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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Congress

SUBJECT: Attempted Breach at Grand Coulee Dam; Detainees File Habeas Petitions; One Subject Is a Naturalized Citizen.

Federal officers disrupted an attempted vehicle breach of a restricted service road at the Grand Coulee Dam at approximately 0340 Pacific Time on October 14. Two individuals were taken into custody. No personnel were injured and the facility is operating normally. The individual last tracked near Corpus Christi remains at large.

One of the two individuals detained at Grand Coulee is a naturalized United States citizen who took the oath of citizenship in 2019. The Department of Justice is reviewing whether his naturalization was procured by willful misrepresentation of a material fact.

Counsel for all detained individuals has filed petitions for writs of habeas corpus in the District of Nevada and the Eastern District of Washington, arguing that evidence derived from license plate reader queries was unlawfully obtained and that continued detention without charge is unconstitutional. The Department of Justice has moved to hold the petitions in abeyance on national security grounds.

Congress is expected to consider legislation this week addressing license plate reader networks, the use of automated systems in immigration enforcement, and the availability of habeas corpus to individuals detained on terrorism grounds.