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Review of the Removal of a Canadian Citizen to Syria

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RECORD OF INTERVIEW

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, February 3, 2004 @ 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Chester Arthur Building
425 Eye Street, N.W.
Room 3241
Washington, DC

PARTICIPANTS: Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
(ICE): See attachment

OIG:

[REDACTED] Chief Inspector

[REDACTED] Team Leader

[REDACTED] Senior Inspector

PURPOSE: Entrance Conference - Review of the Removal of Maher
Arar to Syria by the Immigration and Naturalization
Service (INS)

INFORMATION OBTAINED:

- [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to review [REDACTED] are the [REDACTED] our review of the [REDACTED]
- DOJ has to [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] during the period in question covered by our review. [REDACTED] can only be [REDACTED]
- ICE has not officially [REDACTED] as to [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] mentioned by [REDACTED] entails [REDACTED] documents (workpapers) related to OIG reviews [REDACTED] also advised that our workpapers for the Arar review might [REDACTED] This is of additional concern because [REDACTED] may be [REDACTED]

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- [redacted] clarified that we will only [redacted] who were [redacted]
- [redacted] recommended that we first consult [redacted] to obtain [redacted] (Note: we have a copy of [redacted]).
- [redacted] is now [redacted] in [redacted] (part of [redacted])

Contacts

- [redacted] is the [redacted] Advisor.
- [redacted] is the attorney for [redacted] who is [redacted]
- [redacted] is [redacted] in the Detention & Removal Office (for field interviews).
- [redacted] is the [redacted] Officer.

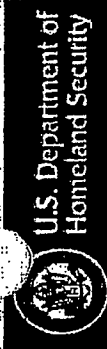
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Follow Up

- ICE attorneys ([redacted]) will identify the appropriate DOJ contact to [redacted]
- [redacted] will contact [redacted] regarding concerns with [redacted] issues.

Written by: [redacted]

Reviewed by: [redacted]



Entrance Conference: OIG Review of the Removal of Immigration Detainee to Syria
February 3, 2004 • 1:00 p.m. • Room 3241- OMI Conf. Room

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Lawyer	DHS-ICE Prim. Lgl. Adv.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Inspector	DHS-ICE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	DHS-ICE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Review of the Removal of Maher Arar to Syria by INS in October 2002

Memorandum of Record

PURPOSE: Interview an attorney for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS) who dealt with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DATE: Monday, December 12, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: [REDACTED], Washington, D.C.

ATTENDEES: [REDACTED] Office of Chief Counsel, CIS --(202)
[REDACTED] DHS/OIG
[REDACTED] DHS/OIG

PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]

At the time of Arar's removal to Syria (October 2002), [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED], working in the [REDACTED]

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Former [REDACTED] and former [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] While [REDACTED]

The context of Arar's removal included [REDACTED] Unlike [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entails the [REDACTED] also involved the [REDACTED] Under the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not know whether [REDACTED] However, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] would have remembered [REDACTED]

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Possible Further Contacts

- [REDACTED] office
- [REDACTED] officer
- [REDACTED] office

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Review of the Removal of Maher Arar to Syria by INS in October 2002

Memorandum of Record

PURPOSE: Summary of a meeting held with an attorney for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS) regarding OIG access to relevant CIS interview subjects and documents.

DATE: Monday, February 7, 2005, @ 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: [REDACTED], Washington, D.C.

ATTENDEES:

[REDACTED] Counsel, CIS - (202) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CIS - (202) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DHS OIG
[REDACTED] DHS OIG

PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]

Discussion:

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[REDACTED] reviewed the "Joint Memorandum Regarding Treatment of Privileged Information in *Arar v. Ashcroft, et al.*" with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Arar's case. [REDACTED] recalls hearing about [REDACTED] about whether [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described the Arar matter as [REDACTED]. They were asked to [REDACTED]. For example, the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (see below).

Documents developed by [REDACTED] that contained information [REDACTED] were seen by [REDACTED] said the [REDACTED]

