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**RESEARCHERS LINK "OBESITY GENE" TO HUNGER HORMONE
DR. JUAN RIVERA/MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT
IN STUDIO 1:15**

Researchers have further unraveled how a version of a gene linked to obesity risk causes people to gain weight - it makes them more likely to feel hungry after a meal and to prefer high-calorie foods. A study, published Monday in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, found that individuals who inherited the high-risk version of the FTO gene from both of their parents have higher levels of the appetite-stimulating hormone ghrelin in their bloodstream, which leaves them hungry even after eating. Real-time brain imaging also revealed that the FTO gene regulates the brain's responses to ghrelin and to images of food. This possibly explains why some people are more sensitive to overweight and obesity than others," said Dr. Jeremy Korman, a bariatric surgeon at Marina Weight Loss in Marina Del Rey, who was not part of the study. A 2007 study found that people who have two copies of the "obesity-risk" version of FTO weighed about 6.5 pounds more, on average, than those who didn't have any copies of the variant. Other studies have shown that people who had the high-obesity-risk gene variant ate more than those who didn't. But exactly how FTO affected appetite and weight gain remained a mystery. Batterham's group hypothesized that gut hormones that regulate appetite -- and the brain's responses -- might be the missing link. Their study marks the first examination of how FTO variation in humans regulates ghrelin and leads to obesity, said study coauthor Rachel Batterham, an endocrine and obesity researcher at University College London.

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**ACLU RELEASES DOCUMENTS ON LICENSE PLATE SCANNERS FROM SOME 300 POLICE
DEPARTMENTS NATIONWIDE
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:45**

Police departments around the country are rapidly expanding their use of automatic license plate readers to track the location of American drivers, but few have meaningful rules in place to protect drivers' privacy rights, according to documents released today by the American Civil Liberties Union. As a result, the new documents reveal, many departments are keeping innocent people's location information stored for years or even indefinitely, regardless of whether there is any suspicion of a crime. The systems use cameras mounted on patrol cars or on objects like road signs and bridges, and the documents show that their deployment is increasing rapidly, with significant funding coming from federal grants. They photograph every license plate they encounter, use software to read the number and add a time and location stamp, then record the information in a database. Police are alerted when numbers match lists containing license numbers of interest, such as stolen cars. Last summer, ACLU affiliates in 38 states and Washington filed nearly 600 freedom of information requests asking federal, state, and local agencies how they use the readers. The 26,000 pages of documents produced by the agencies that responded - about half - include training materials, internal memos, and policy statements. The results and analysis are detailed in an ACLU report released today called "You Are Being Tracked," which includes charts and policy recommendations.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:20**

McCain said proponents - who include businesses, churches and labor - will wage an aggressive campaign in selective congressional districts next month to make the case for a comprehensive overhaul of U.S. immigration laws. The Democratic-led Senate last month overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan bill crafted by McCain and seven of his colleagues, but it was declared dead on arrival in the Republican-led House. Most of the opposition to the White House-backed bill is over a provision that would provide a pathway to citizenship for up to 11 million illegal immigrants now in the United States. Backers say the pathway would draw undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and make them productive and tax-paying members of the American way of life, improving the U.S. economy.

**HEAT WAVE
VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
PKG 2.05**

Cooler temperatures are within sight but probably not soon or cool enough for a large swath of the country hit with dangerously high temperatures for days, as the largest heat wave of the summer failed to budge from South Dakota to Massachusetts. The relief is expected to begin arriving Thursday in some regions of the country as a cold front drops south from Canada. But that's not soon enough for places such as New York City, which was bracing for another day of temperatures in the high 90s. Cooler temperatures are likely to sweep through the Midwest and into the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions by Saturday. They might be accompanied by severe thunderstorms. The heat wave has stagnated over large regions, bringing sizzling temperatures and little hope of relief without rain -- a growing possibility for some hard-hit areas as the weekend approaches. Most states in the U.S. had at least one area where the temperature hit 90 degrees Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service, though the worst heat was in the Midwest to Northeast. Humid air just made it all feel worse, with heat indexes in some places over 100.

