

PRC Immigration Issue

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

ARC

Chinese Alien Issue - 5-5-83

4 incidents

- 1.) Eastwood (ship)
 - 2.) Mermaid (ship)
 - 3.) -
 - 4.) -
- 2 shipments of Chinese ashae in Mexico

- Define Problem
- Define Problem/Procedures

Problem

Exec order 11721 "one baby rule"

- enhanced asylum people claiming that they have more than one child & are persecuted.

over 1000 so far

NYC - main entry point
also through Mexico

18 known smuggling ships - 10 came to US - others came to Canada, Mexico

INS - Chinese boat smuggling task force
- some success in prosecution

10-15 Asian org. crime ~~heads~~^{orgs} involved in
Asian smuggling

\$25,000 - \$30,000 cost per person to be
smuggled
\$1-3,000 up front
rest in indentured servitude
(prostitution, slave labor, etc)

How many out there we don't
50 identified vessels sitting in harbor
fitted for smuggling

- appear to be unloading passengers in
Mexico, Costa Rica, (A).

304 aliens apprehended in Mexico.

↑ in San Diego ^{Area} apprehension of aliens
80 over past few weeks.

- Entry by Air another route of Entry - -
- claiming asylum when they land
- changing routes

Coast Guard

- significant problem - 30+ ships -- ties up resources
- working with INS

State

- Executive order is main reason they come
- lawyers involved in smuggling operations meet people off ships -- tell them to claim asylum
- 1st wave (now) people who can work
- 2nd wave (future) women + children -- family reunions
- Use established pipelines / ^{smuggling} routes -- not new routes
- Feeding \$ to org crime, corruption to officials in
Cont Am, FCC, etc
- No evidence yet of mistreatment of repatriated
PRC
- known drift-net ~~ship~~ fishing
- 2 provinces - Fujian + Guangdong - re where
all of the people come from - Coastal
provinces - across from Taiwan -
Penalty there for too many kids is not too
steep (fines), only affects women

- Most coming over ~~the~~ men
- Is it executive order that is problem, or our liberal interpretation of order

China's View

(National level) - very interested - concerned that people are abused, but blame our liberal immigration laws for most of problem

local level { local govt not really trying to stop this -- making \$ off this -- looking the other way.

- What we're seeing now is a business that is taking hold & taking off -- once it becomes established, an executive order won't matter.
- Hong Kong is interested in stopping this, Taiwan is not.
(50 boats in Hong Kong harbor)
- Ships that are being refitted -- violating any laws?
- Communications Interception
Follow Chemical Container program in DEA -- "tag" ships with transponders

- Put a lien on boat to pay for repatriation?
 - Public Info Campaign thru VOA, etc on negative consequences of doing this
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Set tasks out for

Transportation Coast Guard

- Maritime Law Aspects of issue
what can we do at sea --

- INL (DEA) (FBI) getting at aspects, etc
- look at criminal ^{or} aspect
 - how ^{do they} operate
 - vulnerabilities?
 - seized assets
choke
 - RICO prosecutions?

State

- look at ① China

② Hong Kong & Thailand

what can we do w/ it!

③ What Int. agencies should be involved

Justice

Look at Executive Order

State

- look at funding on this & authority to do anything

IRS

- look at funding what to do (esp. Imm Emergency Fund)
- can we use funds

- Problem w/ Transponders

Intelligence

- will be tasked to add to effort
- listen in for Chinese
- what do we know

- Papers next week
- Terrorism meeting next week (thurs or Friday)