
CRISIS CONTROLLED
Assessing Potential Threats
of Violence

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TERRORISM

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION



PURPOSE

- ❑ ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO BECOME PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR OWN SECURITY
 - ❑ FORGE A STRONGER PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY
 - ❑ DISCOURAGE, DETECT, AND DEFEAT TERRORISM IN AMERICA
 - ❑ THROUGH EDUCATION, AVOID ABUSES CAUSED BY PREJUDICE AND IGNORANCE.
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THIS IS NOT ABOUT...

- SPYING ON NEIGHBORS
- CREATING VIGILANTES
- HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE EYES



WHAT IS TERRORISM?



***THE UNLAWFUL USE OF
FORCE OR VIOLENCE AGAINST
PERSONS OR PROPERTY TO
INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A
GOVERNMENT OR CIVILIAN
POPULATION, OR ANY
SEGMENT THEREOF, IN
FURTHERANCE OF POLITICAL
OR SOCIAL OBJECTIVES.***

WHAT IS TERRORISM?

- It must be against the law.
 - Terrorism's goal is to force change.
 - It has a particular objective – more than money or pleasure.
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WHERE DO TERRORISTS COME FROM?

- FRUSTRATED OVER SLOW OR LACK OF CHANGE**
 - LIFE CHANGING EVENT**
 - OBSESSED WITH CAUSE**
 - END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS**
 - SEE SELF AS HERO, NOT CRIMINAL**
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PURPOSE OF TERRORISM?

IMMEDIATE GOALS

FEAR

- Used to leave you with a lasting impression.



PANIC



Lorenzo Ciniglio / Corbis Sygma

DISRUPTION

- ❑ To cause effects beyond immediate victims.



DEMORALIZATION

- ❑ To affect our national psyche
- ❑ To shock or paralyze us into inactivity



INTIMIDATION

- ❑ Form of blackmail
- ❑ They hope to affect our ability to respond.



EMBARRASS GOVERNMENT

- Cause citizens to question the ability of our government to protect us.



**MOST
IMPORTANT**

MEDIA ATTENTION



David Silverman / Newsmakers

Used to:

- Intimidate or coerce
 - Publicize a cause
 - Give a sense of power and prestige
 - Raising support and recruiting.
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PURPOSE OF TERRORISM?

LONG-TERM GOALS

FORCE POLICY CHANGE



- ❑ Marine barracks bombing in Beirut
 - ❑ Attack of special OPS troops in Somalia
 - ❑ Leads to pull out of humanitarian and peace keeping missions
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OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS



- 1979 President Carter lost election primarily because of Iranian hostage crisis
 - Not an overthrow but influential in government change
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HOMELAND

Organizations working to have their piece of the USA



- Aryan Nations
- American Indian movement
- Republic of New Africa

HOW TERRORISTS OPERATE

LOW KEY TERRORISM

Smaller “crimes” are used to further goals

- ❑ GRAFFITI
- ❑ VANDALISM
- ❑ THREATS
- ❑ CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE



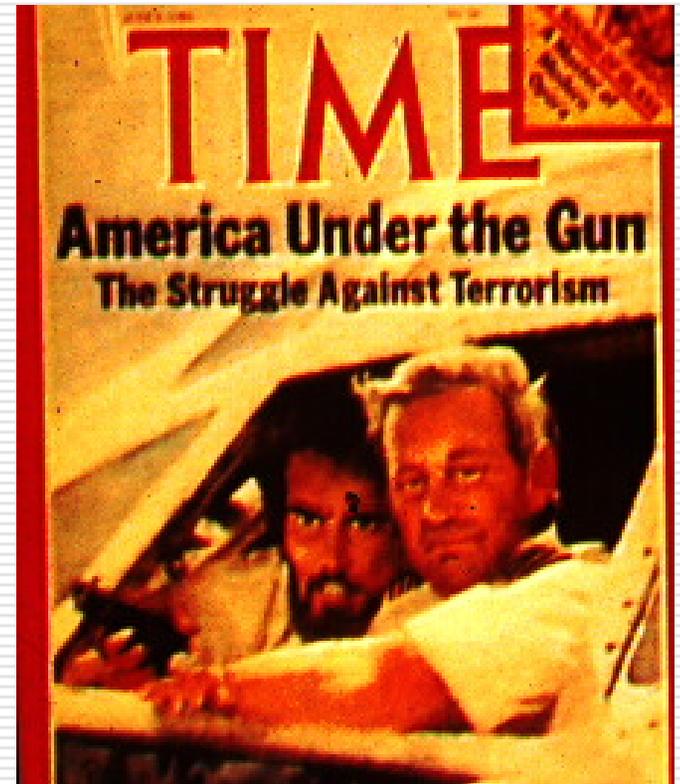
ASSAULTS & MURDERS

- ❑ Send Message
- ❑ Often Symbolic
- ❑ Dangerous for terrorist
 - Attacker must be present
 - Witnesses are usually present
 - Evidence is readily available



