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To all UCSF Faculty, Students, and Staff:

As most of you know by now, the media has reported that the FBI has received "credible evidence" that terrorists are plotting a rush-hour attack on a bridge or bridges in California and some reports have specified that the attacks are targeted on specific bridges in San Francisco, including the Golden Gate and Bay Bridge. I am writing to share what we know about this issue and how we are responding as an institution.

The FBI has confirmed that they have received a threat indicating that suspension bridges on the West coast may be a target but has also indicated that the threat is "unsubstantiated and unspecified" and that no specific threat to a specific bridge was reported in this alert. The Governor has heightened security further on the California suspension bridges as a precautionary measure and the University is remaining in touch with law enforcement agencies to continue to assess the level and specificity of such threats.

While I realize that this kind of news is unsettling to all of us, and particularly to the many UCSF employees who traverse bridges to come to work each day, UCSF classes and clinical operations will continue as usual and we are asking staff and faculty to continue to report to work. However, we are also asking each supervisor and manager to use appropriate judgment and discretion to deal with individual needs and requests from employees and to provide leave, under normal university leave policies, to the fullest extent possible.

We will continue to monitor these potential threats to assure that the

University can continue to meet its important mission of teaching, research and patient care with prudent concern for the safety of our community.

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