

(U) Profile: SIGINT Legislative Affairs

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- (U) For further information, please see our <u>web page</u>. Please coordinate Congressional engagement of any kind with SID LA so that we may better serve you.

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