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The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U. S. House of Representatives
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Chairman Thompson:

Thank you for your letter about terrorist watch list incidents. You wrote to express concerns that too many travelers who bear no affiliation with terrorist groups are delayed or detained, that there are insufficient redress procedures, and that the CBP procedures for holding detained travelers are inappropriately penal, involving mug shots, body searches, and jails. You requested that we review the matter and produce a report.

We will be pleased to conduct such a review. At the moment, all of our teams are fully engaged, and we have added it to our FY 2008 work plan. When resources become available, we will contact your staff to discuss details of the review.

Should you have questions, please call me, or your staff may contact our congressional liaison, Tamara Faulkner, at 202-254-4100

Sincerely,


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Inspector General

cc: DHS Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs