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		<p>PREPARED BY (b)(6), (b)(7)c</p>
		<p>2. REPORT NUMBER 001</p>
<p>3. TITLE SUBJECT, UNKNOWN/Unknown/Civil Rights Violation/BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE, MD</p>		
<p>4. FINAL RESOLUTION</p>		
<p>5. STATUS Initial Report</p>	<p>6. TYPE OF REPORT Allegation</p>	<p>7. RELATED CASES</p>
<p>8. TOPIC Allegation that fugitive apprehension operation was "racial profile" motivated and/or mandated, MD.</p>		
<p>9. SYNOPSIS On February 8, 2007, the JIC received an e-mail from U.S ICE Field Office Director (FOD) Marion Dillis, MD reporting that DRO officers conducted a fugitive operation as part of "Operation Return to Sender". Officers arrested 24 Hispanic males gathered at a local 7-Eleven store known to be a hangout for day laborers seeking employment. Concerns from local groups & individuals, including CASA of Maryland & Senator Barbara Mikulski, some of the circumstances surrounding the presence of the officers at the 7-Eleven have come into question. The CASA of Maryland group representing 24 apprehended aliens, are alleging that racial profiling was utilized & that civil rights have been violated.</p>		
<p>10. CASE OFFICER (Print Name & Title) (b)(6), (b)(7)c - Joint Intake Specialist</p>	<p>11. COMPLETION DATE 08-FEB-2007</p>	<p>14. ORIGIN OFFICE Joint Intake Center</p>
<p>12. APPROVED BY (Print Name & Title) (b)(6), (b)(7) - ICE-OPR Special Agent Supervisor</p>	<p>13. APPROVED DATE 08-FEB-2007</p>	<p>15. TELEPHONE NUMBER No Phone Number</p>
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10. NARRATIVE

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This report contains a verbatim copy of relevant material received

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On January 23, 2007, DRO officers from the Baltimore Field Office conducted a fugitive operation as part of the larger "Operation Return to Sender". At the end of the operation, because the apprehension numbers were lower than had been anticipated, the Acting Field Office Director, John Aldeman, ordered the officers back out into the field make more arrests. The purpose of a "fugitive operation" is to target aliens who are subject to final orders of removal but who have failed to depart the U.S. as required. On this particular day, officers arrested 24 Hispanic males who had gathered at a local 7 -Eleven store known to be a hangout for day laborers seeking employment. The initial reports provided to upper management, HQDRO, and subsequently forwarded to the Assistant Secretary indicated that the fugitive teams had merely pulled into this 7-Eleven parking lot to "re-group" and/or strategize before hitting a target location and that these aliens approached the officers asking about employment, thereby kicking off questioning about alienage and removability. Reports also indicated that all 24 apprehensions were made on the grounds of the 7 -Eleven. This is how the events of the day were reported and how ICE/DRO conveyed the information to the media.

However, after a barrage of concerns from local groups and individuals, including CASA of Maryland and Senator Barbara Mikulski, some of the circumstances surrounding the presence of the officers at the 7-Eleven have come into question. In his memorandum submitted to document the events of the day (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)c


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<p>10. NARRATIVE</p> <p>ICE/DRO does not sanction "open-air immigration raids" which is what the event of January 23rd has been termed by the Senator's office. Allegations by CASA of Maryland, a group representing the 24 apprehended aliens, are that racial profiling was utilized and that civil rights have been violated. CAS A is considering the filing of habeas action in federal court in addition to motioning the immigration court to terminate proceedings due to racial profiling. These matters are currently pending.</p> <p>Memos have been obtained from all officers who took part in the operation. (b)(5)</p> <p>(b)(5)</p> <p>This is being forwarded to the JIC at the direction of the Acting Assistant Director for Operations, Calvin McCormick. As the Acting Field Office Director in Baltimore I directed that each officer involved provides me with a memo relaying the events of the day; these will be forwarded if requested.</p> <p><Verbatim end></p>	

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