For 261 minutes, no flight left Alaska.

NOVEMBER 13TH, 11:54 A.M. TO 4:15 P.M. ALASKA TIME



ONE HOLE = ONE MINUTE

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At 11:54 a.m., the FAA stopped departures nationwide.

Every flight leaving the state sat, an Anchorage airport official said. Flights inside Alaska kept flying. The FAA lifted the stop at 4:15 p.m. Alaska time, on Friday, November 13th.

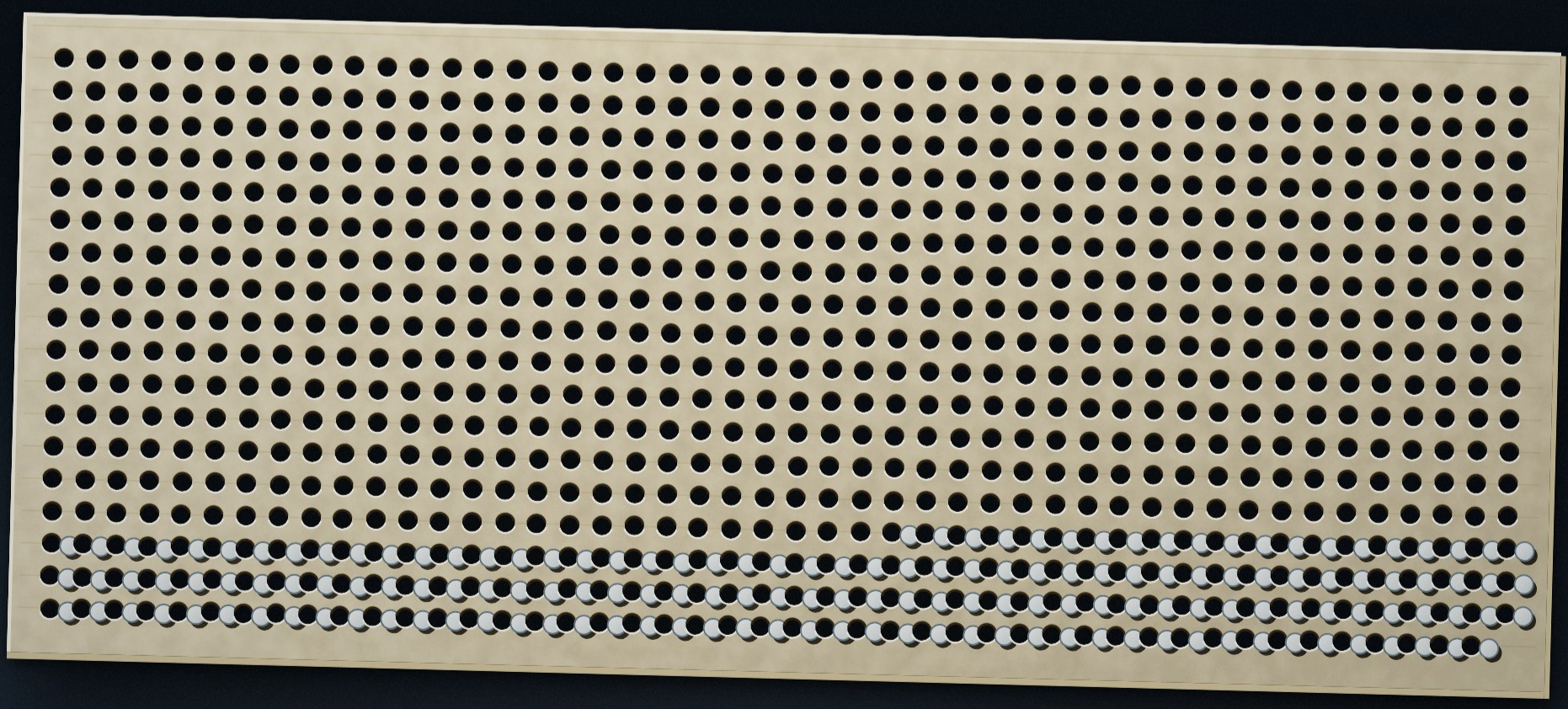


By mid-afternoon, 827 flights had turned back or diverted.

