REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

To: NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
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1. FROM (Agency or establishment)
   DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
   FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION
   COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
   Tammy J. Strickler, CRM

5. TELEPHONE NUMBER
   540-868-4363

6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION
   I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached (2) page(s) are not needed now for the business for this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,
   \[\square\text{is not required} \quad \square\text{is attached, or} \quad \square\text{has been requested}\]

7. ITEM NO

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION
   The attached pages modify disposition instructions for some of the records created and maintained by the Terrorist Screening Center, which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with support from the Intelligence Community, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, Department of Treasury, and Department of Defense

9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION
   N1-065-06-02, Items 1a and 4b

10. ACTION TAKEN


115-109 PREVIOUS EDITION NOT USABLE

STANDARD FORM 115 (REV 3-91)
Prescribed by NARA 36 CFR 1226
Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) Records

Background (provided for clarity for NARA review – no changes to this introductory description)

The Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) was created pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive-6 (HSPD-6) and began operations on December 1, 2003. Its mission is to coordinate the Government’s approach to terrorism screening and maintain a consolidated database of all known and suspected terrorists for use in screening.

Prior to creation of the TSC, information about known and suspected terrorists was dispersed throughout the U.S. Government, and no single agency was responsible for consolidating and making the terrorist watch lists available for use in screening. In March 2004, the TSC consolidated the Government’s terrorist watch list information into a sensitive but unclassified (SBU) database known as the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB). As required by HSPD-6, the TSDB contains “information about individuals known or appropriately suspected to be or have been engaged in conduct constituting, in preparation for, in aid of, or related to terrorism.” Information from the TSDB is used to screen for known and suspected terrorists in a variety of contexts, including during law enforcement encounters, the adjudication of applications for U.S. visas or other immigration and citizenship benefits, at U.S. borders and ports of entry, and for civil aviation security purposes.

In addition to maintaining a consolidated database of known and suspected terrorists, the TSC also operates a twenty-four hour call center to assist screening agencies in managing encounters and potential encounters with known and suspected terrorists.

Records
1. Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB): The TSDB is a database containing identifying information on known and suspected terrorists. Informally known as the “Terrorist Watch List,” the TSDB has merged the watch lists of multiple agencies into a consolidated database utilized to help identify and detain known and suspected terrorists.

Inputs into the TSDB are received from international law partners, the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The NCTC provides the names and identifying information of known and suspected international terrorists, which have been forwarded to the NCTC by intelligence, law enforcement, and other participating agencies.

a. Inputs

(1) Nominations that are received from the NCTC and the FBI. The TSC nominations unit reviews these additions, deletions, and modifications and then performs the necessary actions to enter or correct the information in the TSDB. Input is primarily received electronically.

Disposition: Temporary DELETE/DESTROY after verification of successful entry.

(2) Nominations that are received from international law partners. The TSC nominations unit reviews these additions, deletions, and modifications and then performs the necessary actions to enter or correct the information in the TSDB. Input is primarily received electronically.

Disposition: Temporary DELETE/DESTROY after verification of successful entry.

b. Master File: The database contains identifying information and characteristics of the known or suspected terrorist, as well as references to other datasets that contain information about the individual. Identifying information includes name and aliases, date and/or place of birth, alien registration, visa, social security account or other unique numbers, passport information, including passport numbers, issuing country, dates and locations of issuance, expiration dates and other relevant information, countries of origin or nationality (if...
- country of origin is unknown), physical identifiers such as sex, race, height, weight, eye color, hair color, scars, marks or tattoos, known locations such as addresses or points of travel, including prior admissions to the United States, photographs or renderings of the individual, fingerprints or other biometric data, employment data, phone numbers or license plate numbers, and any other information provided by the originator for watch listing purposes.

Individual names are deleted from the active TSDB when it is determined through investigation or other means that the individual is not a known/suspected terrorist. The deleted records become inactive and exist in an archived form where they are accessible by limited individuals within the TSC and only for certain express purposes, such as researching a redress complaint or lawsuit about an adverse screening experience, conducting quality assurance reviews, and compliance with reporting, oversight, and auditing requirements.

1. Active records Disposition Temporary DELETE/DESTROY individual records 99 years after date of entry

2. Inactive records Disposition Temporary DELETE/DESTROY individual records 50 years after record status changes to inactive

3. Records that originated from international law partners Disposition Temporary Delete at the request of the originating international law partner in concert with laws and policies governing their retention of these records, or, if no request received, commensurate with items b 1 and b 2