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## **FEDERAL**

### **1. 'We Are Going to Get Hit Again' - The head of the National Counterterrorism Center speaks out on Al Qaeda's plans, America's readiness and the nature of the war on terror (Newsweek, 27 Aug 2007)**

Al Qaeda has an active plot to hit the West. The United States knows about it but doesn't have enough tactical detail to issue a precise warning or raise the threat level, says Vice Admiral (ret.) John Scott Redd, who heads the government's National Counterterrorism Center. In an interview at his headquarters near Washington, D.C., Redd told Newsweek's Mark Hosenball and Jeffrey Bartholet that the country is better prepared than ever to counter such threats. But he also believes another successful terror attack on the U.S. homeland is inevitable.

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<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20466414/site/newsweek/>

### **2. CIA Inquiry on 9/11 Says Agency Lacked Counterterrorism Plan (All American Patriots, 22 Aug 2007)**

A newly released report by the inspector general for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) says the former head of the agency failed to develop an effective counterterrorism strategy before the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. CIA Director Michael Hayden released a summary of the 2005 report Tuesday in response to a law passed by Congress earlier this month. The report said former CIA director George Tenet bears responsibility for the fact that no strategic plan was created. It recommended the agency consider disciplining Tenet and other top officials, though Hayden said he has rejected that recommendation.

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### **3. DHS info-sharing failures concealed (Washington Times, 23 Aug 2007)**

Department of Homeland Security administrators — fearing additional scrutiny — concealed from federal investigators information-sharing breakdowns that left the U.S. vulnerable to terrorists, internal DHS memos and e-mails show. The documents obtained by The Washington Times lay out how officials at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services deliberated telling the Inspector General's Office that DHS agencies had failed to share data before opting to withhold their concerns.

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### **4. Terror Suspect List Yields Few Arrests (Washington Post, 25 Aug 2007)**

The government's terrorist screening database flagged Americans and foreigners as suspected terrorists almost 20,000 times last year. But only a small fraction of those questioned were arrested or denied entry into the United States, raising concerns among critics about privacy and the list's effectiveness. A range of state, local and federal agencies as well as U.S. embassies overseas rely on the database to pinpoint terrorism suspects, who can be identified at borders or even during routine traffic stops. The database consolidates a dozen government watch lists, as well as a growing amount of information from various sources, including airline passenger data.

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### **5. U.S. Delays Terror Screening for Aid Groups (Washington Post, 28 Aug 2007)**

The Bush administration has decided to defer the start of a new security screening program for thousands of officials of organizations seeking funds from the Agency for International Development until it reviews all the comments from those affected, according to USAID's acting deputy administrator, James Kunder. Although USAID said in a Federal Register notice last month that the program would become effective yesterday, Kunder said in a telephone interview that it "would be effective, but not operational" until there is "a systematic review" of the views of the private organizations involved.

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### **6. US Tasked to Scan Millions of Containers (AP, 23 Aug 2007)**

The specter of a nuclear bomb, hidden in a cargo container, detonating in an American port has prompted Congress to require 100 percent screening of U.S.-bound ships at their more than 600 foreign starting points. The White House and shippers maintain that the technology for scanning 11 million containers each year doesn't exist, and say the requirement could disrupt trade. Current procedures including manifest inspections at foreign ports and radiation monitoring in U.S. ports are working well, they contend. Nonetheless, President Bush earlier this month signed the measure into law, praising its shift of funds to states and cities at higher risk of terrorism attack and saying he will work with lawmakers to ensure the cargo screening provisions don't impede commerce.

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<http://www.wtopnews.com/index.php?nid=116&sid=1229244>

**7. Lawmakers propose nuclear plant no-fly zones (By Jon Fox, Global Security Newswire, 23 Aug 2007)**

Lawmakers representing New York have introduced a bill that would permit the head of homeland security to declare no-fly zones around certain nuclear power plants, but the Nuclear Regulatory Commission sees little need for such a measure. In a post-Sept. 11 world nuclear power reactors are seen as potential targets for terrorist attacks that could have disastrous consequences should radioactive material be released into the environment. Just 35 miles north of Manhattan, the Indian Point power facility seems to embody this concern. As the owners of the Indian Point reactors seek renewed licenses to operate for the next three decades, New York's attorney general filed a legal brief supporting demands that federal officials in making their decision consider terrorism risks and the feasibility of evacuating the surrounding area.

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**8. No checks for bombs in certified air cargo - Antiterror law's intent debated (Boston Globe, 24 Aug 2007)**

WASHINGTON -- The Bush administration is planning to allow cargo packed by approved shippers to be loaded onto passenger airplanes without any further inspection for bombs, despite a new law requiring freight shipments to receive the same level of scrutiny as checked suitcases. Earlier this month, President Bush signed a bill into law that requires some type of inspection of all freight carried on passenger planes. The airline industry had fought such a requirement, contending that it would be too slow and costly. When Republicans controlled Congress, the industry succeeded in getting the legislation blocked. But in late July, Democrats passed the measure.

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**9. DHS issues range of traveler screening rules (From National Journal's Technology Daily, 24 Aug 2007)**

The Homeland Security Department on Thursday announced several regulations related to screening airline and ship passengers, including one for the controversial Secure Flight program. Amid a slew of *Federal Register* notices during the congressional recess, Homeland Security published a final rule to let the Transportation Security Administration take over the screening of airline passengers against government watch lists. "Under the program, TSA would receive passenger and certain non-traveler information from aircraft operators, conduct watch-list matching, and transmit watch-list matching results back to aircraft operators," the department said.