07/19/13

**DETROIT BANKRUPT
JORGE RAMOS / MIAMI, FLORIDA
GRAPHIC VO 55 SECS.**

The city of Detroit filed thousands of documents in its bankruptcy case late Thursday, as Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr builds a case that the city is insolvent and must execute a dramatic restructuring with the court's support. Orr restated his case that the city cannot pay its bills and has nearly \$20 billion in liabilities. Among the documents are more than 3,000 pages listing all of the city's creditors, which number more than 100,000. The list includes the names of all of the city's active employees and its retirees, a list of properties that have tax claims with the city, numerous bondholders, business creditors and companies that insured Detroit debt. One of the most important documents is a list of the city's top 20 creditors. The city's largest creditors are the General Retirement System of the City.

**HOPE FOR DREAMERS
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2.08**

At least one piece of legislation on undocumented immigrants is likely to find Republican support in the House, after the offices of Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) confirmed Thursday they are working together on a bill to help undocumented children. The bill, tentatively named the KIDS Act, would be a Republican alternative to the Dream Act that failed in the Senate in 2010, and would allow undocumented young people to become legal residents. Although offices for Cantor and Goodlatte would not get into details or the timetable, Cantor has said previously that undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children should be allowed to become citizens

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**HEAT WAVE
VO 22 SECS.**

Just yesterday only four states didn't hit 90-degrees--north and south dakota, minnesota and alaska. overnightsevere storms tore into the heat dome. from chicago to michigan & ohio, the week of heat ended with trees everywhere. in the northeastit's ..still.. so hot. records have fallen & so far there are at least 11 heat related deaths this week. lakehurst new jersey topped out at 108-hotter than phoenix arizona friday and at a mcdonalds in new york, employees walk off the job in protest: their platform: no air conditioning. power outages in several states left people sticky and stressed others have resorted to sitting in their cars, blasting the ac. just dealing with it.

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**US CHILD POVERTY
LINDA CANDELO / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2.20**

Poverty rates remain high among children in the United States and continue to affect their health, education and safety, a new federal report shows. Unfortunately, the report shows that more children than ever are living in poverty: Twenty-two percent of those younger than 18 were living in low-income circumstances in 2011, up from 16 percent a decade earlier. The poverty rate is particularly high among minority populations, the report found. By 2050, about half of the American population younger than age 17 will be composed of children who are Hispanic, Asian or of two or more races.

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**NINE "DREAMERS" GOT ARRESTED FOR CROSSING THE BORDER
JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ/LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:00**

Nine DREAMers were arrested at the border crossing point on Monday when they tried to reenter the United States from Mexico to test the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The young people were arrested by U.S. authorities as soon as they had passed through the entry gate. The members of the group were dressed in their high school graduation robes and were surrounded by reporters and members of the community on both sides of the border who shouted "bring them home." "I'm not afraid, we're ready for our voice to be heard," Maria Vargas, one of the nine young people, told Efe before they were arrested. Deferred Action authorizes a work permit and the suspension of deportation for two years for undocumented youths who came to the United States before they turned 16. "We're asking people to call their congressmen and ask for the release of these courageous young people," John Fife, an activist from Tucson, told Efe. This action was part of the national "Bring them Home" movement, the members of which say they are tired of the deportations and the lack of comprehensive immigration reform that would permit family reunification. First thing in the morning on Monday, the group of young undocumented people gathered on the Mexican side of the border in Nogales, Sonora, where, making a human chain, they marched through the streets before trying to cross the border at the checkpoint chanting "Sin papeles, sin miedo" (No papers, no fear).

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, D.C
PKG 2:13**

A House committee is holding a hearing on what to do about child immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as lawmakers search for a way forward on immigration in the Republican-led chamber. Leaders of the House Judiciary Committee are expected to endorse a path to citizenship for at least some of those immigrants during the hearing Tuesday. Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor are working on a bill targeting immigrants brought here as kids. But they may face opposition from Democrats, who are pushing for a comprehensive solution that deals with all 11 million immigrants here illegally, not just some of them. The Senate has passed comprehensive legislation offering citizenship to all 11 million, but House Republicans have rejected that bill. Republicans in the House of Representatives started to coalesce on Tuesday around the idea of legalizing the children who were brought to the country by their parents, marking their first step toward dealing with the millions of undocumented foreigners living in the United States.

SOUTH CAROLINA IMMIGRATION LAW

VO :23 SEC

A federal appeals court rejected an ordinance by a Dallas suburb that sought to bar landlords from renting to immigrants living in the U.S. without legal documentation, concluding that it illegally interfered with the federal government's prerogative to enforce immigration laws. The ruling Monday by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans was a major blow to Farmers Branch, Texas, a city of about 28,000 people approximately 15 miles north of Dallas. The suburb has garnered national attention since it first attempted to enact its law in 2006, citing an unwelcome influx of undocumented immigrants. Backed by a popular vote, the law would require prospective renters to declare they were legal residents and would subject landlords to possible criminal penalties if they rented to someone who was in the country illegally. The federal challenge to the law was brought by a group of local landlords and tenants.

