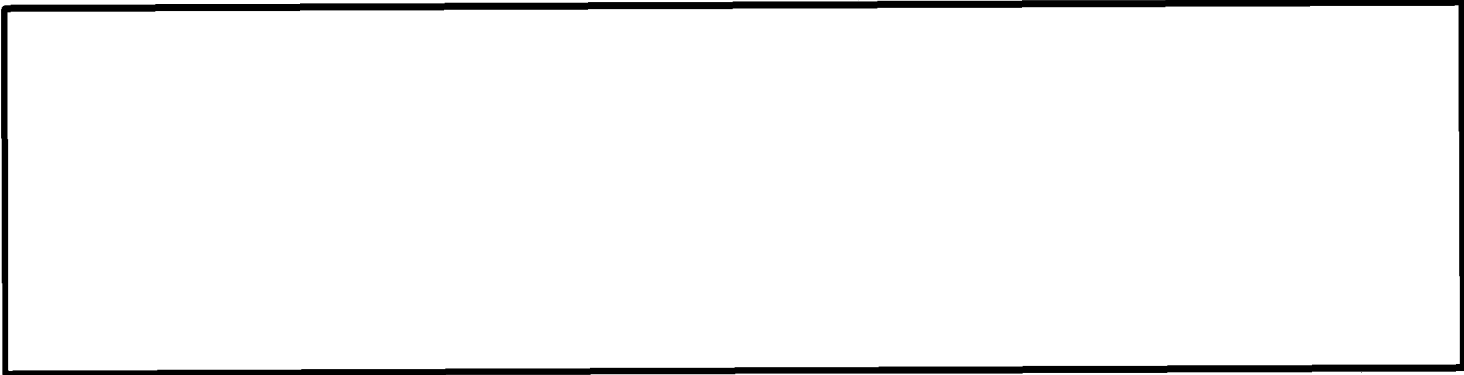
From: Scialabba, Lori
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 11:12 AM
To: Valverde, Michael; Bucher, Steve P
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B; Kim, Ted H; Bird, John W; Young, Todd P
Subject: RE: Ali's 2011 strategic goals

He's already handed out the document but hang onto these because I believe there will be follow up.

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

From: Valverde, Michael
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 10:06 AM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Scialabba, Lori
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B; Kim, Ted H; Bird, John W; Young, Todd P
Subject: RE: Ali's 2011 strategic goals

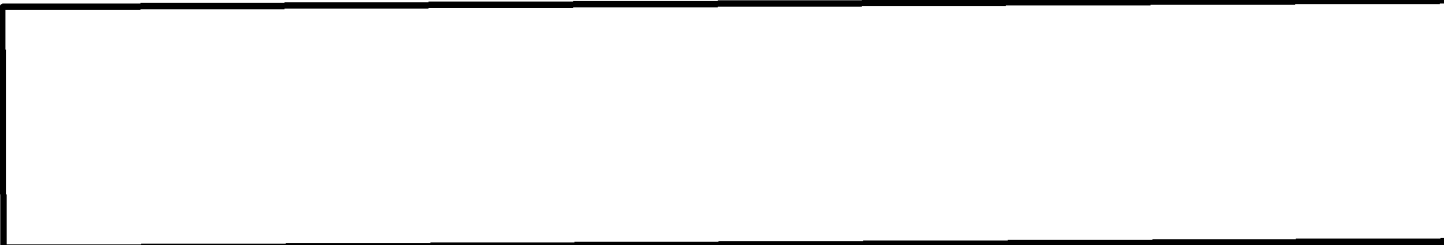
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From: Bucher, Steve P
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 2:32 PM
To: Valverde, Michael
Cc: Scialabba, Lori
Subject: FW: Ali's 2011 strategic goals
Importance: High

Can you see if you can (quickly) distill something from our strategic plan that we would want Ali to use for his 2011 strategic goals?

From: Hantman, Daniel H
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 2:28 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P
Subject: Ali's 2011 strategic goals



Daniel H. Hantman
Senior Counselor to the Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services 202-272-1000 office
917-617-8041 mobile

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 9:51 AM
To: Valverde, Michael
Subject: RE: Are you still planning on doing this in FY11?

Yes.

From: Valverde, Michael
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 9:45 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: Are you still planning on doing this in FY11?

Refugee Affairs Division will develop pilot plan for use of low-cost rapid DNA in the refugee context overseas.

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:31 PM
To: Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: Re: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Chris is better able to answer that since DHS S&T has the lead on developing the prototype. I believe we're looking to pilot in Q4.

If you have policy questions, then those are best answered by us.

How about Thursday at 11?

Thanks!

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

From: Hawkins, Donald K
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tue Mar 01 21:26:27 2011
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Yes - I read this document. I got it from Chris, S&T. It's very helpful. I just need some answers from you as to how close we are to rolling this out, etc...

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:22 PM
To: Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: Fw: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

This should help as well...

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

From: Miles, Christopher A <Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov>
To: Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>; Lee, Christopher; Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>; Quinn, Kevin T <Kevin.Quinn@dhs.gov>; Reitz, Whitney A <Whitney.Reitz@dhs.gov>; Tomlyanovich, William J <William.Tomlyanovich@dhs.gov>; Sudmalis, Linda M <linda.sudmalis@dhs.gov>; Shaffner, Laura <Laura.Shaffner@dhs.gov>; Waldmeir, Deborah <Deborah.Waldmeir@dhs.gov>; Kliska, Jennifer R <jennifer.kliska@dhs.gov>; Hamilton, Cristina <crisina.hamilton@dhs.gov>; Lauver, Tinnina M <tinnina.lauver@dhs.gov>; Tu, David J <david.tu@dhs.gov>; Evelyn, Heather <heather.evelyn@dhs.gov>; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J <alice.smith@dhs.gov>; Clark, Matthew J <matthew.j.clark@dhs.gov>; Grissom, John F <john.grissom1@dhs.gov>; Henderson, Martazsh <Martazsh.Henderson@dhs.gov>; Taylor, Charles R <Charles.R.Taylor@dhs.gov>; Swanson, Trina M <Trina.Swanson@dhs.gov>; Singla, Vinay M <vinay.singla@dhs.gov>; Stone, Mary M <marym.stone@dhs.gov>; Rosenberg, Ron M <Ron.Rosenberg@dhs.gov>; Melero, Mariela <mariela.melero@dhs.gov>; Elkiss, Liz R <Liz.Elkiss@dhs.gov>; Nicholson, Maura J <Maura.Nicholson@dhs.gov>; Fickett, David C <david.fickett@dhs.gov>; Sohrakoff, Karen A <karen.sohrakoff@dhs.gov>; Chiorazzi, Anne <anne.chiorazzi@dhs.gov>; Tomlyanovich, William J <William.Tomlyanovich@dhs.gov>
Cc: Lauver, James L <james.lauver@dhs.gov>; Turner, Christopher; Ruppel, Joanna <joanna.ruppel@dhs.gov>; Bird, John W <jwally.bird@dhs.gov>; Chiang, James Y
Sent: Mon Feb 28 16:51:03 2011
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Jennifer,

Excellent comments. I've made some of the additional changes suggested and provided a few comments back. I was also able to speak to someone at FBI CODIS to clarify my earlier question regarding the use of SSN as the sample identifier - they do not do that.

The latest version is attached. I've added HFD to the end of the title.

Chris M.

From: Higgins, Jennifer B [mailto:jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:59 PM
To: Lee, Christopher; Miles, Christopher A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Quinn, Kevin T; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C; Sohrakoff, Karen A; Chiorazzi, Anne; Tomlyanovich, William J
Cc: Lauver, James L; Turner, Christopher; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Chiang, James Y; Lee, Christopher
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

All - Attached are comments/edits from RAD on these Q&As including the addition of two items that we believe may be asked in light of the nextgov article.

Jennifer B. Higgins

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From: Lee, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Lee2@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 9:58 AM
To: Miles, Christopher A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Quinn, Kevin T; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Higgins, Jennifer B; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C
Cc: Lauver, James L; Turner, Christopher; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Chiang, James Y; Lee, Christopher
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

The majority of the questions I (Chris Lee) initiated are included in the write up Chris Miles posted below.

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Therefore, I recommend using the questions Chris Miles provided below as the basis of review.

If more questions are raised by the DHS Privacy Office, I will work with USCIS Privacy Officer Donald Hawkins and circle back to this group for assistance.

Best wishes,

Chris Lee

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From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 9:49 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Miles, Christopher A; Miles, Christopher A; Quinn, Kevin T; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Higgins, Jennifer B; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C
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Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

I'd say to review both. I think Chris Lee's were just starter issues and he's really just looking for us to help prep the Privacy office for questions they may receive.

Chris M.

From: Higgins, Jennifer B [mailto:jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 9:44 AM
To: Miles, Christopher A; Miles, Christopher A; Quinn, Kevin T; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Higgins, Jennifer B; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C

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Cc: Lauver, James L; Turner, Christopher; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W; Chiang, James Y; Lee, Christopher
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Chris M. - We received a similar task from Chris Lee on Friday though the draft Q&As provided then were different. Should we be reviewing only the draft you sent now?

From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 9:19 AM
To: Miles, Christopher A; Quinn, Kevin T; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Waldmeir, Deborah; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Ji Sun; Billone, Matthew (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Smith, David G (CTR); Smith, Alice J; Clark, Matthew J; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Higgins, Jennifer B; Taylor, Charles R; Swanson, Trina M; Singla, Vinay M; Stone, Mary M; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Elkiss, Liz R; Nicholson, Maura J; Fickett, David C
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Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

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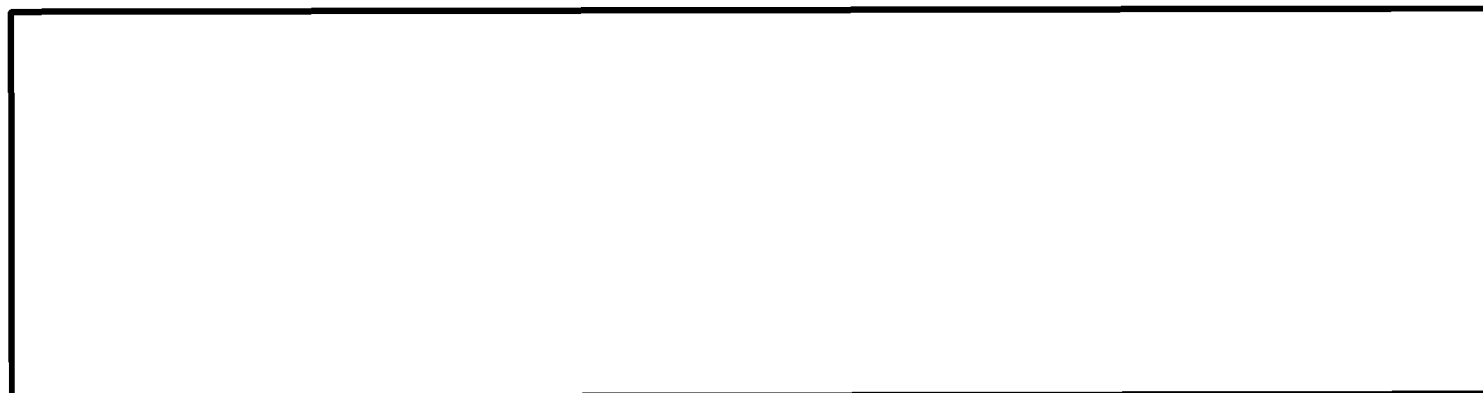
In preparation for any questions regarding the www.NextGov.com article (and spin-offs), DHS Chief Privacy Officer Mary Ellen Callahan asked us to develop a list of potential Questions and Answers about the Rapid DNA Test Program. I put together the attached (text copied below) and I'd appreciate if you look them over and provide me back any comments, edits, or additions. They are primarily focused on S&T issues since that is what I am most familiar with, but there are probably a lot more that could be developed on ConOps, policy, etc.

Some of it was written by the S&T Privacy office and I had one particular question on it that you will see below.

Thanks,

Chris Miles

Rapid DNA Test Program Questions & Answers



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From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 9:01 AM
To: Quinn, Kevin T; Miles, Christopher A; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J;
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Cristina; Lauver, Tinnina M; Tu, David J; Evelyn, Heather; Lee, Jisun; Billone, Matthew J;
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J; Fickett, David C
Cc: Lauver, James L; Turner, Christopher G; Ruppel, Joanna; Bird, John W

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Subject: Re: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Thanks Kevin. You beat me to the punch in sending it out to the group by just a little bit.

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Sent: Fri Feb 25 08:37:21 2011
Subject: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

I just wanted to make sure everybody saw this article from Nextgov on USCIS's potential use of rapid DNA testing. Interesting overview.

http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110224_1299.php# <http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110224_1299.php#>

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[1] "Recommendation from CIS Ombudsman to the Director, USCIS," p. 4.

The FBI says a unique Specimen Identifier Number is used in CODIS, not the SSN. This needs to be verified.

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Moscato, Anthony
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 10:20 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group Meeting Agenda for Dec. 14th

Thanks.

I have a meeting scheduled with S&T on Thursday to get updated information concerning Rapid DNA-related matters. I was hoping to use that discussion to determine next steps for moving the Rapid DNA component forward.

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 10:11 AM
To: Moscato, Anthony
Cc: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group Meeting Agenda for Dec. 14th

I'll cover the meeting. We can certainly share our policies with other USCIS components. I'm a little concerned, however, about how this fits into the group we agreed to lead. Can we discuss later today?

Hope Scott is hanging in there.....

From: Moscato, Anthony
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 9:51 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group Meeting Agenda for Dec. 14th

Jennifer,

I am unable to attend this tomorrow. I am taking the day because Scott is leaving for TN tomorrow afternoon; at this time, he is going alone. I have given my leave request to Karen.

As you will note on the agenda, the working group has asked that RAD reach out to the Front Office to ensure that they are aware of the WG and in agreement. Also, the WG has requested that the various participants gather and share any DNA-related guidance that is currently available. We have the guidance that we gave to the DNA CRs in East and West Africa, but I am not sure how much (if any) you would like for us to share.

Thanks,
Anthony

From: Sommerville, Mary J
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Nicholson, Maura J; Sudmalis, Linda M; Shaffner, Laura; Quinn, Kevin T; Smith, Alice J; Moglia, Marcela C; Kliska, Jennifer R; Reitz, Whitney A; Hamilton, Cristina; Swanson, Trina M; Moscato, Anthony; Christian, Bryan P; Evelyn, Heather; Stone, Mary M; Higgins, Jennifer B; Singla, Vinay M; Clark, Matthew J; McCament, James W; Grissom, John F; Henderson, Martazsh; Rosenberg, Ron M; Melero, Mariela; Taylor, Charles R; Bertucci, Theresa C; Waldmeir, Deborah

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Subject: DNA Working Group Meeting Agenda for Dec. 14th

All,

Attached is the agenda for next week's working group meeting.
I'm also attaching reading materials for the meeting. Please read these items in advance.
Please note that Tuesday's meeting will be held from 1-2pm.

Have a great weekend,

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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Reitz, Whitney A
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:00 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Cc: Sommerville, Mary J
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group Meeting

HI Jennifer,

Tried to call you just now. Let's talk about this.

W.

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 6:39 PM
To: Sommerville, Mary J; Moscato, Anthony; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sohrakoff, Karen A; Reitz, Whitney A
Subject: Re: DNA Working Group Meeting

Jane - Can you give us some background on why IO is coordinating this meeting? We're participating in the rapid DNA discussions and were previously involved in P&S' DNA WG. Is this meeting related? Thanks!

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

From: Smith, Alice J
To: Sommerville, Mary J; Cox, Sophia; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Evelyn, Heather; Waldmeir, Deborah; Whitney, Ronald W; Reitz, Whitney A; Christian, Bryan P; Moglia, Marcela C; Sudmalis, Linda M; Moscato, Anthony; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sohrakoff, Karen A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Stone, Mary M
Sent: Mon Nov 15 18:33:28 2010
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group Meeting

I will be out of the office, but will call in if there is a conference #.
Alice

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Sommerville, Mary J
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Cox, Sophia; Kliska, Jennifer R; Hamilton, Cristina; Evelyn, Heather; Waldmeir, Deborah; Whitney, Ronald W; Reitz, Whitney A; Christian, Bryan P; Moglia, Marcela C; Sudmalis, Linda M; Moscato, Anthony; Tomlyanovich, William J; Sohrakoff, Karen A; Higgins, Jennifer B; Stone, Mary M
Cc: Smith, Alice J
Subject: Canceled: DNA Working Group Meeting
When: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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Importance: High

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Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

Note: The proposed meeting for this Wednesday has been re-scheduled for this Friday due to scheduling conflicts.

Purpose of the meeting: To establish a CIS working group on DNA issues including setting out goals/objectives, meeting frequency, etc

Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:19 PM
To: Defensor, Michael R; Strack, Barbara L
Cc: Scialabba, Lori
Subject: Re: EASP meeting

Michael - I've been responding to numerous incoming requests from DHS privacy, USCIS privacy and USCIS OCOMM. Please feel free to refer inquirers to me directly on this.