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**10. TSA draws fire from Sikh Coalition (UPI, 27 Aug 2007)**

NEW YORK - A recently revealed screening procedure is drawing criticism from the New York-based Sikh Coalition. At the beginning of August, the Transportation Security Administration instituted a security checkpoint screening procedure that specifically

identifies turban-wearing individuals as requiring a secondary screening. The nation's largest Sikh civil rights organization, the Sikh Coalition, has come out in strong opposition to the new headwear screening procedures. TSA officials say identifying turbans at the United States' 43,000 airport screening checkpoints is an example of the agency's headwear screening that also includes people wearing cowboy hats or berets among other headwear fashions. The turban is the only form of religious garb identified by the TSA as an example of headwear that could lead to secondary screening.

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### **11. Border Patrol chief rejects mission against aliens, drugs (Washington Times, 26 Aug 2007)**

A Border Patrol chief at one of the nation's most dangerous Southwest border crossings says the agency's mission doesn't include apprehending illegal aliens or seizing narcotics - perplexing front-line agents and angering a congressional critic of illegal immigration. "I've said it before and I'll say it again," Carlos X. Carrillo, Border Patrol chief of Laredo, Texas, told guests at a town-hall meeting Thursday. "The Border Patrol's job is not to stop illegal immigrants. The Border Patrol's job is not to stop narcotics. ... The Border Patrol's mission is not to stop criminals. "The Border Patrol's mission is to stop terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the country."

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### **12. Currency Change Aimed at Adding Security (AP, 26 Aug 2007)**

After six decades in which the venerable greenback never changed its look, the U.S. currency has undergone a slew of makeovers. The most amazing is yet to come. A new security thread has been approved for the \$100 bill, The Associated Press has learned, and the change will cause double-takes. The new look is part of an effort to thwart counterfeiters who are armed with ever-more sophisticated computers, scanners and color copiers. The C-note, with features the likeness of Benjamin Franklin, is the most frequent target of counterfeiters operating outside the United States. The operation of the new security thread looks like something straight out of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. This magic, however, relies on innovations produced from decades of development.

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<http://www.wtopnews.com/index.php?nid=116&sid=1231168>

### **13. U.S. most armed country with 90 guns per 100 people (Reuters, 28 Aug 2007)**

The United States has 90 guns for every 100 citizens, making it the most heavily armed society in the world, a report released on Tuesday said. U.S. citizens own 270 million of the world's 875 million known firearms, according to the Small Arms Survey 2007 by the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International Studies. About 4.5 million of the 8 million new guns manufactured worldwide each year are purchased in the United States, it said.

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<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=3533675>

**14. Police Feel Wartime Pinch on Ammo (Washington Post, 28 Aug 2007)**

The U.S. military's soaring demand for small-arms ammunition, fueled by two wars abroad, has left domestic police agencies less able to quickly replenish their supplies, leading some to conserve rounds by cutting back on weapons training, police officials said. To varying degrees, officials in Montgomery, Loudoun and Anne Arundel counties said, they have begun rationing or making other adjustments to accommodate delivery schedules that have changed markedly since the military campaigns began in Iraq and "Before the war, lag time from order to delivery was three to four months; now it's six months to a year," said James Gutshall, property supervisor for the Loudoun Sheriff's Office. "I purchased as much as I could this year because I was worried it would be a problem."

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**15. AK: Juneau's role in '08 missile test small - Powerful radar to be located in city temporarily (Juneau Empire, 22 Aug 2007)**

Juneau's role in next year's missile intercept test by the Missile Defense Agency will be small, Alaska Region Director Col. Thom Besch said to a crowd of about 40 residents of the Lena Point area Tuesday evening. In fact, the powerful radar the agency is planning to locate at the Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute will be here only temporarily, and only will be turned on briefly while it is here. The radar itself is a standard X-band radar, just extra powerful.

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**16. AZ: Agents rescue 10 ejected from smuggling vehicle (Yuma Sun, 26 Aug 2007)**

Federal agents found 10 illegal immigrants who had been ejected from a smuggling vehicle late Saturday night. At 9:45 p.m., an agent from the Yuma sector U.S. Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol spotted a "suspicious" vehicle along the Bradshaw Trail, about 25 miles southwest of Blythe. During an attempt to locate the vehicle, agents found 10 illegal immigrants along the trail that had fallen out of the vehicle while it was traveling. The driver did not stop to retrieve the people who had been ejected, according to a federal official.

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[http://www.yumasun.com/news/vehicle\\_36152\\_article\\_news.html/border\\_agents.html](http://www.yumasun.com/news/vehicle_36152_article_news.html/border_agents.html)

**17. AR: Arizona pilots border driver ID (UPI, 28 Aug 2007)**

Arizona is bidding to become the first state on the southern border to introduce new secure driver's licenses confirming the holder's citizenship, which can be used to enter the country and prove legal eligibility for work. In a statement Friday, Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano said she hoped the move would put the state on the leading edge of a movement "to an effective permanent program that can be implemented nationwide." But the plans -- which will have to be approved by the state Legislature, because they involve

a new fee structure -- have provoked concern from civil liberties and immigrants' rights groups, many of whom consider such proposals to be tantamount to the backdoor introduction of a national ID.

