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AY 2017-2018 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

*CLASSIFICATION:	Unclassified
*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:	Western Hemisphere Mass Migration
*TOPIC DESCRIPTION	What can DoD do, in either a DSCA or Homeland Defense role, to pre-posture USNORTHCOM components and subordinates to support mitigation of migrant flow in the event that economic crashes or significant crime increase results in a mass migration from northern Central America, Cuba or Venezuela?
*DATE SUBMITTED (YYYY-MM-DD)	2017-06-19
*EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION	The scope of migration from the Levant and North Africa beginning in 2014 caught the European Union off-guard. EU countries' border security protocols and organizations were unable to cope with migrant flow. At the same time and to a lesser degree, migrant flow from Central America and Cuba initially surprised USG coordinating entities. Degradation to political, social, or economic conditions in any one of a number of western hemisphere countries could produce a much larger mass migrant flow to the United States, and the Department of Defense has a continuing obligation to prepare and update contingency plans as part of a larger whole of government effort.
*DESIRED OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH	Enhanced preparation for potential mass migration events in the western hemisphere
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DESIRED RESEARCH COMPLETION DATE (YYYY-MM-DD):	Standing topic – not time sensitive.
AVAILABLE FUNDING, IF ANY:	JTF-N may be able to support funding for TDY travel on a case-by-case basis
COMMENTS	JTF-N can mentor students/researchers through refinement of this research topic and can assist with contacts with other interagency partners.

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