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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Congress

SUBJECT: Subject Linked to Additional Individuals in Three States; Federal Access to License Plate Reader Network Under Review.

Forensic exploitation of the subject's devices has identified sustained contact with four additional individuals residing in Michigan, Washington and Texas. Three of the four entered the United States by comparable routes within the past fourteen months. The intelligence community assesses with moderate confidence that these individuals constitute a dormant network directed from abroad. No operational communication has been recovered, and none of the four has been charged.

Separately, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General has opened a review of federal access to the license plate reader network that produced the initial lead. Audit records indicate that federal agencies queried the network more than 40,000 times over an eighteen-month period through local police accounts, without warrants and in most cases without the knowledge of the jurisdictions that own the cameras. Listed search justifications include "ICE," "immigration" and "protest."

In one instance, a U.S. citizen in Yuma County, Arizona was subjected to a felony traffic stop and a search of his residence following a plate misread. No charges were filed.

Eleven municipalities have voted to terminate their camera contracts since Friday.