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WHERE DO [LE] COME FROM?

TECS, TIDE, and TSDB: A Systems View

USCIS uses TECS [LE] records to identify KST NS Concerns and some non-KST NS Concerns. All of these records originate in the consolidated terrorist watchlist. The [LE]
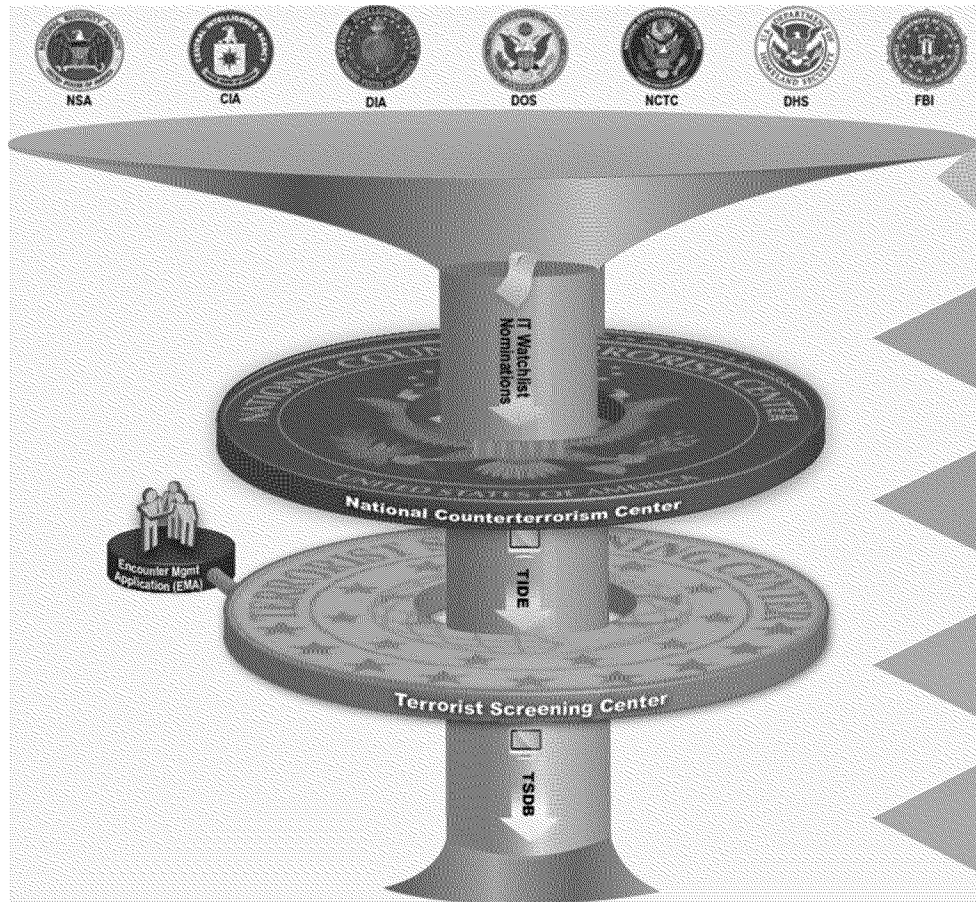
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Nominations to include a subject in the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment (TIDE) are made by agencies holding derog.

The National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) evaluates the nominations and enters them in TIDE.

Individuals whose nomination included placement on the watchlist are pushed to the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC).

The TSC reviews and accepts the watchlist nominations into the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB).

TSDB pushes records to TECS with the code [LE] to indicate that the record came from the TSC.

KSTs [LE]

In addition to the [LE] code that identifies the record as coming from the TSC, [LE] records also have a [LE] code. [LE]

[LE]

[LE] Code in TECS	NS Concern Type for USCIS
[LE]	KST NS Concern*
	KST NS Concern*
	Non-KST NS Concern
	KST NS Concern*
	Non-KST NS Concern

* The May 13, 2012 USCIS policy memo "Updated Instructions for Handling TECS [LE] Records" directs USCIS personnel to handle [LE]

[LE]

[LE] In the coming months, USCIS will be issuing additional policy guidance instructing officers to handle [LE] [LE] as well.

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