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**18. AR: Lockheed Martin Selects Camden, Arkansas, as Manufacturing Site for THAAD Launcher and Fire Control/Communications Unit (PRNewswire, 22 Aug 2007)**

CAMDEN, Ark. - Lockheed Martin , prime contractor and systems integrator for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) Weapon System, has selected its award-winning manufacturing facility in Camden, AR, to build the THAAD launcher and Fire Control and Communications (TFCC) unit. Initially, 35 new jobs will be created to support the program with production taking place in the 200,000 square-foot Launcher Integration Complex. Camden Operations currently has an employment population of 450. Employment at the facility could grow to more than 500 by 2010.

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<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/LAW07522082007-1.htm>

**19. CA: Weapons of Mass Destruction team trains at San Bernardino center (News Mirror, 23 Aug 2007)**

The Ninth Civil Support Team, Weapons of Mass Destruction utilized the Jerry Lewis San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center at the San Bernardino International Airport recently as a site to train for a scenario simulating a terrorist act involving biochemical weapons. According to Captain Keith Haviland, 9th CST operations officer, the SMRTC was chosen for the training because it is the main aircraft rescue and firefighting center serving the Federal Aviation Administration's Western Pacific Region.

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<http://www.newsmirror.net/articles/2007/08/23/news/09news.txt>

**20. FL: Port gets \$2.3 million federal grant to boost security (Miami Today, 23 Aug 2007)**

The Port of Miami's security operations are \$2.3 million richer after receiving funding from the US Department of Homeland Security. The money, which comes from the 2007 Supplemental Port Security Grant Program, will help the port offset the soaring security costs of federally mandated programs following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. However, the long-term costs of higher security continue to burden the port's bottom line. Port director Bill Johnson said security costs have jumped from \$4.1 million before the attacks to about \$18 million today.

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<http://www.miamitodaynews.com/news/070823/story7.shtml>

**21. FL: Coast Guard Take A Tough Lesson In Fighting Terror (CBS4, 24 Aug 2007)**

*DAVIE* There are only two counter-terrorism coast guard units in the U.S. one in California and one in South Florida. CBS4'S Jennifer Santiago spent Friday with the South Florida team, which is getting the kind of training that isn't theoretical, but

practical and tough, and it's used in Israel everyday. The training is taught by Mike Lee Kanarek, a former Israeli commando who now calls South Florida his home.

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**22. MD: SPOT-On Officer Thwarts Gunman at BWI (Occupational Health & Safety, 27 Aug 2007)**

Screening Passengers by Observation Techniques (SPOT), a program the Transportation Security Administration began in June 2003 at select airports as a non-intrusive security measure and means of identifying potentially high-risk individuals, was in the spotlight again recently when a TSA behavior detection officer at Baltimore/Washington International Airport used the techniques to thwart a man carrying a loaded gun and more than 30 rounds of ammunition. The officer was working in the ticketing area of the airport when he observed a man exhibiting suspicious behaviors in front of an airline ticket counter. The officer immediately referred the man to law enforcement who found the weapon and ammo. Airport police also discovered that he did not have a permit to carry a concealed weapon and arrested him. The behavior detection officer was trained through the SPOT program, which TSA says is a key part of its multi-layered approach to security. TSA adds that the incident illustrates the agency's focus on pushing security measures to all areas of transportation systems and identifying people who may have harmful intent before they get to secure areas. The behaviors this individual exhibited at BWI are similar to those a terrorist could show before an attack, the agency says.

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<http://www.ohsonline.com/articles/49977/>

**23. NH: Homeland Security discussing Plum Island for new lab (ALN Magazine, 22 Aug 2007)**

A new site, previously not considered, is now being eyed as a potential site for a planned National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, according to reports. The Department of Home Security is scheduled to hold a public meeting this week to solicit comments on whether Plum Island, N.Y., would be a good site for a new National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility - despite the fact that Plum Island is not on the final list of five sites being considered. The site is currently the home of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, which will be superseded by the new facility, scheduled to open in 2013, according to Newsday. Plum Island has not yet been considered for the new lab, in part attributable to the opposition by the state's two U.S. senators, Hilary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer.

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[http://www.animallab.com/News\\_Articles.asp?pid=215](http://www.animallab.com/News_Articles.asp?pid=215)

**24. NY: Spying Program May Be Tested by Terror Case (New York Times, 26 Aug 2007)**

ALBANY, Aug. 22 - After a bloody raid by American military forces on an enemy camp in Rawah, Iraq, on June 11, 2003, a Defense Department report took inventory. Eighty suspected terrorists killed. An enormous weapons cache recovered. And, in what the report called *pocket litter*, a notebook with the name and phone number of the imam of a

mosque halfway around the world, here in the state capital. Prompted by that notebook and records of 14 phone calls between the imam, Yassin M. Aref, and Damascus, Syria, the Federal Bureau of Investigation quickly began a sting operation aimed at Mr. Aref. Federal agents used an informant with a long history of fraud who spun tales to Mr. Aref about a fictitious plot involving shoulder-launched missiles and the assassination of a Pakistani diplomat in New York.