Cirium counted 670 flights sent back to where they took off and 157 redirected to another airport, nationwide. Reportedly only the second all-flight grounding since 9/11.

○ CLEAN PUNCH = SENT BACK 670

● SHOVED SLUG = REDIRECTED 157

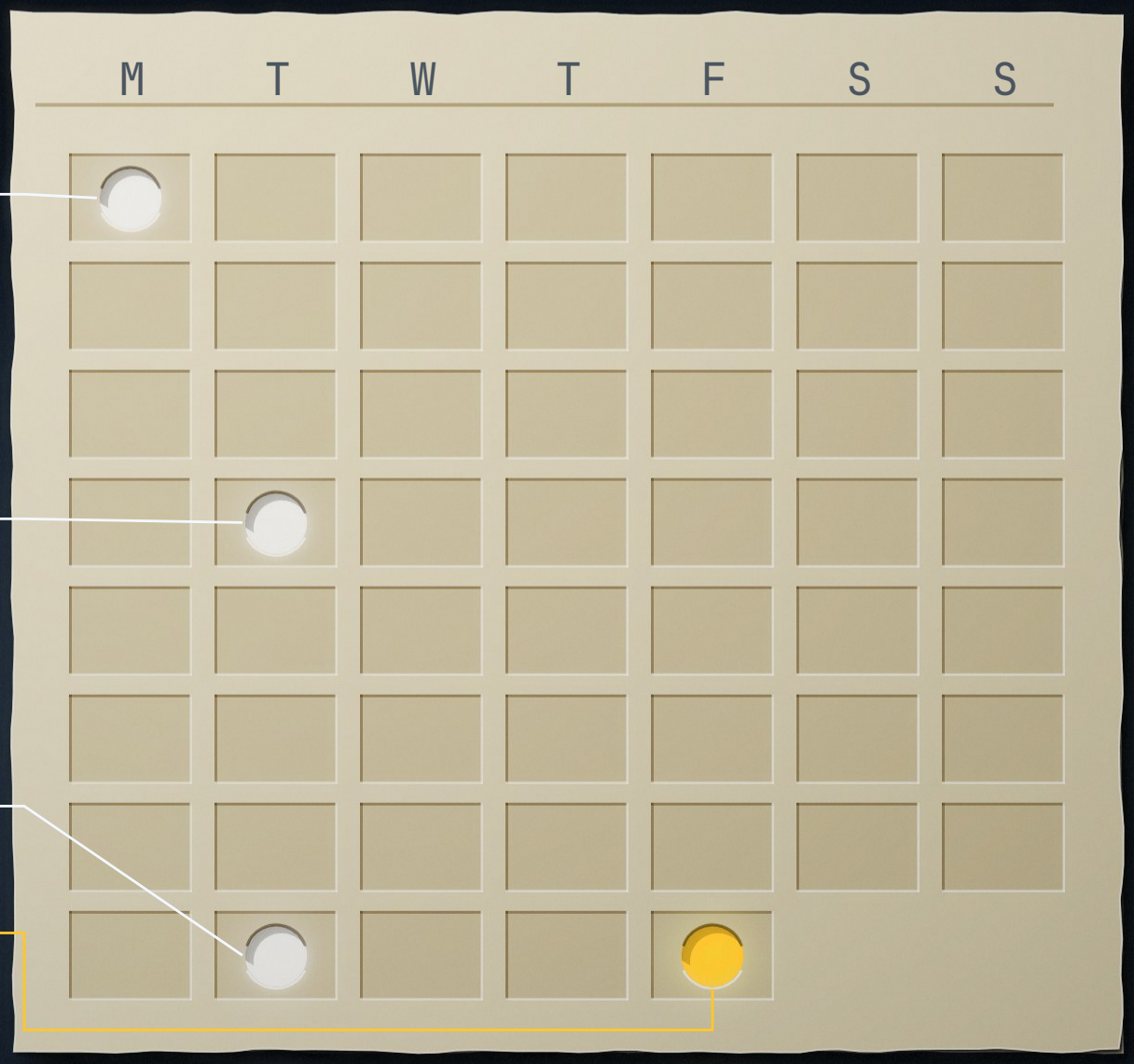


ONE HOLE = ONE FLIGHT

NATIONWIDE, NOT ALASKA

Three days earlier, the FAA's AI went national.

SMART, an AI traffic advisor built by Air Space Intelligence, launched around Washington on September 21st. On November 10th it went live in the airspace of all 22 air route traffic control centers. House Democrats had asked GAO for an audit on October 13th.



● **SEPTEMBER 21ST**
SMART LAUNCHES

● **OCTOBER 13TH**
AUDIT REQUEST

● **NOVEMBER 10TH**
ALL 22 CENTERS

● **NOVEMBER 13TH**
GROUND STOP

ONE HOLE = ONE DAY

The FAA blamed a router. The AI's maker saw no link.

"A router sent too much data, overloading older air traffic control equipment."

THE FAA, PER NBC NEWS

"Not based on or a result of the SMART system."

AIR SPACE INTELLIGENCE

"No indication" of a link to the new computer system.

HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY MARKWAYNE MULLIN

SO WHAT IS THE NEW AI COUNTED IN?



