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White Paper Proposal

Tracking Terrorist Financing

Discussion of Current System: We intend to analyze the current system in place to track terrorist organization financing across international borders.

Establish Criteria to Evaluate: We intend to analyze the current system based on two primary criteria. First we will examine the ability of the current systems to impact terrorist financing; in what ways does the current system prevent or minimize terrorist attacks, and in what ways could the system be improved? Second, what is the cost of the current system and who bears the burden?

Evaluate Problem: Current systems track only large amounts of money, terrorist organizations can avoid these tracking systems by transferring smaller amounts of money and resorting to traditional cultural systems of transferring money that do not use our modern banking systems. We also intend to explore the use by terrorist groups of alternative jurisdictions for financial transactions – the primary and secondary money laundering jurisdictions that have traditionally been the domain of white collar and organized crime.

Recommend Alternative Policy Measures: Various policy measures have been floated to resolve deficiencies with the current system of tracking terrorist finances. Following our examination of the current system, these proposals shall be considered and recommendations made where appropriate. In this discussion, we shall evaluate policy proposals using the same criteria employed in previous sections.

Preliminary Breakup of Work

The group will jointly research the subject and discuss these sections together. Individuals will take primary responsibility for major segments of the paper

1. Discussion of Current System – Ian
2. Problems with Current System – Cameron
3. Proposed Policy 1 – Katie
4. Proposed Policy 2 – Justin

Work assignments are likely to change as we learn more about the subject. However, the group will work cooperatively on *all* sections.