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**25. NY: New York taxi drivers threaten two-day strike (Agence France-Presse, 23 Aug 2007)**

New York - New York's taxi drivers on Thursday said they would mount a two-day strike in early September if authorities did not scrap plans to introduce satellite positioning systems in the city's yellow cabs. "We are ready to go on strike on September 5 and September 6," Bhairavi Desai, executive director of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance, which represents some 8,400 of New York's 26,000 cabbies, told AFP. "The strike will begin Wednesday morning at 5 am. If the city meets our demands, of course we will call off the strike," she said. "We don't want GPS tracking on the taxi meters," she added, urging all cab drivers to join in. Taxi drivers have complained that proposals put forward by the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) requiring them to install the satellite systems by October 1 infringe on their rights.

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<http://tinyurl.com/27uo5z>

**26. NY: Woman nabbed at U.S. border in gun-smuggling attempt (The Star, 25 Aug 2007)**

A woman with identification in two names, one with a Brampton address, was arrested at the U.S. border trying to carry roughly 100 rounds of ammunition and three firearms into Canada. A vehicle with Florida licence plates entered Canada at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie around 2:30 a.m. Thursday when customs officers pulled it over for a secondary inspection, say Niagara Regional Police. A search of the vehicle revealed the ammunition and firearms.

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<http://www.thestar.com/GTA/Crime/article/249798>

**27. NC: Port to examine security - Grant also covers look at other area sites (Wilmington Star, 22 Aug 2007)**

Call it a team approach to public safety. The N.C. State Ports Authority has received a federal grant to study the vulnerability of the Port of Wilmington and the proposed N.C. International Port in Brunswick County to terrorist attacks, bomb threats, hurricanes, chemical spills and other emergencies. But the "vulnerability assessment" will also involve future neighbors of the International Port - the Archer Daniels Midland Co. plant, Progress Energy's Brunswick Nuclear Plant, the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point and Epcor Power Limited Partnership's Southport plant, formerly known as Primary Energy Ventures. Located in the same area of Brunswick County near Southport, all are military or industrial facilities with security concerns of their own. Because it operates a

passenger ferry in nearby waters of the Cape Fear River, the N.C. Ferry Division also will have a seat at the table.

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<http://www.wilmingtonstar.com/article/20070822/NEWS/708220419/-1/State>

**28. OH: Immigration arrests more than 160 in Ohio (Reuters, 28 Aug 2007)**

CINCINNATI - Hundreds of U.S. immigration agents raided the Koch Foods Inc. chicken plant in Fairfield, Ohio, and arrested more than 160 employees as part of a criminal operation against illegal immigrants, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) said on Tuesday.

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**29. PA: DRPA Performs Emergency Response Drill (CBS3, 23 Aug 2007)**

PHILADELPHIA The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Coast Guard conducted an emergency preparedness drill Thursday morning near the Ben Franklin Bridge and Philadelphia Port Authority. The Port Security Training Exercises Program (PortSTEP) exercise is a means to evaluate preparedness and response to a terror-related incident. Officials believe the drill will help improve current maritime security plans. "PortSTEP is designed to benefit maritime and surface transportation security communities throughout the U.S. via a suite of training exercises, evaluations and accompanying information technology products," said Noreen Brown, TSA's PortSTEP Project Officer. "This information will prove invaluable as we work to balance freedom of commerce and protection of our nation's transportation system."

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**30. SC: Athens residents get chance to comment on bio-terrorism research lab (AP, 22 Aug 2007)**

ATHENS, Ga. - Residents will get a chance to comment on a proposal being led by the University of Georgia to house a federal bioterrorism research lab in Athens. University staff will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. August 30th to answer questions about the proposed lab and listen to comments about the environmental impact. Earlier this summer, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security review team chose a site owned by UGA (off South Milledge Avenue) along with four other proposals. Groups in Texas, Kansas, North Carolina and Mississippi also are competing for the lab.

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<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=6965642>

**31. UT: Man faces smuggling charges (Deseret Morning News, 22 Aug 2007)**

A Guatemalan man is facing deportation and possible prison time after he was caught smuggling illegal immigrants while speeding in Utah, according to federal charges. Federal prosecutors claim Mariano Hernandez-Gonzalez was transporting 10 Guatemalan nationals from Los Angeles to Morganton, N.C., when he was stopped by a Utah Highway Patrol trooper for speeding on Aug. 15 in Summit County.

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<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695203205,00.html>

## **KEY PEOPLE**

### **32. Homeland Security Secretary Appoints Three New Members To Homeland Security Advisory Council (DHS, 28 Aug 2007)**

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced the appointment today of three new members to the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) and ten new members to its subcommittees.

"I value the independent and innovative advice I receive from these trusted counselors," said Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff. "These appointments will increase the knowledge and experience of our membership and provide me with critical and diverse perspective as we work together to keep America safe."

The Homeland Security Advisory Council is the Secretary's primary advisory body and is comprised of experts from state and local governments, terrorism prevention and response communities, academia and the private sector. The council provides advice to Secretary Chertoff and the department's leadership on homeland security issues.

The three new members of the Homeland Security Advisory Council:

**County Supervisor Don Knabe**, of Los Angeles, Calif., will also serve as the chairman of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee. Supervisor Knabe was first elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in November 1996. In 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Knabe to the California Emergency Council.

**Governor Sonny Perdue**, of Georgia, will also serve as the Vice Chairman of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee. Governor Perdue was sworn in as Georgia's 81st governor on Jan. 13, 2003, and re-elected to his second term in November 2006. Prior to becoming governor, Perdue was a captain in the United States Air Force, and served in the Georgia General Assembly as majority leader and president pro tempore of the State Senate. He is a small business owner, a licensed veterinarian, and a pilot.