Thanks!

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

From: Defensor, Michael R
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Strack, Barbara L
Cc: Scialabba, Lori
Sent: Wed Mar 02 18:02:29 2011
Subject: Fw: EASP meeting

Hi Jennifer, Barbara,

I was initially asked by Lauren and Buck to confirm whether or not we are working with DHS on these DNA scanners. I would like to be responsive so what should I relate to them (or if you want to reach out to them that would be fine too)?

Thanks
Michael

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

From: Scialabba, Lori
To: Defensor, Michael R
Sent: Wed Mar 02 17:52:59 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Hi Michael,

Please check with Barbara and Jennifer on this.

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

From: Defensor, Michael R
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:09 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori
Subject: Re: EASP meeting

Hi Lori,

Just wanted to touch base to see if you would like me to confirm to Lauren and Buck that RAI0 has been engaged on this issue with DHS?

Thanks
Michael

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

From: Scialabba, Lori
To: Higgins, Jennifer B; Bird, John W; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A
Sent: Wed Mar 02 17:02:26 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

We are starting to get questions now that the genie is out of the bottle. Who is going to work on protocols and a SOP for the pilot?

Lori

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Bird, John W; Scialabba, Lori; Bucher, Steve P; Defensor, Michael R
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A
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We've recommended that RAD serve as the guinea pig for the prototype since it will serve as a good test ground as the unit is supposed to be "ruggedized". DHS seems to be game for that, but we have yet to work out all the details.

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Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Higgins, Jennifer B; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A
Sent: Wed Mar 02 08:41:42 2011
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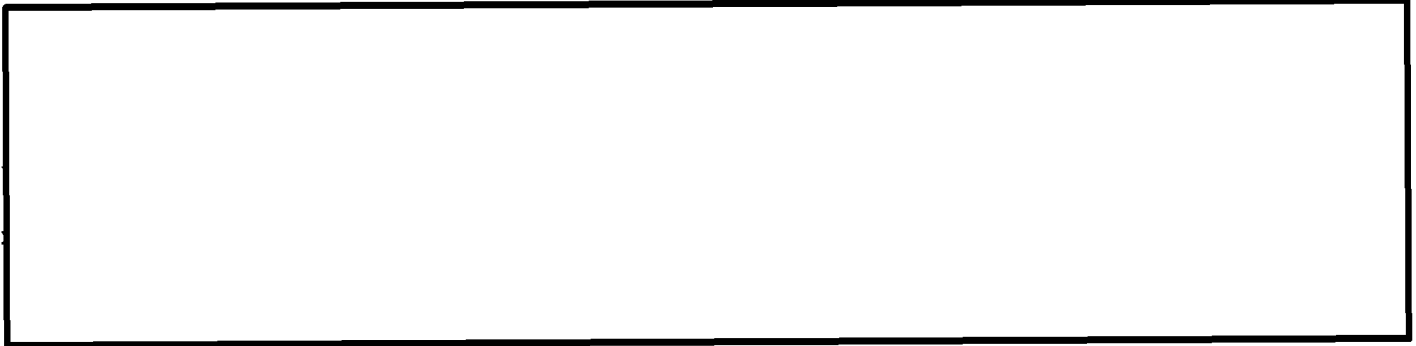
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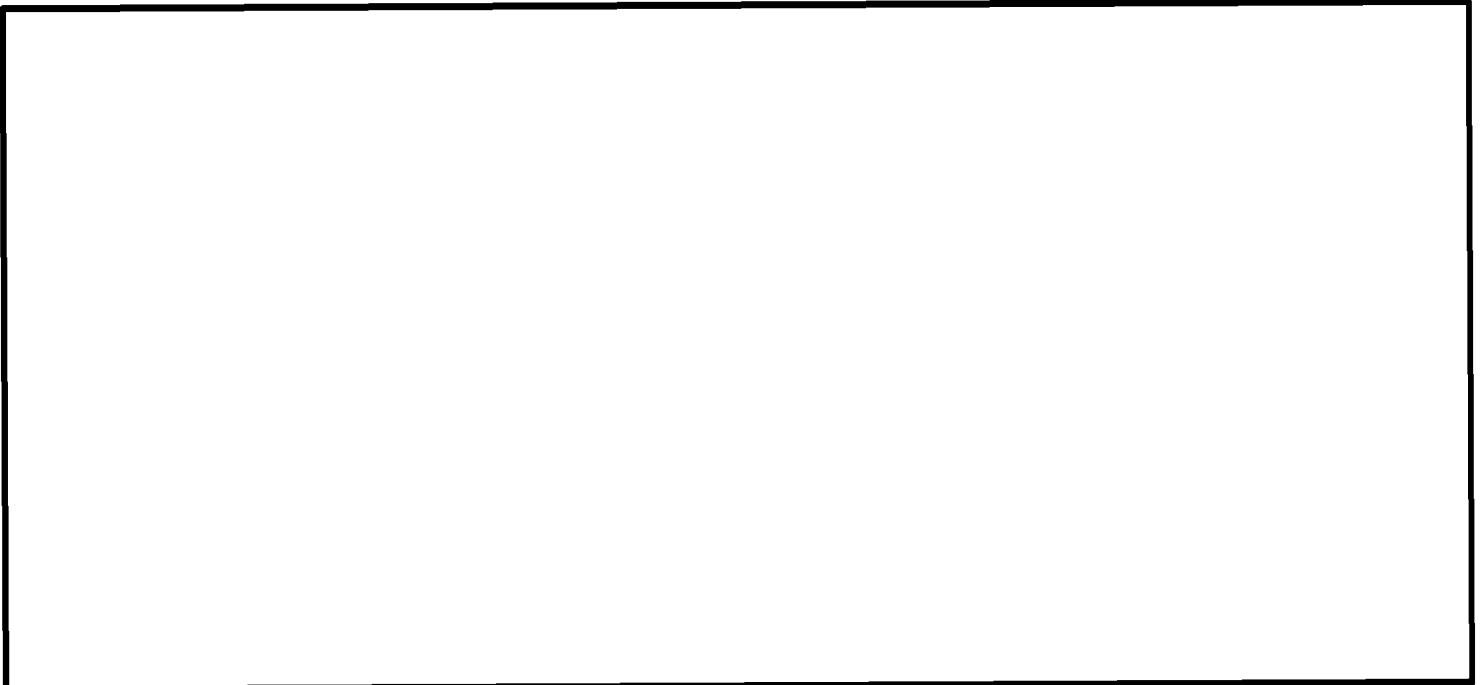


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To: Scialabba, Lori; Bird, John W; Bucher, Steve P; Ruppel, Joanna
Cc: Ripley French, Katherine; Higgins, Jennifer B; Defensor, Michael R
Sent: Thu Mar 03 12:03:57 2011
Subject: RE: EASP meeting

Hi all,



I'll happily take guidance on how to move forward and would also be happy to be part of that strategic discussion. Let me know.

W.

Whitney A. Reitz
Branch Chief, Programs
International Operations Division
USCIS/RAIO
Department of Homeland Security
202-272-1684

-----Original Message----- (b)(5)

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From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:00 PM
To: 'theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov'
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Test Program

It looks like Chris Miles gave a presentation at the National Defense Industry Association (NDIA) Biometrics conference on Wednesday and Rapid-DNA was one of the topics.

Nextgov did an article and it likely got picked up by some main stream media.

We gave OCOMM a heads up on Fri when we saw the article in the news clips, particularly the inaccuracies....

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

From: Bertucci, Theresa C <theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov>
To: Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>
Sent: Sun Feb 27 14:27:12 2011
Subject: Re: Rapid DNA Test Program

How is this out in media?

Sent using BlackBerry

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B <jennifer.b.higgins@dhs.gov>
To: Lee, Christopher; Sohrakoff, Karen A <karen.sohrakoff@dhs.gov>
Cc: Bertucci, Theresa C <theresa.bertucci@dhs.gov>; Bell, Essie L <Essie.Bell@dhs.gov>
Sent: Sat Feb 26 20:23:41 2011
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA Test Program

Chris - We'll do our best to provide edits to this by 5 on Monday. We will have some revisions to some of the items you already drafted and will have some recommendations for additional Qs and As to add in light of some of the misinformation provided in the following article...

Nextgov.com

New portable DNA screener to debut this summer <<http://c.moreover.com/click/here.pl?z4171583990&z=1250248992>>

The Homeland Security Department this summer plans to begin testing a DNA analyzer that's small enough to be easily portable and fast enough to return results in less than an hour. The analyzer, about the size of a laser printer, initially will be used to determine kinship among refugees and asylum seekers. It also could help establish whether foreigners giving children up for adoption are their parents or other relatives, and help combat child smuggling and human trafficking, said ... (24 Feb)

From: Lee, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Lee2@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 1:29 PM
To: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Cc: Higgins, Jennifer B; Bertucci, Theresa C; Bell, Essie L
Subject: Rapid DNA Test Program

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Importance: High

Karen,

I am the DHS Science & Technology Directorate Privacy Office, and am helping DHS Chief Privacy Officer Mary Ellen Callahan regarding the Rapid DNA Test Program.

Mary Ellen is anticipating questions from the media and civil rights/civil liberties groups (i.e. ACLU, Electronic Privacy information Center) regarding the Rapid DNA Test Program.

I drafted a set of potential questions and responses (see below), and wanted to run the draft by you and/or your staff for review, comments, edits, and additions.

Your attention on USCIS-specific operational and procedural policies pertaining to DNA issues is appreciated.

If at all possible, please provide a response by 5:00 pm, Monday, February 28, 2011.

The media inquiries started as a trickle this morning. And they will likely become a mini-flood by next week. If DHS fails to provide an adequate response to these inquiries quickly, civil rights/civil liberties organizations may attempt to shut down the test program.

Let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Best wishes,

Chris Lee

Christopher S. Lee, Esq., M.S., CIPP/G

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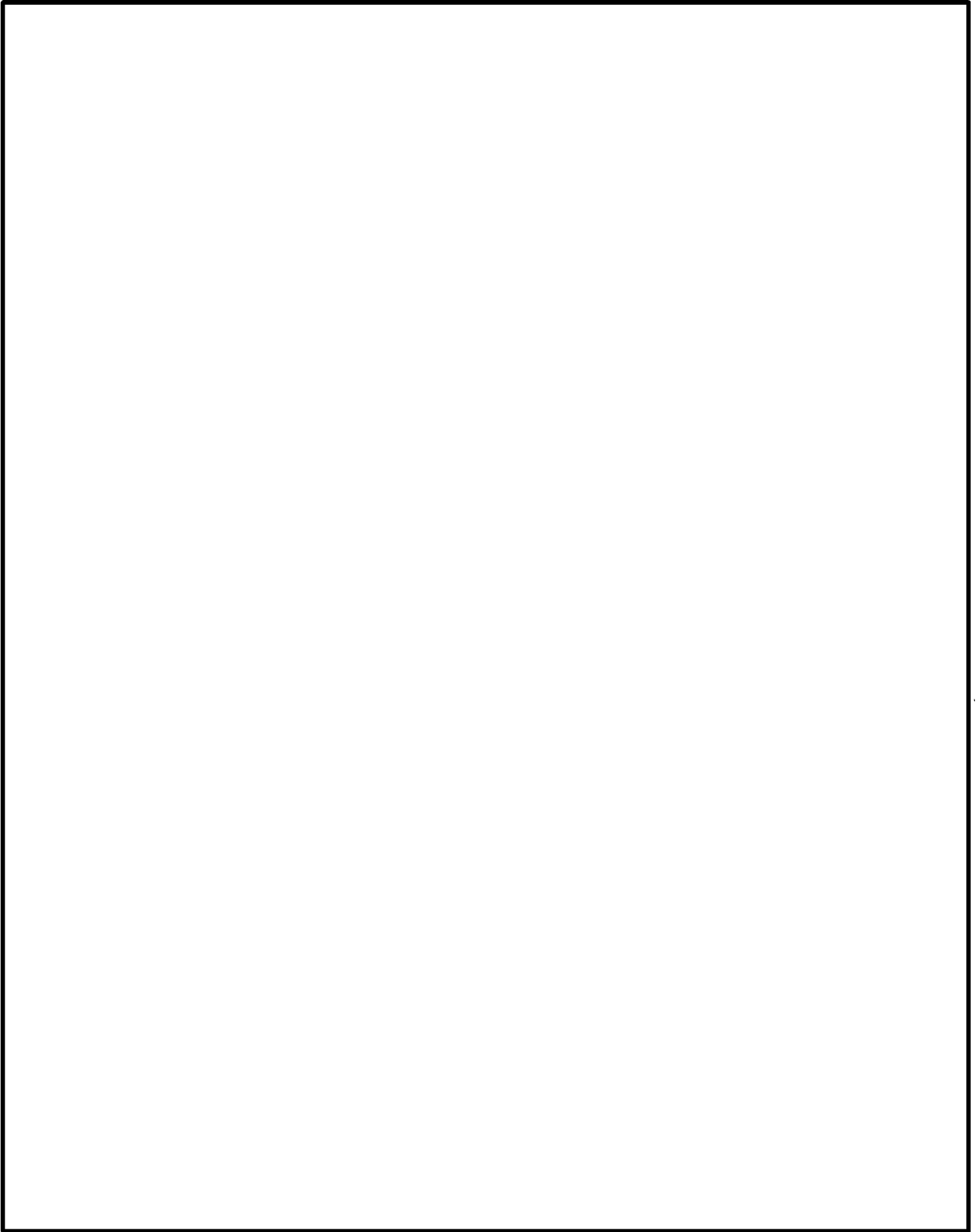
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Tomlyanovich, William J

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:21 PM
To: Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: Re: RAPID DNA

Don - Happy to discuss, but I have a doctor's appt in the afternoon and am booked the remainder of the day. What time Thursday works for you?

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

From: Hawkins, Donald K
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tue Mar 01 10:25:39 2011
Subject: RAPID DNA

Good morning Jennifer,

I will be presenting to the DHS Data Privacy & Integrity Advisory Committee (DIPIAC), next week and would like a quick briefing from you, regarding the RAPID DNA process, in terms of USCIS vision in using it. Please let me know when you have time. The sooner, the better. I will be out Friday and the presentation is next Wednesday. Thanks.

Donald

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Tomlyanovich, William J

Subject: Updated: "Initial Meeting" Parabon NanoLabs, Inc. [Discuss Rapid DNA Technology]
Location: DOMO Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 20 Mass Ave Building

Start: Tue 8/11/2009 9:00 AM
End: Tue 8/11/2009 10:30 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Required Attendees: Alonso, Roxanne R; Lopez, Glenda; Janson, Nancy D; Hernandez, Efren; Lay, Dorothea B; McGee, Ramona L; Groom, Molly M; Johnson, Bobbie L; Fagan, David W; Hamilton, Cristina; Torino, Leah L; Brown, John W; Reitz, Whitney A; Tomlyanovich, William J; Rubinstein, Adonis F; Mura, Elizabeth E; Lombardi, Cherie; Christian, Bryan P; Miles, Christopher A; Whitney, Ronald W; Smith, Alice; Sahli, Evelyn R; Moglia, Marcela C; Higgins, Jennifer B; Jafer, Halide; 'parmentrout@parabon.com'; 'steve@parabon.com'; Hovell, John F

Optional Attendees: Arroyo, Susan K; Rodgers, Debra; Stone, Mary M; Carpenter, Dea D; Blackwood, Robert L

Importance: High

When: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 9:00 AM-10:30 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: DOMO Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 20 Mass Ave Building

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Purpose - Initial meeting with **Parabon NanoLabs, Inc.** Parabon is the third and final company that was awarded a contract from DHS/S&T to design particular "Low-Cost" Rapid DNA technologies according to USCIS' needs. This will be an "in person" meeting. As reference, Parabon's website is www.parabon.com. For those invited from other agencies, kindly call me at 202-372-5184 upon checking into our first floor security. In this way, I can meet you at the front desk and bring you to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting at the conference room, the "call in"
Thank you.

Kloiber, Joyce E

From: Young, Claudia F
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 7:36 AM
To: Cox, Sophia
Subject: Fw: Reviewers for DHS S&T Rapid-DNA Solicitation Needed

Importance: High

Attachments: SBIR RFP_29OCT09 final.doc; SBIR 9.1 Non-Disclosure Federal Employees.pdf



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29OCT09 final.doc-Disclosure Fed

Sophia,

I can't view the attachment well' but I don't think this would be a SCOPS' responsibility as it's more on how the DNA is done. What do you think?

On another note, what kind of cases are the Cintel cases? I just want to be aware when I'm getting the training.

Thanks,
Claudia

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

From: Evelyn, Heather
To: Young, Claudia F
Cc: Dickson, Bruce
Sent: Mon Mar 09 08:21:50 2009
Subject: FW: Reviewers for DHS S&T Rapid-DNA Solicitation Needed

Hi Claudia,

FYI. I'll leave it up to SCOPS leadership to determine whether I should take a turn at reviewing any of these.

