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Hrc, passing on ops alert on the detroit airline "firecracker" incident.

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Colleagues –

Below is an update on the Detroit Airline incident. We will update you as events unfold.

- A Nigerian national detonated a small explosive device attached to his leg as the NORTHWEST flight from Amsterdam on which he was traveling prepared to land in Detroit at 1153 EST. The suspect and one other passenger were injured. The suspect has been apprehended and was treated at the University of Michigan Hospital.
- [redacted] was deemed insufficient by the National Terrorist Screening Center (NTSC) to place him on the TSA no-fly or selectee list, or to revoke his visa.
- The Transportation Security Agency plans to implement additional screening requirements for the next 72 hours on all flights from Europe. All passengers will require 100 percent pat down and 100 percent hand screening of carry-on items. TSA is now reaching out to airlines and their European counterparts to enact these requirements immediately.
- The White House has confirmed that this was an attempted terrorist attack.
- DHS has made the decision to NOT change the alert/color code level at this time.

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Regards,

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