**Dr. John "Skip" Williams**, of Georgia, is the *provost and vice president for health affairs; professor of anesthesiology and of health services management and leadership at George Washington University. Dr. Williams previously served as a member of the HSAC's Emergency Response Senior Advisory Committee.*

The three new members of the HSAC's State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee:

**Mayor Douglas Palmer**, of Trenton, N.J., has served as the city's mayor since July 1990. Mayor Palmer is the president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the New Jersey Urban Mayor's Association.

**Mayor David Wallace**, of Sugar Land, Texas is serving his third term as mayor. Mayor Wallace is co-chairman of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Homeland Security Task Force and also serves as a trustee member of the Executive Committee and member of the Urban Water Council. Mayor Wallace previously served on the Sugar Land City Council. Mayor Wallace serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Economic Development Corporation.

**State Senator Thomas Wyss**, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has served as a state senator since 1985. He is chairman of the Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs Committee in the Indiana Senate. Senator Wyss will serve as the organizational representative for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The two new members of the HSAC's Private Sector Senior Advisory Committee:

**Nelson H. Balido**, of San Antonio, Texas, is founder of Balido & Associates, Inc. a public strategies, multicultural marketing, and real estate consulting firm. He worked at SBC Communications (AT&T) as the director of multicultural marketing, where he established the position and was responsible for developing culturally relevant marketing strategies for the diverse SBC customer base across the country. In 2003, the governor of Texas appointed Nelson to a six-year term as the commissioner of the Texas Commission on the Arts.

**Emily Walker**, managing director at Citigroup in London, England, recently served as business executive advisor to the United Nations World Food Programme in Rome, Italy, on loan from Citigroup to set up an emergency network for corporate donations to global disasters. She also served as professional staff member and family liaison for the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States.

The two new members of the HSAC's Emergency Response Senior Advisory Committee:

**Ellis M. Stanley Sr.**, of Los Angeles, Calif., is the general manager of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department. He has significant experience in the emergency management field as director of the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency, as past president of the International Association of Emergency Managers, as a Certified Emergency Manager, and as a member of the National Advisory Board for Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Institute.

**Joseph White**, of St. Louis, Mo., has served for the past five years as the chief executive officer for the American Red Cross, St. Louis Area Chapter. Mr. White has deployed on many disaster assignments, including to Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Mr. White serves on the National American Red Cross President's Advisory Council.

The three new members of the HSAC's Secure Borders and Open Doors Advisory Committee:

**Thomas J. Donohue**, of Potomac, Md., is president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing three million companies, associations, state and local chambers, and the American Chambers of Commerce Abroad. Prior to his current post, Mr. Donohue served 13 years as president and chief executive officer of the American Trucking Association, the national organization of the trucking industry.

**Susan Ginsburg, Esq.**, of Alexandria, Va., is a visiting senior policy analyst at the Migration Policy Institute and private consultant. Ms. Ginsburg served as senior counsel and team leader on the staff of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. She was responsible for research and policy recommendations concerning the entry of the 9/11 hijackers, terrorist travel, and border controls. Prior to that, Ms. Ginsburg worked at the Department of Treasury as senior advisor and firearms policy coordinator, under secretary for enforcement.

**Stephen Payne**, of Houston, Texas, is the president of Worldwide Strategic Partners and Worldwide Strategic Energy, an energy and international business consulting firm. He is also board member of the National Defense University Foundation and the U.S. Baltic Foundation.

### **33. Gonzales leaves a controversial legacy (Washington Post, 28 Aug 2007)**

WASHINGTON - The resignation of Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales ends one of President Bush's closest and longest professional relationships, one in which an unflappable son of migrant workers served the president loyally through a period of escalating controversy over the legality of U.S. policies in the fight against terrorism. As White House counsel and later as attorney general, Gonzales, 52, approved the framework that guided the administration's anti-terrorism efforts. He supported positions that were strongly backed by Vice President Dick Cheney and other conservatives but that were partly overturned by the courts and assailed by many scholars and human-rights advocates. "I remain by your side," Gonzales signed his note Sunday to the man who appointed him to state office in Texas, then gave him the nation's premier legal job and made him one of the most influential Hispanic officials in the United States.

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### **34. NJ: New head of Newark FBI has had to hit the ground running (AP, 28 Aug 2007)**

NEWARK, N.J. - With no disrespect intended to the person or the place, it probably didn't take long for Weysan Dun to realize he wasn't in Springfield anymore. Named to head the FBI's Newark division in late April after serving a similar role in Springfield, Ill., since 2003, Dun's hiring was announced two weeks after Special Agent Barry Bush was shot and killed during a bank robbery stakeout in Readington.

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**35. ND: TSA Names John W. Hursey as Federal Security Director for North Dakota (Market Wire, 22 Aug 2007)**

BISMARCK, ND - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has named John W. Hursey as federal security director (FSD) for the state of North Dakota. He will assume responsibility for commercial airports in Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot, Dickinson, Williston, Jamestown and Devil's Lake.