Heather

Heather D. Evelyn

Adjudications Officer

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Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 4:36 PM
To: Hamilton, Cristina; Lay, Dorothea B; Evelyn, Heather; Tu, David J; Johnson, Bobbie L; Schofield, Trina; Sorges, Rima L; Torino, Leah L; Deshazor, Renee' E
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DNA Working Group,

Not sure who all would be interested in this or have time, but DHS S&T has asked for review of the proposals they have received on Rapid DNA testing machines. Chris Miles said that the maximum pages allowed on the proposals was 40 and that they received over 20 proposals. They just want someone to review these and provide feedback on the strengths and weaknesses. He doesn't think each one would take more than two hours. If any of you have time to review please reach out to Chris.

I plan to schedule a meeting of the DNA Working Group for the week of March 23 and will send out an invite Thanks.

Evelyn Sahli, Chief, Policy and Regulation Management Division

USCIS Domestic Operations Directorate

20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 3112

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To: Karne, Usha; Olson, Nels; jonathan.baker@nist.gov; peter.vallone@nist.gov; Sahli, Evelyn R; Ongcapin, Alfred H; MORRIS, PAUL M; WAMSLEY, CAMMILLA HAYES; SAVA, KENNETH C; john.jones@dtra.mil; evelyn.ridgley@us.army.mil; Erdley, Julia Ms JIEDDO CMD GRP; Alexander, Gregory Mr HQDA DCS G-3/5/7/STOPSO; lois.tully@usdoj.gov; michael.sheppo@usdoj.gov; Thomas.Callaghan@ic.fbi.gov; rick.tontarski@us.army.mil; Richard.Guerrieri@ic.fbi.gov; Andrew.Louden@usdoj.gov; Dee, Thomas, Mr, OSD-ATL; James.LoudermilkII@ic.fbi.gov
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DNA POLICY AND PROCEDURE WORKING GROUP

Date/Time of Meeting: November 30, 2010, 10-11am

Place of Meeting: 20 Mass Ave., NW, 2nd Floor, Apple Cherry Room

I. Administrative Procedures:

Since this was the first meeting of the Working Group, participants discussed and agreed upon the following administrative procedures.

a. Attendees

Name	Title	Organization	e-mail
Whitney Reitz	Branch Chief	RAIO/IO	Whitney.reitz@dhs.gov
Maura Nicholson	Management and Program Analyst	RAIO/IO	
Jane Sommerville	Adjudications Officer	RAIO/IO	Jne.Sommerville@dhs.gov
Linda Sudmalis		RAIO/ASY	
Laura Shaffner		ESD	
Kevin Quinn		FDNS/NS	
Marcela Moglia	Acting Chief	RAIO/FDNS	
Jennifer Kliska		OPS/HA	
Cristina Hamilton	Chief	OPS/NSBID	
Trina Swanson		OPS/NSBID	
Anthony Moscato	Refugee Officer	RAIO/RAD	
Bryan Christian	Branch Chief	SCOPS	Bryan.christian@dhs.gov
Heather Evelyn		SCOPS	

b. Membership

i. Identifying standing members

- The group agreed that all of the elements of USCIS represented at the meeting plus several other USCIS offices should have a standing membership in the working group and

that someone from each element should attend the meetings. The following elements were not present but the group felt that they should have a membership: Office of Field Operations, Regulation Management, Office of Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Front Office

- ii. Parts of USCIS that will be represented
 - The group agreed that some elements may participate as readers members, meaning that they would be on the distribution for all meeting reports and could attend meetings if interested. Those offices include: Office of Communications (OCOM), Office of Public Engagement (OPE), Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA), Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), Transformation

c. Scheduling

i. Protocol for scheduling

- The Working Group will begin by meeting bi-monthly on Tuesdays at 11am. The meetings will be scheduled by Outlook invitation.

ii. Availability and backups

- The same offices will be represented at all meetings. However, the individuals representing these offices may change.

iii. Use of teleconferences

- In-person participation is preferred. However, a call-in number will be provided to allow participation for those who are unable to attend in-person.

d. Record-keeping

i. Meeting Notes and distribution

- Notes will be distributed electronically within one business day for comment. Working group members have 2 business days to provide comments. Final meeting notes will go out by COB on Friday of the meeting week.
- Meeting notes will be stored in an electronic file.

ii. Standard format

- International Operations will provide its standard meeting report format for use by the Working Group. Format will include meeting attendees, agenda items covered, action items, due dates, etc.

iii. Identifying note-takers

- Note-taking will be done on a rotation by each member.

- e. Follow-up
 - i. Assign action items
 - Action items will be assigned by the Working Group with specific individuals responsible.
 - ii. Setting due dates
 - Due dates for each action item will be set by the Working Group.
 - iii. Track action items
 - Action items will be tracked through the notes and by inventory. Most action items will be due on the following meeting. Action officer will provide weekly update.
- f. Decision-making
 - i. Consensus
 - The Working Group will make decisions by consensus to the extent possible.
 - ii. Dissent and Conflict Resolution
 - The group agreed to table issues in which it is unable to reach consensus. When possible, the issue may be resolved over email in between meetings or in the following meeting.
 - When dissent cannot be resolved at the working group level, the Working Group agrees to prepare a split memo to go to the policy council if necessary.
- g. Reporting
 - i. To whom does the group report?
 - Currently, the Working Group members will report to their own chain of command
 - The Working Group will reach out to the Front Office and discuss potential involvement (see action items)

II. Goals of Working Group:

The group reached consensus on the following goals for the Working Group:

- a. To establish a comprehensive USCIS policy on the use of DNA testing for immigration benefits;
- b. To create a procedural framework for DNA collection given current available and developing technology;

- c. To work with DHS, the Department of State (DOS), and other federal partners to align their approaches and procedures with those of USCIS for DNA testing;

III. Objectives of Working Group:

The group discussed the objectives listed below and reached consensus on them as a general road map.

- i. Review existing USCIS guidance and other materials to identify gaps and conflicts in existing policy and guidance;
- ii. Develop agency-wide consensus on how and when DNA testing should be used by the agency in adjudicating immigration benefits, focusing on the national security and customer service gains that broader use of DNA testing could provide;
- iii. Coordinate current USCIS activities in the various elements to ensure, to the extent possible, an agency-side approach. Discuss issues as they arise in the WG meetings; use the WG as a clearance forum for field guidance under development.
- iv. Develop proposed regulatory change to facilitate use of DNA test results in immigration benefit adjudications;
- v. Develop proposed unified procedures for DNA collection (with current technology);
- vi. Align all agency guidance from USCIS on DNA.
- vii. Stand up a working group with DOS in an effort to align the two agency's approaches

IV. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14th at 1pm. Meeting location TBD. The following meeting will likely be after the holidays, on Jan. 4 at 11.

V. Action Items:

Action Item	Responsible Party	Due
Gather existing DNA guidance or other materials/library and email to Jane	All members	12/14/10
Reach out to the Front Office to inform them of the Working Group and discuss their participation	Anthony Moscato	12/14/10

Look into using Sharepoint or other similar technology for use by WG to store documents, facilitate communication	Brian Christian	12/14/10
Look in the "W" Drive to see if DNA information is "tagged" and if so, to email relevant documents to Jane	Jennifer Kliska	12/14/10
Send out request for information on DNA to the IGC	Jane Sommerville	12/14/10
Identify FDNS Fraud Detection Unit contact to sit on WG and email Jane with contact	Kevin Quinn	12/14/2010
Invite new members from offices discussed in item Ib.	Jane Sommerville	12/6/2010
Compile DNA materials/library and bring copies to next meeting	Jane Sommerville	12/14/2010

HDE's Notes re: USCIS Working Group - DNA - 11/30/2010

Below are my notes summing up what was discussed during its first DNA Working Group meeting held this morning (Tues. 11/30/2010) – and chaired by Whitney Reitz, Chief of Programs in International Operations.

The following items were discussed:

- (1) Roll call for in-person attendee and telephone attendees was taken.
- (2) The establishment of the group's membership: Whitney indicated that there would be standing USCIS components that should be represented (though the actual representatives may change from time to time).

It was agreed that the **parts of USCIS who will be represented** with the group should be:

Standing Members (who will send a representative to every meeting):

- RAIO (3 divisions: Asylum; Refugees and International Ops)
- Field Ops
- SCOPS (2 branches: FAST and ANTZ)
- OCC
- OP&S (2 divisions)
- FDNS (2 divisions: Nat'l Security and Fraud)

Reading Members (who will be sent notes & can attend if there are issues of interest to their component organization or branch):

- Regulations Management
- AAO
- OComm
- OPE
- OLA
- SCOPS/TAB branch (reading only)
- CFOs Office (reading only)
- Transformation (reading only)

Frequency of the meetings: The meetings will be held every 2 weeks (bi-weekly) on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM with the exception of the next meeting scheduled for 12/14/10 – on 12/14/10 the meeting will be held from 1:00-2:00PM because of scheduling conflicts.

It was agreed that **standing members** of the group will provide in-person representation unless it cannot possibly be helped. A call in number will be provided.

Notes will be taken for each session and a drafter will be selected at each meeting on a rotating basis. A draft of the meeting notes will be circulated to the group for review the business day immediately following the meeting. Comments/edits on the notes will be accepted up until 12:00 PM on the Friday immediately following the meeting. The final version of the notes will be distributed by COB on the Friday immediately following the meeting. The notes will include: (a) Action Items; (b) Follow ups; (c) List of Attendees; (d) The date of the meeting; (e) The name of the working group; and (f) a statement to the effect that the items within the minutes are pre-determinative discussions.

Action items will be identified and delegated to the appropriate person(s) at each meeting. Assigned action items from the prior teleconference will be the first item up of discussion at each subsequent teleconference.

The group will attempt to reach a **consensus** on each key point raised on the agenda, however, where no consensus can be reached, the group will simply table that point and revisit it at another time. As far as to whom the group will report; that is a matter to be determined later -- it maybe the SPC or others hear at USCIS HQ. **Action Item #1:** Anthony Moscato of RAIO will reach out to Exec Sec to see whether there is a particular person whom they would like to attend the meetings (and possibly to what extent the Front Office would like to be made aware of this working group's progress)).

The **goals** of the working group are as follows (and are means to achieve the objectives of the group):

- (1) To establish a comprehensive USCIS policy on the use of DNA testing for immigration benefits (with the **key words being "for immigration benefits"**).
- (2) To create a procedural framework for DNA collection given the current available and developing technology (basically establishing protocols – note: the goals of the group refer to the highest levels with in USCIS).
- (3) To work with the Department of State [DOS] to align their approach and procedures with those of USCIS, DHS components (such as ICE & CBP) and other federal agencies with whom we work in the context of immigration benefits).

The **objectives** of the working group are as follows:

- (1) Review existing USCIS guidance and other materials to identify gaps and conflicts in existing policy and guidance.
- (2) Develop agency-wide consensus on how and when DNA testing should be used by the agency in adjudicating immigration benefits, focusing on the national security and customer service gains that broader use of DNA testing could provide. [This means that each component within the group will actively participate in bringing themselves and the group up to speed with regard to what is happening in the world of DNA. What do we have in-house? What do we have in our individual component libraries concerning DNA – i.e., memos; notes; articles; RFEs; template documents, etc. **Action Item #2:** All work group components are to gather their DNA-related documents and are to find out for which product lines DNA may be useful? What are the appropriate uses of DNA in the immigration context? The information gathered by each component should be sent them to (Mary) Jane Summerville via e-mail before the next scheduled meeting. **Action Item # 3:** RAIO will reach out to our immigration counterparts world-wide to ask (via the IGC platform) how and why each country collects DNA information and to what extent they use that information.
- (3) Develop proposed regulatory change to facilitate use of DNA test results in immigration benefit adjudications.
- (4) Develop proposed unified procedures for DNA collection (with current technology).
- (5) Align all agency guidance from USCIS on DNA.
- (6) Stand up a working group with DOS in an effort to align the two agency's approaches.
- (7) Determine what documents related to USCIS DNA policies/procedures will go out for public comment.

Deliverables were not discussed (will likely be discussed at the next meeting once the group's foundation is more clearly established). OP&S's Cristina Hamilton suggested that the group establish a charter (in light of the fact that the Front Office may want to know the essential purposes/scope of the working group. Whitney suggested that the items we were discussing during today's meeting make up the essence of a charter, therefore, Jane can draft the charter from today's notes. It was suggested that the group's notes, documents and work products be placed on a specific share drive or shared site --- Bryan Christian and Maura Nicholson suggested using the ECN. **Action Item #4:** Bryan will reach out to George of TAB and the person within ANTZ with knowledge of the ECN to help the group get up to speed with re: using the ECN.

Timelines were not discussed (since deliverables were not addressed).

Action Items were summed up as follows:

1. A. Moscato – Front Office info interest in group & possible attendee;
2. The entire group will send Jane their component's DNA docs by next meeting and the group will brainstorm re: which product line use DNA;
3. RAIIO will ask other nations (via IGC) about their use of DNA and their collections process; and
4. ECN as the platform for storing the groups assorted data.

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From: Harrison, Julia L
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 5:56 PM
To: Farnam, Julie E; Geary, Andrew C
Subject: Fw: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

See below. I am going to attend and I am going to ask if I can bring one of you with me. Can you get some info together that we can review prior to the meeting so we can make sure we know what we are talking about. I will let you guys decide who will come with me.
Thanks Julia L. Harrison Supervisory Mgt & Prgm Analyst Information & Customer Service

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

From: Rogers, Debra A
To: Harrison, Julia L
Sent: Tue Jun 16 17:39:16 2009
Subject: Fw: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Julia: Can you attend this mtg? Debbie

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

From: Paar, Tom
To: Rogers, Debra A
Sent: Tue Jun 16 17:34:50 2009
Subject: RE: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Debra,

Julia would be great as well! Thanks.

Respectfully,

From: Rogers, Debra A
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 5:29 PM
To: Paar, Tom
Subject: RE: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Errr. I forgot that Sue is out! How about Julia?

From: Paar, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 5:22 PM
To: Rogers, Debra A
Subject: RE: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Debra,

Susan would be great...thanks.

Respectfully,

From: Rogers, Debra A
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 5:14 PM
To: Paar, Tom; Bucher, Steve P
Cc: Eadie, Gwendolyn S
Subject: RE: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device

Tom: I have a meeting with the field on a sensitive case at 3:30. Can we meet at a different time or can I send someone on my behalf? Julia Harrison or Sue Arroyo maybe?
Debbie

From: Paar, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 4:31 PM
To: Bucher, Steve P; Rogers, Debra A
Cc: Eadie, Gwendolyn S
Subject: FW: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device
Importance: High

Steve, Debra,

Would you be available to discuss the below at 3:30PM, Wed, 6.17? It will take 30 minutes or less. Everyone seems to be out. Thanks.

Respectfully,

From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 2:29 PM
To: Paar, Tom
Cc: Rausch, Sharla; Turner, Christopher
Subject: FW: DHS S&T Awards Three SBIR Phase I studies for a Low-Cost and Rapid DNA-based Biometric Device
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Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing
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I recommend using Chris Miles' Q&As as the basis of review and tabling the questions I (Chris Lee) submitted last Friday.

Let me know if you require additional information.

Best wishes,
 Chris Lee

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Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Chris M. – We received a similar task from Chris Lee on Friday though the draft Q&As provided then were different. Should we be reviewing only the draft you sent now?

