

CHAIRMAN PAUL FLASH REPORT

THE WEAPONIZATION OF QUIET SKIES AND TSA WATCH LISTS

Summary

On August 21, 2024, Senator Rand Paul [opened an investigation](#) into the Transportation Security Administration’s Quiet Skies program amidst allegations that it had been weaponized against Americans. The Biden Administration stonewalled Senator Paul’s investigation and refused to provide records on the Quiet Skies program and related TSA watch lists.

Upon taking office, the current Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem, committed to complying with Senator Paul’s investigation and review of the Quiet Skies program. On June 5, 2025, Secretary Noem [announced](#) the termination of the Quiet Skies program. Today, Chairman Paul is releasing the following key findings based on records produced by Secretary Noem related to the Committee’s investigation:

Key Findings: _____

- A. Former Congresswoman and current Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard—a combat veteran and Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve—was monitored under the Quiet Skies program on at least five flights in 2024.

Last Name	First Name	Departure Date	Dep Port	Airline	Flight No.	Arrival Date	Arr Port	Staffing Notes
GABBARD	TULSI	8/3/2024 8:10	ATL	DL	2470	8/3/2024 9:09	TUL	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	8/3/2024 5:30	MCO	DL	1548	8/3/2024 6:56	ATL	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	8/2/2024 8:20	AUS	DL	2259	8/2/2024 11:58	MCO	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	7/26/2024 18:15	BNA	OO	4085	7/26/2024 20:29	AUS	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	7/26/2024 14:50	BNA	WN	3350	7/26/2024 17:00	AUS	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	7/25/2024 6:55	AUS	WN	1393	7/25/2024 9:00	BNA	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	7/25/2024 7:35	AUS	OO	3898	7/25/2024 9:52	BNA	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status
GABBARD	TULSI	7/23/2024 17:00	DFW	AA	0773	7/23/2024 18:10	AUS	Mission staffed by FAMs on Standby Status

Gabbard was first monitored by Federal Air Marshals on July 23, 2024 – just one day after she criticized Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in an interview with Laura Ingraham.

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Last Name GABBARD	First Name TULSI	Middle Name	Date of Birth 04/12/1981
Height/Weight UNKNOWN	Gender FEMALE	Race/Ethnicity BROWN	
Pasport Number [REDACTED]	Workplace Select State	Subject Type TSA	
Place of Birth United States Of America - US	Country of Citizenship United States Of America - US	Category Code Select One	

Notes
Former congresswoman from HI

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Federal Air Marshals were aware at the time that Tulsi Gabbard was a former Member of Congress. The targeting package included Gabbard’s official congressional portrait and noted that she was a “Former congresswoman from HI.”

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Gabbard
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:06:00 PM

Good Morning Sir,

On 7/22, while working in the TSOC, FAM [REDACTED] recognized Tulsi Gabbard’s name on the Quiet Skies list. She notified me and asked for guidance on whether Gabbard should be covered under a Quiet Skies mission. I first verified that she was a “former” congresswoman and then asked [REDACTED] to verify the specific Quiet Skies rule hit. She confirmed the specific “affiliate” rule hit and did not see any potential errors/inadvertent hits listed in Upax. I told [REDACTED] to send the Quiet Skies mission for staffing. I confirmed the decision with [REDACTED] who was also in the Freedom Center on 7/22.

Just let me know if you need anything further.

Supervisory Federal Air Marshal
Federal Air Marshal Service – ICS

[REDACTED]

At the time, several individuals questioned whether Gabbard should be covered under a Quiet Skies mission and elevated their concern to colleagues or superiors.

												Note: [REDACTED] By the time she flew on 8/3/2024, the system had already moved her to the Quiet Skies Cleared List on 8/2/2024 17:21. However, she still had FAM SMC assigned as SMC had been scheduled prior to her moving to the Cleared List.
TULSI	GABBARD	4/12/1981	MOC	R-HI, House			8/3/2024	MCO	QS			

Gabbard was surveilled by Federal Air Marshals on an August 3, 2024, flight despite being added to the "Quiet Skies Cleared List" the day prior.

