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Subject: -MI Complaints on Border Questioning of Muslims

Might be a good idea to be proactive in events where its just CRCL but I would not think its a good idea to be proactive at events where CBP is present.

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Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel at the United States-Canada border.

On March 24, CAIR-MI filed complaints with both DHS and the Department of Justice (DOJ) seeking civil and potentially criminal investigations into dozens of reports from constituents who reported that CBP agents pointed firearms at them, detained and handcuffed them without predication of crimes or charges, and questioned them about their worship habits.

Questions reportedly asked of Michigan Muslims by CBP agents have included:

• How many times a day do you pray?
• Do you pray your morning prayer in the mosque?
• Who else prays in your mosque?

Those detained by CBP agents report that the same questions are asked every time they crossed the border.

Video: Muslims Say They've Been Harassed at Border (CAIR)

In a letter to CAIR-MI Staff Attorney Lena Masri, DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Margo Schlanger wrote in part:

"The Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties received information from
you on March 24, 2011, concerning repeated handcuffing, brandishing of
weapons, prolonged detentions, invasive and humiliating body searches at
the border, and inappropriate questioning that pertains to religion and
religious practices by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
personnel.

"Under 6 U.S.C. § 345 and 42 U.S.C. § 2000ee-1, the Office for Civil
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