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DEFENSIVE SECURITY BRIEFING

This briefing is for personnel who are planning visits outside the continental United States. You should understand that you are continually a potential target for hostile intelligence agents. This threat becomes increasingly significant as you travel outside the United States. When you visit in a foreign country, whether on vacation or official government business, you are likely to meet people from foreign countries. If you are traveling to a communist governed country this sets the stage for hostile designated country intelligence gathering activities.

In every major city of the world, hostile agents are conducting well-planned espionage operations. Many operatives use the immunity of diplomatic status to hide their true intentions. And approximately 30-35 percent of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) diplomats in the U.S. are intelligence officers of the former (KGB) now Foreign Intelligence Service (FIS) and in many countries the percentage is higher. Embassies, foreign trade organizations, international relief associations, consulate offices and United Nations offices are examples of potential diplomatic covers for espionage agents.

As a traveler, you are more vulnerable because you are unfamiliar with the customs, people, language, topography, laws and the judicial system of that country. You become more dependent upon strangers. This is an attractive situation for the hostile agent.

When these circumstances exist, be especially aware that this is the perfect opportunity for a hostile intelligence agent to contact you. Be alert of too friendly or too helpful strangers. Do not put yourself into a compromising situation where threats of blackmail could surface and you will need outside help. Examples of behavior that could lead to such results are:

- Involvement in illicit currency trade
- Poor judgment in alcohol consumption
- Minor traffic violations
- Gambling
- Any immoral conduct
- Agreeing to mail or deliver materials for designated country citizens

Recruitment:

As you can see, the range of blackmail runs from minor indiscretions to more serious involvement. Remember to maintain a **“low profile”** and be especially aware of possible contacts or recruitment attempts by foreign agents.

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The process of recruitment is often difficult for the individual to recognize. It normally follows a simple step by step pattern. We identify that pattern by breaking it into categories:

Targeting:

During the targeting phase the intelligence agencies determine what information is of interest to them and needed by them for the advancement of their military technology.

Spotting:

During the spotting phase, the intelligence agent determines who, in his estimation, has access to National Defense information and may have some sign of vulnerability.

Initial Assessing and Investigation:

The agent, after spotting a person of interest, will conduct an investigation and assessment to learn the individual’s weaknesses and daily activities. Further, the agent will begin plans for the first initial contact with the American.

Approach and social cultivation:

The approach may appear as a casual contact, a “**spur-of-the-moment**” incident. At times, it even appears to the American that he (the American) made the initial effort to meet. As Americans, we are eager to meet new friends from other nations and such seemingly “**chance**” encounters are pleasant to us. Social cultivation is the primary means for developing the relationship with the American who has no idea anything other than normal socializing is going on.

Recruiting:

During recruitment the intelligence agent will then make a request for an illegal act.

Development:

The intelligence agent educates the person recruited to the task of espionage.

Management:

The last category is control of achievement, maintaining security, paying and rewarding.

Terrorism:

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Throughout the world, groups of dissidents are realizing the value and effectiveness of terrorism. Often, these groups become violent by kidnapping, torturing, and killing. Frequently, innocent bystanders are victims of these acts. As an American traveling, we tend to stand out in a crowd due to our language and dress. For publicity, terrorist groups use American travelers as hostages. There is no way to protect yourself against a random attack, but by keeping a **“low profile,”** you will attract less attention to yourself, thus passively offering a defense. Your own lack of discretion or alertness gives an agent or terrorist group the opportunity they need.

The travel you are planning is of particular concern. When you travel inside a foreign country, hostile intelligence agencies have greater control over you and your itinerary. Remember travel service personnel you meet, may be members of that country’s intelligence service. Other countries may also be using **“friendly”** foreign countries as a recruiting area. Stay alert, even when visiting an allied country.

Terrorist will target American businessman, government employee and tourist. It is not unusual for terrorist to maintain dossiers on certain Americans of special interest involved in the latest technology. Your visa application has alerted them that you are on your way. If they happen to miss you in that process they will make it up when you complete the requirement to register, as a visitor, with the local police. Some locations will have you surrender your passport during your stay. Obviously, under these circumstances, you must pay particular attention to local laws, customs, and general rules. Be especially careful not to carry and periodicals, books, or other items that might contain politically objectionable material. Remember that the citizens of these countries may not enjoy the freedom of speech and that you surrendered yours when you entered their boundaries. You may notice, while away from your hotel room, that your luggage was searched or that you were under surveillance, do not object to the local authorities.

You may, of course, seek guidance from the American Embassy or consulate. You should visit the American Embassy or consulate for guidance concerning photographs you wish to take, or other activities with which you may be unfamiliar. Overall, while you are visiting any of these countries, you must assume that your activities are being closely watched. Do not attempt to deceive by falsifying visa applications, customs declarations or any other documents. **You are on their turf and the rules are theirs!**

Remember that designated intelligence services carry their espionage activities to extraordinary lengths. Their imagination is the only limit in developing new techniques and equipment for targeting and/or monitoring the activities of the American traveler.

It certainly does not require a great deal of knowledge to recognize that radical members of various multinational organizations are using terrorism for political and monetary gain.

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A day does not go by that there is not some element of terrorist activity being discussed by the local news media. This publicity alone provides the necessary incentive for these groups to conduct kidnappings of selected political officials, military officers and corporate business people. The use of force and violence to accomplish these ends are a reality.

The American businessperson traveling overseas creates a highly visible target in a foreign country. Although most company individuals do not believe it, members of these organizations and categorized into potential useful targets are observing them. We must assume that these hostile groups are aware of personnel and their role as Department of Defense Contractors. Observing the following suggestions can lessen the possibility of attack.

1. When possible, travel by United States Flag commercial airlines.
2. Report possible contacts with hostile agents or overly inquisitive personnel to your host security organization, U.S. Diplomatic Embassy, Legation, Mission or Military Attaché Office.
3. Use discretion in your personal affairs and in the use of alcohol.
4. Assume that your room or rented auto has a clandestine listening device installed. Limit your sensitive discussions to safe areas.
5. Be as flexible in your schedules as possible. Vary your routes and do not become a creature of habit.
6. Stay in well-lit areas.
7. Keep you car doors locked at all times.
8. Reinforce your room locks with supplemental door and window locking devices, which are available on the U.S. market.

On the first day of your return to work, please notify a security representative of your safe return. At that time you may arrange for an interview if you have anything to report. You should report, immediately upon your return, to your Security Office any incident that has a potential security implication such as arrest, detention, search, confiscation of your personal property, evidence of surveillance, etc.

Remember; do not be afraid to report even the most minor incidents. In other words, **if in doubt--report**. The requirement to report is in the best interest of yourself, your family and that of the National Security of the United States. The traveling American

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Government contractor is an easy mark and is an open invitation for a terrorist attack.

Remain aware of your surroundings at all times!!

Please sign the Foreign Travel Statement of Understanding and return it to your Security office. Thank You.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

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I _____ have read and understand the Defensive Security Briefing. I agree to take every precaution to protect the national security interest of the United States and the information of the classified programs to which I have access.

I have also been provided State Department Country Consular Information Sheets and Country Threat Advisories, Your Passport to Safe Trip Abroad briefing, and other briefings as required.

Any additional questions or concerns should be brought to the attention of Security.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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