From: Miles, Christopher A [mailto:Christopher.Miles@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 9:19 AM
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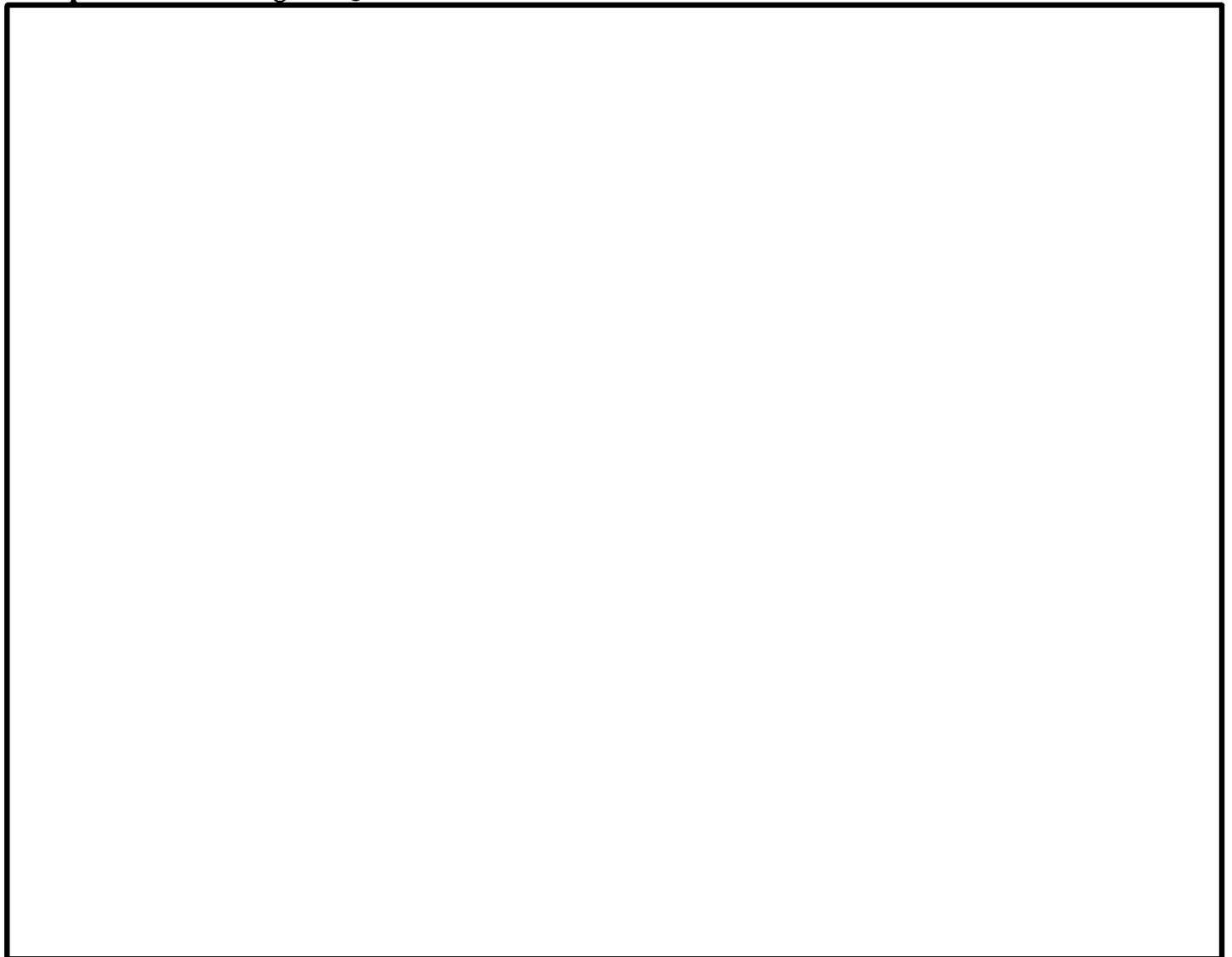
In preparation for any questions regarding the www.NextGov.com article (and spin-offs), DHS Chief Privacy Officer Mary Ellen Callahan asked us to develop a list of potential Questions and Answers about the Rapid DNA Test Program. I put together the attached (text copied below) and I'd appreciate if you look them over and provide me back any comments, edits, or additions. They are primarily focused on S&T issues since that is what I am most familiar with, but there are probably a lot more that could be developed on ConOps, policy, etc.

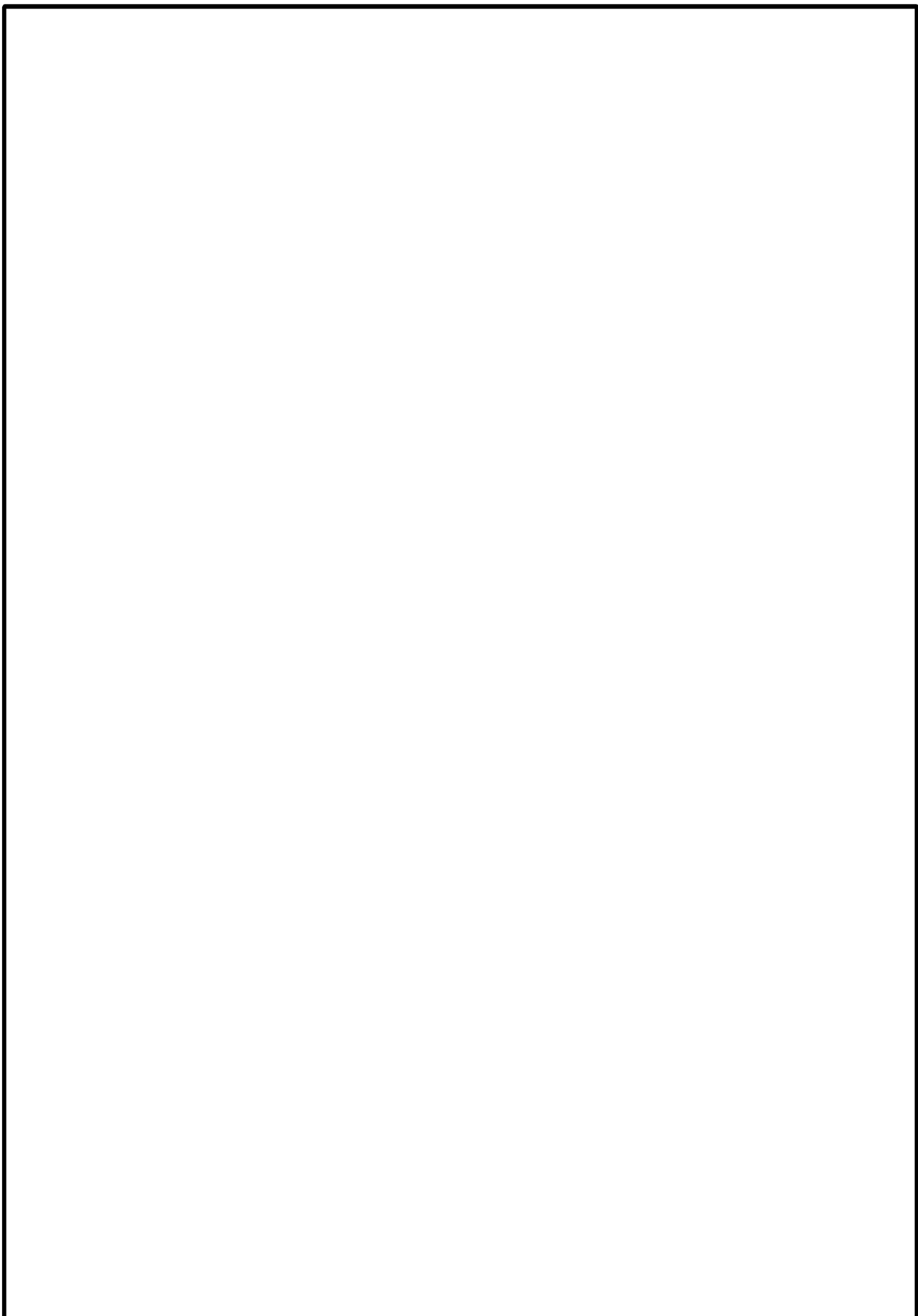
Some of it was written by the S&T Privacy office and I had one particular question on it that you will see below.

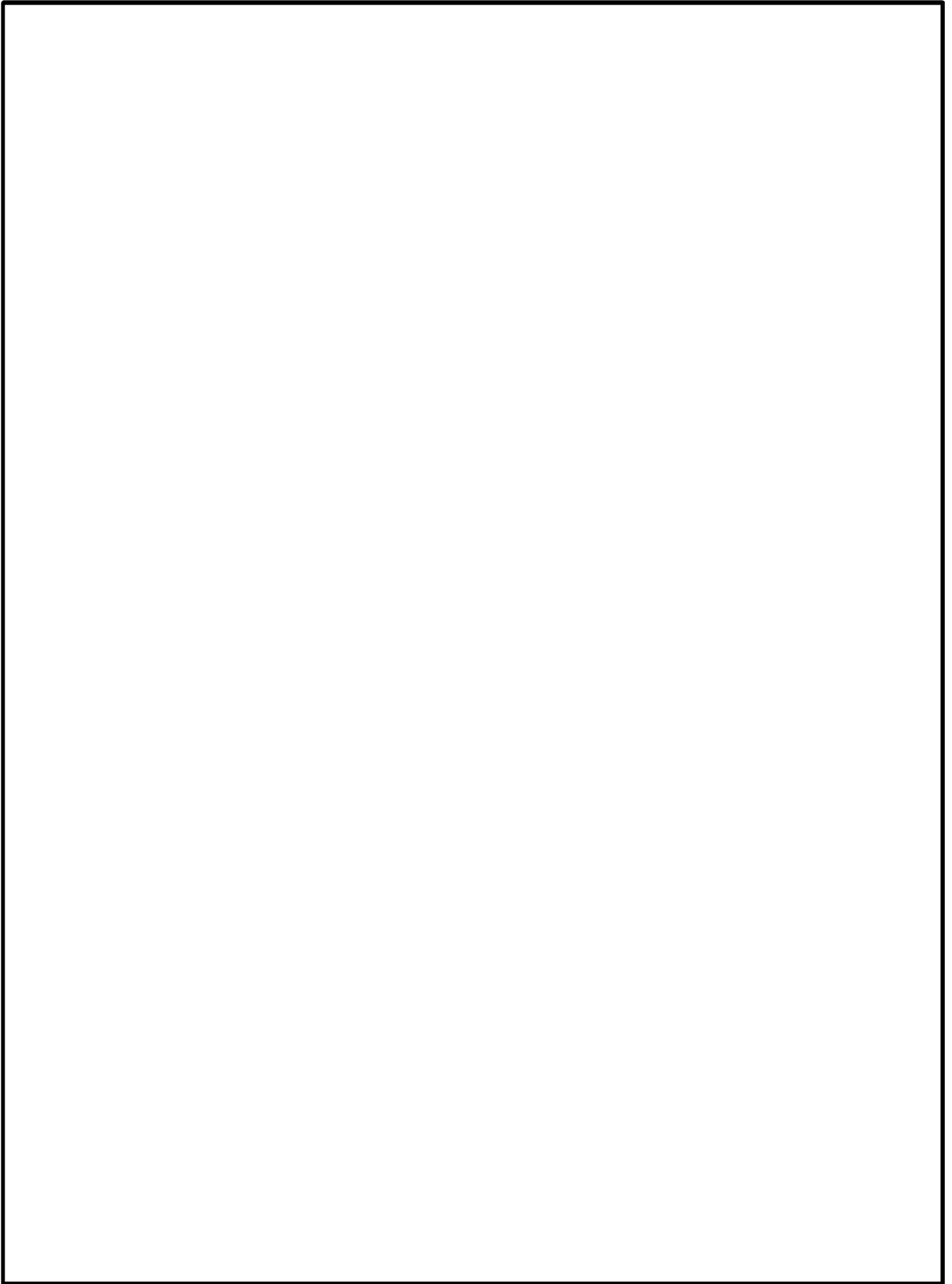
Thanks,

Chris Miles

Rapid DNA Test Program Questions & Answers







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Subject: Re: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Thanks Kevin. You beat me to the punch in sending it out to the group by just a little bit.

I gave a presentation at the National Defense Industry Association (NDIA) Biometrics conference on Wednesday and Rapid-DNA was one of four topics that I discussed (others being mobile devices, multi-biometrics, and cross-discipline biometric technical approaches).

Overall, the article is pretty fair but of course there are a few errors. For example "Citizen and Immigration Services". It also makes it sound like we have final products we are testing instead of the prototypes that I discussed.

I don't think the article is controversial enough to get picked up by the major press, but we'll see.

Any feedback is definately welcome. I do want to present as accurate and consistent of a story as possible to ensure our real objectives get across (as much as that is possible in the media). :-)

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

- NextGov

-- http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110224_1299.php?oref=topnews

- Twitter

-- Portable DNA Scanner Coming Soon To An Airport Near You? (Gizmodo) <http://bit.ly/dGWy7d>
- 28 Feb, 0304 EST

