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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

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FOIPA Request No.: 1480663-000

Subject: Bitcoin

(On or After January 1st, 2008)

Dear [REDACTED]

The enclosed 137 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.



In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.



Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to—Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**



One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001



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- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
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- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "**Part 1**" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "**Part 2**" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "**Part 3**" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2012 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI); [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI);
Cc: [REDACTED] (ITED)(CON); [REDACTED] (ITED) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ITED)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (CON);
[REDACTED] (CON); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (BS)(FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI); [REDACTED] (DI) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (DI) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DI)(FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] for Boston FW:

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[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (CON); [REDACTED] (CON); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI);
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(FBI); [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI)
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Can we make contact with [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 12:12 PM

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To: [REDACTED] (ITED)(CON)
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[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (CON); [REDACTED] (CON); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (BS)(FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (DI) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (DI) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI); [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI)
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[REDACTED]

Thank you for your phone call today. I'm including some of the other interested parties in this email.

I've been trying to identify [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I have attached a ppt image [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Take a look and let me know what you think.

[REDACTED] a great CHS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a great CHS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (See below). PS I will send you the link [REDACTED]

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Thanks, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Boston Field Intelligence Group (FIG)
[REDACTED] Coordinator

[REDACTED] Cell

[REDACTED] Desk

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] (BS) (FBI)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 1:22 PM

Subject: [redacted]

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I'm trying to identify [redacted]

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[redacted] I spoke to [redacted] about this and he believes that [redacted]

[redacted] Is this something that we should do [redacted]

Background: [redacted]

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[redacted] CHS reporting [redacted]

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Substantive Case File Number: [redacted]

Source Reporting:

(U) CHS, [redacted] much of whose reporting has been corroborated, provided the following information:

(U) [redacted]

[redacted] CHS reporting [redacted]

(U) [redacted]

Thanks [redacted]

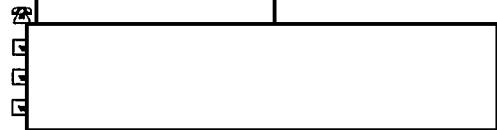
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Bitcoin



Executive Summary

(U//LES) Bitcoin, created in 2009, is considered to be digital currency. They are digital coins that people can send via the Internet; it's like the cyber world meets the monetary world. Bitcoins can be transferred via a smartphone or computer without using a financial institution; there is no bank associated with it or regulatory governing agency. Since no banks are involved, there are no taxes involved; however, users are expected to pay income, sales, payroll, and capital gain taxes on anything of value. Bitcoin is not official currency; it is an experimental new currency. Basic features of a Bitcoin-like network are:⁵

(U//LES)

- ❖ Bitcoins can be transferred between arbitrary nodes on the network.
- ❖ Transactions are irreversible; it can only be refunded by the person receiving the funds.
- ❖ Double spending is prevented by using a block chain – this is a transaction database shared by all nodes participating in a system based on the Bitcoin protocol.
- ❖ Transactions are broadcast within seconds and verified within 10 to 60 minutes.
- ❖ Transaction processing and money issuance are carried out collectively through mining.
- ❖ Transactions can be received at any time, even if a computer is on or off.
- ❖ They can be used in any country.



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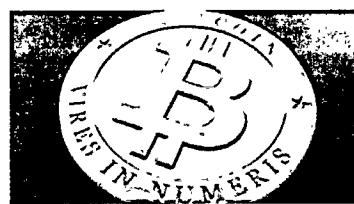
(U//LES) Bitcoins can be generated by anybody who has an application called Bitcoin miner. The way Bitcoins enter into the market is called "mining". Essentially, computers solve mathematical algorithms to earn the Bitcoins. These algorithms are very complex and take a lot of computing power to solve. The more computers trying to solve the equations, the harder the equations become to solve and the less you get for mining. As a result, it gets difficult to create new Bitcoins.

(U//LES) Bitcoin's creation and transfer is based on an open source cryptographic protocol and is not managed by any central organization. Since it is an open-source project, there may be vulnerabilities in the code that hackers can exploit.

How it Works

(U//LES) To use Bitcoin a new user needs to choose a wallet such as Bitcoin-QT app for Windows, MAC, and Linux or Bitcoin Wallet for Android phones or tablets that will install on a computer or smart phone.

(U//LES) A Bitcoin wallet allows users to do transactions including sending and receiving coins to other users. Users can even receive Bitcoins when they are offline and all wallets are compatible with each other. There are software wallets, mobile wallets and web wallets. Software wallets are installed on your computer, mobile wallets allows users to pay in a physical store (see Figure 1) by scanning a Quick Response (QR) code or using Near Field Communication (NFC) "tap to pay" system, and a web wallet which allows users to use Bitcoin anywhere with less effort to protect your wallet. Once your wallet is installed, the system will generate your first Bitcoin address; additional addresses can be created if needed. You can reveal any of your Bitcoin addresses to friends so they can pay you or if you want to pay your friends; however, you must have a user's Bitcoin address to process transactions.



