



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 5, 2015

Case No. F-2015-05043

Segment: DS-0001

Mr. Christopher C. Horner
Competitive Enterprise Institute
1899 L Street, NW, 12th Floor
Washington DC, 20036

Dear Mr. Horner:

In response to your request dated March 3, 2015, under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, we have initiated searches of the following Department of State record systems: the Bureau of Human Resources ("HR"), the Bureau of Information Resource Management ("IRM"), the Office of the Executive Secretariat ("S/ES"), the Bureau of Intelligence and Research ("INR"), Foreign Service Institute ("FSI"), and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security ("DS").

The searches of HR, IRM, S/ES, INR, and FSI have been completed and resulted in the retrieval of no documents responsive to your request.

The search of the DS records has been completed and resulted in the retrieval of 24 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 13 may be released in part, 5 must be withheld in full, and 6 require consultation with other U.S. Government agencies before a final release determination can be made. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. The five documents withheld in full were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 1, 5, 6, and 7(C), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1), (b)(5), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C). In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same

document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions about this production, your attorney may contact James Todd, Senior Trial Attorney, at (202) 514-3378 or James.Todd@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2015-05043, and the civil action number, 15-cv-00553, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman for

John F. Hackett, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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DECL: 03/02/2019

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
1.4(E) Barbara Nielsen,
1.4(G) Senior Reviewer

1.4(E)
1.4(G)
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INFORMATION MEMO FOR CHERYL D. MILLS – S

FROM: DS – Eric J. Boswell

SUBJECT: Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row

We have worked closely [redacted] to review all options that would allow Secretary Clinton, you, and a small number of staff to use Blackberries [redacted]

[redacted] Our review reaffirms our belief that the vulnerabilities and risks associated with the use of Blackberries in the Mahogany Row [redacted] considerably outweigh the convenience their use can add to staff that have access to the unclassified OpenNet system on their desktops. [redacted]

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[redacted] We also worry about the example that using Blackberries in Mahogany Row might set as we strive to promote crucial security practices and enforce important security standards among State Department staff.

As an alternative, we suggest that DS work with S/ES-IRM to make access to the Secretary's OpenNet account on her desktop workstation as easy and convenient as possible. For example, we are happy to work with IRM to lengthen or even eliminate the time-out function to allow the Secretary's Special Assistant to log-on to review her emails and schedules.

[redacted] While we cannot recommend using Blackberries inside the Mahogany Row, we do not want to stand in the way of issuing Department Blackberries to the Secretary and her senior staff for use outside Mahogany Row. Those Blackberries can be synchronized with your OpenNet Microsoft Outlook accounts, provide full cellular, e-mail, and internet functionality, and provide unclassified mobile technology when you are away from Mahogany Row.

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I cannot stress too strongly, however, that any unclassified Blackberry is highly vulnerable in any setting to remotely and covertly monitoring conversations, retrieving e-mails, and exploiting calendars. I am attaching reports from DS's

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Classified by: DS – Eric J. Boswell

EO 12958 Reason: 1.4 (c) (d) and (e)

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Office of Computer Security's Cyber Threat & Analysis Division that give further background on those risks. [redacted]

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If, after considering the vulnerabilities that I describe above and the alternatives that I propose, the Secretary determines that she wants a limited number of staff to use Blackberries in the Mahogany Row [redacted]

[redacted]

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Attachments:

Tab 1 - Excerpts from DS/CS/CTAD Reports on Blackberry Vulnerabilities

Tab 2 - [redacted]

Tab 3 - New York Times Article: "Obama's Phone Security and Yours"

Tab 4 - Washington Post Article: "Your Cell and Your Berry: Tools for the Enemy"

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Drafted: DS/SI/IS - [redacted]
DS/C/ST - [redacted]

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B7(C)

Cleared: DS/DSS - G.Starr (ok)
DS/SI/CS - M.Holland (ok)
DS/SI - D.Reid (ok)
DS/C - P.Donovan (ok)
INR - [redacted] (ok)
M - [redacted] (ok)
IRM - [redacted] (ok)

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B7(C)