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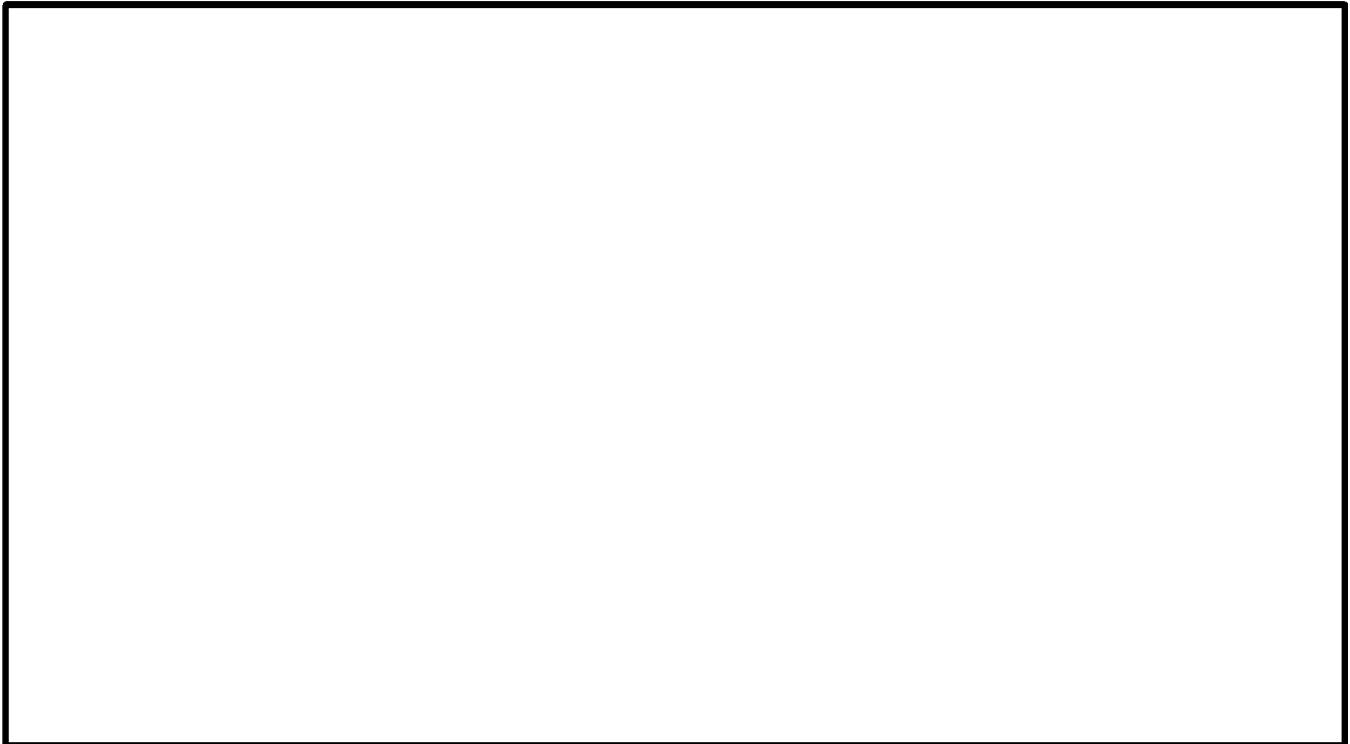
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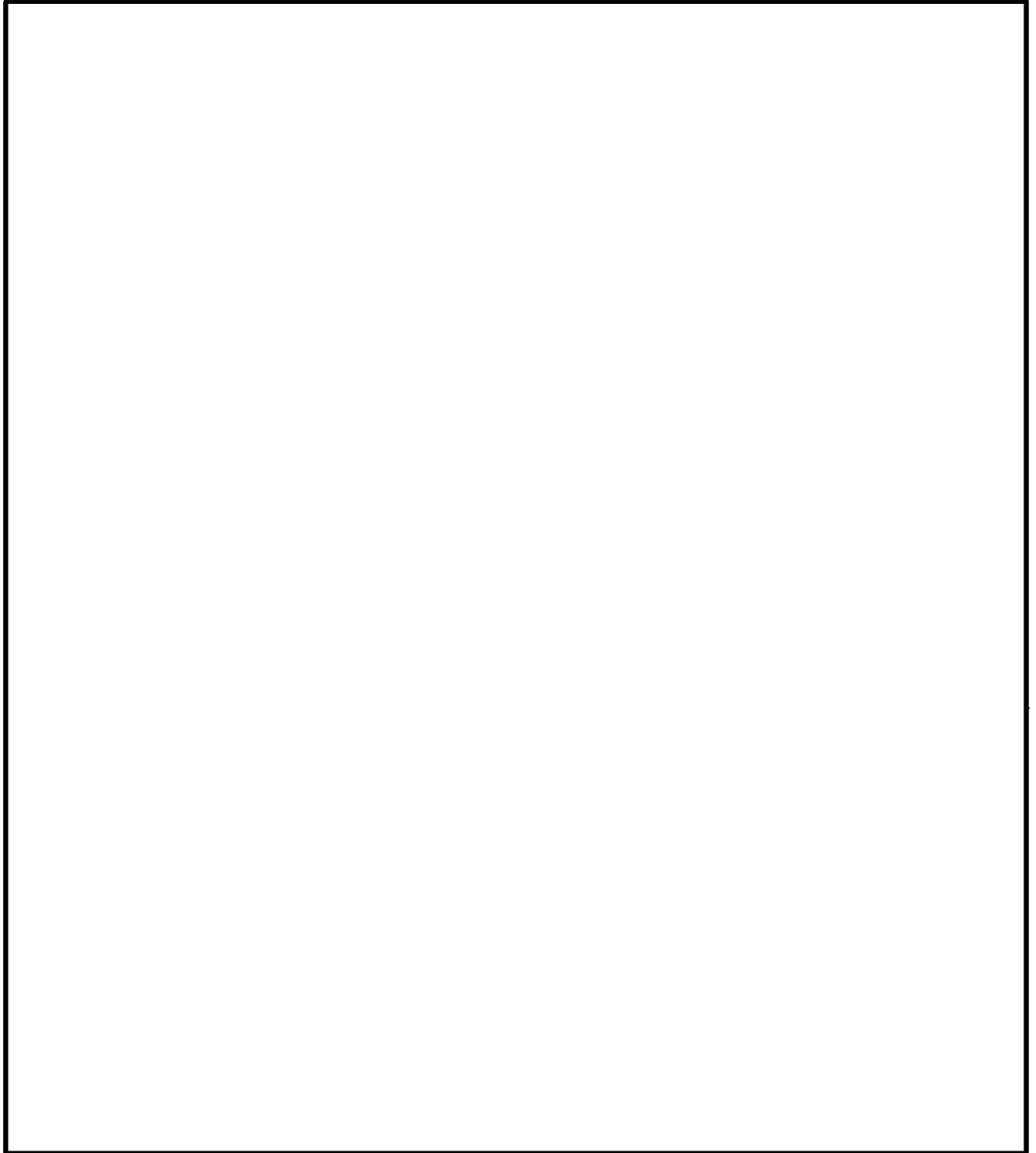
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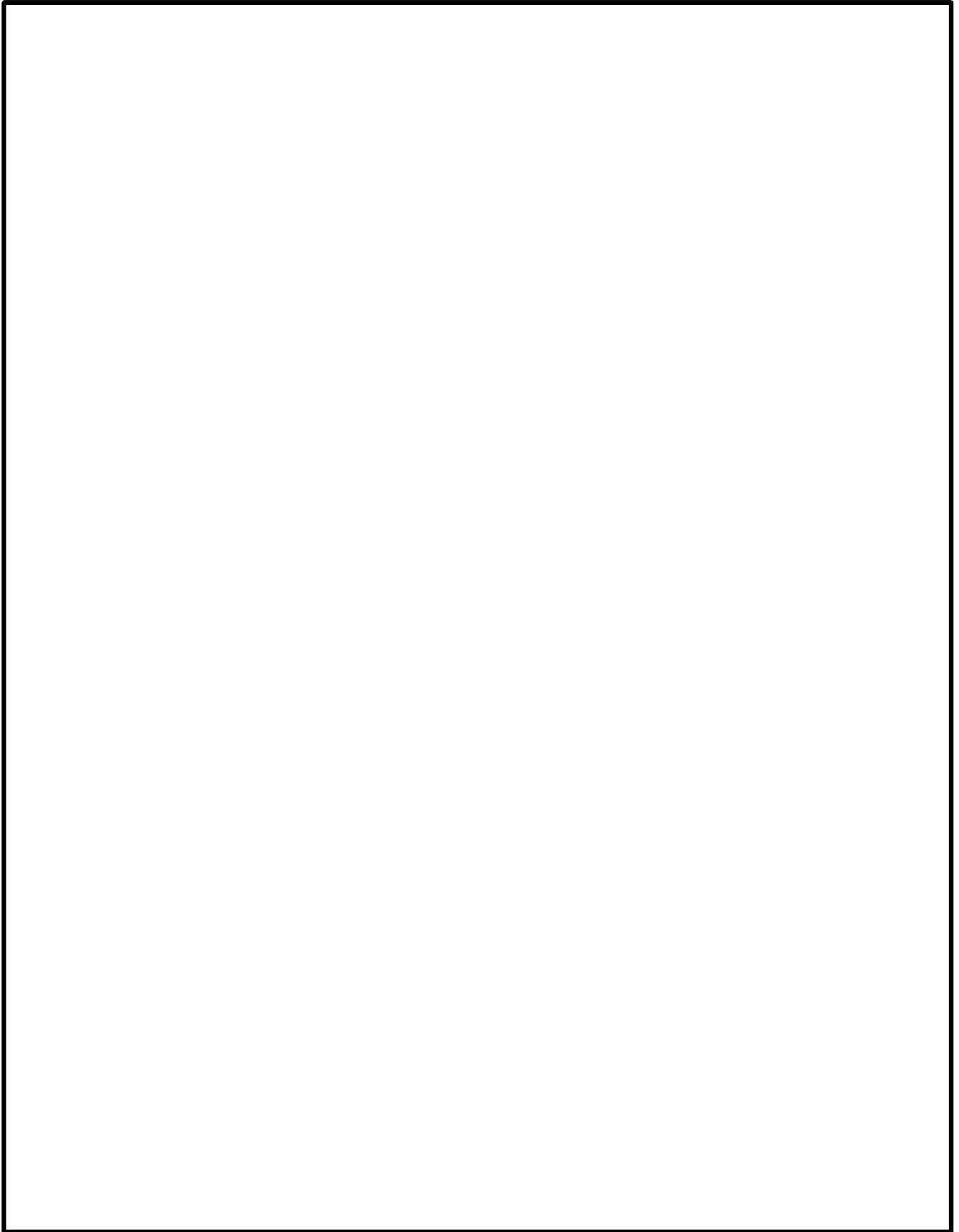
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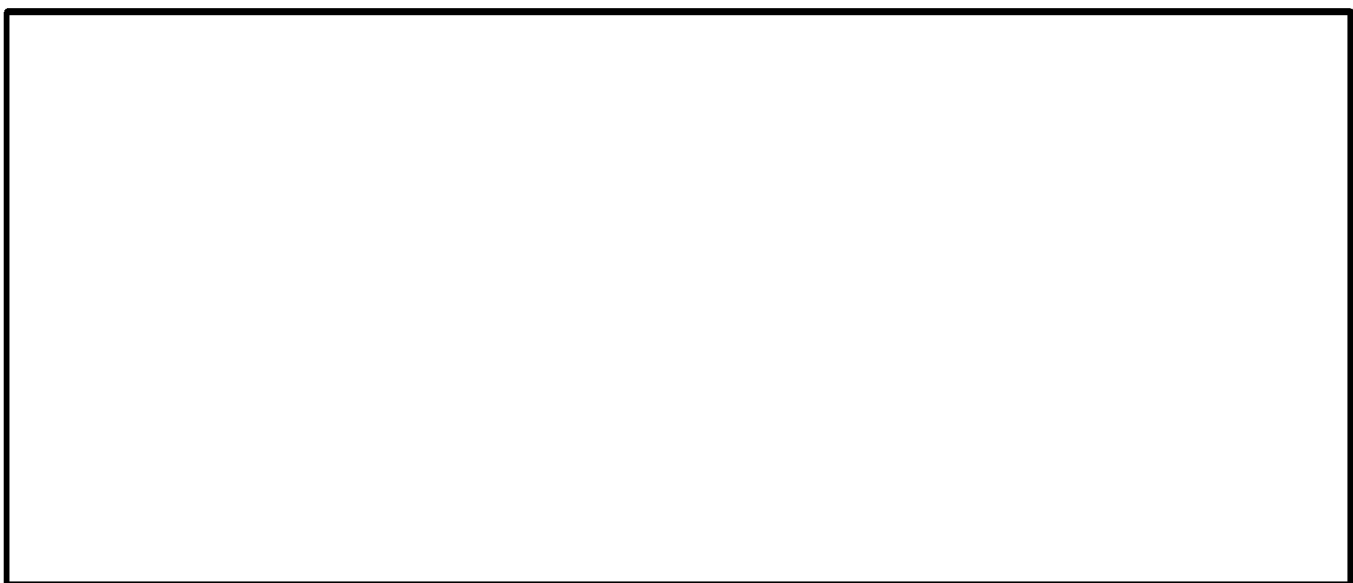
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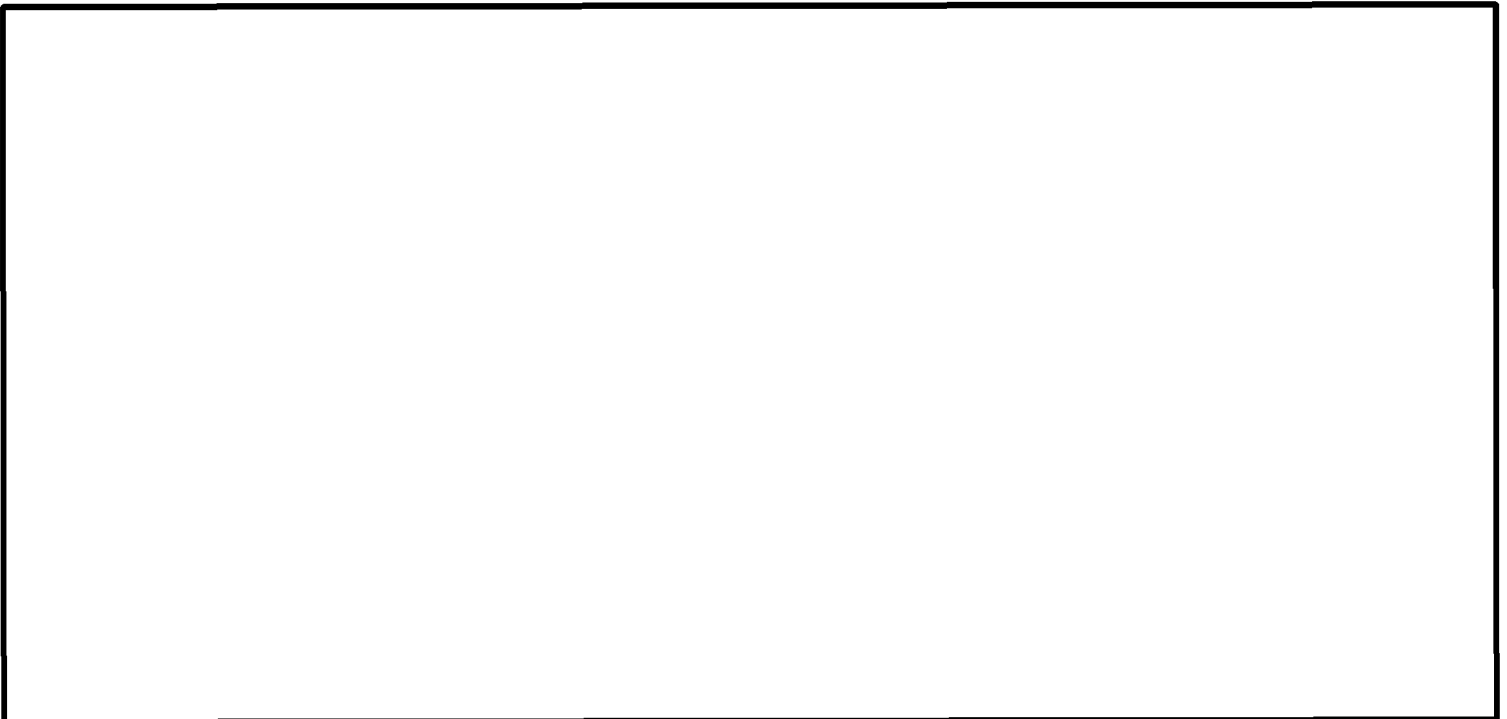
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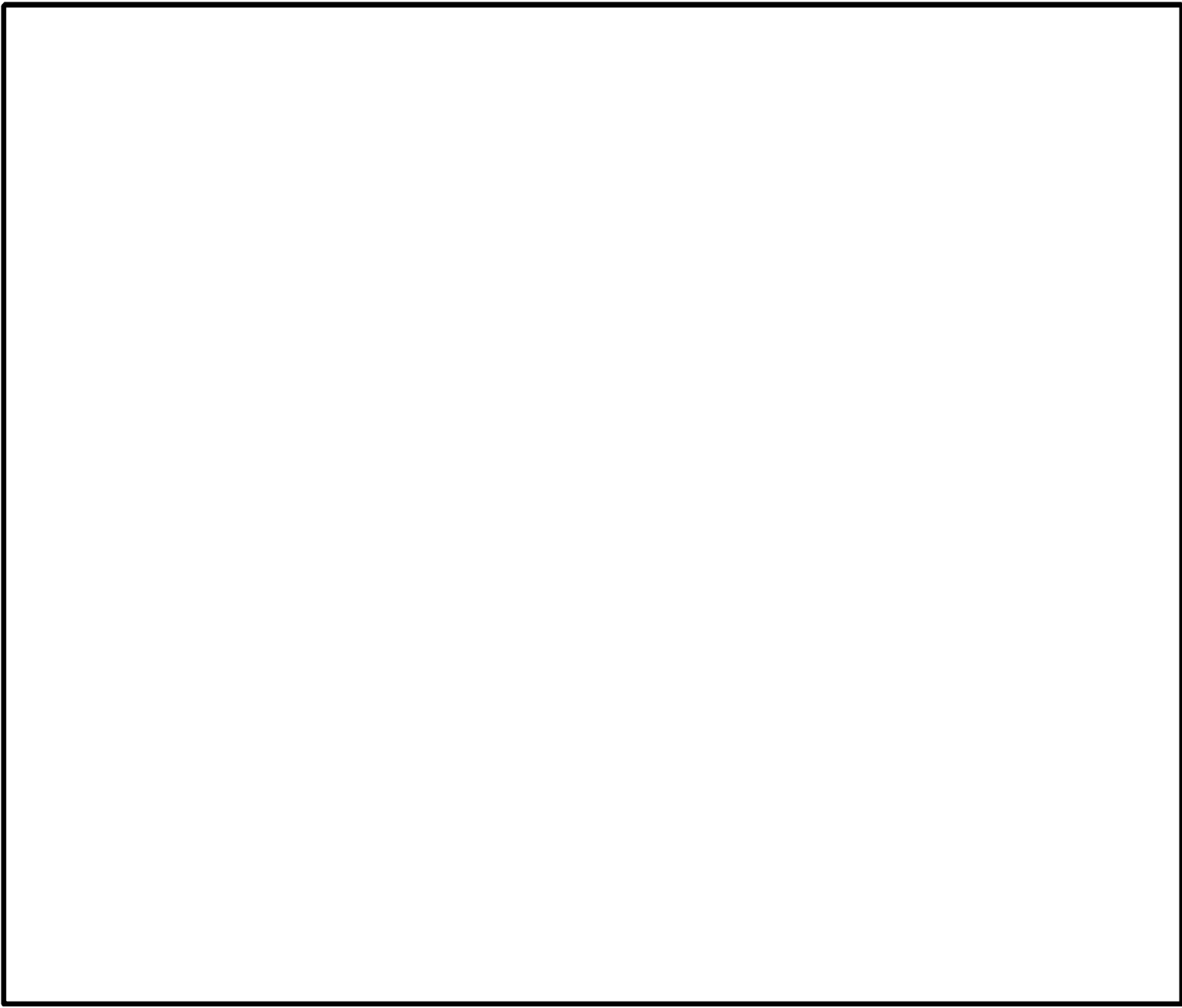
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To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RE: RAPID DNA

I am available between 8 and 12 noon.

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

From: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:21 PM
To: Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: Re: RAPID DNA

Don - Happy to discuss, but I have a doctor's appt in the afternoon and am booked the remainder of the day. What time Thursday works for you?

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

From: Hawkins, Donald K
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tue Mar 01 10:25:39 2011
Subject: RAPID DNA

Good morning Jennifer,

I will be presenting to the DHS Data Privacy & Integrity Advisory Committee (DIPIAC), next week and would like a quick briefing from you, regarding the RAPID DNA process, in terms of USCIS vision in using it. Please let me know when you have time. The sooner, the better. I will be out Friday and the presentation is next Wednesday. Thanks.

Donald

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Thursday at 11am works for me. I will not take much of your time. Thanks.

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

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Chris is better able to answer that since DHS S&T has the lead on developing the prototype. I believe we're looking to pilot in Q4.

If you have policy questions, then those are best answered by us.

How about Thursday at 11?

Thanks!

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From: Hawkins, Donald K
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Sent: Tue Mar 01 21:26:27 2011
Subject: RE: DNA Working Group - Article on Rapid DNA Testing

Yes - I read this document. I got it from Chris, S&T. It's very helpful. I just need some answers from you as to how close we are to rolling this out, etc...

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Jennifer,

Excellent comments. I've made some of the additional changes suggested and provided a few comments back. I was also able to speak to someone at FBI CODIS to clarify my earlier question regarding the use of SSN as the sample identifier - they do not do that.

The latest version is attached. I've added HFD to the end of the title.

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All - Attached are comments/edits from RAD on these Q&As including the addition of two items that we believe may be asked in light of the nextgov article.

