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Subject: Re: Terrorism-related arrest

FYI. On 26 November, Mohamed Osman Mohamud was arrested in Portland, Oregon for the attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Mohamud, an Oregon-based naturalized US citizen born in Somalia, allegedly planned to detonate a truck bomb at Portland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Pioneer Courthouse Square. Mohamud is scheduled to make his first court appearance at the federal courthouse in Portland on 29 November. If convicted, Mohamud faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

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From: Brennan, John O.
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Arrest just went down. It was at Portland, Oregon tree-lighting ceremony vice in Washington state. Individual is a U.S. Citizen.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Terrorism-related arrest

Keep me posted.

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From: Brennan, John O.
To: [REDACTED] Donilon, Thomas E.; McDonough, Denis R.
Sent: Fri Nov 26 20:00:59 2010
Subject: Terrorism-related arrest

As I referenced in the Oval on Wednesday, there will be a terrorism-related arrest this evening by the FBI.

A young Somali-American will be arrested in Washington state for planning--and carrying out preparations for--an IED attack directed against attendees at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The individual previously has attempted to engage in terrorism-related activities, including trying to travel abroad. For this operation, FBI undercovers have been involved from the outset, as it has been a controlled operation.

Media attention later this evening is likely. I will advise of further developments.