RELEASE IN PART
B7(C), B6, B5

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

Reid, Donald R

From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 12:53 PM
To: Starr, Greg
Cc: Donovan, Patrick D
Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row
Attachments: Tab 4_Post Article on Cell Phones.PDF; CTAD20080731 (F).pdf; Document.pdf; IM to S (CMills)_Blackberries in Mahogany Row (2).doc

Importance: High

Greg... I have forwarded the intel and an additional detail to [redacted] this topic is being shaped [redacted] B6
[redacted] we are still providing info with a noon tomorrow suspense... B7(C) B5

From: [redacted] B6
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 12:12 PM B7(C)
To: [redacted]
Cc: Reid, Donald R; Donovan, Patrick D; [redacted] B6
Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row B7(C)
Importance: High

[redacted] B6
[redacted] B7(C)
After this morning's "management meeting" with the A/Secys, Secretary Clinton approached Ambassador Boswell and mentioned that she had read the IM and that she "gets it". Her attention was drawn to the sentence that indicates we (DS) have intelligence concerning this vulnerability during her recent trip to Asia.

Secretary Clinton has asked Ambassador Boswell for this information. Please prepare a short informal paper OR provide the A/Secy with a briefing on this matter. Your assistance is appreciated. The Secretary did not provide a "due date"... BUT the Ambassador would like to close this loop as soon as possible. Thanks, [redacted]

SA [redacted] B6
Executive Assistant B7(C)
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Diplomatic Security

From: [redacted] B6
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 8:13 AM B7(C)
To: [redacted]
Cc: DS Staffers; [redacted]
Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row
Importance: High

[redacted] - In reference to the subject Info Memo, Amb. Boswell requested we obtain IRM clearance. In doing so we received the guidance below (highlighted in red). Please follow-up to determine whether or not this will affect the Memo anyway. B6
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Thank you,
[redacted] B6
B7(C)

From: [redacted]

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] CIO/EA; [redacted]
Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row
Importance: High

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[redacted] we have made one minor edit at the beginning of para two. Inserted S/ES-IRM vs IRM as IRM does not manage Mahogany Row desktops. Also, [redacted]

[redacted] This info may have some bearing on your final wording (or not). With the minor edit, IRM (D/CIO - [redacted]) clears. [redacted]

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[redacted]
Office of the CIO
(ManTech)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 8:46 AM
To: IRM-Front-Office
Cc: DS Staffers
Subject: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row
Importance: High

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We request clearance from [redacted] on the attached Info Memo. Thank you.

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Thank you,

[redacted]
DS/FO
[redacted]

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B7(C)

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

Reid, Donald R

From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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Note [redacted] caveats

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Certainly, any discussion of the vulnerabilities of portable devices could use some context in terms of the real threats here at State, so I suspect there's a likely (brief) role for you [redacted] Does ST have someone who could provide a dynamic briefing? [redacted]

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I'll get with Gentry. Certainly, we need to verify or correct the urban myths Cheryl believes re other agencies. I would also assume the S/IRM folks have verbalized something back to [redacted] but don't know what that might be...

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B7(C)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Smith, Gentry O; Reid, Donald R
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

E.O. 13526: UNCLASSIFIED

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Sirs,

I wanted to share with you, back-channel, a little insight into current thinking in the Secretary's inner circle on technology issues and request your help. [redacted]

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S/ES management does not see a need to respond point-for-point on any of this; however, [redacted] need to put on a presentation for the 7th Floor on the vulnerabilities of and threats to Blackberries, iPads, and the like. [redacted]

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I would greatly appreciate your guidance on how [redacted] to coordinate on this project. [redacted]

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Thank you and best regards,

[redacted]

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Reid, Donald R

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From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:22 PM
To: [redacted] Smith, Gentry O
Cc: [redacted]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor
Attachments: FW: (S/REL FVEY): FINAL version of Info Memo for S

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:11 PM
To: Smith, Gentry O; Reid, Donald R
Cc: [redacted]

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Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

Sirs,

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As always, I stand ready to assist in facilitating the below-mentioned presentation in any way I can.

