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# **Directorate of Terrorist Identities (DTI)**

## **Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment (TIDE)**

### **Watchlisting Overview**

**January 2014**



# Agenda

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## NCTC Mission Statement

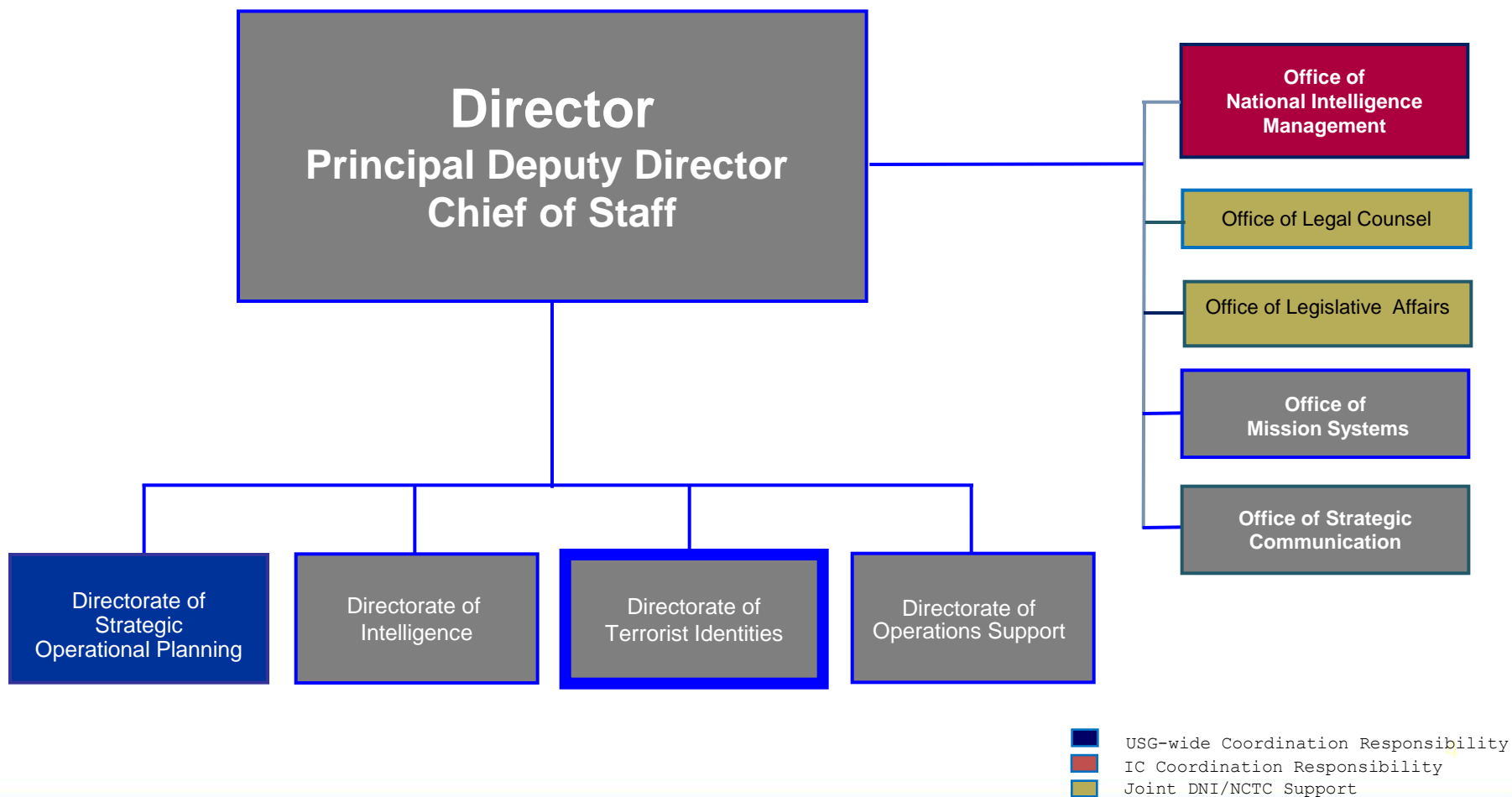
- Lead our nation's effort to combat terrorism at home and abroad by analyzing the threat, sharing information with our partners, and integrating all instruments of national power to ensure unity of effort.



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# Organizational Chart



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# Background

- Following 9/11, it was determined that the government's approach to counterterrorism and watchlisting was too disjointed and information was not being properly shared within the community.
- NCTC and TIDE were created to serve as the USG's *central and shared knowledge bank on known and suspected international terrorist identities*.



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## Key Watchlisting Policies

- National Security Act of 1947
- HSPD-6/TIPOFF-Terror MOU
- Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act
- Addendum A and B to the TSC MOU
- HSPD-59/HSPD-24
- 12/25 Reforms
- Executive Order 12333
- Watchlisting Guidance



# National Security Act of 1947

Signed by H. Truman, July 6, 1947

- Charter of the US national security establishment
  - Codified the nation's defense and intelligence establishments that had been put in place since the end of World War II.
- Notable items:
  - Created the position of Secretary of Defense
  - Created the National Security Council (NSC)
  - Created the CIA and position of DCI
  - Defines the term “Intelligence Community” to include:

Air Force	DHS	FBI	Navy	NSA
Army	DIA	INR	NGA	ODNI
CIA	DOE	Marines	NRO	Treasury





# **Executive Order 12333: *US Intelligence Activities***

**Signed by R. Reagan, December 4, 1981**

- Marked the culmination of a series of reform proposals dating back nearly ten years
- Notable Items:
  - Enumerates the powers and responsibilities of US intelligence agencies
  - Directs the leaders of other US federal agencies to cooperate fully with DNI requests for information
  - Forms the basis of the policy and regulations covering the Intelligence Community's treatment of US Persons.