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**36. WY: Reed Roberts Named Federal Security Director at Natrona International Airport (Earthtimes.org, 24 Aug 2007)**

CASPER, WY - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has named Reed L. Roberts federal security director (FSD) for Natrona International Airport with responsibilities also covering nine other commercial airports across the state of Wyoming. Previously, Roberts was the deputy federal security director (DFSD) for South Dakota, located at Rapid City Regional Airport in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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## **GANG ACTIVITY**

**37. GA: Armas accused of 'organized crime' (Rome News-Tribune, 23 Aug 2007)**

Mario Armas, 45, is accused of "engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise" A federal grand jury has handed down a superseding criminal indictment against Rome businessman Mario Armas accusing him of heading a criminal organization. According to the indictment handed down Wednesday, Armas, who is already charged with drug trafficking and money laundering, is additionally accused of "engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise" — a charge the Federal Bureau of Investigations calls "organized crime." The grand jury alleges Armas "occupied a position of organizer, supervisor or manager; and that (he) obtained substantial income and resources from the series of violations."

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**38. NY: Bonanno crime family captain pleads guilty (Newsday, 28 Aug 2007)**

A Bethpage man who is a reputed Bonanno crime family captain pleaded guilty Monday to charges of gambling and extortion in a case that grew out of the problems of a controversial Howard Beach homemaker. Jerome Asaro, 49, faces a possible prison term of 33 to 41 months at his sentencing, now scheduled for Dec. 7. Under the terms of Asaro's agreement with prosecutors, the range of his prison term under federal sentencing guidelines may drop if Asaro's codefendants accept plea-bargain offers from the government by Sept. 28.

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## **NARCO TRAFFICKING**

### **39. AZ: Smuggling suspect caught after chase (Tucson Citizen, 28 Aug 2007)**

A Mexican man attempting to smuggle about 1,100 pounds of pot across the border injured a Border Patrol agent Sunday during a prolonged high-speed chase, according to a news release. The incident began around 1:30 p.m. when agents approached the man's truck, which was stopped on the side of state Route 85 near Gila Bend, the release said. The man sped off, causing a chase that agents called off when he began to drive too fast, the release said. Yuma agents called agents in the Border Patrol's Tucson sector with a description of the vehicle and it was spotted parked in a wash near Ajo around 2:45 p.m., the release said.

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<http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/61363.php>

### **40. AZ: 'Pot-smuggling mom' caught (Yuma Sun, 28 Aug 2007)**

Border authorities arrested a "pot-smuggling mom" Monday when they stopped a Yuma woman driving a minivan with her infant son in the passenger's seat, according to a news statement. Marijuana worth \$77,000 was reportedly found stuffed in the vehicle's body panels.

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### **41. NY: 23 arrested in Niagara Falls in cross-border drug smuggling (Buffalo News, 22 Aug 2007)**

NIAGARA FALLS — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and Niagara Falls police said they dismantled a “significant” drug smuggling operation Tuesday and charged 23 suspects who were allegedly bringing Ecstasy and marijuana into the United States. The investigation uncovered drug couriers who were used to smuggle large sums of cash into Canada and bring drugs into the United States. Several shipments crossed the border each week, and the drugs were distributed across Western New York, agents said.

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### **42. Summit closes with few details of drug package (Copley News Service, 22 Aug 2007)**

MONTEBELLO, Canada – President Bush concluded his two-day summit with the leaders of Mexico and Canada yesterday with a forceful promise to team up with Mexico on a “robust” attack on narcotics traffickers on both sides of the border. But he said he will not be rushed to announce details until both governments are satisfied that the plan will be effective. The president said talks will continue with Mexico and would not set any timetable for the discussions, which have been under way for almost a year.

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### **43. Mexico catches key Sinaloa drug cartel suspect (Reuters, 23 Aug 2007)**

Police have arrested a suspected senior member of Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel and ally of the gang's leader, Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman, the attorney general's office said on Thursday. Police captured the suspected kingpin, who goes by two names, Jose Luis Angulo and Pedro Mario Felix, along with 10 other drug smugglers in the northern city of Hermosillo in Sonora state bordering Arizona. He is considered "one of the most important players in drug trafficking the northwest" of Mexico, the attorney general's office said in a statement.

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**44. Foreigners arrested in Dominican Republic over drug smuggling (Xinhuanet, 27 Aug 2007)**

SANTO DOMINGO - The Dominican Republic's National Drug Enforcement Directorate said Monday that it had arrested in separate operations two foreigners who were both found carrying cocaine in capsules in their stomachs. Marcelino Antonio Quezada, a United States citizen with Dominican roots, was arrested at the Cibao International Airport, in the north of the Dominican Republic. He had been bound for New York with 50 bags of cocaine in his guts. Police then arrested Dutch citizen Marlon Porfirio Suarez in the Las Americas airport terminal, east of the capital Santo Domingo, with 95 bags of drugs in his guts and a ticket for Spain.

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**45. U.S. Customs Seizes Semi-Submarine Loaded With Millions of Dollars in Cocaine Off Guatemala (AP, 23 Aug 2007)**

A submarine-like vessel filled with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of cocaine was seized off the Guatemalan coast, U.S. officials said. Four suspected smugglers were operating the self-propelled, semi-submersible vessel when it was located and seized on Sunday evening by officials from the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard, the Border Patrol said in a news release Wednesday. When the suspects realized they had been spotted by drug-surveillance aircraft patrolling the eastern Pacific, they scuttled the vessel but were unable to escape.