Thank you and best regards,

[redacted]

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From: Smith, Gentry O
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:46 AM
To: [redacted] Reid, Donald R
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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B7(C)

[redacted] C would love to participate. Don and I spoke yesterday and are both interested. We'll talk some more about presenters and timing. Gentry

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Smith, Gentry O; Reid, Donald R
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Thank you and best regards,

[redacted]

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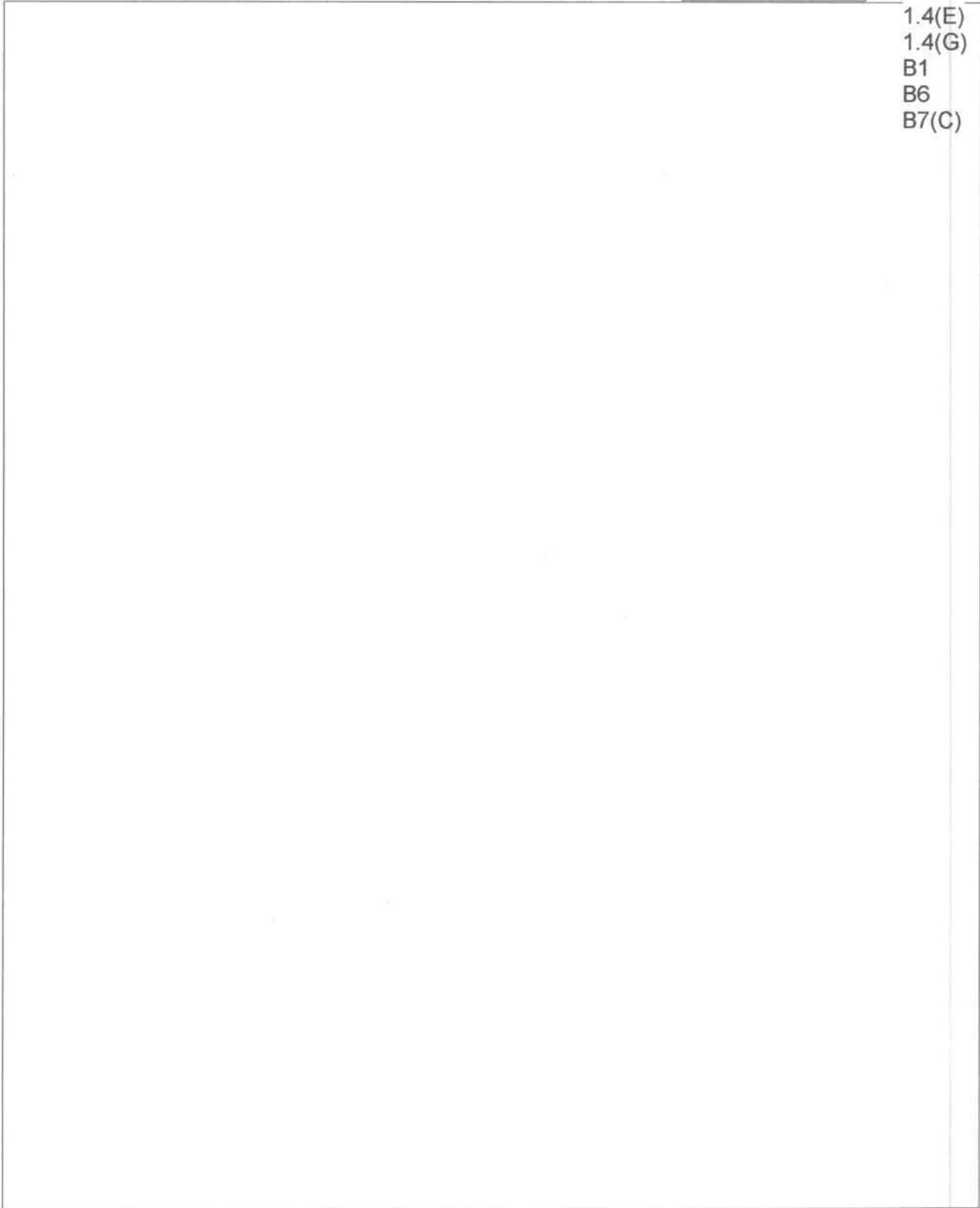
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer
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Attachment – (S//REL) Notable DoS Personnel Targeted by



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:37 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

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All,

I wonder if it might be possible to pull together a meeting this Thursday afternoon or Friday morning to finalize plans for this event. The proverbial iron grows colder by the day, and by mid-April the 7th Floor staff will become very much a moving target for the better part of a month.