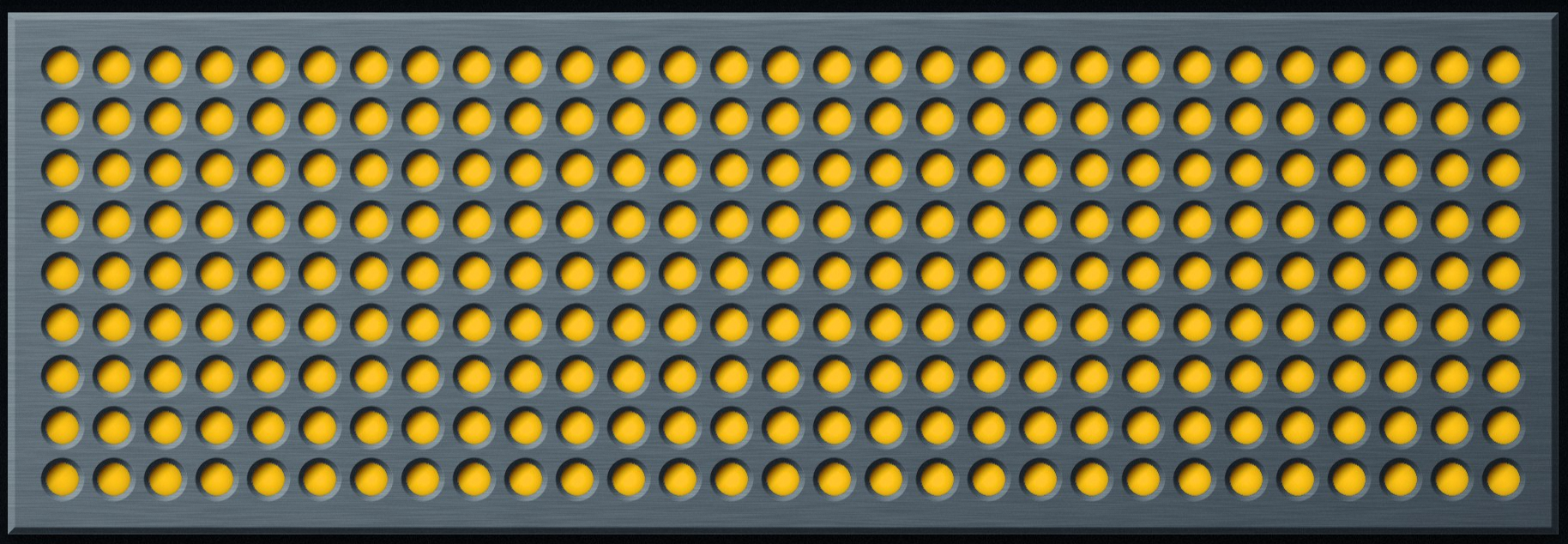
SECTION, NOT TO SCALE

The new AI is counted in minutes saved. The stop took hours.



10 MINUTES, AVERAGE SAVED PER REROUTED FLIGHT, PER THE FAA
180 FLIGHTS REROUTED SO FAR

