



Whose job is it— at the moment?

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President Bush issues Executive Order 13228. It assigns responsibility for the watch list merger to the White House Office of Homeland Security.	The National Strategy for Homeland Security calls for a “fully integrated, fully accessible” list. The FBI assumes responsibility for the merger.	The FBI transfers responsibility for the consolidation of the dozen existing watch lists back to the White House Office of Homeland Security.	The Homeland Security Department opens for business and takes over management of the watch list merger from the White House office.	The FBI, intelligence agencies and Homeland Security announce plans to create the Terrorist Screening Center to coordinate watch lists.	Under the aegis of the FBI, the Terrorist Screening Center begins operations with a staff of employees on detail from several agencies.	Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge pledges that the government will complete the merging of the watch lists in 2004.