

Nor, despite repeated inquiries about watchlisting standards, did the CIA apparently ever disclose the existence of this guidance to the JIS. As the JIS has recounted, “[w]e were told that there was, at the time, no formal system in place at the CTC for watchlisting suspected terrorists.”³⁰ This, however, was not true. As noted above, the CIA’s December 1999 guidance specifically provided watchlisting standards – which were often ignored. By failing to provide this information to the JIS, the CIA thus managed to keep the fact that it violated its own rules out of the formal report of the Joint Inquiry.

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JIS, written statement presented to SSCI/HPSCI joint hearing (September 20, 2002), at 7.