B. Three current Republican members of Congress matched to the TSA's Silent Partner List.

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GIVENNAME	SURNAME	DOB	TYPE	Affiliation or Appointment at Time of Travel	LIST CREATED	RULE ID	DEPARTURE DATE	AIRCRAFT OPERATOR	DEPARTURE AIRPORTID	PSG TYPE	TSA Comment
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	MOC	R- [REDACTED] House	6/12/2018	[REDACTED]	6/12/2018	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SP	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	MOC	R- [REDACTED] House	1/7/2019	[REDACTED]	1/8/2019	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SP	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	MOC	R- [REDACTED] House	12/4/2022	[REDACTED]	12/4/2022	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SP	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	MOC	R- [REDACTED] House	8/12/2023	[REDACTED]	8/15/2023	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SP	[REDACTED]

Three current members of Congress who matched with Silent Partner and/or Quiet Skies rules.

Three current Republican members of Congress were matched to a Silent Partner Program rule, either as a sitting Member or while seeking office as a Republican. While their international travels may have included stops in regions with higher terrorism risks, a cursory review would have revealed them to be a member of Congress, or a decorated U.S. military veteran or service member. Nevertheless, they were placed in the Silent Partner Program and not added to the Do Not Hit List.

C. At least 24 individuals were placed on a TSA Watch List due to their connection to a group that protested mask mandates.

(U) April:

- **Deny Boarding: 0**
- **Enhanced Screening: 5**
5 Removal of mask mandate on aircraft - Freedom to Breath Protest
- **Security Notification: 8**
1 Removed based on time on the Watchlist and/or encounter without incident
7 Removal of mask mandate on aircraft - Freedom to Breath Protest

In April 2022, twelve individuals were placed on a TSA Watch List for simply removing their mask on an aircraft. This is yet another example of how programs purportedly intended to protect ordinary Americans from grave threats such as terrorism are twisted to violate the privacy and civil liberties of those same Americans.

67. (U//SSI) [REDACTED]: The subject was modified to (Security Notification) on 22 October 2021 based on the criteria of knowingly or recklessly committing an act that represents a threat of harm to passengers and crew and for which Federal Air Marshal

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Service coverage is warranted, but not a threat requiring the application of enhanced screening measures at the screening checkpoint. The subject is the principal organizer of a concerted effort encourage others to join him in the intentional circumvention security regulations requiring the wearing of a face covering onboard aircraft. This planned activity constitutes a premeditated effort to violate security requirements and, in doing so, poses a threat of both unruly passenger conduct that interferes with flight crew and a threat of exposing other passengers to COVID-19.

(U//SSI) Subject was initially added to the TSA Watchlist (Deny Boarding) on 17 October 2021 based on the criteria of current intelligence regarding an imminent threat to transportation security, are attempting to evade, defeat, or interfere with prescreening efforts with the intent to conduct further actions on the aircraft that pose a threat to transportation security, are acting with extreme recklessness in carrying out an act that represents a threat of life to passengers and crew, and pose a threat that cannot be mitigated by use of enhanced screening procedures and placement of Federal Air Marshals onboard the flight.

- (U//SSI) Subject was modified to Security Notification based upon reviews of encounters of subjects associated with this effort, including the presentation of documentation regarding medical exemptions from mask wearing requirements that did not adhere the federal process for obtaining such exemptions, stated intentions to not comply with the face mask requirements onboard the flight, the absence of prohibited items, and compliance with mask wearing requirements in flight
- (U//SSI) TSA has had six encounters since watchlisting without incident. The subject does not have a TIDE record.

12. (U//SSI) [REDACTED]: The subject was modified to (Security Notification) on 22 October 2021 based on the criteria of knowingly or recklessly committing an act that represents a threat of harm to passengers and crew and for which Federal Air Marshal Service coverage is warranted, but not a threat requiring the application of enhanced screening measures at the screening checkpoint. The subject is part of organized event to encourage others to join them in an effort to intentionally circumventing security regulations requiring the wearing of a face covering onboard aircraft. This planned activity constitutes a premeditated effort to violate security requirements and, in doing so, poses a threat of both unruly passenger conduct that interferes with flight crew and a threat of exposing other passengers to COVID-19.

(U//SSI) Subject was initially added to the TSA Watchlist (Enhanced Screening) on 14 October 2021 based on the criteria of current reporting regarding credible threats to transportation security, including a threat to recklessly carry out an act that represents a threat of life or serious injury to passengers and crew, and because they pose a threat to transportation that cannot be mitigated by use of standard screening.

(U//SSI) Subject was then modified to the TSA Watchlist (Deny Boarding) on 17 October 2021 based on the criteria of current intelligence regarding an imminent threat to transportation security, are attempting to evade, defeat, or interfere with prescreening efforts with the intent to conduct further actions on the aircraft that pose a threat to transportation security, are acting with extreme recklessness in carrying out an act that represents a threat of life to passengers and crew, and pose a threat that cannot be mitigated by use of enhanced screening procedures and placement of Federal Air Marshals onboard the flight.

