

# Webinar Questions and Answers

## Targeting of U.S. Travelers Overseas

Webinar guests submitted several questions before and during the **February 12 Targeting U.S. Contractors Overseas** sessions. The following responses are provided by the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE):

**Question:** Do these tips apply to non-official travel?

**Answer:** These tips are applicable to any travel. Foreign Intelligence Entities (FIE) have been known to target U.S. persons regardless of the purpose of the trip.

**Question:** Do I have to report incidents that occur on personal travel?

**Answer:** It is always a good idea to report suspicious activities that occur during travel. For Cleared Defense Contractors, suspicious contacts of any nature are reportable under the NISPOM 1-302(b). DoD personnel are required to report suspicious contacts under the DoDD 5240.06.

**Question:** How can I find information on specific threats in the country I am traveling to?

**Answer:** Contact your DSS CI Special Agent or designated CI Support office for assistance in identifying specific threat environments. The Department of State can also provide information on your destination.

**Question:** Are we able to receive some of the information that other people in industry are reporting so that information on to our employees?

**Answer:** Please refer to the DSS Targeting of U.S. Technology Trends report for more information on this collection methodology. In addition, your DSS CI Special Agent or designated CI Support office can also provide up to date information.

**Question:** What action can be taken to avoid or mitigate IMSI?

**Answer:** Understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using mobile devices while traveling overseas – or even within the U.S. Be cautious about information shared over unsecure methods and pay attention to anomalous behavior on your computer, cell phone, or other devices (such as drained batteries).

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**Question:** Shouldn't we report some of the information even before a person gets back from their trip is over?

**Answer:** Any suspicious activity that involves criminal acts or makes you feel unsafe in any way should be reported to the U.S. Embassy or consulate in country.

**Question:** For Industry, is Foreign Travel Reporting required (NISPOM – where)?

**Answer:** While foreign travel reporting is not required under the NISPOM, Government Contracting Activities may have requirements relative to specific contracts. Foreign travel reporting is required in accordance with the Personnel Security Program and must be reported in accordance with DoDI5200.02.

**Question:** Should all employees complete the Foreign Travel Briefing? Even non-cleared employees?

**Answer:** Foreign travel briefings are recommended for all employees. Non-cleared employees are also targeted by FIE.