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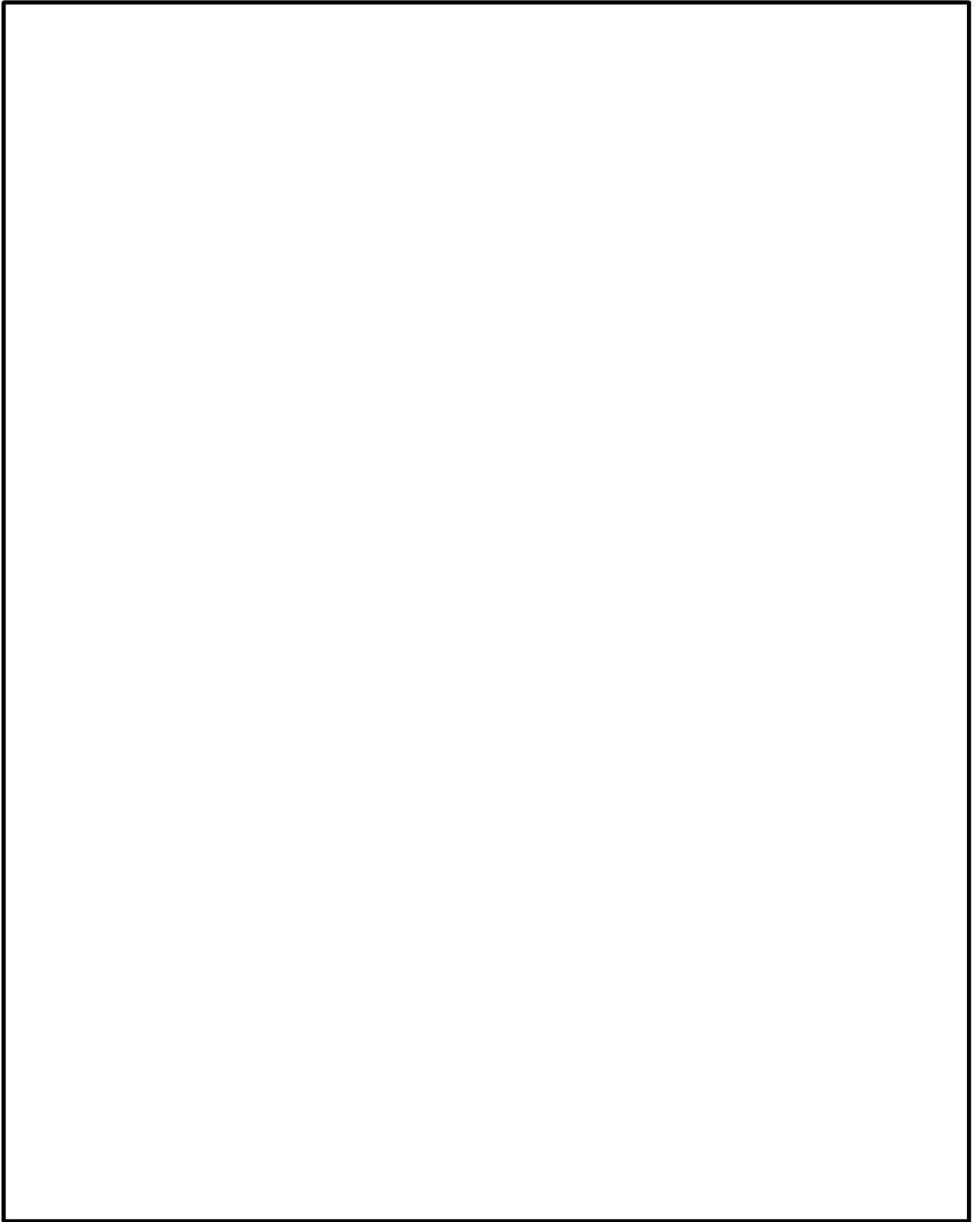
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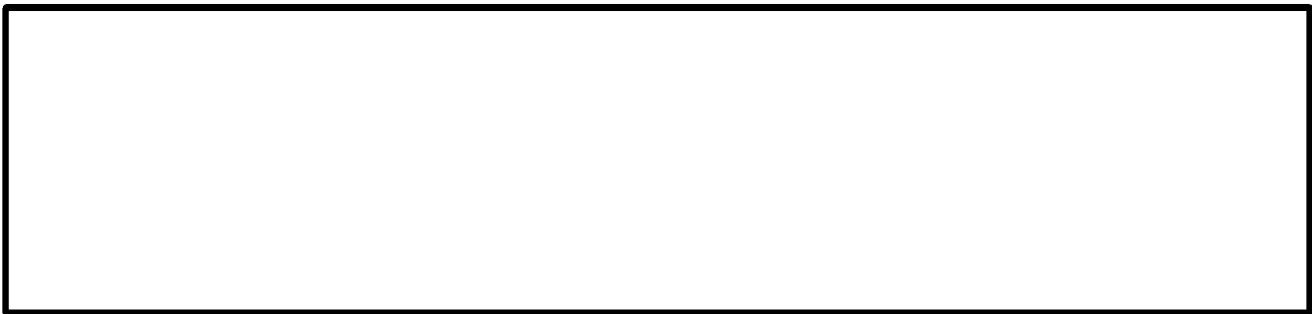
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Mary Ellen,

I updated the Q&As based on your comments, and addressed your questions. The attached Q&As are consistent with Martha's write up.

Please note, these Q&As are for internal-DHS use only. The document itself is not intended to be shared outside of DHS. The Q&As are designed to provide a quick overview of the project, and to prepare you for potential questions from DPIAC members.



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I have reviewed the FAQs, and I am not sure they are fully baked from a privacy /policy perspective yet. I made edits in the attached document, which I think had pete's edits as well. I saw martha's shorter response to the DPIAC, which is probably fine to go, but I would just not want to be inaccurate in that statement. Please review my edits and martha's notice to dpiac for consistency.

Thanks.

Mary Ellen Callahan

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I updated the Q&As based on Pete's comments.

See attached, version 002.

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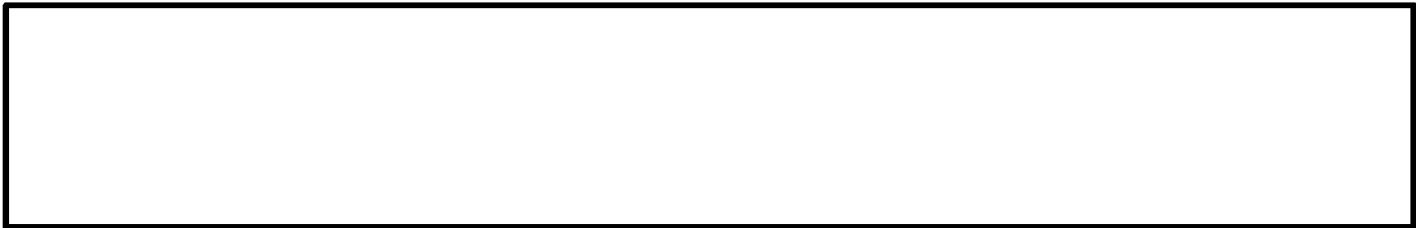
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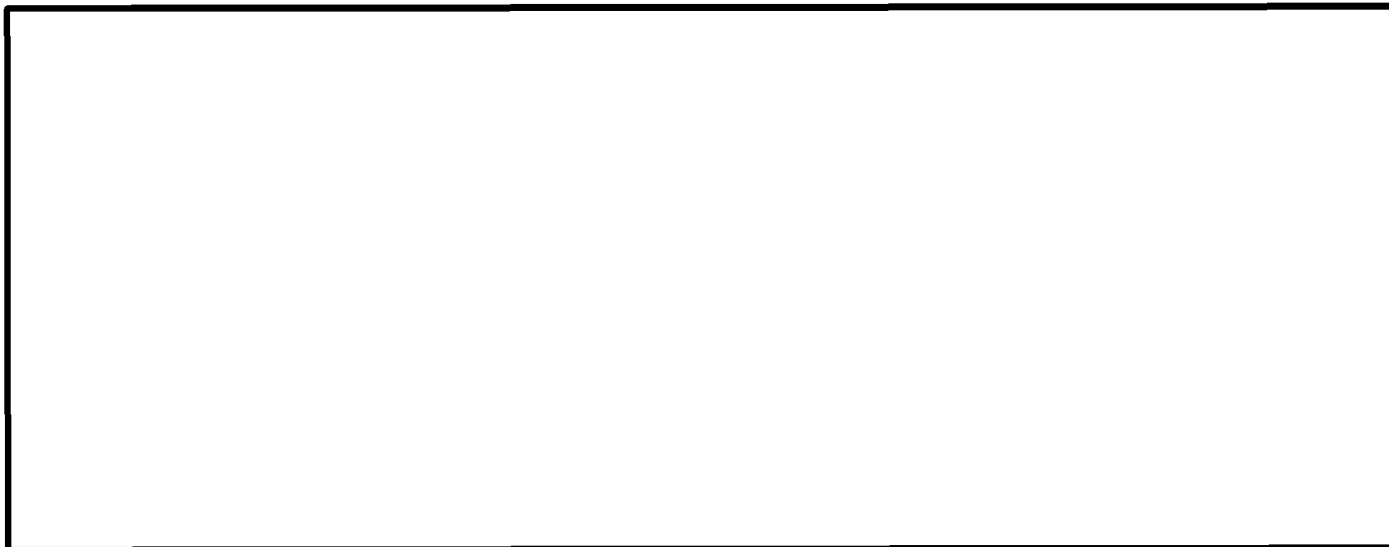


