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**United States Attorney:** Margaret M. Chiara**District:** Western District of Michigan**Community Meeting Conducted or Scheduled (please include date, location, and a brief description):**

Scheduled September 18, 2003, at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The program will be presented by United States Attorney Margaret M. Chiara. The counterterrorism coordinator Lloyd Meyer and a Grand Valley State University School of Criminal Justice professor will offer point/counterpoint USA PATRIOT Act reflections and rebuttal. Note that this event follows a series of presentations.

**Names of Congressional Representative(s) Contacted and Nature of Contact:**

Fred Upton:	July 28 and August 27 (Personal visit and telephone conference)
Peter Hoekstra:	August 29 (Telephone conference)
Nick Smith:	August 26 (Telephone conference)
Vernon Ehlers:	August 28 (Personal visit)
Mike Rogers	Scheduled meeting on September 5. Mr. Rogers has been in Iraq.
Bart Stupak	Contacted several times; no staff person has responded to requests for a meeting or telephone conference.

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Anticipating the need for a USA PATRIOT Act Outreach Initiative, the Anti-Terrorism Task Force (ATTF) in the Western District of Michigan (WDMI) focused its efforts on the following activities:

- **Town Meeting in Traverse City, Michigan**

*Date:* Thursday, July 31, 2003

*Location:* Traverse Area District Library

*Brief Description:* Our ATTF Coordinator suggested a public debate to the city commissioners after an anti-USA PATRIOT Act resolution was offered by the city's Human Rights Commission. To generate interest, the ATTF Coordinator

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then contacted a reporter of the *Traverse City Record Eagle*, the widest circulated newspaper in Northwest Michigan, to do a front-page story in the Sunday newspaper before the town meeting:

Federal authorities insist the public has nothing to fear from the PATRIOT Act and that its critics are spreading "myths" about the law.

"Unless you're a terrorist living in Traverse City, you've got to love the PATRIOT Act," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Lloyd Meyer . . . The (act) has no impact on the average, law-abiding citizen."

Meyer said the biggest advantage of the PATRIOT Act has been the sharing of intelligence and investigative information on suspected terrorist activities between federal, state and local law enforcement.

"There were a number of obstacles we had in investigating terrorism that were removed by the PATRIOT Act," Meyer said. "Before . . . federal authorities could not share information with state and local officials."

*Traverse City Record Eagle*, 7/27/2003, at 1.

An overflow crowd of more than 200 people, including a reporter from the A.P. and liberal gadfly and Oscar-winning film maker Michael Moore, attended the Town Meeting. See, <http://www.mlive.com/news/grpress/index.ssf?/base/news-0/1059749281303390.xml>

- **Hannity and Colmes Fox News Show**

*Date:* Friday, August 1, 2003

*Location:* New York City

*Brief Description:* The A.P. covered the Traverse City Town Meeting; consequently, Alan Colmes of the Fox News Hannity and Colmes show contacted our ATTF Coordinator to appear on his show. Our Coordinator put Alan Colmes

in contact with Barbara Comstock at DOJ Public Affairs Office, and Ms. Comstock defended the USA PATRIOT Act on Mr. Colmes radio show.

- **WOOD TV 8, NBC News Affiliate Television Appearance**

*Date:* Thursday, August 7, 2003

*Location:* Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Muskegon, Michigan, news market

*Brief Description:* During this week the Administration disclosed credible information that terrorists operating in teams of five may be plotting suicide missions to hijack commercial airliners shortly after takeoff or shortly before landing at a chosen airport to preclude the need for flight trained hijackers and that devices like stun guns may be smuggled on board in cameras or computers.

The ATTF WDMI Coordinator called the local NBC news affiliate and generated interest in a story and appeared on camera telling the viewers in Michigan's second largest metropolitan area that such laws like the USA PATRIOT Act were the tools used to frustrate such plots.

- **Clear Channel WOOD Radio 1300 AM Radio Show in Defense of the USA PATRIOT Act.**

*Date:* 9:00-10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 10, 2003

*Location:* Grand Rapids, Michigan

*Brief Description:* ATTF WDMI Coordinator contacted two local attorneys and pitched a USA PATRIOT Act show for their weekly radio program entitled "Lawyers Brunch." An hour long defense of the Act was aired on one of West Michigan's most powerful, widely-listened to radio stations.

Before the Wednesday, August 13, 2003, USA conference call announcing the Department's USA PATRIOT Act Outreach Initiative, our ATTF had scheduled the following:

- **Second Meeting with Kalamazoo American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) of Greater Kalamazoo**

*Date:* Wednesday, October 8, 2003

*Location:* Kalamazoo, Michigan

*Brief Description:* The City of Kalamazoo is contemplating an anti-USA PATRIOT Act resolution. See, <http://www.adckazoo.com/news-168.htm>.> The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination committee is supporting such resolution and the United States Attorney had scheduled a meeting with the organization to dispel the myths concerning the Act.

- **Kalamazoo, Michigan, City Commission Meeting**

*Date:* Monday, September 8, 2003

*Location:* Kalamazoo, Michigan

*Brief Description:* The City of Kalamazoo is contemplating an anti-USA PATRIOT Act resolution. See, <http://www.adckazoo.com/news-168.htm>.> The ATTF Coordinator contacted the Kalamazoo Chief of Police to arrange an appearance of the Coordinator at the public commission meeting to perform an educational role, and, of course, not to attempt to influence any vote concerning the USA PATRIOT Act. The ATTF Coordinator is also helping the Chief of Police to draft the Police Department's response that the USA PATRIOT Act provides essential tools for the local department to participate in information sharing in the federal, state and local law enforcement efforts to combat terrorism.

- **"West Michigan Week in Review" Television Show**

*Date:* Friday, September 5, 2003

*Location:* Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Muskegon, Michigan, media market

*Brief Description:* The ATTF Coordinator had contacted the moderator of a widely watched local PBS news show and pitched the idea of a discussion of the USA PATRIOT Act.

- **"Michigan at Risk" Statewide Television Show**

*Date:* September 2003

*Location:* All Michigan Public Broadcasting Stations

*Brief Description:* "Michigan At Risk," is an hour-long show that appears once a month during prime time on all PBS stations in Michigan. The show's format involves a 30-minute documentary followed by a 30-minute panel discussion. The ATTF Coordinator contacted the moderator and producer and pitched the idea of a show about the USA PATRIOT Act and the successes of federal law enforcement in combating terrorism without compromising civil liberties. The ATTF Coordinator has been asked to assist in the production and appear on the show next month.

- **Rotary Club Speech**

*Date:* Noon, Wednesday, September 24, 2003

*Location:* Lowell, Michigan

*Brief Description:* Hour-long presentation by the ATTF Coordinator to civic leaders, business persons and local officials about the USA PATRIOT Act.

Since the August 13, 2003, USA conference call we have continued to build on our own initiatives by arranging the following:

- **Town Meetings at Local Colleges and Universities**

*Date:* September 2003

*Locations:* Grand Valley State University, Calvin College, Michigan State University

*Brief Description:* Academic community meetings advertised and open to the public as students return to school