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Below are some of the cases we have come in contact. We will continue to add to the bucket your are creating. Let me know if there is need for additional information on these individuals:

• (b) (6) a Portland, Maine, resident , complained that while returning from an overseas trip on
November 17, 2009, CPB Officers at Logan Airport detained him and confiscated his electrics equipment
including cameras and phones. He states that he was held for more than four hours and was asked questions
related to his religious practices including how often he prays and what mosque he attends. This individual
alleges that he was denied use of bathroom while in secondary screening and some of his belongings were
mailed to his home after a month.

• Mr. fib) (6) a Portland-Maine, Resident, alleges that upon returning to the country through
Boston Logan Airport in August 2009 he was detained along with his son, 15 years old, and held for over four hours. Religious questions included the mosque he attended and how often he prayed were asked.

• (b) (6) A Portland resident of Somali origin, claims on September,05, 2009, that she along with her
children were detained for hours at Boston Airport by CPB officers and were asked inappropriate questions. Her son was asked whether the number on his basketball jersey was a reference to a verse in the Quran. She also claims that she was denied to respond to her diabetic daughter's cries. Other questions included why she purchased clothing items in Egypt, why she did not marry while she was overseas since other Somali women get married when they go abroad and why she was not fasting that particular day. She said CPB did not provide interpretation while she was interrogated and her son was told to "shut up stupid" when he tried to interpret for her.

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Thank you.

FYI - we received
the docs.

(b) (6) allegations via the ACLU this summer and opened a complaint. It is already included in

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We were asked to collect all issues re: Boston Logan, so I've decided these between TSA and CBP accordingly. Hopefully Ma-efuh3-a,

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he belongs to and about his Muslim faith. CRCL contacted by ACLU-MA regarding this issue on 10/18/2011 and instructed to use DHS TRIP.

(b) (6) Somali community member who is a US Citizen and has been a member of the US National Track
and Field Team and the 2008 US Olympic team. States that he was always delayed while traveling secondary screening by TSA and CBP. Has gone through DHS TRIP.

o TSA has allegedly subject him to dog sniffing and strip searches, and he says he has repeatedly been
delayed and often missed flights. States that in front of teammates, he felt like he was singled out and
"treated like a criminal."

o Says he also has had significant problems while re-entering the US. CBP allegedly routinely asks him
questions such as what tribe he belongs to (to which he states he responds that he is American), what mosque he prays at, how often he prays, and whether family members are religious. His states that his electronic items are taken and their contents are copied.

o In late November 2009, he says he entered the US after visiting his wife who resides in Egypt in order to
be present for the birth of his child and was detained by CBP. CBP allegedly took his camera, looked at
his photos, and asked why his newborn son was white. The photos also contained pictures ofJ
wife not wearing her usual hijab and he states he was upset that a male CBP agent was looking
at her pictures. He states he was then allowed to leave, but his passport was held.

o In April 2010, he states he traveled to Egypt to see his wife and child and on his return to Boston, CBP
again detained him. When he asked to speak to a supervisor he was allegedly yelled at by a woman with
a dog and told to sit down. He states his computer, camera, cell phone, ipod were taken away and returned after contents were copied and downloaded.

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Could you please send me your list?

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— I've included 3-4 individuals on the list.1211 has the more important cases though from Somali community

(b) - would you please let (b) (6) know when you expect to have your input completed?

Thanks,
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