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Committee on Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John S. Pistole
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
601 S. 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20528

Dear Administrator Pistole:

On June 5, 2013, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS IG) released a report titled *Transportation Security Administration's Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques*.[1] The report revealed that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has expended an estimated $878 million on the Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques (SPOT) program as of September 30, 2012, despite not having implemented a strategic plan for the program.

According to the report, during its audit of the SPOT program, TSA provided the DHS IG a copy of the draft strategic plan TSA's Behavior Detection and Analysis Division developed in fiscal year 2012 that includes a statement of mission, goals, and objectives. Additionally, in its response to Recommendation #1 contained in the report, TSA responded by stating that the Behavior Detection and Analysis Program will continue to produce a yearly spend-plan that identifies goals, objectives, budget formulation and execution, and expenditure tracking for the SPOT program.

In furtherance of the Committee on Homeland Security's ongoing oversight of TSA's programs governing aviation security, I write to request a copy of the draft strategic plan TSA provided the DHS IG during its audit of the SPOT program and copies of the yearly spend-plans for the program. I respectfully request that the requested documents be provided to the Committee on Homeland Security at this time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Cherri Branson, Chief Counsel for Oversight, at 202-226-(b)(6).

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson
Ranking Member

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