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Figure 1

A sticker on the window of a local pub indicates the acceptance of Bitcoins for payment in Berlin on April 11, 2013

(Photo by Sean Gallup/Getty Images)



(U//LES)) Bitcoins are not considered to be a currency backed by a sovereign government. Bitcoins have no fixed value; its trading behavior is similar to stocks or commodities with no underlying value. The price of a Bitcoin is unpredictable and can increase or decrease at any time, therefore it is considered to be very high risk. Bitcoin trades at different values based primarily on speculation, supply and demand. Bitcoins can double in value one week and then take a massive dip the following week. For example, on April 1, 2013, Bitcoins were valued at about \$102, it rose to \$266 within 10 days and then it dropped suddenly to \$100. Several currency exchanges exist where you can trade Bitcoins for U.S. dollars, Euros, Yen, etc.



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(U//LES) Since Bitcoins can be cumbersome to exchange for hard currency, they came up with an ATM solution. The Bitcoin ATM acts as a method of exchange between Bitcoin and local currency. Bitcoin users can use the ATM for both deposits and withdrawals to and from their Bitcoin wallets. Users can access their Bitcoin wallets using a QR code or they can type their Bitcoin wallet address directly into the ATM. Users can then see their current balance and will be given the option to deposit or withdraw.⁶ The world's first Bitcoin ATM was unveiled in California on May 2, 2013.

Anonymity

(U//LES) Bitcoin is not anonymous, but it still works to protect customers' privacy. All Bitcoin transactions are stored publicly and permanently on the network so everyone can see balances and transactions of any Bitcoin address. The identity of the owner cannot be connected to their Bitcoin address unless the owner reveals personal information during a transaction. However, Bitcoin shows all transactions between all users Bitcoin addresses. Therefore, Bitcoin recommends that owners use different Bitcoin addresses every time they receive money and also hide their computer's IP address so it cannot be logged.



Bitcoin - Continued

Law Enforcement Impact

(U//LES)) Law enforcement is concerned about the use of Bitcoins to facilitate illegal activities online. The Silk Road is an online black market exchange for contraband goods, like illicit drugs, stolen credit cards, etc. and it operates using Bitcoin. Recently on October 1, 2013, the FBI was able to shut down the website because they captured alleged founder, [REDACTED] Previously authorities were unsuccessful because the site was hosted as a hidden service on the Tor network.

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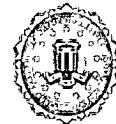


Silk Road
anonymous marketplace

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Bitcoin - Glossary



SIP/RTP: The Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) is a signaling communications protocol, widely used for controlling multimedia communication sessions such as voice and video calls over Internet Protocol (IP) networks. (RTP) Real-time Transport Protocol defines a standardized packet format for delivering audio and video over IP networks

PGP Universal: Pretty Good Privacy

POP: Post Office Protocol

IMAP: Internet Message Access Protocol

PIV: Personal Identity Verification

CAC: Common Access Card

TWIC: Transportation Worker Identification Credential

PIV-I: Personal Identity Verification Interoperability



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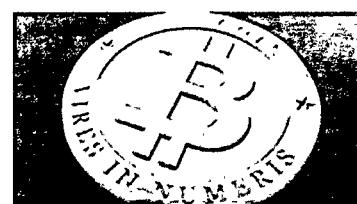
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(U//LES) A Bitcoin wallet allows users to do transactions including sending and receiving coins to other users. Users can even receive Bitcoins when they are offline and all wallets are compatible with each other. There are software wallets, mobile wallets and web wallets. Software wallets are installed on your computer, mobile wallets allows users to pay in a physical store (see Figure 1) by scanning a Quick Response (QR) code or using Near Field Communication (NFC) "tap to pay" system, and a web wallet which allows users to use Bitcoin anywhere with less effort to protect your wallet. Once your wallet is installed, the system will generate your first Bitcoin address; additional addresses can be created if needed. You can reveal any of your Bitcoin addresses to friends so they can pay you or if you want to pay your friends; however, you must have a user's Bitcoin address to process transactions.



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(U//LES) Since Bitcoins can be cumbersome to exchange for hard currency, they came up with an ATM solution. The Bitcoin ATM acts as a method of exchange between Bitcoin and local currency. Bitcoin users can use the ATM for both deposits and withdrawals to and from their Bitcoin wallets. Users can access their Bitcoin wallets using a QR code or they can type their Bitcoin wallet address directly into the ATM. Users can then see their current balance and will be given the option to deposit or withdraw.⁶ The world's first Bitcoin ATM was unveiled in California on May 2, 2013.

