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Seven lawyers from Greater Boston Legal Services and I spent most of the night at the detention facility at Ft. Devens. It is a massive operation. They have hundreds of ICE personnel working there around the clock. They have converted this military base into an ICE detention facility. The detainees are housed on cots in dorm-like rooms. In the women's unit, there are 5 women to each room and two guards stationed outside each door. They have flown in ICE agents from all over the country for this operation and are cooperating with other law enforcement agencies.

One number we heard was that over 360 people were detained. We left at 4 am and they were still processing people. Detainees are given arrest numbers, taken to see a doctor, and given notices to appear and some have notices of transfer to Texas.

We were told that they have about 50% men and 50% women. We were only able to see a handful of detainees because we spent most of the time waiting and being shuttled around from one place to another by the Suffolk police, who apparently have a contract with ICE to provide transportation any time ICE detainees are moved anywhere in Massachusetts.

We have reason to believe that most people will be transferred to one of two detention centers in Texas within the next two days.

We were able to bring to ICE's attention a few women who are breastfeeding babies and were told they will probably be released on their own recognizance.

We have to organize a lot more lawyers to go and talk to people tomorrow, especially lawyers who speak Spanish.