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TYPES OF ADVISORIES

Bulletin
Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

Elevated Alert
Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States.

Imminent Alert
Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.

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This monthly newsletter is published to increase NASA personnel awareness of significant current issues related to counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence cyber matters. To learn more about CI/CT awareness, or to schedule a CI/CT presentation, please contact the CI POC located on the last page.

Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

DECLINE IN TERROR DEATHS OVERSHADOWED BY SPREAD WORLDWIDE



While military success against ISIS and Boko Haram resulted in fewer terrorism-related deaths in Iraq and Nigeria last year, a new report has revealed how the groups have spread terror to neighbouring states and regions.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/16/fall-in-global-deaths-from-terrorism-overshadowed-by-spread-to-m/>

EUROPE'S TOP COP FEARS BLOWBACK FROM ISIS 'SQUEEZE'

As military pressure on ISIS ramps up, foreign fighters who travelled to Syria and Iraq in recent years could return home to Western Europe and pose a domestic threat, the continent's top law enforcement official said in an interview recently.



<http://abcnews.go.com/International/europes-top-cop-fears-blowback-isis-squeeze/story?id=43613157>

US ISSUES EUROPE TRAVEL ALERT AFTER FRANCE FOILS ISIS-LINKED PLOT



The US State Department issued a travel alert on 21 November, urging US nationals to exercise caution at holiday festivals, events and outdoor markets in Europe in the coming weeks, a day after French security services thwarted an ISIS-linked plot

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/21/us/us-europe-travel-alert-isis/>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

THE SPY WHO ADDED ME ON LINKEDIN

Since the Buryakovs' arrival in New York in August 2010, they had seemed like any other immigrant family in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale. But Evgeny was leading a double life. His real employer wasn't a bank, but Russia's SVR intelligence agency. His task? Extract corporate and financial secrets and report them back to Moscow.



<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-15/the-spy-who-added-me-on-linkedin>



U.S. WORKER PLEADS GUILTY IN PLOT TO STEAL RICE FOR CHINESE



A geneticist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture pleaded guilty to making false statements to the FBI when questioned about plans to send U.S. rice samples to China, the Justice Department said recently. Wengui Yan, 61, of Arkansas admitted that a group of Chinese tourists in 2013 told him of their plans to steal engineered U.S. rice samples, but he first told investigators he had no knowledge of the plan.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-justice-rice-idUSKCN12Q2R8>

THE SAGA OF CHINESE SPIES & STOLEN CORN SEEDS: WILL IT STOP SPYING?

It was a chilly spring day when an Iowa farmer spotted something odd in his freshly planted cornfield: a short, bald Asian man on his knees, digging up seeds. Not just any seeds — special inbred seeds, the product of years of secret research and millions of dollars in corporate investment, so confidential that not even the farmer knew exactly what he was growing.



http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-seeds-economic-espionage-20161031-story.html?utm_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsWatch

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

As the fight for Mosul rages, ISIS has made significant strides in taking the fight to other areas of the globe, planning terrorist attacks on the West. ISIS fighters and sympathizers have been arrested in Europe planning extensive attacks against civilian targets in France and Germany. With pressure on ISIS rising, Al-Qaeda (AQ) continues to expand its influence, strengthen its relationships with terrorist groups such as AQIM, AQAP and Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham. Russian and Chinese conventional espionage operations continue to target U.S. R&D and as well as any physical products that can be stolen. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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