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REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS

Case Number:

12-0003-I

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		
Investigation Number: Case Title:	Type of Report:	
12-0003-I	☐ Interim ☑ Final ☐ Supplemental	
Type of investigation:	Period of Investigation:	
☑ Criminal ☐ Civil ☐ Administrative ☐ Informa	October 2011 – February 2012	
SUBJECT(S) OF INVESTIGATION Primary Subject: None Identified		
BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION		
On October 4, 2011, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI) met with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The FBI reported that while investigating the state of they discovered that classified information may have been downloaded from NARA systems and then transmitted to other unauthorized individuals.		
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS		
18 U.S.C. § 793. Gathering, transmitting or losing defense information 18 U.S.C. § 794. Gathering or delivering defense information to aid foreign government		
18 U.S.C. § 798. Disclosure of classified information 18 U.S.C. § 1030. Fraud and related activity in connection with computers		
RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION		
FBI Briefing		
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Ol Investigation

The OI determined that the data provided by the FBI had been collected from the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) system². The OI contacted the system administrator for the AAD who provided the OI Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) with system logs containing dates and times specific Internet Protocol (IP) addresses visited the AAD.

Ol Forensic Analysis of logs provided by the FBI and AAD Administrators

The CCU analyzed the CD provided by the FBI and the logs provided by the AAD system administrator and determined used a computer script to automate data searches and downloads from the AAD. The information gathered from the AAD is from State Department cables held in Record Group 59, General Records of the Department of State Central Foreign Policy File, 1973-1976. These records were declassified in June 2005 and made publically available in September 2010.

An analysis of AAD access logs also revealed a large number of requests from an IP address originating from Amsterdam, Netherlands. The data requests were made in January, February and December 2011.

Conclusion

The OI found no evidence classified information was obtained from NARA computer systems or that any NARA systems were compromised to gather the information. All information gathered from the AAD is publically accessible and available. The OI provided all investigative results to the FBI and that FBI has requested no further investigation.

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² AAD is a publically available search engine on NARA's website into some of NARA's holdings of electronic records. There are databases and indexes from more than 30 archival series, including over 350 data files totaling well over 50 million unique records.