KIDNAPPING & SKYJACKINGS

- ❑ Can generate multiple victims
- ❑ Extended media coverage
- ❑ Bargaining
- ❑ 9/11
- ❑ Most dangerous to terrorists



KIDNAPPING AND SKYJACKINGS

Kidnappings

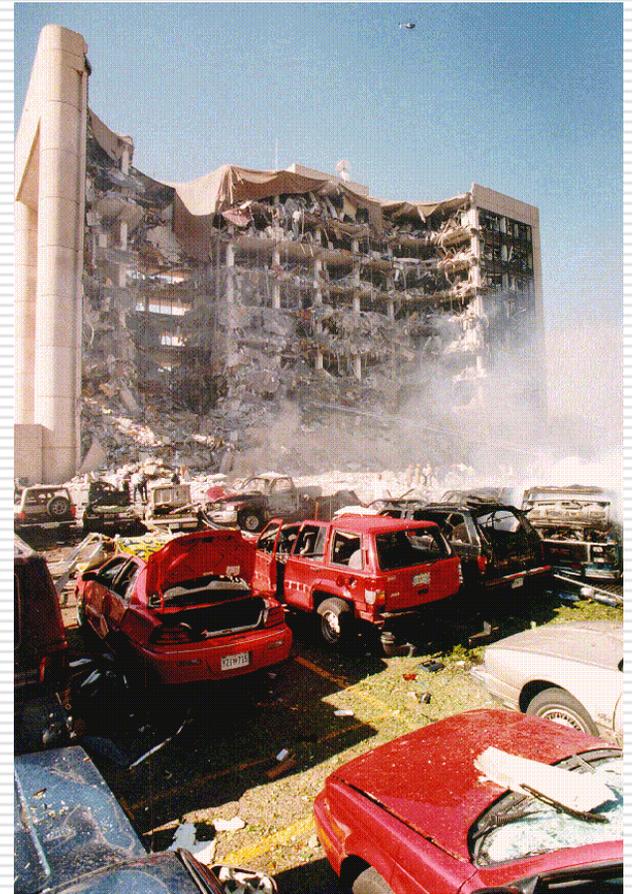
- Public act
- Logistic support for victim
- Communication with authorities

Skyjackings

- Plane eventually has to land
 - Method of storming plane is different
 - Terrorist is suicidal
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ARSON & BOMBINGS

- ❑ **MOST COMMON** – fires are easy to start and explosives are relatively simple to make
- ❑ **LOW RISK**
- ❑ **HIGH RETURN** – cause a great number of casualties
- ❑ **LETHALITY**
- ❑ **MEDIA MAGNET**



WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Reasons for terrorist to consider WMD



- Next level of escalation
 - High level of harm
 - Chemical, biological, radiological WMD spread by air
 - Requires decontamination
 - Psychological impact
 - Difficult to prepare for
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WMD “Defined”