- (U//SSI) Subject was modified to Security Notification based upon reviews of encounters of subjects associated with this effort, including the presentation of documentation regarding medical exemptions from mask wearing requirements that did not adhere the federal process for obtaining such exemptions in an effort to gain access to the sterile area notwithstanding requirements to wear a face mask and stated intentions to not comply with the face mask requirements onboard the flight. In assessing whether enhanced screening continued to be appropriate, I&A also considered the absence of prohibited items and compliance with mask wearing requirements in flight by the participants in this concerted effort who have flown since forming this plan.
- (U//SSI) TSA has had two encounters since watchlisting without incident. The subject does not have a TIDE record.

The Biden administration greenlit the weaponization of TSA Watch Lists against individuals who may have committed the grievous offense of questioning COVID-era mask mandates.

D. On January 15, 2021, TSA Intelligence & Analysis issued a memo formalizing a directive from the Administrator to use TSA Watch Lists to mitigate “ongoing threats” following January 6. Under this directive, at least 234 individuals were added to TSA Watch Lists in connection with January 6. Many of these individuals were added without any specific evidence that they participated in any unlawful activity.

Placement on the TSA Watch List (Enhanced Screening) is appropriate for:

- Individuals suspected of traveling to the National Capital Region in conjunction with the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol and who are believed to pose an elevated risk of domestic terrorism,⁷ but for whom there is a current lack of specific information relating to unlawful entry into the U.S. Capitol, violent acts in support of the January 6, 2021 attack, or incitement of the same, and who do not otherwise the criteria for placement on the TSA Watch List (Deny Boarding).

An internal TSA memo from January 15, 2021, authorized watchlisting individuals suspected of traveling to Washington, D.C. in connection with January 6 protests, even if there was a lack of specific information that they had done anything wrong.

FY 2021 QTR 2

(U//SSI) From 1 January 2021 - 31 March 2021, there were 234 subjects added to the TSA Watchlist associated with the 6 January 2021 Capitol violence. In this same period, 135 subjects were removed from the TSA Watchlist associated with the 6 January 2021 Capitol violence. Individuals were removed once nominated by the FBI to the TSC Watchlist or if FBI informed TSA they no longer planned to nominate the individual for Watchlisting.

6 January 2021 Capitol Violence Additions

- **Deny Boarding**
68 Subjects associated with 6 January 2021.
- **Enhanced Screening**
166 subjects associated with 6 January 2021.

6 January 2021 Capitol Violence Removals

- **Deny Boarding**
45 Subjects associated with 6 January 2021 Capitol Violence.
- **Enhanced Screening**
90 Subjects associated with 6 January 2021 Capitol Violence.

(U) During this review period the following actions occurred related to individuals on the TSA Watch Lists not associated with the 6 January 2021 Capitol violence:

(U//SSI) 15 new records were ADDED (1 Deny Boarding, 5 Enhanced Screening, and 9 Security Notification).

Additions to and removals from the TSA Watch Lists in FY 2021 QTR 2.

E. Dozens of individuals were either denied boarding or subjected to enhanced screening based solely on TSA research through the federally funded George Washington University Program on Extremism.

The George Washington University Program on Extremism is part of the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center - a consortium of universities funded by the Department of Homeland Security. According to its [website](#), the Program on Extremism “meticulously tracked every federal January 6 defendant by leveraging publicly available federal court records and open-source reporting.” The website suggests the Program on Extremism may have “more detailed datasets” beyond the data available on its public website.

(U) As of 1 April 2021, there are 78 subjects placed on the TSA Watch List (Enhanced Screening) meeting the following criteria:

- Individuals who unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021, but who are not suspected of engaging in the activities warranting placement on the TSA Watch List (Deny Boarding).

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NAME	CITIZENSHIP	ADDITION DATE	SOURCE
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/24/2021	EAB/GWU
[REDACTED]	USPER	3/25/2021	EAB/GWU

An internal TSA Watch List report describing individuals subject to enhanced screening related to January 6, 2021, with the source listed as “EAB/GWU”.

(U) Source acronyms:

- EAB/GWU – Encounters and Analysis Branch research through the George Washington University Program on Extremism.

Description of acronym “EAB/GWU” from internal TSA document.

