

CONSOLIDATED HAITI INFORMATION PACKET

This is packet consolidates the reports, letters, statements, Articles, etc. that have been sent to the Asylum Pre-screening Program at Guantanamo in smaller Information packets prepared by the Resource Information Center (RIC) over the past few months. Where feasible, the documents are organized in sections according to the organization that provided them to the RIC and in reverse chronological order (the most recent at the beginning of each section). Documentation in subsequent Information Packets may be integrated into appropriate sections of this binder.

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