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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Congress

SUBJECT: Automated Threat Flag Was Generated and Overridden; Two Subjects Unaccounted For.

A Department of Homeland Security after-action review has determined that the automated threat-assessment system in use along the northern border generated a flag on the subject's biographic and travel data on August 9, five days prior to his entry. The flag was accurate. It was reviewed by a supervisory officer and dismissed within four minutes.

The officer's written justification cites departmental guidance issued in March under the terms of a settlement agreement, directing that algorithmic determinations shall not serve as the sole basis for enforcement action absent independent corroboration. The review found that the guidance was applied as written.

Of the four associated individuals identified last week, two are unaccounted for. Vehicles registered to both were last recorded on license plate reader networks on October 9 — one within twelve miles of the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington State, the other near a 500-kilovolt transmission substation outside Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Governors of Washington and Texas have requested federal assistance. The Department of Justice has suspended operational use of the automated threat-assessment system pending completion of the review.