F. The wife of a Federal Air Marshal was labeled as a “domestic terrorist” for allegedly entering the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Despite no evidence that the Federal Air Marshal’s wife had in fact ever entered the U.S. Capitol on January 6, she was added to the Terrorist Screening Database, an FBI-administered terrorist watch list which resulted in Federal Air Marshal coverage for two years, until she was removed due to a case of mistaken identity.

Until her removal, she was surveilled by Federal Air Marshals who reported back, sometimes minute by minute, her behavior and interactions.

Subject ID	COC	Height/Weight	Eyes/Hair	Subject Type
	US - United States	UNK/UNK	BRN/BRN	Domestic
Occupation		Education		Category Code
				102 Suspect (DT)
Subject Information				
1/6/2021 entered US Capitol				

Internal profile for the wife of a Federal Air Marshal who was alleged to have entered the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

1408EST, [REDACTED] ate a sandwich
1432EST, [REDACTED] purchased headphones for herself and UNK1
1535EST, [REDACTED] and UNK1 used their respective phones to scroll through news
1612EST, UNK1 opened up settings on iPhone and top of screen showed [REDACTED] iPhone'
1632EST [REDACTED] used the lavatory
1637EST, [REDACTED] exited lavatory
1638EST [REDACTED] helped UNK1 out of seat to use lavatory
1639EST, [REDACTED] went to back of plane
1642EST, [REDACTED] returned to seat
1643EST, UNK1 exited lavatory and returned to seat
[REDACTED] description: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- met description given- white nail polish- walks with a limp
Clothing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- navy blue Vineyard Vines long-sleeve T-shirt- black Lululemon leggings- navy blue Dallas Cowboys ball cap- brown Ugg boots- plaid patterned coat
Jewelry: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- silver ring on right ring finger- diamond ring on left ring finger
Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- glasses (wearing)- white iPhone 14 with pink case- pink neck pillow- black backpack- sunglasses- purse decorated with white fur

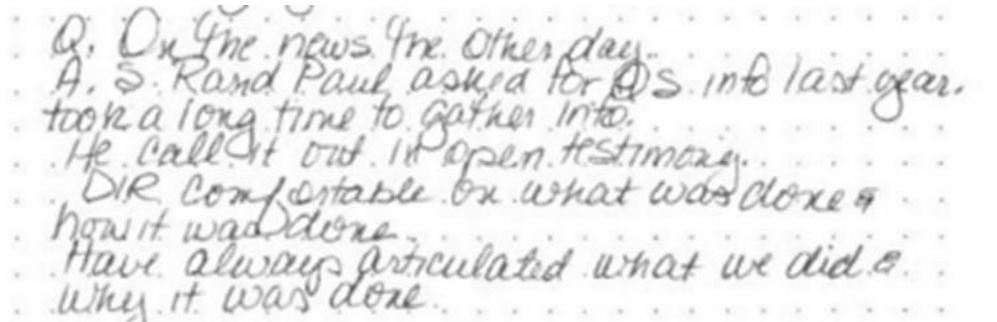
Excerpts from a Federal Air Marshal Service After Action Report detailing the appearance and activities of the wife of a Federal Air Marshal during a domestic flight.

In the fall of 2023, [REDACTED] advised me that his wife, [REDACTED] had been interviewed by the FBI and that the case was being closed and she was removed from the watch-list. The reason for closing the case, per FAM [REDACTED] was that it was mistaken identity. We have not seen SMCs involving FAM [REDACTED] wife since.

According to a supervisory Federal Air Marshal, the Houston Federal Air Marshal told her in the fall of 2023 that the FBI case into his wife was being closed due to mistaken identity.

G. Federal Air Marshal Service senior leadership stands by their actions when presented with questions from Chairman Paul.

According to TSA documents, including handwritten notes (see below), almost exactly twenty-four hours after Chairman Paul unveiled initial details of alleged abuses of the Quiet Skies program, the Director of the Federal Air Marshal Service was asked about how long it took for Chairman Paul to gather information about the program. The Director responded that he was “comfortable” with what was done and that they had “always articulated” what they did and why.



Q. On the news the other day.
A. S. Rand Paul asked for Q's info last year.
took a long time to gather info.
He call it out in open testimony.
DIR comfortable on what was done &
how it was done.
Have always articulated what we did &
why it was done.

*Excerpt of handwritten notes from a Federal Air Marshal Service meeting
held on May 21, 2025.*