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<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory?id=3514862>

**46. Spanish And Bulgarian Police Bust Bulgarian Drug Smuggling Band (Sofia Echo, 27 Aug 2007)**

During a joint operation, Spanish and Bulgarian police detained three Bulgarian citizens, two men and a woman, in the Spanish town of Alcala de Henares, near Madrid. Police seized 8.520kg of heroin from the detainees, Spanish newspaper Terra reported. The cache was worth more than two million euro. The operation began following information from Bulgaria's national service for the fight against organised crime. According to Terra, the arrested were part of a Bulgarian criminal group of heroin traders throughout Europe.

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## COUNTERFEIT

### **47. CO: One arrested in counterfeit case (The Daily Record, 22 Aug 2007)**

One person is in custody and six arrest warrants have been issued for others — some whom face charges related to the Colorado Organized Crime Act — allegedly involved in a counterfeit money case that reached across state lines and involved several different law enforcement agencies, including the United States Secret Service. Meanwhile, in a case of bad timing to commit a crime, an alleged foiled attempt to return merchandise purchased with fake money led to the arrest of one of the unlucky perpetrators. "I can't say I've ever had a case of this magnitude," Cañon City Police Det. Mike Jolliffe said.

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## TECHNOLOGY

### **48. Lawmakers want tech updates at State Department (By Winter Casey, National Journal's Technology Daily, 24 Aug 2007)**

The roughly \$243 million in expedited passport fees expected to become available in fiscal 2008 should be used to support investments in information technologies and infrastructure at the State Department, according to the House Appropriations Committee. The committee report on the foreign aid spending bill, H.R. 2764, cited that figure as the Bush administration's budget request for the fees. Added to the \$59 million the panel approved for the department's capital investments, the total money for IT modernization in fiscal 2008 would be about \$304 million. According to the report, the committee has appropriated close to \$2 billion for the department's global IT infrastructure since 2001 "to enable rapid and reliable communication between Washington and the more than 300 locations worldwide." The House report said the committee expects State "to maintain and protect this investment."

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### **49. Chambers split over use of drones on the border (By Chris Strohm, National Journal's Technology Daily, 22 Aug 2007)**

House and Senate lawmakers are divided over spending tens of million of dollars more to buy aerial drones for border patrol, with appropriators in one chamber saying the investment is badly needed and those in the other questioning the price tag. In a last-minute bid in late July, the Senate boosted its version of the homeland security spending bill for fiscal 2008, S. 1644, by \$3 billion. The Homeland Security Department is expected to use a portion of those funds to buy and deploy four unmanned aerial vehicles within two years for use along the U.S.-Mexico border. "The debate we had a few weeks ago on immigration reform should not deter Congress from doing what is still needed to secure our borders and reduce illegal immigration," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., a leading advocate of the additional spending. "We should take what we learned from that debate -- that the American people want enforcement -- and put it into workable legislation. That's exactly what we've done here."

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**50. Northrop Grumman's Guardian Commercial Airliner Anti-Missile System Achieves 6,000 Operational Hours Milestone (Prime Newswire, 28 Aug 2007)**

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. - Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) today announced the achievement of more than 6,000 on-aircraft operational hours for the Guardian(tm) Counter-Man Portable Air Defense System (C-MANPADS) currently installed on seven wide-body cargo aircraft flying daily in commercial revenue service. "This milestone marks an important event for Northrop Grumman and the aviation industry. For the first time, we have been able to collect valuable logistics data while operating Guardian(tm) on aircraft in routine commercial service," said Jeff Palombo, vice president of Infrared Countermeasures at Northrop Grumman's Defensive Systems Division. "This data proves the Guardian(tm) system is a viable concept for commercial applications to protect aircraft from today's modern MANPADS threats."

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<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/primenewswire/125695.htm>

**51. Amcom Software chosen for Red Cell project for Homeland Security (Military & Aerospace Electronics, 21 Aug 2007)**

MINNEAPOLIS - Amcom Software, a provider of mission critical communication software, has been selected to participate in the Red Cell project, a platform for the detection, response, and emergency communication associated with man-made and natural threats to public safety. Amcom is providing the emergency notification software for the solution which will be demonstrated for the Institute for Defense and Homeland Security (IDHS) in September.

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**52. OPM unveils technology to speed security clearance processing (GovExec.com, 22 Aug 2007)**

Completed background investigations for security clearances will be sent via electronic transfer under a pilot project initiated by the Office of Personnel Management. Under the pilot, OPM, which conducts 95 percent of background investigations, will electronically deliver the results of such reviews to the Army Central Personnel Security Clearance Facility for adjudication of the applications under its jurisdiction. If the test is successful, OPM expects to extend electronic transfer to all agencies by Oct. 1. The use of technology has been cited as critical to reducing the time necessary to transfer documents across agencies. Currently, most background investigation results are delivered through U.S. mail or other hand-delivery methods. Electronic transfer will reduce delivery time by seven to 13 days and will provide savings on postage and personnel, according to OPM.

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**53. Airport shoe scanner put on hold (USA Today, 26 Aug 2007)**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Airline passengers hoping to someday go through security without ever having to take their shoes off will have to wait: The nation's airport security chief says a new shoe-scanning machine needs improvement. "It's not good enough for prime time," Transportation Security Administration (TSA) chief Kip Hawley said of the ShoeScanner, which scans footwear while worn. Tests have revealed "security deficiencies" that prevent the machine from consistently finding weapons and bomb parts, Hawley said. The government is continuing to test the ShoeScanner, which the TSA boss called "very promising technology" that would let passengers avoid a major checkpoint hassle: removing shoes. "It would be a great thing to have a new technology out there that allows them to keep their shoes on," Hawley said in an interview with USA TODAY.

