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HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

First, I'd like to thank you for the Department's initial production of records relating to the previous Administration's placement of now-Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Quiet Skies watchlist. This is a welcome change from the actions of your predecessor who stonewalled my previous requests for these records.

The recently produced records revealed that multiple government officials raised questions about the rationale behind former U.S. Representative Gabbard's inclusion on the Quiet Skies List and that during Special Mission Coverage (SMC) of Gabbard, Federal Air Marshals repeatedly noted observations about her appearance, her use of electronic devices, and her awareness of her surroundings.¹

After reviewing the initial production, I respectfully request you provide the following in addition to the remaining records from the previous request no later than 5:00PM on June 11, 2025:

1. Unredacted copies of all previously requested records that have not yet been produced² including, but not limited to, the classified records described in the Department's initial production.
2. Unredacted copies of all records produced to the Committee on May 19, 2025, that contained redactions including, but not limited to, the complete and unredacted version of Enclosure 10.
3. Unredacted copies of any original reports referenced in Enclosure 9.³
4. Description of the "yellow line", as referred to in Enclosure 9.⁴
5. Unredacted copies of all derogatory information used to match former U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard with any Silent Partner or Quiet Skies rules.
6. The names of all TSA or DHS officials involved in the matching of former U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard with any Silent Partner or Quiet Skies rules or any subsequent review of Gabbard's inclusion on either list.

¹ [On file with Committee].

² See enclosure

³ [On file with Committee].

⁴ [On file with Committee].

7. The date on which former U.S. Representative Gabbard was first matched to any Silent Partner rule.
8. The date on which former U.S. Representative Gabbard was first matched to any Quiet Skies rule.
9. The date on which former U.S. Representative Gabbard was placed on the Silent Partner List.
10. The date on which former U.S. Representative Gabbard was placed on the Quiet Skies List.
11. The date on which former U.S. Representative Gabbard was removed from the Silent Partner List.
12. The date on which former U.S. Representative Gabbard was removed from the Quiet Skies List.
13. For each of the following categories, provide the names of all individuals who have ever matched a Silent Partner or Quiet Skies rule or appeared on either the Silent Partner or Quiet Skies List over the history of the programs, the dates which they appeared on either list, and whether they have been placed on the permanent Do Not Hit List:
 - a. Current members of US Congress
 - b. Former members of US Congress
 - c. Current members of the US First and Second Families
 - d. Former members of the US First and Second Families
 - e. Current US agency heads
 - f. Former US agency heads
 - g. Current members of the US Supreme Court
 - h. Former members of the US Supreme Court
14. Unredacted copies of all official or unofficial definitions, criteria, and related documents for any “VIP”, as former U.S. Representative Gabbard was referred to in internal communications.⁵
15. Unredacted copies of records, systems, standard operating procedures, policies, guidelines, or guidance related to tracking “VIPs”, their potential or suspected matches with Silent Partner or Quiet Skies rules, their inclusion or exclusion on the Silent Partner or Quiet Skies Lists, and any associated use of Federal Air Marshal Service resources.
16. Unredacted copies of records, systems, standard operating procedures, policies, guidelines, or guidance related to tracking individuals on the permanent Do Not Hit List, their potential or suspected matches with Silent Partner or Quiet Skies rules, their inclusion or exclusion on the Silent Partner or Quiet Skies Lists, and any associated use of Federal Air Marshal Service resources.
17. Unredacted copies of any meeting minutes, memoranda, or transcripts, from any in-person or virtual townhall meetings attended by the Director for the Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service (LE/FAMS) since January 20, 2025, and for each:
 - a. Unredacted copies of all agendas;
 - b. The names of all speakers;
 - c. The names of all personnel in attendance in person;

⁵ [On file with Committee].

- d. The names of all personnel in attendance on virtual platforms; and
 - e. Complete, unmodified copies of all recordings or transcripts.
18. Comprehensive data related to the list provided by TSA's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA) to the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) Incident Coordination Section (ICS), which included individuals who flew into the Washington, D.C., area around January 6, 2021, including:
- a. the total number of individuals included on this list;
 - b. the number of Federal Air Marshals included on this list;
 - c. the number of current or former members of Congress included on this list;
 - d. the number of individuals from the list who were subjected to SMC or other forms of surveillance;
 - e. the number of individuals from the list who were targeted for arrest or prosecution in connection with the January 6 events; and
 - f. the number of individuals from the list who are still under surveillance.
19. Unredacted copies of all TSA Targeting Team audits of the Silent Partner Watchlist, Quiet Skies Watchlist, and Cleared List since January 1, 2021.
20. Unredacted copies of all re-assessments and re-approvals of Quiet Skies rules since January 1, 2021.
21. Unredacted copies of all authorization memos behind each scenario-based rule since January 1, 2021.
22. The intelligence behind each scenario-based rule since January 1, 2021.
23. How many individuals were on the Silent Partner List for each of the following dates: May 28, 2020, May 28, 2021, May 28, 2022, May 28, 2023, May 28, 2024, and May 28, 2025.
24. How many individuals were on the Quiet Skies List for each of the following dates: May 28, 2020, May 28, 2021, May 28, 2022, May 28, 2023, May 28, 2024, and May 28, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senate Homeland Security
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