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BE A SMART TRAVELER.

• Carry personal identification and any special medical information with you at all times

• Store essential medication in original containers

• Do not leave your wallet or purse unattended

• Leave your itinerary at home with a point of contact, and advise of any changes to your itinerary during your trip

• Carry international traveler’s checks and always exchange currency at reputable exchanges (it is illegal to do otherwise in some countries)

• Drive carefully (you may want to apply for an international driver’s license if you plan to travel extensively by car)
• Observe local laws and customs.

For example:

• In Turkey, Taiwan and Spain individuals are prohibited from making derogatory comments about the government or its leaders.

• In other countries it is unlawful to use insulting language or abusive gestures toward another person while driving.

• Remember that you are representing the United States. Avoid political discussions, and remember that you may encounter anti-American sentiments.

• Be patient rather than critical of local customs.
FACT:
• U.S. TECHNOLOGY is targeted by foreign nations

• It is less expensive to steal technology than it is to develop new technology

• This technology threat pertains to classified, sensitive protected, company proprietary, and other unclassified protected information
FACT:

• As a traveler, you are vulnerable because you may be unfamiliar with the customs, people, language, topography, laws and judicial system of that country.

• You become more dependent on strangers. This is an attractive situation for foreign agents.

• The same opportunities exist in both “friendly” and “unfriendly” countries.
Do not fall into a compromising situation where outside help may be needed or threat of blackmail could surface.

EXAMPLES:

- Involvement in illicit currency trade
- Poor judgment in alcohol consumption
- Minor traffic violations
- Gambling
- Any immoral conduct
- Viewing political demonstrations or parades
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SCRUTINY OF YOU IN ANOTHER COUNTRY MAY ALSO OCCUR DUE TO:

- Your fitting the profile of a terrorist, narcotics-trafficker, or criminal.
- Involvement in black-market activity.
- Discovery by the host government of material on your person or in your luggage that is banned or strictly controlled.
- Associating with individuals the government labels as dissidents. Having language fluency, declared relatives, or organizational affiliations in the country you are visiting.
ELICITATION - A ploy whereby seemingly normal conversation is contrived to extract information about individuals, their work and their colleagues.

- Puts someone at ease to share information
- Is difficult to recognize as an intelligence technique
- Is easily deniable
• Usually, any intelligence activities directed against you will be conducted in an unobtrusive and non-threatening fashion.

• Although, in some cases a foreign intelligence service may employ more aggressive provocation tactics. The methods used could be both indirect and direct.

• While most harassment incidents are intentionally obvious—meant to intimidate or “test” a traveler’s reactions—many intelligence activities are conducted without the target’s awareness.
A COLLECTION METHOD

EAVESDROPPING – Listening to other people’s conversations to gather information.

- Frequently done in social environments where attendees feel secure and more likely to talk about themselves or their work
- Venues include restaurants, bars, and public transportation
- May occur in radius of six to eight seats on public transportation or 10-12 feet in other settings
A COLLECTION METHOD

TECHNICAL EAVESDROPPING – Use of audio and visual devices, usually concealed

• Relatively cost efficient and low risk

• Concealed devices can be installed in public and private facilities—such as hotel rooms, restaurants, offices, and automobiles
A COLLECTION METHOD

“BAG OPERATIONS” – Surreptitious entry into someone’s hotel room to steal, photograph, or photocopy documents

- Many times conducted by host government services
- Third-country services also active
- Frequently done with cooperation of hotel staff
ELECTRONIC INTERCEPTION – Increasingly conducted against modern telecommunications systems

- Intercept efforts are cost efficient
- Foreign carriers are particularly vulnerable because most are government controlled
- Office, hotel, and portable phones (including cellular) are key targets
- Facsimile, telex, and computers can be electronically monitored
SECURITY TIP

Common sense and basic counter-intelligence awareness can protect you against foreign intelligence service activities.

- Do not leave sensitive documents or equipment unattended in hotel safes—such information should be stored in appropriate secure facilities.
- Do not discuss sensitive matters outside US Offices—hotel rooms or other public venues are rarely suitable for sensitive discussions.
- Do not use computer or facsimile equipment at foreign hotels or business centers for sensitive or classified matters.
- Do not divulge information to anyone not authorized to hear it, including personal information about yourself or colleagues.
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SECURITY TIPS

• IGNORE OR DEFLECT INQUIRIES OR CONVERSATION
  ASK SOME QUESTIONS OF YOUR OWN
  PROVIDE NON-DISCREET ANSWERS
  LEAVE TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE

• Keep unwanted material until it can be disposed of – burn or shred paper and cut floppy disk in pieces and discard

• Keep your personal computer as carry-on, never check it with your luggage and, if possible, remove or control storage
SECURITY TIPS

• Take time to use secure communications equipment at any appropriate U.S. Government Facility

• Report any counterintelligence incident to the relevant U.S. Government

• When traveling overseas, suspect incidents should be reported to either the U.S Embassy, Consulate or the State Department at the nearest U.S. Diplomatic Facility
PROTECTING YOURSELF

• Report any attempt by a foreign national or stranger to establish a continuing association, arrange future meetings, or correspondence

• Report any contact with anyone whom you suspect may be attempting to gather ‘sensitive’ information from you

• Maintain a high level of personal standards and conduct… Keep in mind that you are a foreign guest and a representative of the United States

THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY’S NATIONAL SECURITY.
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PROTECTING YOURSELF

• Do not become involved in local political matters of any kind.

• Do not include military or other restricted areas in your visits or picture-taking tours.

• Avoid unknown candid or commercial photographers.

• Do not promise favors, such as mailing letters for strangers or hand-carrying letters or other items back to the United States for them.
ONE LAST REQUIREMENT

Remember, you have an individual responsibility for safeguarding U.S. government classified or unclassified sensitive information, as well as a responsibility to protect company proprietary.