

visa in June 2001. The State Department officials who took this application appear to have followed procedures and checked his name against their CLASS database, which incorporates TIPOFF watchlist information. Because CIA continued to refuse to put the name of this Al-Qa'ida terrorist into TIPOFF, however, no CLASS "hits" occurred, and al-Mihdhar was given a visa and returned to the United States unmolested in July.⁴¹

⁴¹ JIS, written statement presented to SSCI/HPSCI joint hearing (September 20, 2002), at 10.