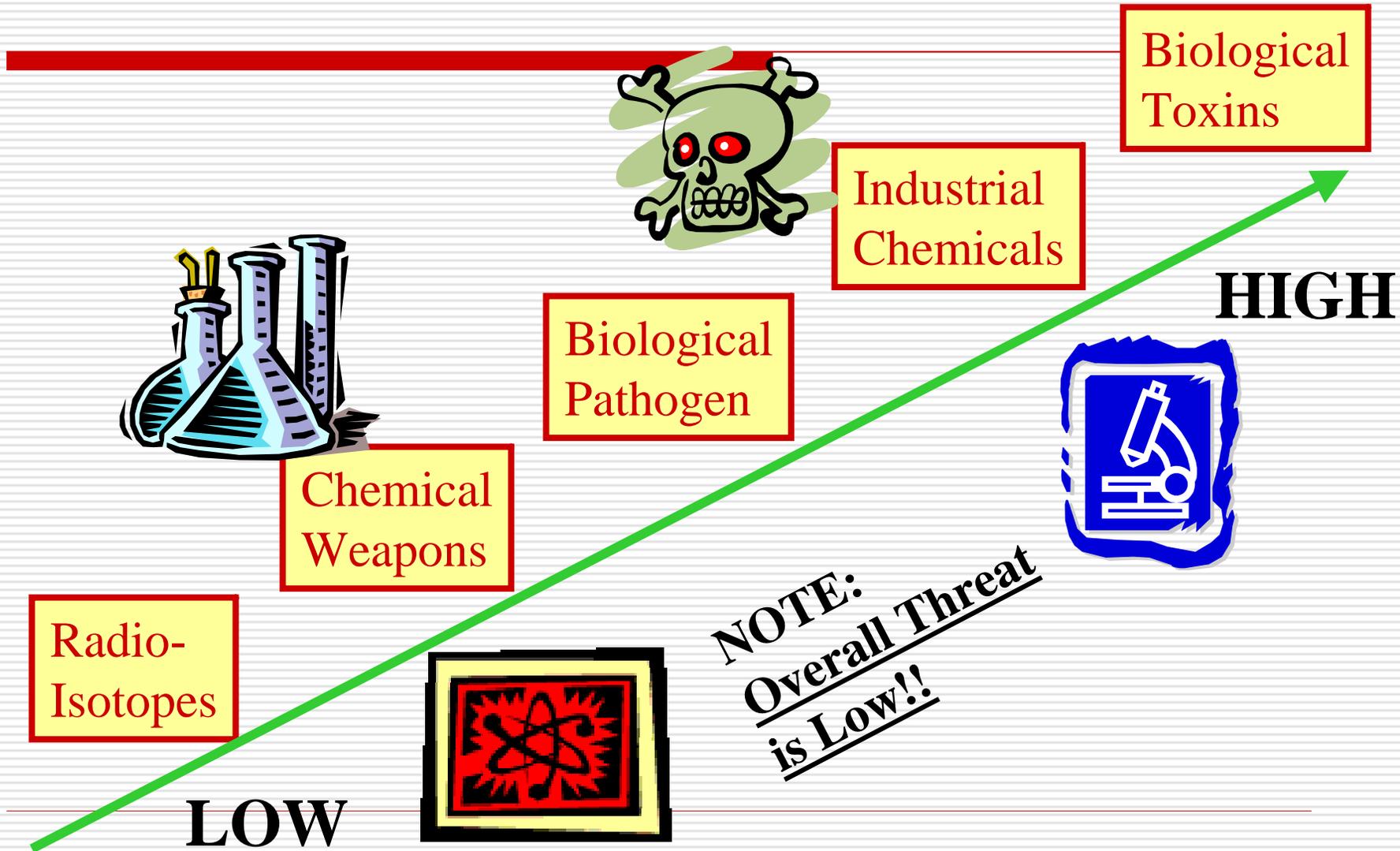
ANY DEVICE THAT INCLUDES:

- ❑ EXPLOSIVES,
 - ❑ CHEMICALS AGENTS,
 - ❑ BIOLOGICAL AGENTS,
 - ❑ RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS,
 - ❑ NUCLEAR MATERIALS,
 - ❑ OR ANY OTHER DEVICE OR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES WHICH, WHEN USED, DETONATED OR RELEASED, HAS THE ABILITY TO CAUSE LARGE SCALE CASUALTIES AND/OR DEATH.
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WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

- CHEMICAL**
 - BIOLOGICAL** (spread through inhalation, ingestion, or insects/mosquitoes)
 - **Bacterial – Anthrax, Cholera, Plague**
 - **Viral – Smallpox**
 - **Biological toxins – botulism, ricin**
 - RADIOLOGICAL**
 - NUCLEAR**
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WMD Threat Spectrum



WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

- ❑ WMD'S ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
 - CHEMICAL
 - BIOLOGICAL
 - RADIOLOGICAL
 - NUCLEAR
- ❑ CONVENTIONAL ATTACKS CAN BE WMD



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CONVENTIONAL WMD

BETWEEN 1979 AND 2000, THE WORLD AVERAGED ONE CONVENTIONAL TERRORIST ATTACK EVERY TWO YEARS WITH A DEATH TOLL OF OVER 100. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR EACH ATTACK WAS 237.

CYBERTERROR

- RECRUITING AND COMMUNICATION
- STEAL INFORMATION
- DISRUPT INFRASTRUCTURE
- LOSS OF CONFIDENCE



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- MAIMINGS**
 - ROBBERIES (BANKS AND ARMORED CARS)**
 - COUNTERFEITING**
 - NARCOTICS**
 - EXTORTION**
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THE THREAT