I am happy to host here at HST, but am also more than willing (and happy) to come across the bridge.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 11:31 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

Thanks for the responses. I am just out of my 10am, but the day seems to closing on me. I am going to send a meeting notice out for Monday at 10:30. If you have a conflict let me know and we will try to modify to accommodate all. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Director
Office of Computer Security
Bureau of Diplomatic Security
U.S. Department of State
Desk: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 10:38 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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I'm available after 1330 today or 1030 - 1200 on Monday or Tuesday. I have more time next Thursday and Friday.

Cheers, [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

DS/ST/CMP Division Director

[Redacted]

Secure: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 9:55 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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I can be available at either 11:30 or noon for the call. In terms of meeting, Monday would be better for me, but I can re-arrange everything but a 3 p.m. meeting on Tuesday to accommodate.

Thank you all for your support in this!

Best

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 9:52 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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Gentlemen,

I understand that Gentry and Don have already chatted about this briefing, and I think it is now in our hands to starting discussing and working out some preliminary details.

I imagine your calendars are as bad mine today....however are any of you available to have a conference call at 11:30 or noon?

Whether we can start the discussion today or not, I believe we need to get together early next week regarding this high level brief. How does Monday look and if not Monday....Tuesday?

Please let me know your schedule and thoughts....I have a 10am meeting, but will be back to the office at 11am.

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Director
Office of Computer Security
Bureau of Diplomatic Security
U.S. Department of State
Desk: [Redacted]

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From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:26 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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This may solidify quickly...let's get prepared

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:30 AM
To: Reid, Donald R; [Redacted] Smith, Gentry O
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

CMP stands ready to provide presentations on this subject.

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[Redacted]
DS/ST/CMP Division Director

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Secure: [Redacted]

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Thank you and best regards,

[redacted]

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[Redacted]

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B7(C)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 11:39 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Memo [Redacted] re BBs
Attachments: ICPM 2005 700 1.PDF; 28 April Blackberry [Redacted].doc

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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[Redacted] this is a memo that [Redacted] is putting together for Greg Starr's signature. If CMP is going to clear I figured it should go up my chain of command to reach Greg. CMP doesn't have an issue with the memo as written. I don't see the [Redacted] but can go either way on this one. You will see our comments on the [Redacted].
[Redacted] Let me know how you would like to proceed. Thanks, [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Director
Countermeasures Programs Division
DS/ST/CMP

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 10:44 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Memo [Redacted] re BBs

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Here is the draft document to be sent to Gregg Starr as outlined in [Redacted] email below. I have received comments from [Redacted] and consolidated them in the attached document. The document I received back from CS yesterday had no comments, so I am assuming you had no changes to the original document. There are still a couple of issues that need to be refined or validated.

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The first is [Redacted] wanted to insure it was confirmed that the Secretary indicated [Redacted].
[Redacted] I am not sure who can confirm that with Cheryl Mills.

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The second was in the meeting we discussed [Redacted].
[Redacted] We did not include this, but [Redacted] highlighted that this was discussed. I included this as an option to be discussed. ST needs to weigh in on this before this is finalized.

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Based on [Redacted] inquiry, I clarified the [Redacted].

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Lastly the [Redacted] I have left both [Redacted] comment, I also added [Redacted] comments regarding the [Redacted]. Bottom line, I think we leave it as is or remove it completely. Preferably we leave it as is and get [Redacted].

