
Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 16 Aug 2006 15:35:26 GMT

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msgtpain wrote on Tue, 15 August 2006 19:53

<http://www.newsday.com/news/health/ny-hsliquid0809,0,7340017 .story>

http://news.com.com/Liquid+explosives+threaten+air+travel/21 00-7348_3-6104475.html

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5633568>

Quote:For more than four years, officials inside Homeland Security also have debated whether to deploy smaller trace explosive detectors - already in most American airports - to foreign airports to help stop any bomb chemicals or devices from making it onto U.S.-destined flights.

A 2002 Homeland Security report recommended "immediate deployment" of the trace units to key European airports, highlighting their low cost, \$40,000 per unit, and their detection capabilities. The report said one such unit was able, 25 days later, to detect explosives residue inside the airplane where convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid was foiled in December 2001.

A 2005 report to Congress similarly urged that the trace detectors be used more aggressively and strongly warned the continuing failure to distribute such detectors to foreign airports "may be an invitation to terrorist to ply their trade, using techniques that they have already used on a number of occasions."

Do you need me to read that to you out loud? You're arguing that these detectors, the ones that are already being used in US airports and that they tried to deploy to foreign airports.. should be used instead of taking away liquids on a plane.. Are you really that much of a dumbass? Do you think we're really that stupid that you can continue to play these stupid half-truth games to try to win your arguments?

I find this highly ironic because you posted the part of the article that simultaneously made you look good and was tangential from the original \$6 million that was diverted from research into better explosives detectors.

So did you even read the whole article or what?

msgtpainRead all the quotes from the three sites above. There are NO reliable detectors right now that can detect LIQUID explosives in the form that they believe the terrorists are trying to use. The ones that look PROMISING are either way to expensive, or would bring screening to a stand-still.

Good thing Bush tried to cut research funding.
