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Joint Intelligence Bulletin

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~~(U//FOUO)~~ Following the recent violent events in Baltimore, MD—including direct attacks on law enforcement officials and other violent criminal activity—the **Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington Field Office (WFO)** and the **Washington Regional Threat Analysis Center (WRTAC)** continue to monitor reporting for indications of violent activities in Washington, DC. At this time, we have no information suggesting violent behavior is planned for Washington, DC. However, planned demonstrations may be exploited by individuals seeking to justify criminal or terrorist activity.

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(U) Similar First Amendment-protected events have occurred throughout Washington, DC since the officer-involved shooting in Ferguson, MO occurred in August 2014. First Amendment-protected events with similar intent are expected to continue. Although a select number of demonstrations have resulted in public safety disruptions in Washington, DC, demonstrations have been peaceful in nature, with no incidents of violence reported. It is noted that in the past, participants in similar demonstrations nationwide have attempted to disrupt economic centers

(such as shopping malls, transportation, and sporting events) in response to the St. Louis grand jury decision.

(U) This information is not intended to associate otherwise protected First Amendment activity with criminality or a threat to national security, but instead is included only for the purpose of providing situational awareness of activities that may lead to violent action, such as use of force, destruction of property, or expression of true threats, as has occurred recently within the region.

(U) Administrative Note: Law Enforcement Response

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