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(UCI//FOUO) FOREIGN OBSERVERS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MONTANA

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Last Friday afternoon it came to my attention that Montana should be expecting foreign observers who are a part of the OSCE/ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission. They are planning on observing Montana elections processes. The visitor which was originally scheduled was supposed to have been a Pakistani National who had no schedule confirmed by this office.

I was advised that there would be two individuals arriving in Montana between October 28 and November 9, 2018 and that they will be looking to meet with various stakeholders, including lower level electoral management bodies at the county level, to get their perspective on the electoral process in Montana. Considering they will be in Montana on election-day, they would like to enter polling stations and they will be asking for "any relevant accreditation procedures they should follow".

If you encounter the foreign observers, please be cordial and polite with them. It will be your own decision in the event that you agree to their presence in your offices and polling places.

Anyone in the group is of interest, but in particular- the foreign female observer is of high interest. If you happen to have an encounter with any member of the group, regardless of whether it is in person, phone, email, or other method of communication you will need to provide me with the following information as soon as possible-- Please keep track of which person it is that you are communicating with when providing this information.

1. When, where, who, and how were you contacted?
2. What questions were asked, what information did you respond to or supply?
3. Did they ask for papers, documentation, or access? If so, be specific about what was asked for and document what you provided and when it was provided.

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4. Find out what their plans are for your location.
 - a. When and how did they arrive?
 - b. How long will they be with you?
 - c. How long will they be in your city?
 - d. Where are they staying at in your city?
 - e. Where did they most recently travel from?
 - f. Where and when and which people are planning their next location to visit?

Thank you very much for your interest and timely updates to me on this matter.

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