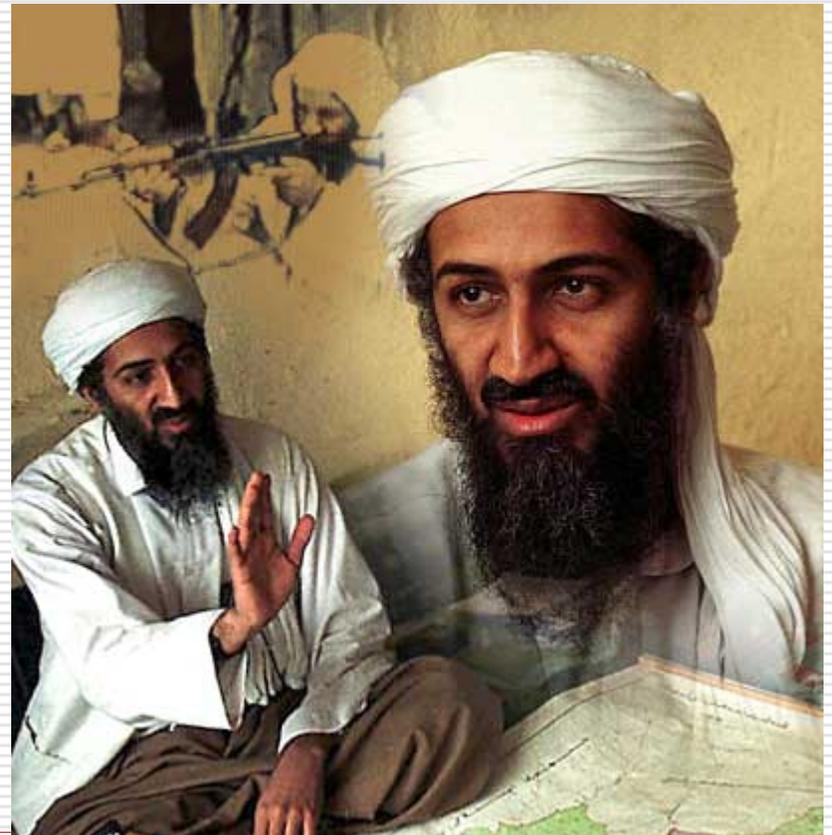
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS



ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

Islam is one of world's 3 major religions;
fastest growing

- ❑ AL-QAEDA
- ❑ AL-JIHAD
- ❑ AL-GAMA'A
- ❑ HAMAS
- ❑ HIZBALLAH
- ❑ AL-ISLAMIYYA
- ❑ AL-TAHID



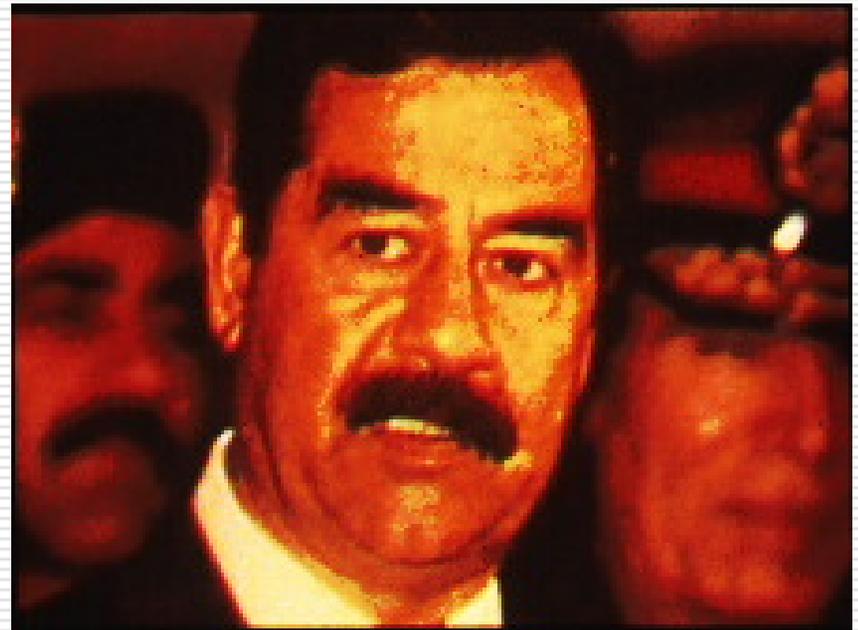
ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

- DESTROY ISRAEL
 - END WESTERN INFLUENCE IN MIDDLE EAST
 - FUNDAMENTAL ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT
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STATE SPONSORED TERROR

COUNTRIES THAT USE TERRORISM TO FURTHER NATIONAL GOALS.

