

Baltimore District Operation
October 28

Q. What can you tell me about the operation going on at Andrews Air Force Base?

A. Today (October 28), INS is conducting an operation at Andrews Air Force Base at the request of the Air Force, Office of Special Investigations. Since the operation is still going on, I do not have the arrest numbers or any other information at this time.

Q. What is the purpose of the operation?

A. Air Force OSI had information that some employees working for contractors on the base used fraudulent alien registration cards. OSI was concerned that these employees might be unauthorized aliens and therefore, a possible security risk. OSI asked INS to participate in the operation.

Q. This is the second operation at a military installation in about two weeks. Is INS targeting military installations?

A. In both cases, the military requested INS presence. INS did not initiate either operation. (On October 14, an operation at the Pentagon resulted in the arrest of 29 undocumented workers.)

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service, in conjunction with the Air Force, the Social Security Administration and the Department of Labor will conduct a joint employer sanctions operation at Andrews Airforce Base, Camp Springs, Maryland on October 28. It is estimated that 40-70 unauthorized aliens are working for contractors on the base.

It is anticipated that 30 law enforcement officers will participate in this operation.

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