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TOPIC: COMPLETION OF REVIEW OF MATERIALS DETAINED FOR DAVID HOUSE

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[REDACTED] wanted  
for questioning by the US Army Criminal Investigative Division (Army CID) and the US Dept. of State Diplomatic Security Service (USDOS DSS) regarding the presentation of classified material on the WikiLeaks.org website allegedly provided by US Army Pfc. Bradley MANNING. MANNING was charged in US Military court on 7/06/2010 with leaking classified material to WikiLeaks.org. WikiLeaks.org has released over 70,000 classified documents through their website to date. It is reported that WikiLeaks.org has held back approximately 15,000 documents they deem sensitive but may yet release. This report documents the ongoing forensic review of digital media imaged under border search authority by ICE HSI for David HOUSE, upon his return from Los Cabos, Mexico to Chicago O'Hare International Airport on 11/03/2010.

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## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

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wanted for questioning by the US Army Criminal Investigative Division (Army CID) and the US Dept. of State Diplomatic Security Service (USDOS DSS) regarding the presentation of over 70,000 classified documents, beginning in May of 2010 to date, on the WikiLeaks.com website allegedly provided by US Army Pfc. Bradley MANNING.

David HOUSE, DOB [REDACTED] US Citizen, Social Security number [REDACTED]

This writer established a TECS Subject Record [REDACTED] for HOUSE on 07/08/2010.

On 10/26/2010 this writer received an automated email notification that the TECS Subject Record [REDACTED] for HOUSE was an exact match on an advance passenger information (API) query based on passport number. It related that the passenger reported to be departing location DFW, on flight number AA 865.

A query of [REDACTED] information revealed that HOUSE had travel reservations indicating he intended to depart the United States to Los Cabos, Mexico on 10/30/2010 and return to the United States from Los Cabos, Mexico to Chicago, IL on 11/03/2010.

On 11/03/2010 HOUSE did arrive at Chicago O'Hare International Airport and was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] ICE Computer Forensic Agents were also on the scene and imaged the media belonging to HOUSE at that time.

On 11/08/2010 SA [REDACTED] received the imaged media and the original hardware detained by ICE HSI Agent [REDACTED] in Chicago, IL on 11/03/2010.

From October to date SA [REDACTED] has been coordinating with GS [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] of the Computer Forensic Group of ICE HSI NYC to gain access to the needed hardware and forensic preparation to review the detained images of David House [REDACTED].

#4 On 12/02/2010 ICE HSI NYC CFA [REDACTED] began installing the necessary equipment to allow for SA [REDACTED] to review the HOUSE forensic images at 26 Federal Plaza.

On 12/06/2010 the keywords provided by AUSA [REDACTED] were provided to ICE HSI NYC CFA [REDACTED] as he continued to finalize the hardware at 26 Federal Plaza to be utilized in the forensic review.

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On 12/07/2010 CFA SA [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he was taking the imaged media for HOUSE to his CFA workspace as the hardware available to him at that site would run the keyword searches more efficiently than the hardware he was installing at 26 Federal Plaza.

On 12/17/2010 CFA SA [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the keyword searches for the HOUSE media were still running. Once the searches conclude the results will need to be exported so that a review of the results can be started.

On 12/22/2010 SA [REDACTED] contacted ICE CFA [REDACTED] who was covering for ICE CFA [REDACTED] while out on leave, to determine the current progress of the keyword searches being conducted on the David HOUSE imaged media. CFA [REDACTED] advised that it still needed work to prepare it and would then require him to go over it.

On 01/03/2011 ICE CFA's [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the keyword searches for both HOUSE and [REDACTED] imaged media returned a very large amount of results which required [REDACTED] forensic preparation to make the viewable which would require more time. L#1

On 01/10/2011 CFA [REDACTED] advised me that he believed the imaged media for HOUSE was encrypted or wiped. I advised CFA [REDACTED] that I had previously inquired of both him and ICE CFA [REDACTED] of Chicago if the imaged HOUSE media appeared to be an accessible image prior to my returning of the property to David HOUSE. CFA [REDACTED] had advised me when asked that when he imaged the media he did not observe, and his software did not indicate, that the image obtained contained encryption. CFA [REDACTED] had advised me when asked that he had not observed any encryption but that any individual file could be encrypted and he had not attempted to open files individually at that time. I had delivered the original digital media of HOUSE to the mail room at 26 federal Plaza on December 17, 2010 requesting it to be delivered via FedEx to the attention of David House at [REDACTED]. CFA [REDACTED] advised me that the way HOUSE'S laptop was configured it has separate partitions of software/memory space. The standard issue Windows operating system partition on HOUSE'S laptop appeared normal but hardly used. HOUSE'S computer has another separate partition running a Linux operating system which appears unusual and potentially encrypted or wiped.

