

Tracking of Foreigners Is Lax, Report Says

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Teams assigned to make sure foreigners leave after being ordered out of the United States are grappling with a backlog of more than 600,000 cases and cannot accurately account for the whereabouts of those classified as “fugitive aliens,” the government said. A report by the Homeland Security Department’s inspector general said the effectiveness of teams assigned to find the fugitives had been hampered by “insufficient detention capacity, limitations of an immigration database and inadequate working space.” About 5.4 percent of the estimated 11.5 million illegal immigrants in the United States are believed to be fugitives.