"STAND YOUR GROUND" SIT IN AT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

VO :20 SEC

Activists in Florida are still sitting in Governor Rick Scott's office... determined to be heard. They want him to call a special session and hope to repeal the state's 'stand your ground' laws. Emotions are high on day 7 of the dream defenders occupying Governor Rick Scott's office. "I don't know how you can make a better investment than investing in our children." "We are not taking no for an answer." "I'm not going to call a special session, I believe in our stand your ground laws." But the political activists say they are still staying put... "We are pushing we are not waiting we are apply pressure the purpose is to show this is an exercise in democracy." While there's no movement on the special session demand on either side, Florida's secretary of juvenile justice was there on day 7 to address protesters concerns. Specifically, protesters say the state's incarceration rate for youth is too high. "I just want to listen to them hear their specific concerns, see what we can do to address them, answer them, follow-up on them and do whatever we can because we share those same concerns." "If your not providing a pipeline that moves them from that hole its not good enough." "It's a show of force, it's a show of how passionate we are and dedicated we are." Demonstrators even wrote poems to express their feelings. nats "me... i want to change the world through moving..."

STEM CELL RESEARCH AND BLINDNESS

DR. JUAN/MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

IN STUDIO 1:15

Retina stem cell transplants restore sight to blind mice: study Embryonic stem cells 'could in the future provide a potentially unlimited supply of health photoreceptors for retinal transplantations to treat blindness in humans,' Britain's Medical Research Council (MRC) said in a press release. Blind mice have been able to see once more in a laboratory exploit that marks a further boost for the fast-moving field of retinal therapy, according to a study published on Sunday. Scientists in Britain used stem cells -- early-stage, highly versatile cells -- taken from mice embryos, and cultured them in a lab dish so that they differentiated into immature photoreceptors, the light-catching cells in the retina. Around 200,000 of these cells were then injected into the mice's retinas, some of which integrated smoothly with local cells to restore sight. The rodents were put through their paces in a water maze and examined by optometry to confirm that they responded to light. Embryonic stem cells "could in future provide a potentially unlimited supply of health photoreceptors for retinal transplantations to treat blindness in humans," Britain's Medical Research Council (MRC) said in a press release.

SKIPPING BREAKFAST AND RAISE THE PROBABILITIES OF A STROKE

VO :23 SEC

Heart health may be the latest reason not to start your day on an empty stomach. According to a new harvard study -- having breakfast may keep you from having a heart attack. Researchers studied 45-to-82 year old men who work in the medical field. They found those who skipped breakfast showed a 27-percent increase in heart attacks and coronary heart disease risk. even though the study was done on older men, researchers say the results will likely apply to the broader population. The men who skipped breakfast were also more likely to smoke, be less physically active, and drink more. medical food stomach coronary heart disease risk study researchers

VEGETABLES BY DOCTORS ORDERS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/NEW YORK

PKG 1:45

Two NYC hospitals to offer 'prescriptions' for fruits and vegetables Harlem Hospital and Lincoln Medical Center are part of a pilot program that lets doctors write prescriptions for fresh produce, which patients can exchange for coupons at local farmers markets. Two New York City hospitals are joining a national program that lets doctors write high-risk, low-income patients prescriptions for fruits and vegetables. The pilot program is being launched by Harlem Hospital and Lincoln Medical Center. Patients who receive the prescriptions can exchange them for "Health Bucks" coupons used at farmers markets. The produce prescription program is the brainchild of a Connecticut-based organization called Wholesome Wave . The patients also get nutrition counseling. Proponents say it's a win-win: healthier patients and a boost for local farmers.