- IRAN**
- IRAQ**
- LIBYA**
- NORTH KOREA**
- SYRIA**
- CUBA**
- SUDAN**



EXTREMIST GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

HATE GROUPS

ETHNIC

ANTI-
GOVERNMENT
GROUPS

SINGLE ISSUE

ANARCHIST
GROUPS

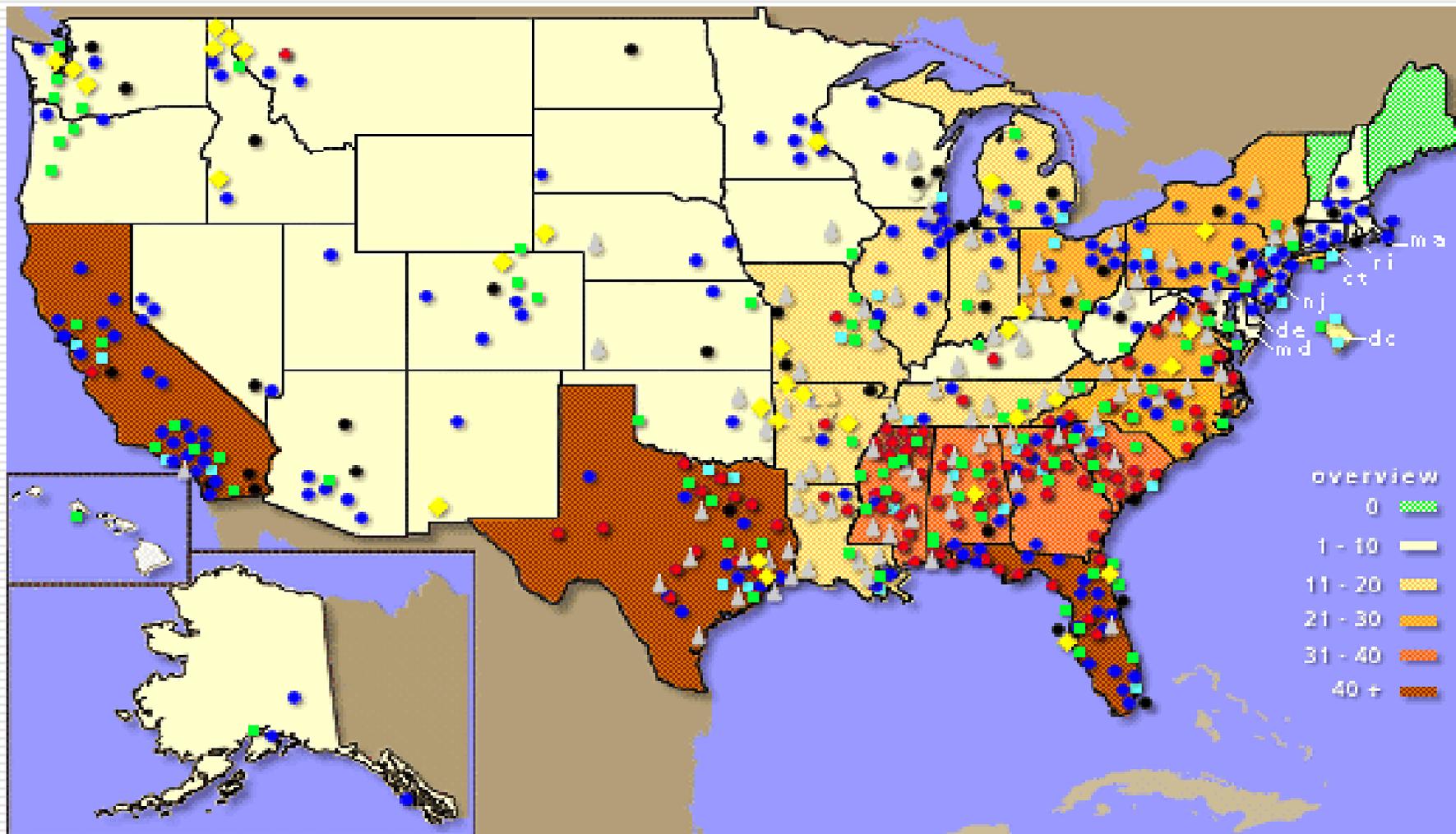
RELIGIOUS
CULTS

SEPARATISTS

HATE GROUPS

- ❑ Largest of the extremist groups
- ❑ Targets tend to be people of color, Jews, homosexuals, and liberal whites (race traitors)





KKK

NEONAZI

RACIST SKINHEADS

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

NEOCONFEDERATE

BLACK SEPARATIST

OTHER

KLU KLUX KLAN



- OLDEST
CONTINUOUS
HATE GROUP IN
THE NATION
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ARYAN NATIONS



- ❑ WHITES ARE GOD'S CHOSEN RACE
 - ❑ JEWS ARE SATAN'S CHILDREN
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NEO-NAZI



Elaine Thompson / AP

- ❑ VENERATION OF HITLER
- ❑ DENIAL OF HOLOCAUST
- ❑ MAINLY SKINHEADS AND INDIVIDUAL NATIONALIST /SOCIALISTS

WORLD CHURCH OF THE CREATOR

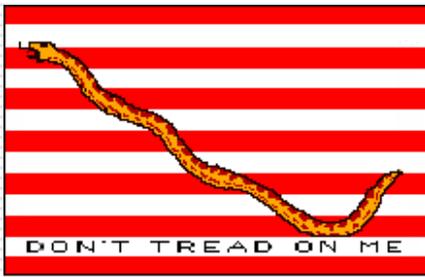


- SURVIVAL,
EXPANSION &
ADVANCEMENT
OF THE WHITE
RACE.
 - RACE IS
RELIGION.
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RACIST SKINHEADS



- ❑ VIOLENT VERSION OF SKINHEAD SUBCULTURE
 - ❑ YOUTH GROUPS FOR ADULT HATE GROUPS
 - ❑ KNOWN FOR VIOLENCE
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ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS ISSUES

- Gun Rights
 - Sovereign Citizens
 - Individual vs. Federal
 - Tax Protestors
 - Constitutional Issues
 - Wise Use Movement
 - Judicial System
 - Loss of Sovereignty
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ANARCHIST GROUPS