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## RESOURCES

### **54. Homeland Security to broaden sharing of visitor data (By Chris Strohm, National Journal's Technology Daily, 24 Aug 2007)**

The Homeland Security Department on Wednesday announced broad changes for using a database that collects and stores information on foreign travelers to the United States. In one of the biggest changes, the department plans to regularly share information with U.S. intelligence agencies, department officials said in an interview Thursday. "This is a first step to make it clear that we do have the authority to conduct this type of sharing and to make the public know that we do plan to do so in the future," one official said on condition of anonymity. The database, called the arrival-and-departure information system, contains information collected at U.S. ports of entry and departure on all foreigners who enter, travel within or leave the United States. It was created in 2003 as part of the US-VISIT foreigner-tracking program and does not contain information on U.S. citizens.

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### **55. Game will teach responders about hazards (UPI, 24 Aug 2007)**

U.S. government scientists have developed a video game that can be used to train first responders to deal with chemical and biological attacks. Researchers at the Sandia National Laboratory began work last October on developing the game platform, working with the University of Southern California's GamePipe Laboratory. The game, called "Ground Truth," looks a little like the popular "Sim City," with the default view being a bird's eye map of the area where the attack occurs. The object, the lab said in a statement, "is to create an interactive gaming platform specifically designed to prepare decision makers and first responders for weapons of mass destruction/weapons of mass effect (WMD/WME) attacks in metropolitan areas. ... Ground Truth provides a virtual environment where users can play through such a scenario to see the effects of their decisions under the constraints of time and resources."

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### **56. FEMA looks to private sector for disaster provisions (GovExec.com, 27 Aug 2007)**

The state of Texas has decided that it cannot count on the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help in a disaster. So the state's emergency management division has made arrangements with big-box retailers such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot to provide water, ice and other critical supplies to its citizens in a crisis. After what happened with hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the assumption now is that FEMA will provide nothing. If they can get supplies that way, a FEMA spokesman approvingly told the *Houston Chronicle*, "that's just one last thing we don't have to coordinate for." This response may sound flippant, but it actually illustrates the overhaul of FEMA's realigned logistics program, which is beginning to take shape.

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## FULL REPORTS

### **57. Details Sought On Domestic Use Of Spy Satellites (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, [www.fas.org](http://www.fas.org))**

Although Congress is out of session, the news that classified intelligence satellites may increasingly be used for domestic surveillance applications did not go unnoticed by congressional overseers.

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA), chair of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, last week sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff seeking answers to a series of detailed questions about the new initiative, which was first reported in the Wall Street Journal. Among Rep. Markey's questions were these:

Will the public have an opportunity to comment on the development of appropriate guidelines for domestic use of spy satellites?

What assessments of the legality of the new surveillance program have been performed? (Please provide copies.)

How does the Department plan to ensure that Americans' privacy and civil rights are protected once this new surveillance program becomes operational?

A copy of Mr. Markey's August 16 letter is here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/markey081607.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/markey081607.pdf)

The new surveillance program "has drawn sharp criticism from civil liberties advocates who say the government is overstepping the use of military technology for domestic

surveillance," wrote Eric Schmitt in the New York Times. See "Liberties Advocates Fear Abuse of Satellite Images," August 17:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/17/us/17spy.html>

**58. The FBI As An Intelligence Organization (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, [www.fas.org](http://www.fas.org))**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has increasingly supplemented its traditional law enforcement role with new intelligence and counterterrorism functions, now says its paramount objective is to "prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur."

New domestic intelligence collection activities that have been adopted in pursuit of this goal are described in unusual detail in the Bureau's 2008 budget request.

<http://fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fbi/2008just.pdf>

Special attention is given to cultivating human intelligence sources.

"The FBI recruits new CHSs [confidential human sources] every day," the budget request notes. But without increased budget support, the FBI says it will not be possible to validate these sources and to determine the credibility of the information they provide.

"With current resources, the FBI is unable to reach a point where all CHSs are successfully subjected to the CHSV [confidential human source validation] process."

The budget request refers in passing to "more than 15,000" confidential human sources requiring validation (page 4-24).

The FBI also seeks new funds for intelligence collection training and operations.

"Without this training, the FBI would lack the full capacity to provide SAs [special agents] the comprehensive tradecraft, procedural, legal and policy direction needed to execute the significant and constitutionally sensitive domestic intelligence collection mission with confidence," the budget document states (page 4-27).

The FBI's budgetary focus on expanding its human intelligence capability was first reported by Justin Rood of ABC News. See "FBI Proposes Building Network of U.S. Informants," July 25:

<http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/07/fbi-proposes-bu.html>

The same FBI budget document provides significant new detail on other FBI intelligence and counterterrorism activities, the FBI open source program, the National Virtual Translation Center, and other initiatives.

The Washington Post reported that there were nearly 20,000 positive matches of individuals seeking to enter the United States who were flagged by the Terrorist Screening Center, according to the FBI budget request. Despite the surprisingly large figure, only a small number of arrests resulted.

See "Terror Suspect List Yields Few Arrests" by Ellen Nakashima, Washington Post, August 25:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/24/AR2007082402256.html>

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