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# Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA)

Signed by G. W. Bush, December 17, 2004

- Largest restructuring of the IC in 60 years
- Created the new position of the Director of National Intelligence
- Created National Counterterrorism Center:
  - to "serve as the central and shared knowledge bank on known or suspected international terrorists and international terror groups as well as their goals, strategies, capabilities, and networks of contacts and support. "

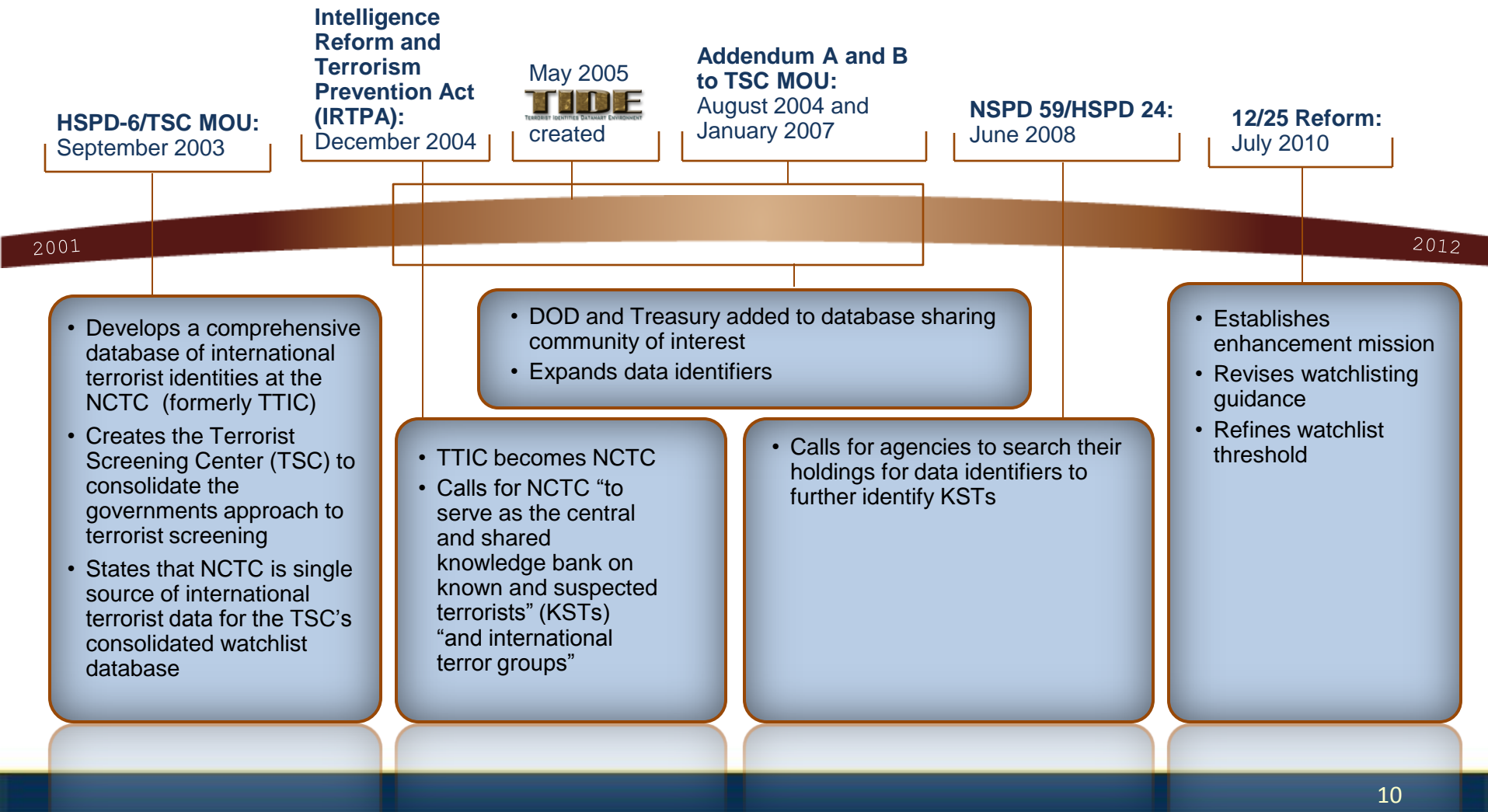
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# Watchlisting: Legal and Policy Framework



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## Watchlisting Guidance

- Developed:
  - Via Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) with Intelligence Community and law enforcement stakeholder participation.
    - Watchlisting process is managed by Terrorist Screening Center
  - To standardize the watchlisting community's nomination and screening decisions.
- Not an exact science
- Attempt to strike a balance between safety and civil liberties



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## What is TIDE?

- NCTC maintains the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment (TIDE), which is the **USG's central and shared knowledge bank on known and suspected international terrorist identities**
- TIDE sends a near real-time subset of terrorist identifiers and watchlist recommendations to the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC)
  - TSC further disseminates the data to USG and select foreign government watchlists for use in terrorist screening



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## Points of Contact

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