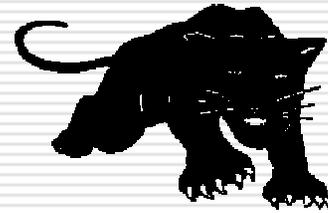
- COUNTER-
PROTEST HATE
GROUPS
- PROTEST
 - GLOBALIZATION
 - WORLD TRADE
 - MILITARY
INTERVENTION



SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS



❑ BLACK SEPARATISTS



❑ PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS



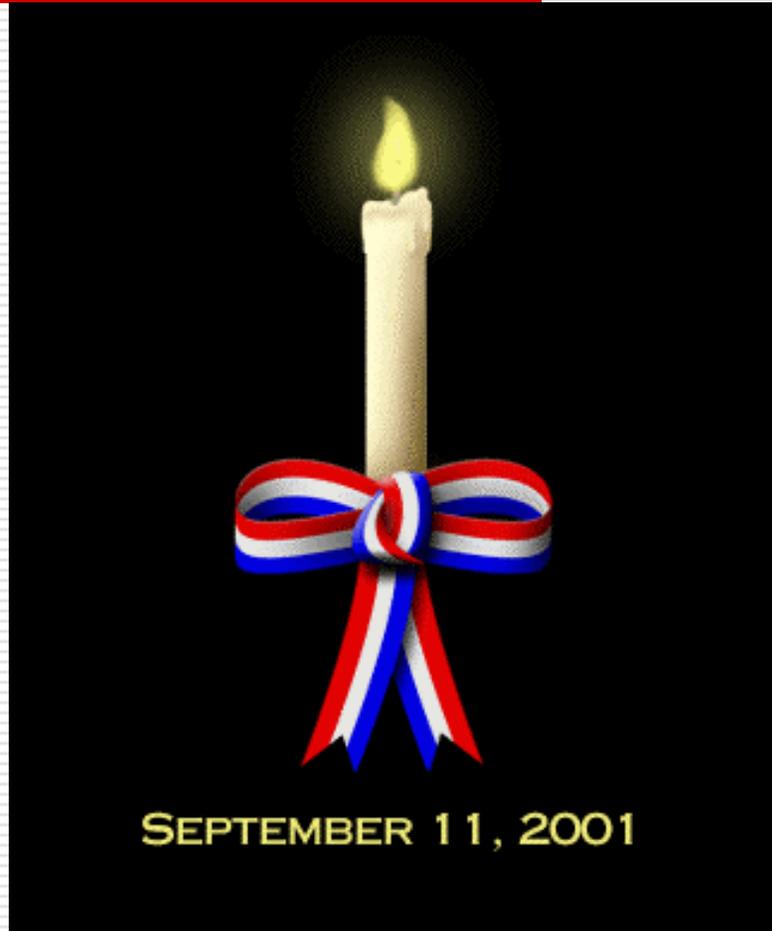
❑ AMERICAN INDIANS



OTHER HATE GROUPS

- ❑ **ETHNIC GROUPS (old country blood feuds)**
 - ❑ **SINGLE ISSUE EXTREMISTS (fix wrongs)**
 - ❑ **RADICAL ANIMAL RIGHTS**
 - ❑ **RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALIST**
 - ❑ **ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVISTS**
 - ❑ **RELIGIOUS CULTS**
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BREAK