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REACTION TO STEVE KING COMMENTS ON IMMIGRATION

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, D.C

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A Hispanic Democratic lawmaker blasted Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) on Tuesday for comments he made recently regarding immigrants illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, calling the Republican's statements "beneath the dignity" of the House of Representatives. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) opposes immigration reform legislation. Rep. Joe Garcia (D-Fla.) called out King for the comments during a House Judiciary Committee subcommittee hearing on how Congress might establish the legal status of the children of illegal immigrants. With King sitting across the dais, Garcia read the comments and then said: "It is offensive. And it is beneath the dignity of this body." King didn't respond or clarify his comments when he spoke just a few moments later. In a recent interview with the conservative Web site Newsmax King said that legalizing undocumented immigrants will not occur because of the high number of undocumented immigrants who carry drugs across the border. "Some of them are valedictorians, and their parents brought them in," King told Newsmax in an interview last week. "It wasn't their fault. It's true in some cases, but they aren't all valedictorians. They weren't all brought in by their parents." "For everyone who's a valedictorian, there's another 100 out there who weigh 130 pounds - and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert," King said later in the interview. "Those people would be legalized with the same act."

UNIVERSITY IN CALIFORNIA UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR FAILING TO PROSECUTE DOZENS OF RAPES

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:49

The University of Southern California is under federal investigation after school officials and campus officers failed to prosecute dozens of rapes. The Huffington Post reports, "A group of 13 students, along with several other unnamed students, claim they suffered from extensive failures on the part of USC administrators and the Department of Public Safety in responding to reports of sexual violence on campus." The Department of Education's Office For Civil Rights have confirmed that they are investigating USC's failure to prosecute and adjudicate claims of sexual violence and to respond promptly to complaints of harassment on campus, which are violations of the federal gender quality law, Title IX.

Although they are only investigating the 13 claims, there were over a 100 that could not be investigated due to a lack of evidence.

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STUDENTS LOANS

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College students and their parents can breathe a sigh of relief. yesterday the senate agreed to a compromise to end a dispute over interest rates on education loans because of a standoff in congress, those rates doubled on july 1..to 6.8 percent.but under this deal...rates will drop down to 3.86 percent for this upcoming year.that sigh of relief may just be temporary.the senate compromise links interest rates to financial markets.so the good news - lower rates right away. but they could potentially increase as the economy improves and that uncertainty had democrats 17 of the 18 no votes came from democrats who said the plan leaves students vulnerable to market fluctuations.democrats insisted on and secured a measure that would ensure loan rates will be capped in the future. undergraduate loans won't be allowed to rise past 8.25 percentgraduate loans 9.5 percent. president obama called the deal a major victory for american students. the bill is expected to pass the house soon and head to the president's desk for his signature. kt abc news washington.

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DEADLINE FOR TPS RE-REGISTRATION

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ

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USCIS reminds eligible nationals of El Salvador (and persons without nationality who last regularly resided in El Salvador) and who currently have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to re-register for TPS by **Monday July 29, 2013**. Failure to re-register by this deadline may result in the loss of your TPS status and your work authorization.Eligible Salvadoran TPS beneficiaries who re-register during the registration period and request employment authorization will receive a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with an expiration date of March 9, 2015. USCIS recognizes that some re-registrants whose EADs expire in September may not receive their new EADs until after their current EADs have expired. Therefore, USCIS is automatically extending current TPS El Salvador EADs bearing a Sept. 9, 2013, expiration date for an additional six months. These existing EADs are now valid through March 9, 2014

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VICTIMS RECOVERED FROM CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

LOURDES MELUZA / ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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Operation Cross Country-a three-day nationwide enforcement action focusing on underage victims of prostitution-has concluded with the recovery of 105 sexually exploited children and the arrests of 150 pimps and other individuals. The sweep took place in 76 cities and was carried out by the FBI in partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) as part of the Bureau's Innocence Lost National Initiative. It is the seventh and largest such enforcement action to date. Since its creation in 2003, the Innocence Lost National Initiative has resulted in the identification and recovery of more than 2,700 children who have been sexually exploited. Behind those numbers are the stories of real victims.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM AND AGRICULTURE BENEFITS
VO 21 SECS.**

Home to some of the most industrious and productive Americans, rural communities and our nation's agriculture sector are vital contributors to employment and America's competitiveness. From dairy owners to ranch workers to nursery operators to fruit and vegetable growers and pickers, participants in the U.S. agriculture sector serve as a key engine of economic growth. The sector not only puts food on the table of American families at affordable prices and provides raw material for a range of vital purposes-the U.S. agriculture industry also employs approximately three million workers, and is a key economic driver in many rural communities. In recent years, the agriculture sector has seen strong growth, with farm income and agriculture exports both reaching historic highs. In 2013, net farm income is forecast to total \$128.2 billion,

3 which would be the highest level since 1973 after adjusting for inflation.¹ Much of this growth is due to the demand for American agriculture exports: the value of agriculture exports has steadily risen in recent years and is projected to reach \$135.8 billion in 2013, which would also establish a new record.² But among all economic sectors, the U.S. agriculture sector is particularly reliant on foreign-born workers.

