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Coverage of issues & information	<p>The content should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate definition of terrorism as accepted by the NCTC. • Accurate definitions and examples of the different types of terrorism committed by states and sub-state actors, including state terrorism, war terrorism, state-sponsored terrorism, and radical sub-state terrorism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear explanation of the principal pathways by which terrorists might seek to acquire nuclear-explosive materials, including stealing a bomb, buying a bomb, and building a bomb, with an indication of which pathway poses the greatest risk and why • The report should provide an overview of the global landscape of weapons-usable fissile material stocks, emphasizing why the availability of highly enriched uranium (HEU) represents the primary bottleneck for non-state actors seeking to develop nuclear weapons, and explaining why global fissile material stockpiles are central to nuclear terrorism risks. 	25% High Mid Low	
Precise & accurate use of concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate and precise definitions used throughout (e.g., terrorism, HEU, fissile material, the different types of terrorism). • Course concepts from lecture and readings are employed clearly, accurately, and with sufficient detail. • Successfully conveys the severity and credibility of the nuclear terrorism threat to a new administration audience. • Technical terms are defined in plain language appropriate to the BLUF genre and the intended reader 	10% High Mid Low	
Explanation & argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer's approach is analytical, direct, and appropriately unbiased for an intelligence product. • Rationale for expert analysis is communicated clearly and convincingly. • Report follows BLUF structure. • Each paragraph opens with a BLUF sentence that summarizes the paragraph's main point, with supporting details arranged from most to least important. 	5% High Mid Low	

Professional style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written in BLUF intelligence style as described in the How to Write an Intelligence Product in the BLUF Format guide • Geared toward a knowledgeable federal official new to the NCTC who needs clear, efficient, and actionable information • Language is accurate, brief, and clear, the three standards of intelligence writing, with no unnecessary editorializing • Sources used thoughtfully and comprehensively, including the course slides and readings. Source information cited according to the Conformity to Conventions section below. • Most of the report is in the writer's own words. 	10% High Mid Low	
Conformity to conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLUF style: the first sentence of each paragraph is bolded as the bottom line • Title is centered, bolded, 16-pt font • Section headings are left-aligned, bolded, 14-pt font • Report is between 1.25 and 1.5 pages, single-spaced • Header, date, and page numbers in correct format • 12-pt Times New Roman font throughout, including page numbers • 1.25" side margins, 1" top margins, 0.5" bottom margins • Key terms bolded on first use; acronyms written out in full on first use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cite course slides as "26p280 Nuclear Terrorism, p. #" o Cite Richardson's What Terrorists Want as "Richardson, p. #" o Use footnotes for all other sources per the Phys 280 Style and Format Guide. o No bibliography included. 	10% High Mid Low	
Copy editing & use of standard language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar and mechanics are edited for correctness and readability. • -1% for any major error 	5% High Mid Low	

<p>Use of AI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI disclosure statement and writer’s memo complete – The submission must include a full AI disclosure statement and a comprehensive writer’s memo detailing all interactions with AI, including prompts, outputs, and how feedback was used. • Quality of the standalone draft (Step 1) – The draft should reflect genuine independent effort, demonstrating critical thinking, mastery of genre conventions, and a thorough initial analysis before any AI involvement. • Quality of the AI prompt (Step 2) – Prompts should provide the AI with clear context and constraints to generate a rigorous, targeted critique of your reasoning, avoiding generic or superficial responses. • Rebuttal engagement addressed in the writer’s memo (Step 3) – Your response to the AI’s critique should be fully documented in the writer’s memo, clearly evaluating the AI’s strongest points, using evidence from course readings and lecture slides, and explaining whether you accept or reject the AI’s assessment. • Evidence that the rebuttal process informed revisions – Demonstrate in your final draft how insights from the AI critique and your rebuttal were incorporated to strengthen the analysis in RE4v1. <p>Analysis of AI argument accuracy in the writer’s memo – Provide a brief evaluation of the AI’s critique, discussing whether it was factually correct and whether it identified real weaknesses in your draft.</p>	<p>20%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	
<p>Thoughtful peer response (10%) and submission of RE4v0 (5%)</p>		<p>15%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Note: The score marked by your TA does not yet include these points.</p>
<p>Overall Comments:</p>			