

Memorandum 6: Attack on Electrical Transmission Infrastructure in South Texas; Fourth Subject Identified

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At approximately 0215 Central Time, an explosive device detonated at the 500-kilovolt transmission substation outside Corpus Christi, Texas. Three transformers were destroyed and cascading failures have removed service across much of the South Texas grid. Approximately 400,000 customers are without power and area hospitals are operating on emergency generation. Grid operators advise that restoration will require no fewer than nine days, as replacement transformers of this class are not manufactured domestically and none are held in regional reserve.

No deaths have been attributed to the detonation itself. The State of Texas has reported two fatalities at residences dependent upon powered medical equipment.

The individual previously tracked to the vicinity of the site remains at large. A fourth individual, not previously known to investigators and not associated with any prior entry record, was recorded on facility surveillance and is being sought.

The Department of Homeland Security confirms that the automated threat-assessment system suspended on October 13 was not in operation at the time of the attack. The Department has declined to assess whether its operation would have altered the outcome.

Separately, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington has ordered the release of one detained individual pending resolution of his habeas petition, finding that the government has not established a basis for continued detention without charge. The Department of Justice has filed an emergency appeal.