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2009 5:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

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Subject: Memo [redacted] re BBs
Importance: High

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Attached is a draft memo that [redacted] as a result of our meeting several weeks ago. Please review for comments/edits. I am out of the office the next two weeks, and in the interest of time, and already late in getting this done, please provide input to [redacted] next week. He will incorporate changes and provide back to you for a final review and clearance. Greg Starr has asked for the memo to determine who will sign and ensure it meets his expectations. Once he has okay'ed, we will need to coordinate a review by Cheryl Mills to ensure she understands how this will proceed and to confirm we've accurately represented what we've previously discussed with her. We will ask Greg to recommend how that should occur, whether he wants to do that or have BSO [redacted] coordinate with her, or what. Your assistance in a quick turn-around next week with [redacted] will be appreciated. Thanks. [redacted]

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B7(C)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 12:01 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] DS Staffers; [Redacted] Reid, Donald R;

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row
Attachments: Tab 4_Post Article on Cell Phones.PDF; CTAD20080731 (F).pdf; Document.pdf; IM to S (CMills)_Blackberries in Mahogany Row (2).doc

Importance: High

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I have discussed [Redacted] comment with [Redacted] S/ES-IRM, regarding [Redacted] and he advises that has no relevance to this memo. [Redacted] He did advise the Secretary does not have an OpenNet+ terminal (because she doesn't use computer systems). He provided his name and the name of his boss, [Redacted] as clearers of the memo, which I added. [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 8:13 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DS Staffers; [Redacted]
Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row
Importance: High

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Office of the CIO
(ManTech)

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 8:46 AM

To: IRM-Front-Office

Cc: DS Staffers

Subject: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahagony Row

Importance: High

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Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:17 PM
To: Reid, Donald R; [redacted]
Cc: Donovan, Patrick D; [redacted]
Subject: RE: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahagony Row

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

Thanks Don....the boss is reading it now. He was made aware of this information...a few weeks? ago - so no break down on keeping him in the loop. I'll get back to you IF he needs anything further. Best, [redacted]

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From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 12:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Donovan, Patrick D; [redacted]
Subject: RE: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahagony Row

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Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahagony Row
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SA [redacted]
Executive Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Diplomatic Security

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 8:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: DS Staffers; [redacted]
Subject: FW: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahagony Row
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[Redacted]

DS/FO

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 5:47 PM
To: [Redacted] Reid, Donald R; [Redacted]
Cc: Donovan, Patrick D; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara
Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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Thanks Cheryl - [Redacted] brought it by and gave it to [Redacted] We will store until the A/Secy uses it in support of his "meeting" with SecState. Amb B mentioned he might get on her calendar tomorrow...we will return this doc to DCB after this takes place...Again thanks [Redacted]

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[Redacted] I'm having SSO/DCB get the hard copy to you this afternoon and, yes, you can store in the SCIF. [Redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 3:07 PM
To: Reid, Donald R; [Redacted]
Cc: Donovan, Patrick D; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: For Your Clearance: IM to S (Cheryl Mills) - Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row

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Don - per the Ambassadors message on the other system ...pls provide a hard copy of the referenced report. It would be nice IF we could be given authority to store this in our SCIF for awhile - as I'm not sure when the A/Secy will have a chance to share this with S. Thanks for your quick follow up. [Redacted]

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

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DECL: 02/22/2026

INFORMATION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: DS - Eric J. Boswell

SUBJECT: ~~(S//REL)~~ Compromise of Officials: Personal E-mail Accounts

~~(S//REL)~~ Threat analysis by the DS cyber security team and related incident reports indicate a dramatic increase since January 2011 in attempts by [redacted] to compromise the private home e-mail accounts of senior Department officials. The actors, [redacted]

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[redacted] are targeting senior United States government officials and their staffs. Victims include personnel at the Ambassadorial, Assistant Secretary, and Under Secretary levels at DoS, EOP, DoD, DOJ, Treasury, and the U.S. Senate. The attachment provides a snapshot of affected Department personnel: many of the email account owners play major roles in forming diplomatic and economic policy. Secretary Gates and others are being briefed on malicious activity within their organizations.

~~(S//REL)~~ Specifically, the actors are sending cleverly forged e-mails to victims' private web-based accounts (e.g., Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo). These "spear phishing" messages appear to be sent by U.S. government officials but are designed to trick recipients into activating embedded malicious code by clicking on an attachment or link. Although the targets are unclassified, personal e-mail accounts, the likely objective is to compromise user accounts and thereby gain access to policy documents and personal information that could enable technical surveillance and possibly blackmail. The personal e-mail of family members also is at risk.