261 MINUTES, THE NOVEMBER 13TH STOP

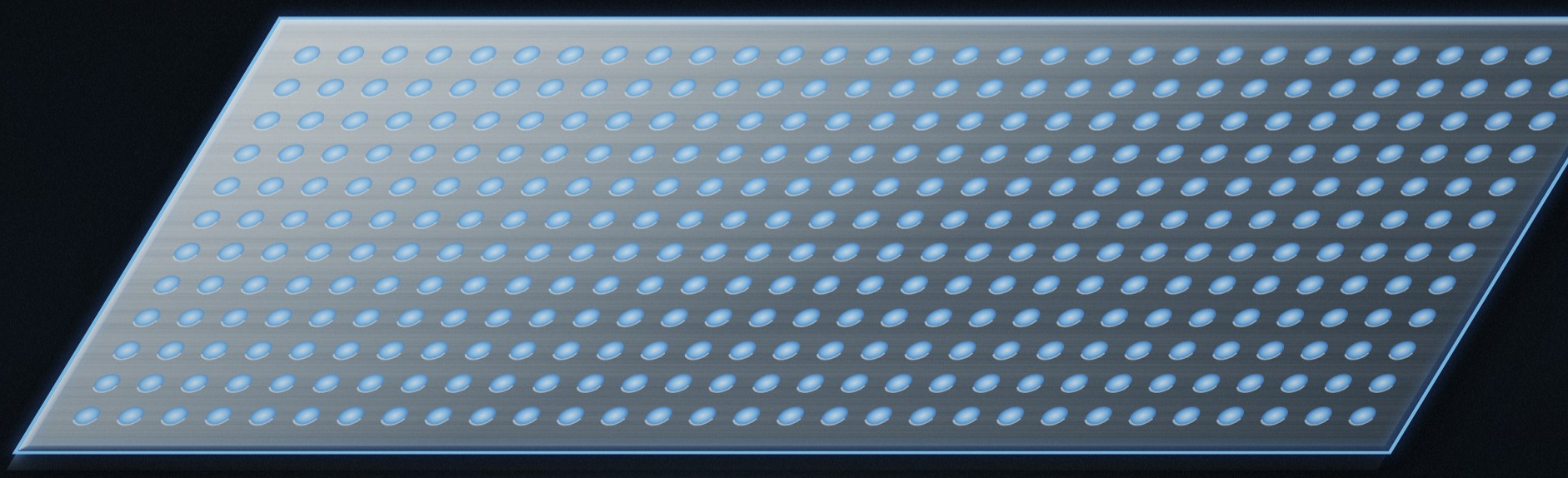


TWO SEPARATE EVENTS. OFFICIALS SAW NO INDICATION OF A LINK.

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Inside Alaska, the clock kept running.

