International Pre-Travel Briefing
Overview

• Vulnerability Awareness
• Personal Safety
• Assistance Contacts
• Before you go
Vulnerability Awareness

You may possess or have access to information that is highly sought after by foreign entities related to or your organization’s

- Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation
- Program Milestones and Specifications
- System Capabilities
Foreign Intelligence Targeting

- Collection methods include:
  - Bugged hotel rooms or airline cabins
  - Intercepts of email and fax transmissions
  - Tracing activity via ATM transactions and Internet usage via Wi-Fi access points
  - Recording telephone conversations
  - Unauthorized access to or theft of electronic devices
  - Installation of malicious software at customs or a hotel
  - Intrusion into or search of hotel rooms and safes
  - Enhanced interviews by custom officials
Suspicious Contacts

• Requests for protected information under the guise of a price quote or purchase request, market survey, or other pretenses
• Foreign entities targeting personnel traveling overseas via airport screening or hotel room incursions
• Attempts to entice personnel into situations that could lead to blackmail or extortion
• Attempts by foreign customers to gain access to hardware and information that exceed the limitation of the export licenses
• Attempts to place personnel under obligation through special treatment, favors, gifts, or money
If approached

- Practice authorized responses to questions concerning your duties
- Never feel obligated to answer questions that make you feel uncomfortable
- If a conversation is too probing, change the subject
- Be observant and take note of the person questioning you
- Maintain professional composure
- Report to your security point of contact
Foreign Travel and Crime

• Stay alert and exercise good judgment
• When possible, ensure your hotel room is secure
• If you travel with valuables, place them in the hotel safe
• Find out what parts of the town locals consider risky and avoid them
• Keep your car doors locked and suitcases out of sight
• If you see an accident, don’t stop; instead, call for help from a safe area
• Minimize the amount of cash you carry
• Be aware of pick pockets
If arrested or detained

• Be professional in your demeanor and exercise good judgement
• Do not provoke the arresting officer
• Ask to contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate
• DO NOT admit to anything or volunteer any information
• DO NOT sign anything until the document is examined by an attorney or an embassy/consulate representative
• DO request identification from embassy/consulate representatives
Local Laws

• While traveling, remember that you are subject to local laws.

• Be aware of local laws

• DO NOT photograph government facilities or religious symbols as it is prohibited in many countries

• DO NOT take photographs near foreign military bases, buildings, or personnel
Industrial Espionage

• The acquisition of trade secrets from business competitors.

• Tactics include:
  – Elicitation
  – Eavesdropping
  – Surveillance
  – Electronic interception
  – Hotel intrusions
  – Theft of information
Personal Safety

Maintaining a Low Profile
Hotel Safety Tips
Travel Safety Tips
Maintaining a Low Profile

• Attempt to blend in with your surroundings
• Conceal material wealth
• Exchange your money into local currency
• Avoid publicity
• Only share information about your personal life and security efforts to trusted friends and security personnel
• Avoid establishing routines
Hotel Safety Tips

• Only patronize reputable hotels
• Note escape routes
• Secure your door and windows
• When away from your room, keep the television or radio on
• In high threat areas, avoid riding elevators
• Avoid hotel paging
Hotel Safety DON’TS

• DO NOT stay in hotel rooms that are located on the first floor or easily accessible from the outside
• DO NOT accept deliveries unless previously arranged
• DO NOT leave your room key at the front desk; kept it with you
• DO NOT use the hotel phone to discuss travel plans
Travel Safety Tips

• Always remain alert to your surroundings and cautious
• Walk toward traffic and in the middle of the sidewalk
• Don’t wear clothing that immediately identifies you as an American
• When possible, travel in groups
• Avoid public transportation
• Choose your own taxi
• Avoid isolated roads, danger areas, civil disturbances, and crowds
• Have a working knowledge of the language
Terrorist Attacks

• Include:
  • Bombing
  • Kidnapping
  • Hostage-taking
  • Hijacking

• Assassinations
  • Arson
  • Robbery
  • Extortions
  • Biological, Radiological, and Chemical Attacks
  • Kinetic Violence
Threats to Travel Destination

• Use the U.S. Department of State website
  – http://travel.state.gov/
Assistance Contacts

• Assistance Contacts:
  – U.S. Embassy and Consulate
  – Your Organization’s Security Officer
  – Your Organization’s Supervisor
Before You Go

- Inform others of your itinerary
- Know the local laws and customs
- Register your travel with the Department of State
- Check health and immunization information with the Center for Disease Control and World Health Organization
- Establish a point of contact for your family
- Keep all medications in the original container
- Make copies of passport and other important documents
Return

• When you return, contact your security official for a Foreign Travel Debriefing

• Report any suspicious activity or contact your security official
Laptops

• A clean or loaner laptop is not required for international travel, but is recommended especially for

• A number of laptops have been configured and earmarked for travel with no additional cost to the individual to utilize this program. The devices are rebuilt after each use and are encrypted in the event the device is misplaced or stolen. Contact jgodfre8@utk.edu or mjourdan@utk.edu