



May 23, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Director Wray,

We write to you with serious concerns about recent reports of two illegal aliens who attempted to breach Marine Corps Base Quantico. The unacceptable open borders policies of this administration continue to threaten the security of the homeland, and the American people deserve answers on the incident and information as to what is being done to prevent further infiltration by national security threats.

On May 3, 2024, two adult men occupying a box truck attempted to enter Marine Corps Base Quantico, posing as employees subcontracted by Amazon to deliver a package at the post office located inside the base.¹ When the two individuals did not provide approved access credentials, military police officers directed the occupants to a separate location for a secondary security inspection where the driver ignored the instructions, accelerated past the officers in a reckless attempt to enter the military facility.²

After military authorities stopped the vehicle, the two occupants were detained and turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). According to a May 16, 2024, news report, ICE confirmed both suspects in the incident are Jordanian nationals.³ The same report revealed these foreign nationals were placed in ICE custody "pending removal proceedings." When asked about the immigration status of the suspects, ICE could not provide information, nor could it confirm whether either of the aliens are on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB).⁴

A May 23, 2024, report revealed that one of the Jordanian nationals illegally crossed the southern border in April 2024 and was released into the interior with a notice to appear, while the other national overstayed his F-1 student visa.⁵ A brazen attempt to infiltrate a military installation by foreign nationals from a terror-prone region rightly raises concerns as to whether this constituted a possible terrorist attack.

Yet, the federal government has not disclosed whether this breach was terror-related. Information related to this incident should be disclosed promptly, as a record-breaking number of known or suspected terrorists have crossed our southern border since January 2021, some of whom were released into the interior of the U.S.⁶ In April 2024, Mohammad Kharwin, an Afghan national who was a confirmed member of the terrorist group Hezb-e-Islami, was arrested in San Antonio after being released into the interior by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in March 2023 after illegally crossing the border near San Ysidro, California.⁷ Similarly, Kharwin's screening did not reveal ties to extremist groups.

¹ <https://www.potomaclocal.com/2024/05/10/exclusive-drivers-attempt-at-breaching-quantico-gate-echoes-deadly-incidents-at-white-house-u-s-military-bases/>.

² <https://nypost.com/2024/05/13/opinion/a-jordanian-who-crossed-border-illegally-tried-to-force-his-way-onto-a-us-marine-base/>.

³ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/two-foreign-nationals-ice-custody-after-attempted-breach-marine-base>.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ <https://x.com/GriffJenkins/status/1793623059259085095>.

⁶ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics>.

⁷ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/investigations/man-terrorist-watchlist-was-dropped-program-monitors-migrants-rcna148205>.


The American people deserve to know the scope of the threat posed by potential terror suspects, and the extent to which the open border policies of this administration are facilitating it. As such, we request answers to the following questions by June 6, 2024:

1. Were either of the Jordanian nationals mentioned above identified on the TSDB?
 - a. If so, and these aliens were released into the interior by CBP, was the FBI informed?
 - b. What are the dates of the final removal orders for these Jordanian nationals?
 - c. Were these individuals previously encountered by local, state, or federal law enforcement before the May 3, 2024, incident?
 - d. Prior to the incident on Marine Corps Base Quantico, were either of these individuals under investigation by the FBI?
 - e. Is the FBI investigating this incident for terrorist motives?
2. Has the FBI and/or DHS found evidence that this incident at Marine Corps Base Quantico was an attempt to commit a crime inside the base, such as harming an individual or gathering intelligence for a possible future attack?
3. What has the FBI and/or DHS discerned as the possible motivation of these Jordanian nationals to infiltrate Marine Corps Base Quantico?
4. What is the FBI doing to prevent potential attacks on military installations on U.S. soil by individuals with known or suspected ties to extremist groups?
5. Please provide a detailed explanation for the vetting protocols of noncitizens encountered at the southern border before they are released into the interior.
6. Please detail what measures or databases DHS or the FBI uses to screen foreign nationals for ties to terrorist organizations or networks.
7. Why is DHS releasing aliens into the interior when potential terrorists could exploit this practice to potentially commit harm in the U.S.
8. What is ICE's plan to identify, apprehend, and remove aliens who overstay their visas in the U.S.?

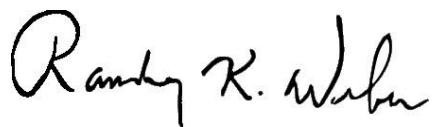
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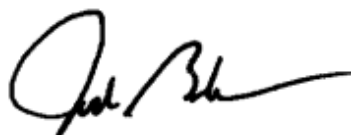
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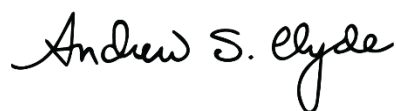
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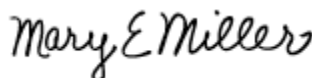
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