~~(S//REL)~~ DS is working directly with affected Department officials and defending against this activity on OpenNet. We also urge Department users to minimize the use of personal web e-mail for business, as some compromised home systems have been reconfigured by these actors to automatically forward copies of all composed e-mails to an undisclosed recipient. DS stands ready to brief you on the full scope of these [redacted] cyber espionage campaigns.

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Attachment:

~~(S//REL)~~ Personnel Targeted by [redacted] (as known 2/28/2011)

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Classified by: DS, Assistant Secretary Eric J. Boswell
E.O. 13526, Reasons: 1.4 (e) and (g)

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Drafted: DS/SI/CS/CTAD - [redacted]
(After hours POC: [redacted])

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Approved: DS Assistant Secretary - Eric J. Boswell

Cleared: DS/DSS - [redacted] (ok)
DS/SI - DReid (ok)
DS/SI/CS - [redacted] (ok)
DS/CS/CTAD - [redacted] (ok)
D(S) - [redacted] (ok)
D(L) - [redacted] (ok)
P - [redacted] (ok)
S/P - [redacted] (ok)
M - [redacted] (ok)
G - [redacted] (ok)
IRM - [redacted] (ok)
E - [redacted] (info)
I - [redacted] (ok)
INR - [redacted] (ok)
S/CCI - [redacted] (ok)

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Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

INFORMATION MEMO FOR CHERYL D. MILLS - S

FROM: DS - Eric J. Boswell *EB*

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B1, 1.4(G), 1.4(E), B7(C), B6, 1.4(C)

SUBJECT: Use of Blackberries in Mahogany Row

We have worked closely [redacted] to review all options that would allow Secretary Clinton, you, and a small number of staff to use Blackberries [redacted]

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[redacted] Our review reaffirms our belief that the vulnerabilities and risks associated with the use of Blackberries in the Mahogany Row [redacted] considerably outweigh the convenience their use can add to staff that have access to the unclassified OpenNet system on their desktops. [redacted]

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[redacted] We also worry about the example that using Blackberries in Mahogany Row might set as we strive to promote crucial security practices and enforce important security standards among State Department staff.

As an alternative, we suggest that DS work with S/ES-IRM to make access to the Secretary's OpenNet account on her desktop workstation as easy and convenient as possible. For example, we are happy to work with IRM to lengthen or even eliminate the time-out function to allow the Secretary's Special Assistant to log-on to review her emails and schedules.

[redacted] While we cannot recommend using Blackberries inside the Mahogany Row [redacted], we do not want to stand in the way of issuing Department Blackberries to the Secretary and her senior staff for use outside Mahogany Row. Those Blackberries can be synchronized with your OpenNet Microsoft Outlook accounts, provide full cellular, e-mail, and internet functionality, and provide unclassified mobile technology when you are away from Mahogany Row.

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I cannot stress too strongly, however, that any unclassified Blackberry is highly vulnerable in any setting to remotely and covertly monitoring conversations, retrieving e-mails, and exploiting calendars. I am attaching reports from DS's

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E.O. 12958, Reasons: 1.4 (c), (d), and (e)

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Office of Computer Security's Cyber Threat & Analysis Division that give further background on those risks.

[Redacted]

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If, after considering the vulnerabilities that I describe above and the alternatives that I propose, the Secretary determines that she wants a limited number of staff to use Blackberries in the Mahogany Row

[Redacted]

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Attachments:

Tab 1 - Excerpts from DS/CS/CTAD Reports on Blackberry Vulnerabilities:

Tab 2 - [Redacted]

Tab 3 - New York Times Article: "Obama's Phone Security and Yours"

Tab 4 - Washington Post Article: "Your Cell and Your Berry: Tools for the Enemy"

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Cleared: DS/DSS - G.Starr (ok)
DS/SI/CS - M.Holland (ok)
DS/SI - D.Reid (ok)
DS/C - P.Donovan (ok)
INR - [redacted] (ok)
M - [redacted] (ok)
IRM - [redacted] (ok)
S/ES-IRM - [redacted] (ok)
S/ES-IRM - [redacted] (ok)

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

TAB 1