WITHIN ALASKA, NOVEMBER 13TH

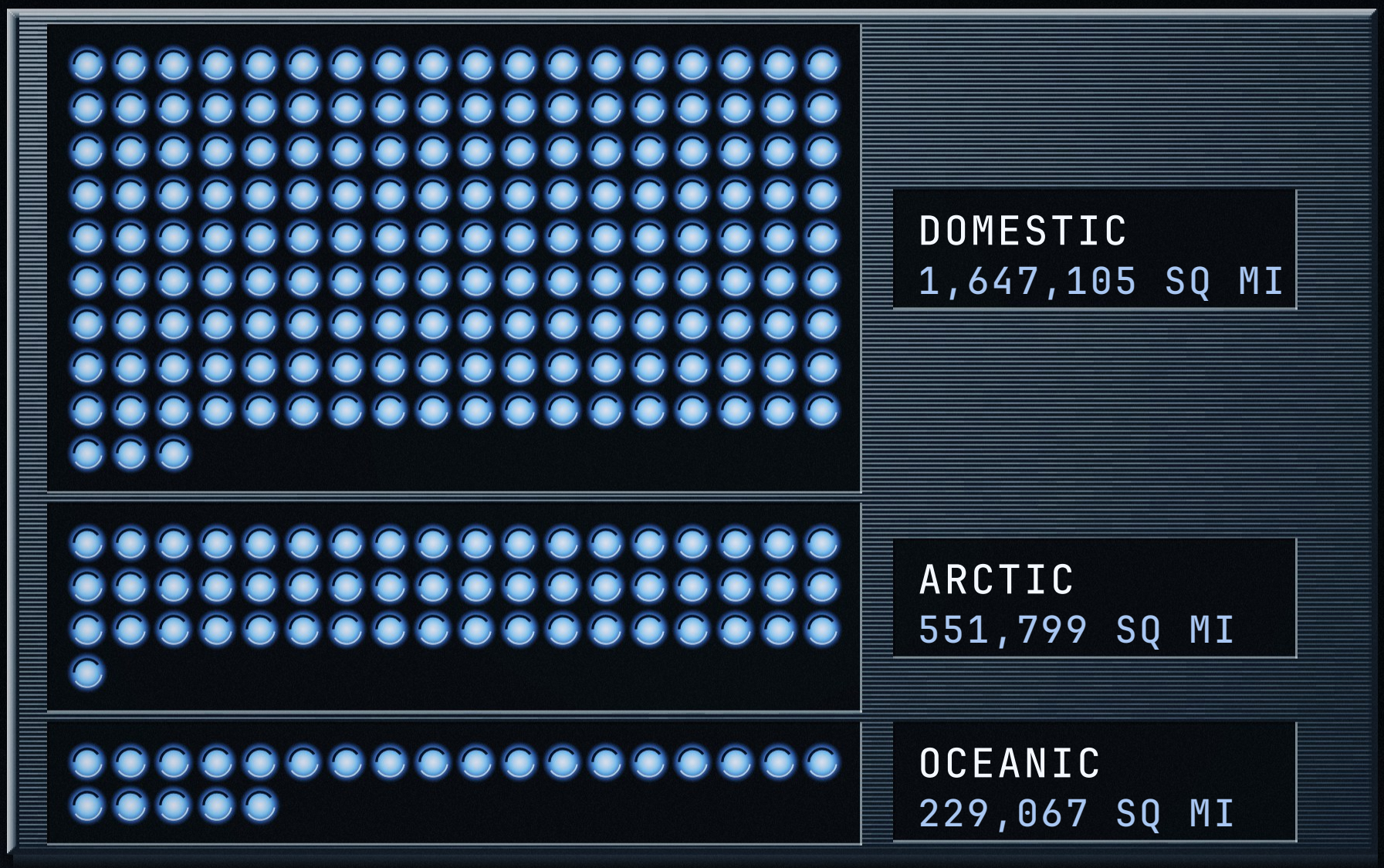


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ANCHORAGE AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, PER THE FAA

2,427,971 square miles of airspace.