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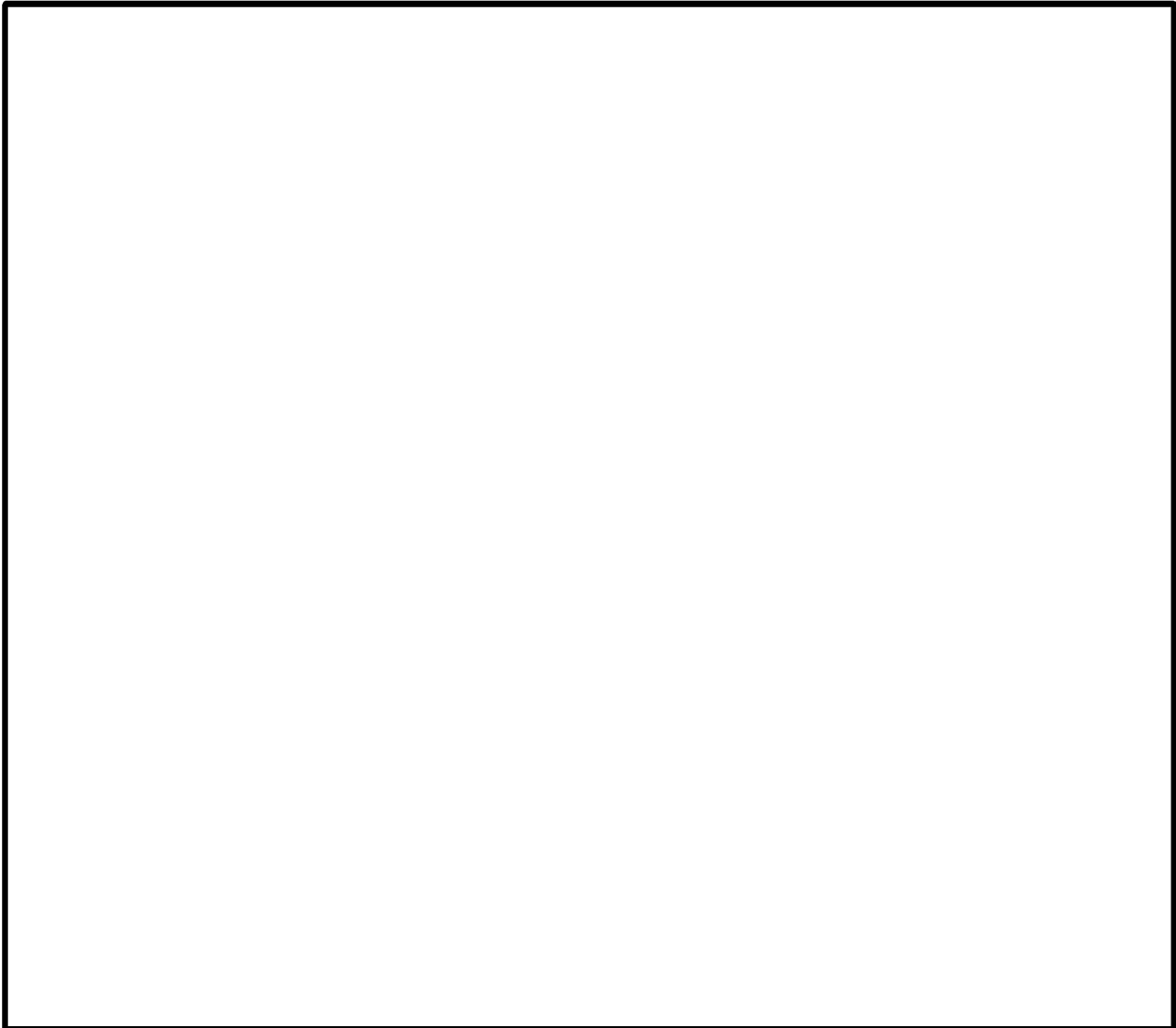
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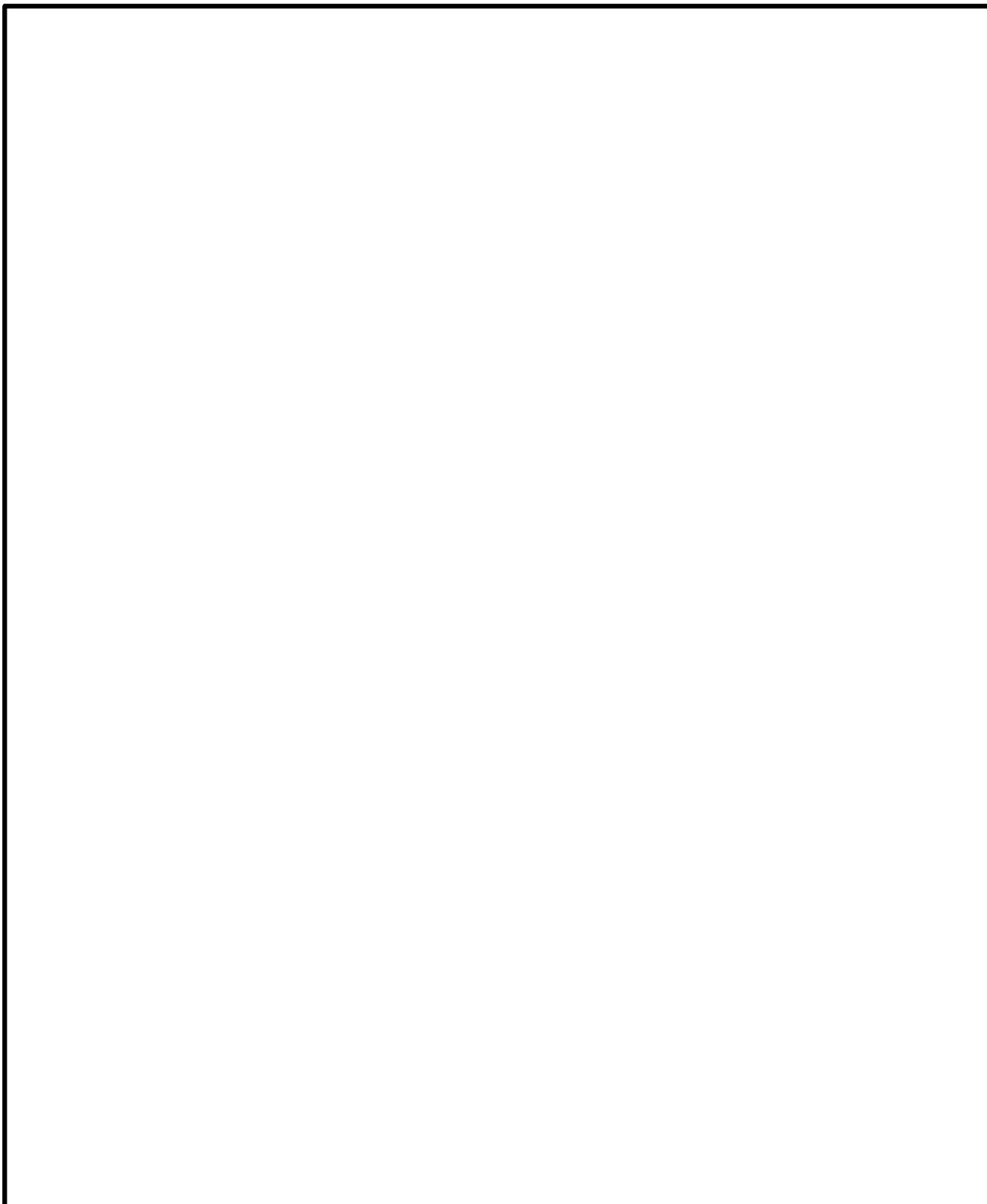
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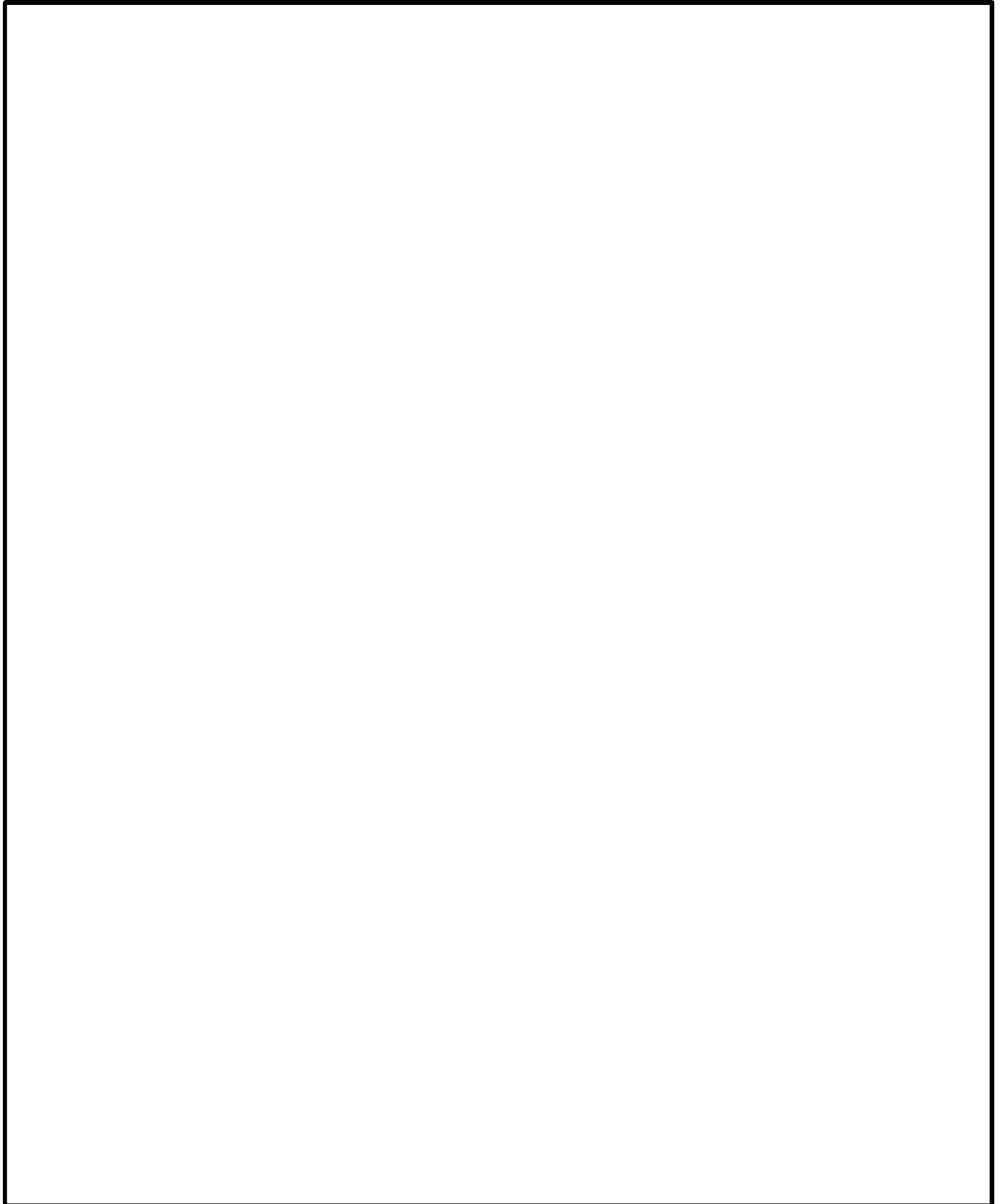
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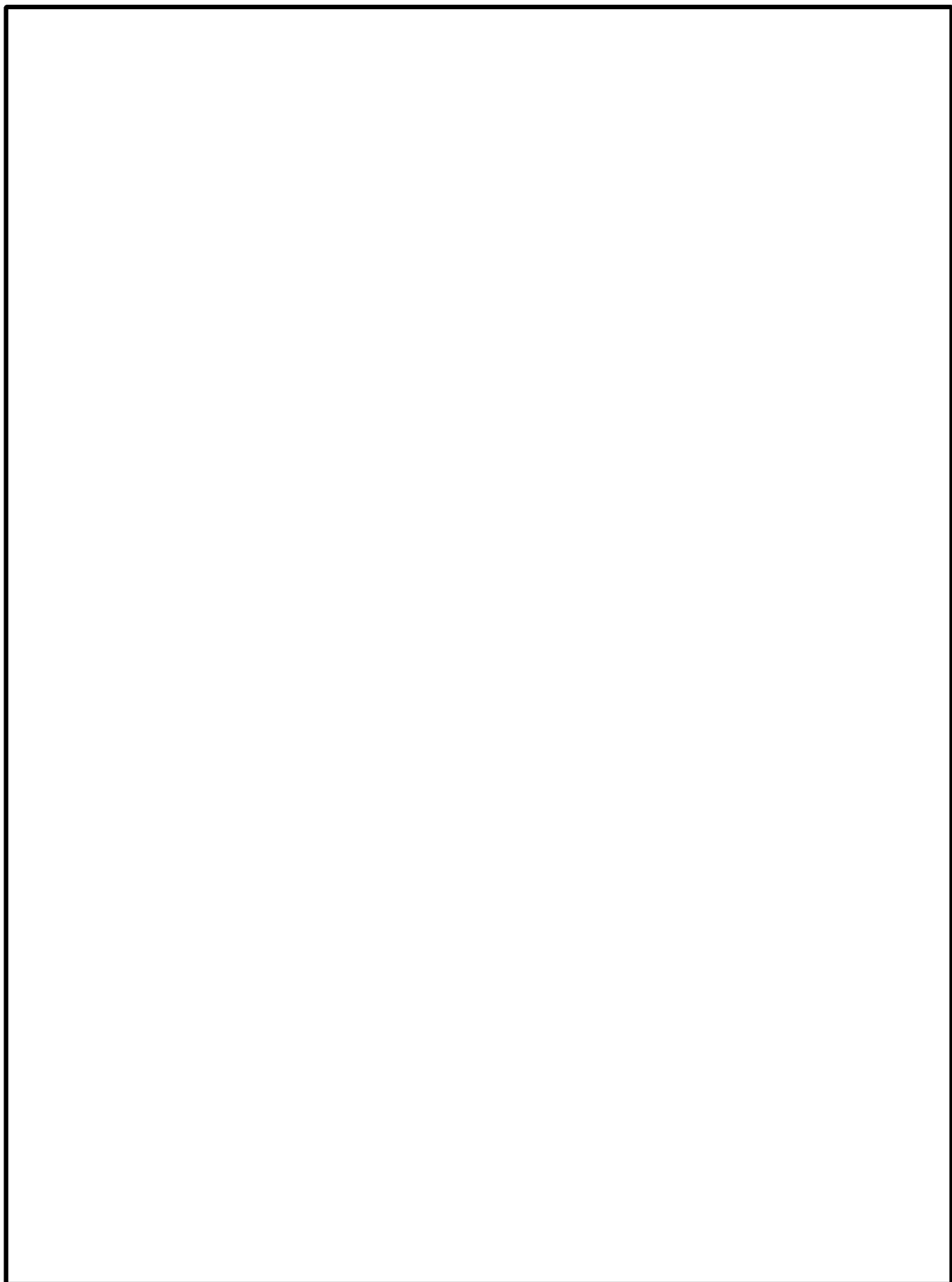


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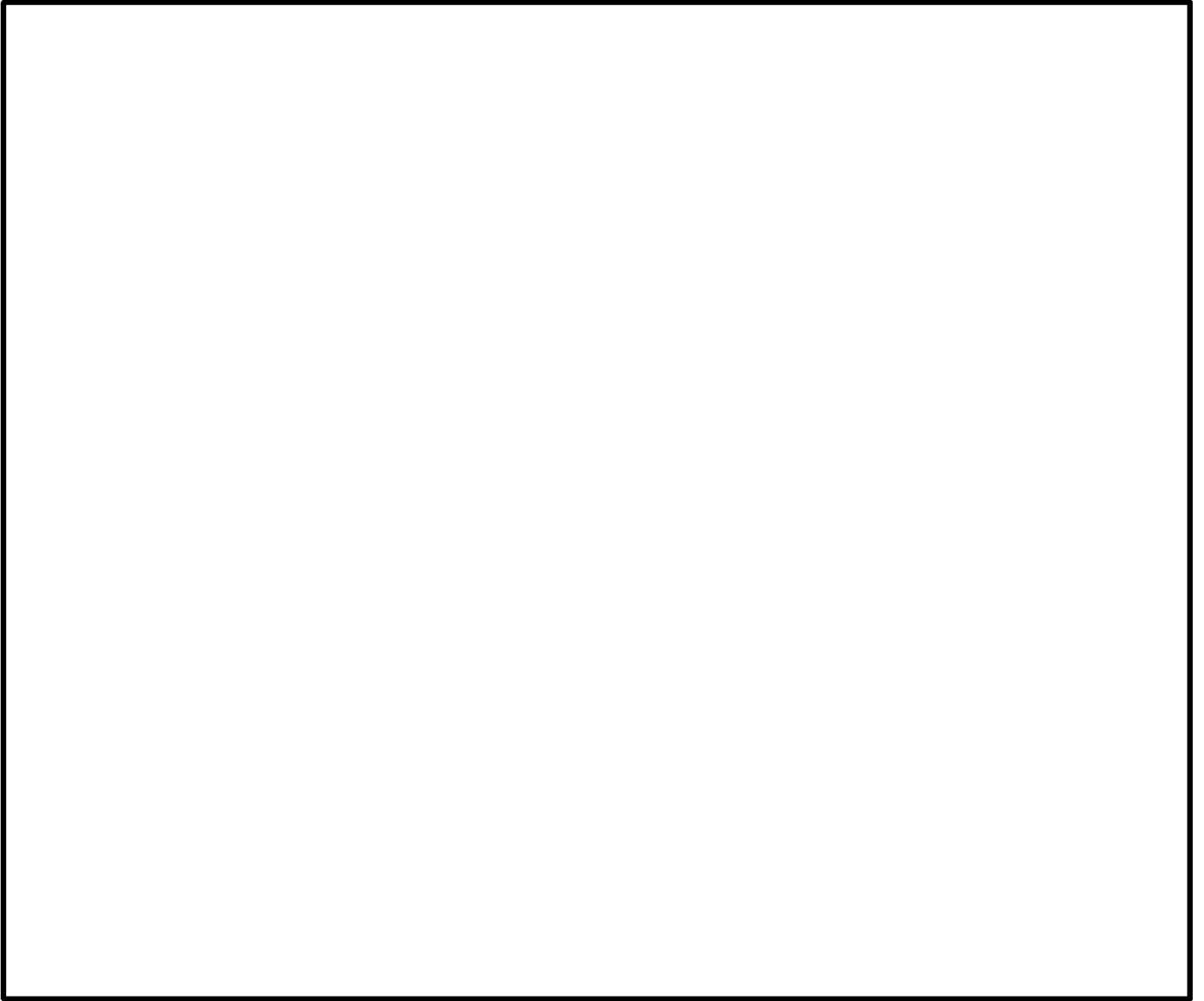
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Hawkins, Donald K

From: Hawkins, Donald K
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:59 PM
To: Landesberg, Martha
Subject: Re: Rapid-DNA FAQs

Thanks Martha.

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

From: Landesberg, Martha <Martha.Landesberg@dhs.gov>
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Donald K <Donald.Hawkins@dhs.gov>
Cc: Sand, Peter; Lee, Christopher
Sent: Thu Mar 03 16:13:34 2011
Subject: RE: Rapid-DNA FAQs

Here are the background materials on RAPID-DNA, marked FOUO.

For ease of use, I have added my general statement as intro to the final version of Chris's Qs and As.

Thanks to all!

Martha

Martha K. Landesberg

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Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:42 PM
To: Lee, Christopher; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Cc: Sand, Peter; Hawkins, Donald K; Landesberg, Martha
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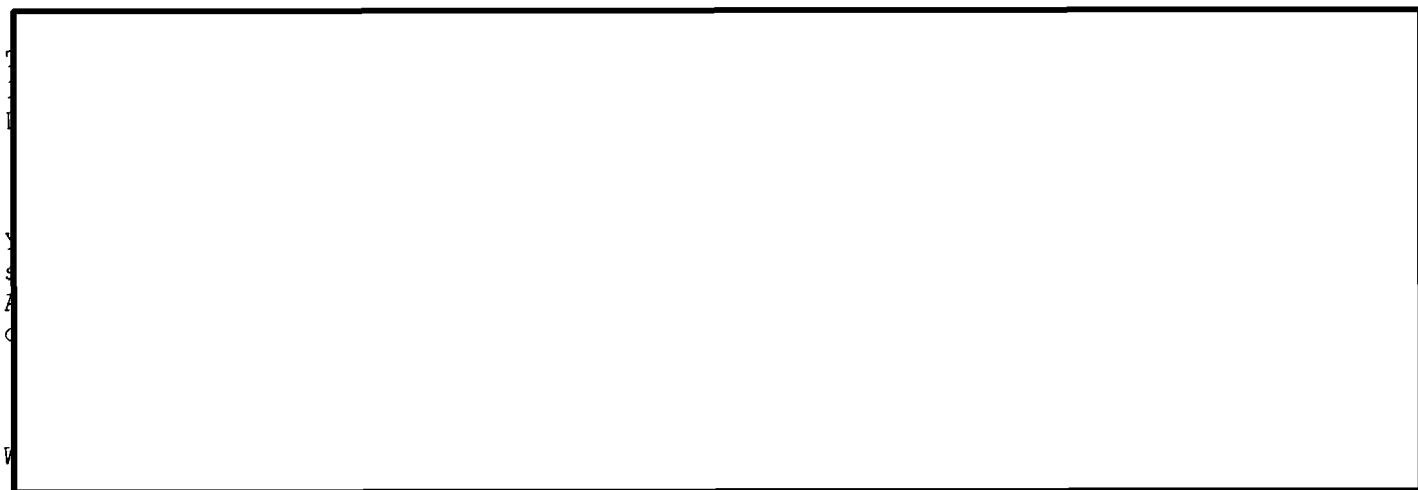
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From: Lee, Christopher [<mailto:Christopher.Lee2@dhs.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:23 AM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Cc: Sand, Peter; Hawkins, Donald K; Landesberg, Martha
Subject: RE: Rapid-DNA FAQs

Mary Ellen,

I updated the Q&As based on your comments, and addressed your questions. The attached Q&As are consistent with Martha's write up.

Please note, these Q&As are for internal-DHS use only. The document itself is not intended to be shared outside of DHS. The Q&As are designed to provide a quick overview of the project, and to prepare you for potential questions from DPIAC members.



Chris

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I updated the Q&As based on Pete's comments.

See attached, version 002.

Disregard prior versions of this document.

Best wishes,

Chris


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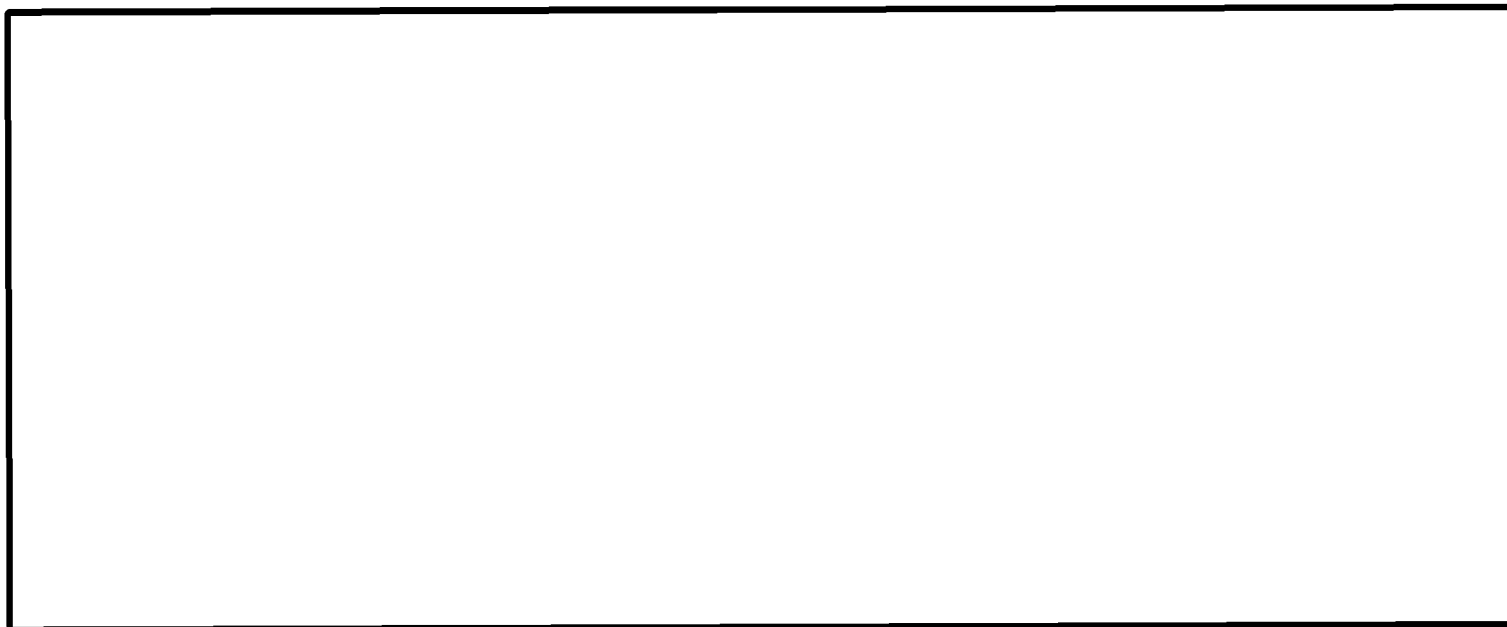
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To: Lee, Christopher; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Donald K
Cc: Landesberg, Martha
Subject: Re: Rapid-DNA FAQs

Chris,

Thanks! 2 quick thoughts:



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researchers every step of the way.