**FAST FOOD WORKERS PROTEST LOW WAGES
PEDRO ULTRERAS
PKG 2.00**

Workers at the nation's best known fast-food restaurants in seven cities across America are planning to walk off the job Monday to protest what they say are wages that are too low to live on. In a move orchestrated with the help of powerful labor unions and clergy groups, the workers plan to strike for a day to demand their wages be doubled. The protests will take place in New York City, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Flint, Mich., involving workers at McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and KFC. Some employees at stores including Dollar Tree, Macy's and Victoria's Secret are also expected to join the protesters in several cities. The workers are calling for wages of \$15 per hour, more than double New York's current minimum wage of \$7.25. A network of local community groups, clergy and unions, including the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), are backing the strike.

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**SUGARY DRINKS BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL
PEDRO ULTRERAS / NEW YORK
2.15 PKG**

New York City's crackdown on big, sugary sodas is staying on ice. A mid-level state appeals court ruled Tuesday that the city's Board of Health exceeded its legal authority when it voted last year to put a 16-ounce size limit on high-calorie soft drinks served in restaurants, theaters, stadiums, sidewalk food carts and many other places. In a unanimous opinion, a four-judge panel of the state Supreme Court Appellate Division said that while the board has the power to ban "inherently harmful" foodstuffs from being served to the public, sweetened beverages don't fall into that category. Soda consumption is not necessarily harmful when done in moderation, the court wrote, and therefore "cannot be classified as a health hazard per se." The panel didn't address whether the size limit would have infringed on personal liberties, but said that in adopting it, the health board improperly assumed broad lawmaking powers given only to legislative bodies, like the City Council. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the driving force behind the regulation, promised a quick appeal. The American Beverage Association, which had been among the

groups challenging the rule, applauded the ruling, which was the second to find that the Board of Health had overstepped its authority. A similar lower court ruling in March kept the regulation from taking effect.

**REPUBLICANS LETTER FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM
VO 21 SECS.**

Hundreds of leading business groups and GOP donors called for action on immigration legislation Tuesday, seeking to increase pressure on the House GOP as lawmakers prepare to leave Washington for a five-week summer recess. Two letters were released separately, one signed by more than 400 leading businesses, chambers of commerce and others, and the second by around 100 GOP donors, including boldface names such as former Vice President Dan Quayle and GOP strategist Karl Rove. Both sought to frame the immigration debate partly in economic terms that could sway majority House Republicans, who are debating how to move forward with immigration legislation after the Senate passed a comprehensive bill in June with visa reforms, border security and eventual citizenship for the 11 million immigrants already in the country illegally. No action is expected in the House until fall, at which point Republicans may advance a piecemeal series of single-issue bills beginning with border security. The potential for the House to reach any agreement with the Senate on a final package that could reach President Barack Obama's desk is very much in doubt.

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**10K CASES of TSA MISCONDUCT
PEDRO ULTRERAS. NEW YORK
PKG 2:02**

Complaints against airport security workers have increased 26 percent in the past three years, and the U.S. Transportation Security Agency lacks comprehensive systems to ensure that its employees follow its rules, according to a government report. The report, released ahead of congressional hearings on the TSA due to begin on Wednesday, said complaints included use of drugs and alcohol by TSA agents while on duty, and inconsistent use of security devices such as X-ray machines. The report said 3,408 misconduct allegations were filed against TSA workers last year, up from 2,691 in 2010. Most concerned violations of attendance and security policies, the report by the Government Accountability Office found.

**NSA SURVEILLANCE HEARING
VO :30**

President Barack Obama's national security team acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that, when investigating one suspected terrorist, it can read and store the phone records of millions of Americans. Since it was revealed recently that the National Security Agency puts the phone records of every American into a database, the Obama administration has assured the nation that such records are rarely searched and, when they are, officials target only suspected international terrorists. But testimony before Congress on Wednesday showed how easy it is for Americans with no connection to terrorism to unwittingly have their calling patterns analyzed by the government. If the average person called 40 unique people, three-hop analysis would allow the government to mine the records of 2.5 million Americans when investigating one suspected terrorist.

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