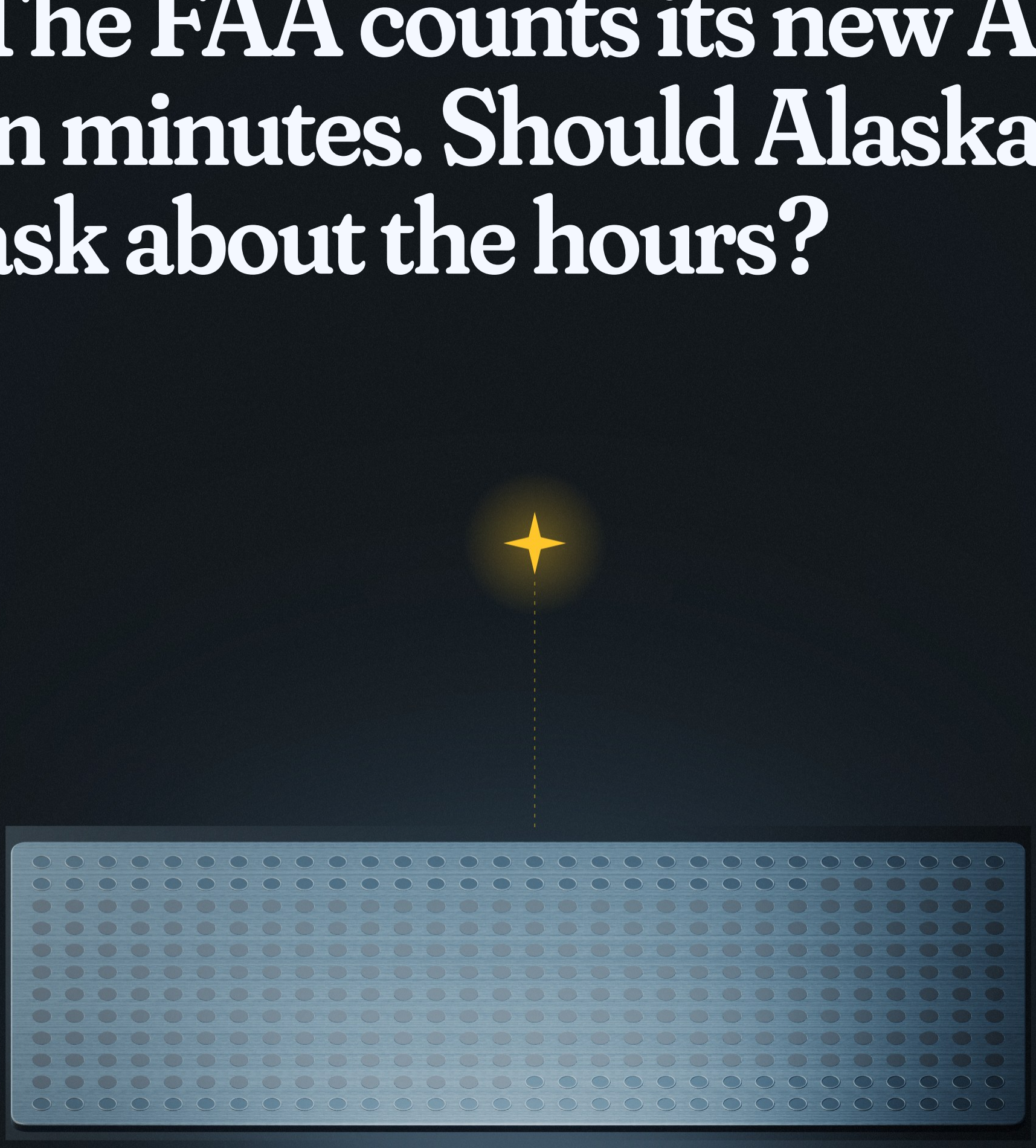


The FAA's most northern and western en route center. Its own automation, ATOP and MEARTS. Six foreign neighbor centers, in Japan, Russia and Canada.

ONE HOLE = 10,000 SQUARE MILES

THE RECORD DOES NOT SAY WHETHER SMART RUNS HERE

The FAA counts its new AI in minutes. Should Alaska ask about the hours?



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