Pete

Peter E. Sand

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Please excuse the effects of big thumbs on little keys.

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 04:14 PM

To: Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>; Hawkins, Donald K

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Attached are a set of Rapid-DNA Questions and Answers.

I worked with Jennifer Higgins (USCIS) and Chris Miles (S&T) to draft, review and edit the Q&As.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.


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Best wishes,

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:35 PM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Lee, Christopher; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Donald K; Sand, Peter
Cc: Landesberg, Martha
Subject: RE: FYI

Yes- I will have Jennifer Higgins to brief me before next week. The Executives in RAI0 are not aware a process has started. However, Jennifer Higgins, of RAI0 is the most knowledgeable about Rapid DNA.

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 12:17 PM
To: Lee, Christopher; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Donald K; Sand, Peter
Cc: Landesberg, Martha
Subject: RE: FYI

Donald, will you be able to address these questions at next week's DPIAC meeting? I am getting inquiries from DPIAC members. Thanks.

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To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Donald K; Sand, Peter
Subject: FW: FYI

Chris Miles, S&T Program Manager for the Rapid DNA Test project, provides additional information, below.

He also forwarded a response from TSA about the incorrect allegations that TSA is collecting DNA for passengers, below.

Best wishes,

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 10:02 AM
To: Lee, Christopher
Cc: Rausch, Sharla; Turner, Christopher; Ortman, Chris; Foley, Jennifer (CTR); Cargo, Stephen (CTR)
Subject: RE: FYI

Chris,

Yes, The Daily (<http://www.thedaily.com/page/2011/02/26/news-tsa-scanner-1-2/>) ran an article on Saturday (they contacted our Corporate Comms staff Friday) and there have been several spin-offs that have made some non-factual extractions from the original NextGov article. Richard Selden, the CEO at NetBio, said "Much of what they wrote was essentially the opposite of what I told her—someone clearly misinformed her about STRs. They did use my quote about the lack of personal information in STRs, but twisted my lines about the system as a platform to move into diagnostics."

I'm not sure where TSA has a blog, but someone else sent me the following responses from TSA that address the issues with those articles pretty well. It's nice that they have that ability to discuss these articles in a public forum.

Chris M.

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

From: Jaindl, Kimberly

Subject: RE: TSA Blog: TSA Testing DNA? No way

FYI... trade publications are starting to pick this up. From Government Security News:

TSA has no plans to test DNA at airports Mon, 2011-02-28 08:50 AM By: Mark Rockwell

The Transportation Security Administration isn't testing DNA scanner technology at airports, or anywhere else, despite news reports that allude to such tests.

Following a story that appeared on "The Daily" news Web site Feb. 26 titled "Genetic Patdown," the TSA scrambled to explain it wasn't doing any such thing. The story described a portable scanner being developed by the Department of Homeland security that would generate a genetic profile of an individual in hours. It mentioned airport scanners in the lead paragraph of the story, implying its use at airports, but didn't mention TSA or airport scanners specifically.

Apparently only the allusion to TSA was enough to generate a firestorm on Twitter and other social media, questioning the agency's use of the technology.

TSA vehemently denied the report in a blog post on its Web site Feb. 26. "TSA is not testing and has no plans to use any technology capable of testing DNA," it said flatly.

The agency called the news story misleading, saying it was DHS -- not TSA -- that was testing the technology. "Even more misleading, the first sentence leads off with the mention of airport scanners. So obviously, even though the rest of the article says nothing about airports or TSA, some readers naturally assumed this was a new technology that would be heading to the airports and the tweets went wild. It didn't help that "tsa-scanner" was included in the URL," said the TSA Web blog post.

The agency explained it was another part of the Department of Homeland Security that was testing the technology.

"The DHS Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) is doing preliminary testing with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) who already uses DNA testing in some cases to establish familial relationships in refugee processing," it said.

TSA also explained it isn't looking to use the technology any time soon, if at all. DHS S&T is expected to produce a prototype of the DNS analyzer device this summer and conduct a preliminary evaluation of it for possible future use, according to TSA. However, TSA said there "are no DHS customers" for it, or a deployment timeline. "This is simply a preliminary test of how the technology performs," it said.

"Again, TSA is not testing and has no plans to use any technology capable of testing DNA," it added.

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Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2011 8:54 PM

Subject: TSA Blog: TSA Testing DNA? No way

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To: Baker, Tamara L; Bell, Essie L; David, Lashaunne G
Subject: RE: Rapid DNA PTA/PIA

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Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 9:40 AM
To: Bell, Essie L; Hawkins, Donald K; David, Lashaunne G
Subject: FW: Rapid DNA PTA/PIA

Is anyone aware of this pilot? See below.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 8:32 AM
To: Chappell-Kirby, Shvonne L; USCIS Privacy
Cc: Baker, Tamara L; Sand, Peter; Lyons, Liz; Fong, Kathryn (CTR); Lee, Christopher
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Yes – it's a USCIS effort. There was several issues that delayed the projected start time, most of which centered around acquiring the proper technology that would work in the harsh environment this technology is needed for. RAIO has all of their ducks in order. I saw their write up months ago and I believe they are ready. Now will probably be a good time to start drafting the PTA. Thanks.

From: Baker, Tamara L
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Hawkins, Donald K; Bell, Essie L; David, Lashaunne G
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I will check with RAIO. Based on my discussions with DHS and S&T, USCIS will be responsible to all of the privacy compliance documentation. The pilot was initially scheduled to begin in June/July but was recently pushed back to December.

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Cc: Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Strong, Stacy K; Tomlyanovich, William J; Chiorazzi, Anne; Miles, Christopher A; Hawkins, Donald K; Baker, Tamara L; Fong, Kathryn (CTR)
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All the best,
Anthony

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To: Moscato, Anthony <Anthony.Moscato@dhs.gov>
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Subject: Update on Rapid-DNA

Anthony,

It's been quite a while since we've spoke about the Rapid-DNA program, but the technology has been progressing along and **delivery of the NetBio prototype system now appears to be planned for late September or early October**. The system will be delivered first to NIST for some initial laboratory performance evaluation, and then should be ready for limited demonstrations probably in October or November. The system will be delivered with enough BioChips to process 500 samples and as part of the planning we'll need to discuss if that is a sufficient number of samples or if more will be required.

We also have a few other companies that are also working to develop prototype devices including Lockheed Martin (on their own internal funding) and Integen-X (on funds from In-Q-Tel and DHS S&T) and each of them will also probably be ready to deliver prototype systems for us to evaluate around the end of the calendar year or early next year. It is now much more likely that we will have several systems capable of demonstrating relationship testing in the field and provide USCIS the ability to provide feedback to them on functionality and performance prior to moving into a commercialization program for their hardware.

So, we need to start putting together more detailed plans for the operational evaluation of the prototype system. Especially important is the Privacy impacts that need to be accomplished. S&T now has its own Privacy Officer, Chris Lee, who is a really good guy and would like to help out with getting us set up in time for the prototype deliveries. He's also been talking to the DHS Headquarters Policy office about the broader use of DNA and it would be very good for us all to talk about our plans. I've copied him on this message and it would be great if we can start working together to pull this off.

I've also copied my technical SETA, Stephen Cargo, who can help with planning.

Thanks,

Chris Miles

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To: Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: FW: Update on Rapid-DNA

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To: Baker, Tamara L
Subject: RE: Update on Rapid-DNA

Hi Tamara,

The last I heard, the pilot is still scheduled for November or December 2011 launch.

I think we can start an early draft of the PIA with the information that is currently available. And then fill in the blanks when various legal, policy, and procedural issues are finalized.

Best wishes,
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Hi Tamara,

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The latest news I heard was that there were no further developments to report.

Chris Miles, the S&T Program Manager running the Rapid DNA project, is on vacation in Australia at the moment.

I will check in with Chris M. when he returns, then pass along any information I receive.

Best wishes,
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Hawkins, Donald K

From: Hawkins, Donald K
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:50 AM
To: Lee, Christopher
Cc: Baker, Tamara L
Subject: FW: Update on Rapid-DNA

Hi Chris – we need to get the PTA completed before we move forward with the PIA. We will touch bases with the program to ensure they are aware of this requirement. Thanks.

Donald

From: Baker, Tamara L
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 1:44 PM
To: Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: FW: Update on Rapid-DNA

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From: Lee, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Lee2@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 2:21 PM
To: Baker, Tamara L
Subject: RE: Update on Rapid-DNA

Hi Tamara,

The last I heard, the pilot is still scheduled for November or December 2011 launch.

I think we can start an early draft of the PIA with the information that is currently available. And then fill in the blanks when various legal, policy, and procedural issues are finalized.

Best wishes,
Chris

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From: Baker, Tamara L [mailto:Tamara.L.Baker@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:13 AM
To: Lee, Christopher
Subject: RE: Update on Rapid-DNA

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From: Lee, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Lee2@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Baker, Tamara L
Subject: RE: Update on Rapid-DNA

Hi Tamara,

The latest news I heard was that there were no further developments to report.

Chris Miles, the S&T Program Manager running the Rapid DNA project, is on vacation in Australia at the moment.

I will check in with Chris M. when he returns, then pass along any information I receive.

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To: Lee, Christopher
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From: Lee, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Lee2@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Moscato, Anthony
Cc: Cargo, Stephen (CTR); Strong, Stacy K; Tomlyanovich, William J; Chiorazzi, Anne; Miles, Christopher A; Hawkins, Donald K; Baker, Tamara L; Fong, Kathryn (CTR)
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I am Ccing our Acting Deputy Chief Stacy Strong, our DNA Policy POC Bill Tomlyanovich, and our general Policy POC Anne Chiorazzi. We will work out a date and time and propose a few to your team.

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I'm a bit confused by this message. We've attended a few informational meetings with S&T, so I have some cursory knowledge of the initiative, but Asylum does not have any plans to use Rapid DNA. Maybe you are thinking of Refugee Affairs? Or International Operations? They are the other 2 divisions within RAIO. I'm copying Jennifer Higgins (RAD) and Whitney Reitz (IO) and James and Mary Ann (both FDNS RAIO) here.

Regards,
Mary Margaret

Mary Margaret Stone
Chief of Operations, Asylum Division

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Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 11:45 AM
To: 'Stone, Mary M'
Cc: Baker, Tamara L
Subject: RE: RAPID DNA

Hi Mary – just following-up with you on this. I want to make sure the requirement is not forgotten as we move forward.

From: Hawkins, Donald K
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 1:15 PM
To: Stone, Mary M
Subject: RAPID DNA

Hi Mary,

The Rapid DNA initiative has been getting a lot of visibility. S & T mentioned they wanted to begin the PIA process soon. With that said, I advised them, we have not completed the PTA yet. Please provide an estimated time line for completing this document. If you need a copy of the PTA template, let me know. The PTA must be completed and vetted, before we can move forward with the PIA. Thanks

Donald

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Hawkins, Donald K

From: Hawkins, Donald K
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: FW: RAPID DNA

Hi Jennifer – Chris from S&T advised us that they were preparing to draft the PIA for RAPID DNA. This is a problem, since the PTA has not been submitted. Please have someone to prepare the PTA for this initiative. If there is no plan to move forward with this, please advise. Thanks.

Donald

From: Hawkins, Donald K
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer B
Subject: RAPID DNA

Good morning Jennifer,

I will be presenting to the DHS Data Privacy & Integrity Advisory Committee (DIPIAC), next week and would like a quick briefing from you, regarding the RAPID DNA process, in terms of USCIS vision in using it. Please let me know when you have time. The sooner, the better. I will be out Friday and the presentation is next Wednesday. Thanks.

Donald

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Subject: RE: Rapid DNA PTA/PIA - distributing the paper work

Tamara,

I'll defer to Chris Lee (S&T Privacy Officer) to coordinate the details. This is one of those projects where S&T is doing research for USCIS and USCIS – as I understand it – will use the new research technology in an operational setting (real people, real data) to support a USCIS need.

So we've got two components (S&T and USCIS) working on a project together and I think we decided that since this whole project will support a USCIS need, USCIS would take the lead on the privacy compliance documentation.

Chris – right?

Thanks,

Pete

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Thanks for the overview of the project. I will ask around see what I can find out around here.

Glad the launch date isn't in July!!

Thanks again,
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Hi Tamara,

I'm forwarding you a message from Dr. Christopher Miles, the Rapid DNA Kit program manager, to Anthony Moscato at USCIS.

Chris Miles' comments indicate "limited demonstrations" may be ready in October or November.

That still provides a reasonable amount of time to complete the PIA. But it is shorter than the December timeframe I was told a few weeks ago.

I recommend the two of us chat over the phone for an informal touch base meeting.

Let me know how your schedule looks for tomorrow, Thursday, June 30, 2011.

Best wishes,
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Anthony,

It's been quite a while since we've spoke about the Rapid-DNA program, but the technology has been progressing along and delivery of the NetBio prototype system now appears to be planned for late September or early October. The system will be delivered first to NIST for some initial laboratory performance evaluation, and then should be ready for limited demonstrations probably in October or November. The system will be delivered with enough BioChips to process 500 samples and as part of the planning we'll need to discuss if that is a sufficient number of samples or if more will be required.

We also have a few other companies that are also working to develop prototype devices including Lockheed Martin (on their own internal funding) and Integen-X (on funds from In-Q-Tel and DHS S&T) and each of them will also probably be ready to deliver prototype systems for us to evaluate around the end of the calendar year or early next year. It is now much more likely that we will have several systems capable of demonstrating relationship testing in the field and provide USCIS the ability to provide feedback to them on functionality and

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performance prior to moving into a commercialization program for their hardware.

So, we need to start putting together more detailed plans for the operational evaluation of the prototype system. Especially important is the Privacy impacts that need to be accomplished. S&T now has its own Privacy Officer, Chris Lee, who is a really good guy and would like to help out with getting us set up in time for the prototype deliveries. He's also been talking to the DHS Headquarters Policy office about the broader use of DNA and it would be very good for us all to talk about our plans. I've copied him on this message and it would be great if we can start working together to pull this off.

I've also copied my technical SETA, Stephen Cargo, who can help with planning.

Thanks,

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Hi Donald,

I'm a bit confused by this message. We've attended a few informational meetings with S&T, so I have some cursory knowledge of the initiative, but Asylum does not have any plans to use Rapid DNA. Maybe you are thinking of Refugee Affairs? Or International Operations? They are the other 2 divisions within RAIO. I'm copying Jennifer Higgins (RAD) and Whitney Reitz (IO) and James and Mary Ann (both FDNS RAIO) here.

Regards,
Mary Margaret

Mary Margaret Stone
Chief of Operations, Asylum Division

9/12/2011

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From: Hawkins, Donald K [mailto:Donald.Hawkins@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 11:45 AM
To: 'Stone, Mary M'
Cc: Baker, Tamara L
Subject: RE: RAPID DNA

Hi Mary – just following-up with you on this. I want to make sure the requirement is not forgotten as we move forward.

From: Hawkins, Donald K
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 1:15 PM
To: Stone, Mary M
Subject: RAPID DNA

Hi Mary,

The Rapid DNA initiative has been getting a lot of visibility. S & T mentioned they wanted to begin the PIA process soon. With that said, I advised them, we have not completed the PTA yet. Please provide an estimated time line for completing this document. If you need a copy of the PTA template, let me know. The PTA must be completed and vetted, before we can move forward with the PIA. Thanks

Donald

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