On 01/25/2011 CFA SA [REDACTED] advised me that the forensic preparation of the HOUSE media was ongoing. He further advised that because HOUSE'S media was from an Apple Macintosh computer it required that ICE CFA's trained in Apple Mac's work on the preparation.

On 02/03/2011 CFA [REDACTED] created a second copy of the imaged media for

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HOUSE to be forwarded to Army CID SA [REDACTED]. ICE HSI NYC SA [REDACTED] has demanded the assistance of Army CID in reviewing the imaged media of HOUSE.

On 02/09/2011 CFA [REDACTED] advised that he was still preparing the digital images for review.

On 02/24/2011 CFA [REDACTED] advised that he was still working on HOUSES imaged media. He further advised that he was able to utilize new software which produced more results.

On 3/11/2011 SA [REDACTED] loaded the HOUSE CFA processed media onto a computer with appropriate forensic software accessible at 26 Federal Plaza.

A review of the HOUSE media is ongoing by ICE SA [REDACTED] and Army CID.

On 6/12/2011 ICE SA [REDACTED] and ICE SA [REDACTED] met with US Army CID SA [REDACTED] US Army CID SA [REDACTED] and US Army CID SA [REDACTED] at Washington Metro Resident Agency CCIU, USACIDC, 27130 Telegraph Rd., Quantico, VA 22134. SA [REDACTED] conducted a review of both the [REDACTED] and HOUSE materials. SA [REDACTED] conducted an investigative key word search of the [REDACTED] and HOUSE materials. SA [REDACTED] then reviewed the results from both [REDACTED] and HOUSE and isolated a couple of dozen items, approximately forty to fifty, for further review by the US Army Case Agents, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] advised that these items included [REDACTED] and HOUSE material. SA [REDACTED] advised that we would not be able to review these selected items at that time as the computer with these forensic images was unavailable due to mechanical difficulties requiring the shut down of all computers within the forensics lab resulting from insufficient air conditioning in the newly built forensic computer area at the facility. SA [REDACTED] advised that he did not observe anything in these selected items that he would consider to be contraband, or evidence of criminality, but before finalizing the review he wanted SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] to also review the selected materials for their concurrence before determining their review was completed. SA [REDACTED] returned the original ICE provided hard drive which contained a forensic copy of the [REDACTED] HOUSE materials forwarded by ICE HSI to US Army CID for review on 2/03/2011. L#1

On 8/02/2011 I spoke with US Army CID SA [REDACTED] to determine when US Army CID Agents had finalized their review of the [REDACTED] and HOUSE materials. SA [REDACTED] advised that he and US Army CID SA [REDACTED] had discussed with SA [REDACTED] the materials he had selected for their review from the [REDACTED] HOUSE materials after our meeting on 6/12/2011. They determined that the selected items were not evidence of a crime or contraband. The review of [REDACTED] and HOUSE materials by US Army CID was completed at that time. SA [REDACTED] L#1

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[REDACTED] was advised to gather all the materials related to the [REDACTED] #1  
HOUSE border search materials and send them to my attention as soon as possible. SA [REDACTED] advised that the forensic images copied and reviewed on their forensic computers had been erased after they had determined their review was completed. This had been done in accordance with my previous instructions provided throughout the investigation regarding border search detentions and that if a review did not determine grounds for a seizure the return and or destruction of the materials detained under border search authority was required. SA [REDACTED] still possessed relevant notes and materials and would forward that to me. I advised him that due to an ongoing HOUSE law suit I needed to retain all materials relevant to the border search detention of HOUSE materials and subsequent review until his law suit was concluded.

The investigation continues.

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