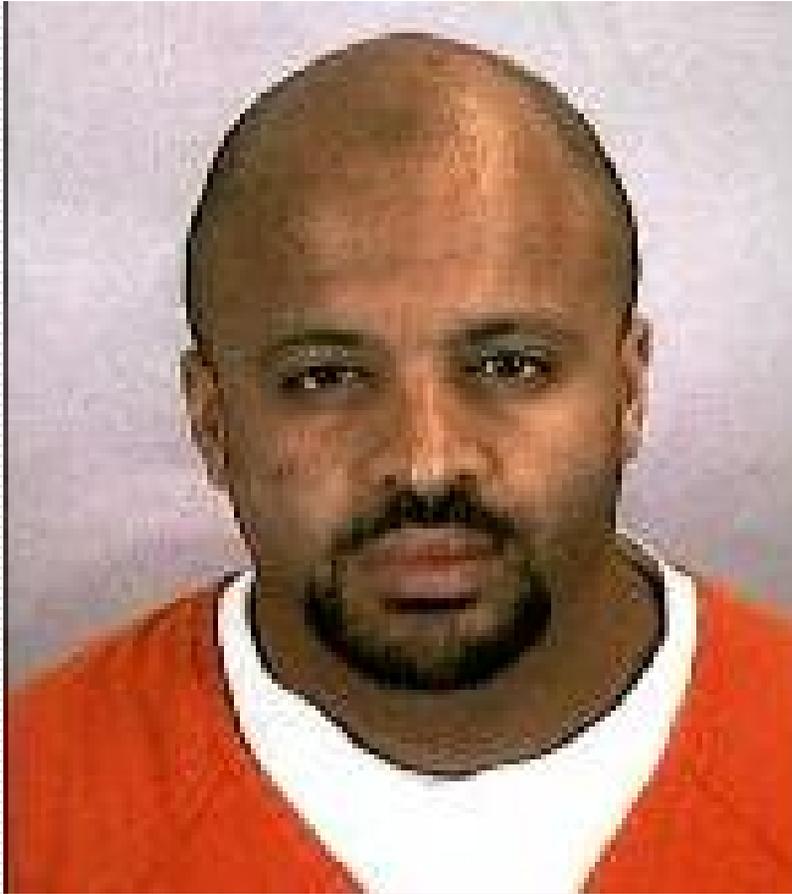


COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

TERRORIST VULNERABILITIES

- ❑ **THEY MUST LIVE AMONG US**
 - ❑ **THEY NEED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT**
 - ❑ **THEY MUST GATHER INFORMATION TO SELECT A TARGET**
 - ❑ **"THE ACT"**
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SUCCESS STORIES



Zacarias Moussaoui

- French citizen
 - Moroccan descent
 - In US illegally
 - Taken into custody for insistence to learn to fly 747 in Minnesota
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COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- BE A PARTICIPANT NOT A SPECTATOR
 - BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
 - HOME
 - COMMUNITY
 - EMPLOYMENT
-

HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

- LOCAL ACTIVITY
- CURRENT EVENTS
- THREAT NOTICES
- ADVISORY SYSTEM



Five-level national alert system

COLOR CODE	CONDITION LEVEL	RECOMMENDED PROTECTIVE MEASURES
GREEN	LOW <i>Low risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Refine security plans- Assess facilities for vulnerabilities
BLUE	GUARDED <i>General risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Check emergency communications- Review and update emergency-response plans
YELLOW	ELEVATED <i>Significant risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increase surveillance of critical locations- Coordinate emergency plans with nearby towns
ORANGE	HIGH <i>High risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take precautions at public events- Restrict access to essential personnel
RED	SEVERE <i>Severe risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monitor or redirect transportation systems- Close public and government facilities

COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- ❑ BE A PARTICIPANT NOT A SPECTATOR
- ❑ BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
- ❑ FORGET THE MYTHS
 - They don't lurk around in trench coats, wear towels on their heads



Terrorists will try to fit in.

WHO'S THE TERRORIST?

(Terrorists can look like anyone)



Osama Bin Laden

- Al-Qaeda
- Khobar Towers
1996; 19 dead



Eric Rudolph

- Abortion clinic
bombings
- Atlanta Olympic
Park Bombing



Yu Kikumura

- Japanese Red Army
 - Arrested 1988 with
bomb materials in NJ
-

WHO'S THE TERRORIST?

(Terrorists can look like anyone)



Sarah Jane Olson

- Symbianese Liberation Army 1999
- Kidnapping, robbery, attempted bombing

Luke John Helder

- 21 year old college student
- Midwest mailbox bomber, 2002

Timothy McVeigh

- 1995 Oklahoma City Federal Building Bombing
 - 168 dead; executed
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COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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 - ❑ RECOGNIZE WHAT IS OUT OF PLACE OR UNUSUAL
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Why are we such easy targets?

- ❑ Freedom of movement
 - ❑ Freedom of information
 - ❑ Easy access to infrastructure and the number and variety of potential targets
 - Public
 - Commercial
 - Government
 - Industrial targets
 - Symbolic
 - Critical Threat
 - Targets chosen by psychological effects
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WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

UNUSUAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN HIGH RISK OR SYMBOLIC TARGETS

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

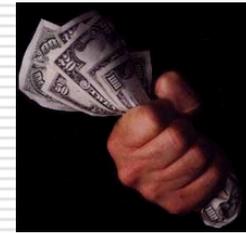
TARGETS?

- INFRASTRUCTURE
 - SYMBOLIC
 - LARGE PUBLIC EVENTS
 - GOVERNMENT
 - CONTROVERSIAL
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WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

❑ LARGE CASH TRANSACTIONS



❑ FRAUDULENT/CONFLICTING DOCUMENTS



❑ NUMEROUS VISITORS/MEETINGS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

- AVOIDS COMMUNITY CONTACT/EXTREME PRIVACY**
 - UNCONVENTIONAL & IRREGULAR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS & PROFILES**
 - TEMPORARY OR TRANSIENT NATURE**
 - UNUSUAL PURCHASES OR THEFTS**
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WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

❑ LARGE/UNUSUAL/HIGH RISK DELIVERIES



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

SUSPICIOUS MAIL ALERT

If you receive a suspicious letter or package:

