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Subject: RE: Busing program impacts on migrant flows
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Thanks for any help on this.

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From: MIRANDA, LUIS <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:32 PM

To: Olivo, Antonio <Antonio.Olivo@washpost.com>
Subject: DHS statement/background

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Hi Antonio, I saw your story and wanted to make sure you had our response reflected. Please let me know if you have any questions.

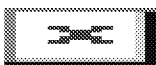
STATEMENT FROM DHS SPOKESPERSON

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We're just wondering whether there is a discernible difference in where they are telling ICE they plan to settle once they are released. My understanding is that there is a declaration made during processing about where they will live, which dictates where the check in with ICE will be. But I can ask them that question. I understand that may not be documented, however. Thanks again. On Sep 14, 2022, at 5:21 PM, MIRANDA, LUIS (b)(6) wrote:

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Subject:	Re: Press Inquiry: DMV Migrant Buses
Date:	2022/08/23 15:23:18
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Hi Alicia,
Here is a statement you can use.
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Hi,

My name is Alicia Diaz and I'm a reporter with Bloomberg News. Given the recent denial of federal help, I wanted to check-in on how FEMA is continuing to work with DC to handle the influx of migrants from Texas and Arizona. What is the next step? Any challenges from the decision?

I'd be happy to jump on a call to talk through these updates.

Thank you in advance for your time.
 Alicia Diaz

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By

Nick Miroff

March 19, 2021 at 2:59 p.m. EDT

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Subject:	when you say that is the case here -- do you mean just Florida or also Arizona and Texas?
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I heard Arizona was coordinating. Want to clarify that point, please.

Thanks so much,
Maria

From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Sacchetti, Maria (b)(6)@washpost.com>; Fernandez, Angelo (b)(6)@mediainquiryhq@dhs.gov
Subject: RE: martha's vineyard

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Hi Maria -- See below from DHS spokesperson:

"The Department of Homeland Security works closely with state and local officials on an extremely wide range of issues, including responding to natural disasters, countering terrorism, fighting crime, cybersecurity, and immigration. When, however, a state or local government refuses to coordinate with receiving communities, it can wreak havoc and do harm to individuals and those communities. That is the case here.

Migrants encountered at the border continue to be expelled under Title 42, as directed by court order. The Department of Homeland Security is working to quickly decompress points along the border and safely and efficiently screen and process migrants. Those not expelled are either subject to expedited removal proceedings or are issued a notice to appear before an immigration judge and monitored through the ICE alternatives to detention program.

We continue to urge states to coordinate closely with nonprofit organizations and local governments on efforts to facilitate voluntary migrant transportation. Failure to coordinate is irresponsible and creates unsafe conditions for vulnerable migrants as well as the receiving jurisdictions."

For your BACKGROUND

- Working with local NGOs, migrants who arrived in DC today have been safely transported to a local church.
- For many years, nonprofit organizations have helped to facilitate onward travel for noncitizens awaiting immigration proceedings and without the resources to pay for their own transportation.
- FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program provides funding, awarded through a National Board, to eligible local governments or nonprofit organizations upon request to support humanitarian relief for migrants

Karine was asked about this from the podium.

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Hi all. Does the secretary have any comment on the martha's vineyard / Florida situation – or any insight into what happened? Were any laws broken? Please let us know if you have any information about this situation.

Hope you are all well and thanks so much!

Sincerely,

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