PERSONAL!
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
222 N. HARVIE ST.
PHILADELPHIA, PA 20965

DO NOT X RAY TAPE ENCLOSED
Operations Manager
5022 D Ave
Annapolis, MD

Warning Signs:

- No return address
- Restrictive markings
- Probably mailed from a foreign country
- Excessive postage
- Misprinted words
- Addressed to title only
- Incorrect title
- Body typed or written
- Legged or uneven
- Strange odor
- Rigid or bulky
- Excessive tape or string
- Oily stains, discolorations, or crystallization on wrapper

- 1** Handle with care. Don't shake or bump.
- 2** Isolate it immediately
- 3** Don't open, smell, touch or taste.
- 4** Treat it as suspect. Call local law enforcement authorities

If a parcel is open and/or a threat is identified . . .

For a Bomb: Evacuate Immediately Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit	For Radiological: Limit Exposure - Don't Handle Evacuate Area Shield Yourself From Object Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit	For Biological or Chemical: Isolate - Don't Touch! Evacuate Immediate Area Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit
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 - ❑ BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
 - ❑ FORGET THE MYTHS
 - ❑ RECOGNIZE WHAT IS OUT OF PLACE OR UNUSUAL
 - ❑ PLACE INTO CONTEXT
 - ❑ DON'T RATIONALIZE IT...REPORT IT!
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HOW TO OBSERVE & REPORT

- OBSERVE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS
 - NOTE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS
 - NOTE PERMANENT DETAILS
 - NOTE CHANGEABLE DETAILS
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Bad Lead

"I saw a suspicious guy near the Courthouse"

Good Lead

"I saw a white male, about 6 ft tall wearing black combat pants, a black t-shirt, and boots with the pants tucked in, taking notes for at least 2 hours outside the front entrance to the Courthouse. He was standing near a brown Ford pick-up truck, PA SYE-141, with a rusting tailgate and a bumper sticker that said, "Say No to the New World Order".



What did you see?

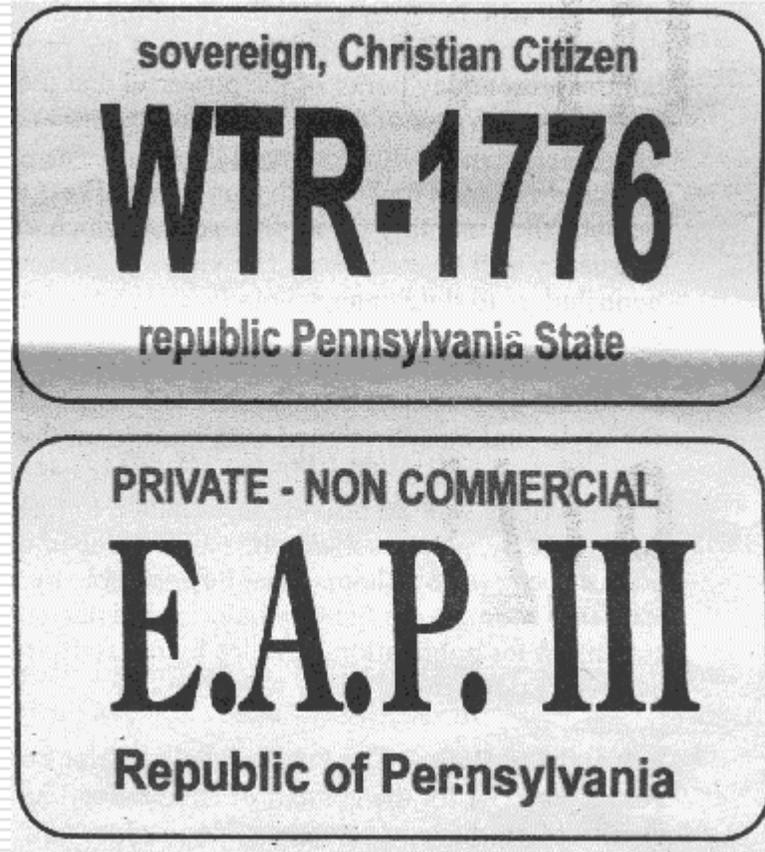




What did you see?



ANYTHING UNUSUAL?



HOW TO REPORT!

- PRACTICE
 - NEVER ENDANGER YOURSELF
 - NEVER CONFRONT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
 - INDICATORS (“RED FLAGS”)
 - WORD PICTURE
 - TELL WHAT YOU SAW
 - TELL WHY IT IS SUSPICIOUS
 - MAKE YOUR OWN RECORD
-

WHO DO YOU REPORT IT TO?

- Emergency Calls
- Non-Emergencies
- General Reporting
 - State Police
 - FBI



WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

- LOGGED/NOTED/
INCIDENT
REPORT
- VISUAL CHECK
- INVESTIGATIVE
CHECK
- SUBSEQUENT
INVESTIGATION