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Silk Road *anonymous marketplace*



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(U//LES) That's why the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs is hearing from various sides. According to prepared statements from the Justice Department, an official at the DOJ said it needs more help catching criminals who use the secretive currency. Meanwhile, Bitcoin users want the government to back off and let the system blossom.

(U//LES) Law enforcement doesn't like the anonymity: There are legitimate uses for Bitcoins, but it's also being used to anonymously buy drugs, hire assassins, trade child porn and dodge taxes. The nation's acting assistant attorney general, Mythili Raman, described the more notorious ways bitcoins are being used. She mentioned the recent FBI shutdown of Silk Road, an online black market.



Bitcoin Update - Continued

(U//LES) Illicit drugs and services -- like hacking -- were sold there using the (mostly) untraceable currency. The agency arrested its alleged founder and seized 170,000 BTC, valued at \$101 million.

(U//LES) The way Bitcoins are transacted -- using coded wallets and special keys that don't need real names -- enables substantial privacy. That makes it more difficult to follow the money and catch criminals. It would be easier to fight crime with appropriate anti-money laundering and know-your-customer controls.

(U//LES) Along those lines, there are concerns that those making money from sex trafficking and pornography involving children have started to adopt Bitcoin.

(U//LES) The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children noted how anonymity offered by Bitcoin has made it the currency of choice for predators.

(U//LES) The technologically complex Bitcoin system makes it hard for everyday agents to stay on targets' tails. They need more tech-savvy investigators .

(U//LES) Treasury already issued guidance in March saying that groups exchanging Bitcoins must register with the government and keep records. Everyday Bitcoin users remain unregulated.

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(U//~~LES~~) [REDACTED] the department's financial crimes unit and warned about leaving the Bitcoin community untouched.

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(U//~~LES~~) "One of our biggest challenges is striking the right balance between the costs and benefits of regulation," she said.

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(U//~~LES~~) "The American people have been reminded this year of reasons to be concerned for their privacy," says the group's attorney [REDACTED]

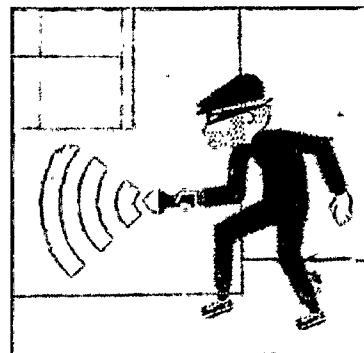
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(U//LES) But regulators can't get their heads around it. They might want to treat it as a foreign currency, a commodity or a payments network -- but it's not any of those. However, stopping it would be a dumb move.

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(b)(7)(D) What's more, the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is holding a hearing on the topic. An executive branch official who spoke on condition of anonymity told reporters from the Justice Department, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission will testify. (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(E)(G) Not everyone government doesn't like the currency. The Justice Department is investigating the use of bitcoins by drug dealers, money launderers, assassins, and child pornographers. (b)(7)(E)(G)
A House committee is also looking into the use of bitcoins by terrorists. (b)(7)(E)(G)
Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., told reporters last week that she was being used. She mentioned the recent

letter from Hillary Rodham Clinton



Bitcoin Update - Continued

11. Credit cards If you're not careful, you can end up with a bunch of pre-authorized credit cards that you don't need. That's why it's important to keep your wallet organized and to regularly review your statements.

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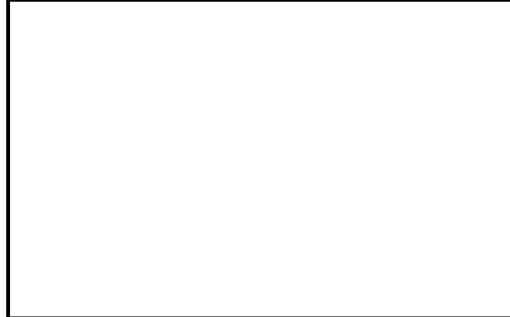


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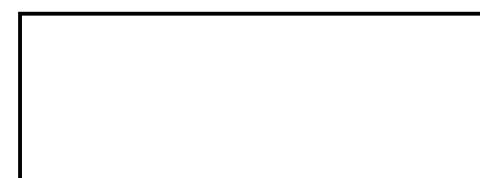
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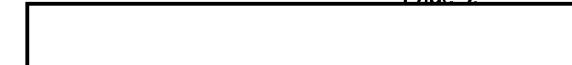


Tor Overview

- **Tor (aka “The Onion Router”) is a system for anonymous communication over the Internet developed by The Tor Project (torproject.org)**
- **Primarily funded by the US government and often used by citizens of China, Iran, Syria, etc., to protect free speech and circumvent censorship**
- **Also used by criminals to trade copyrighted materials, child pornography, sell illegal drugs, etc.**



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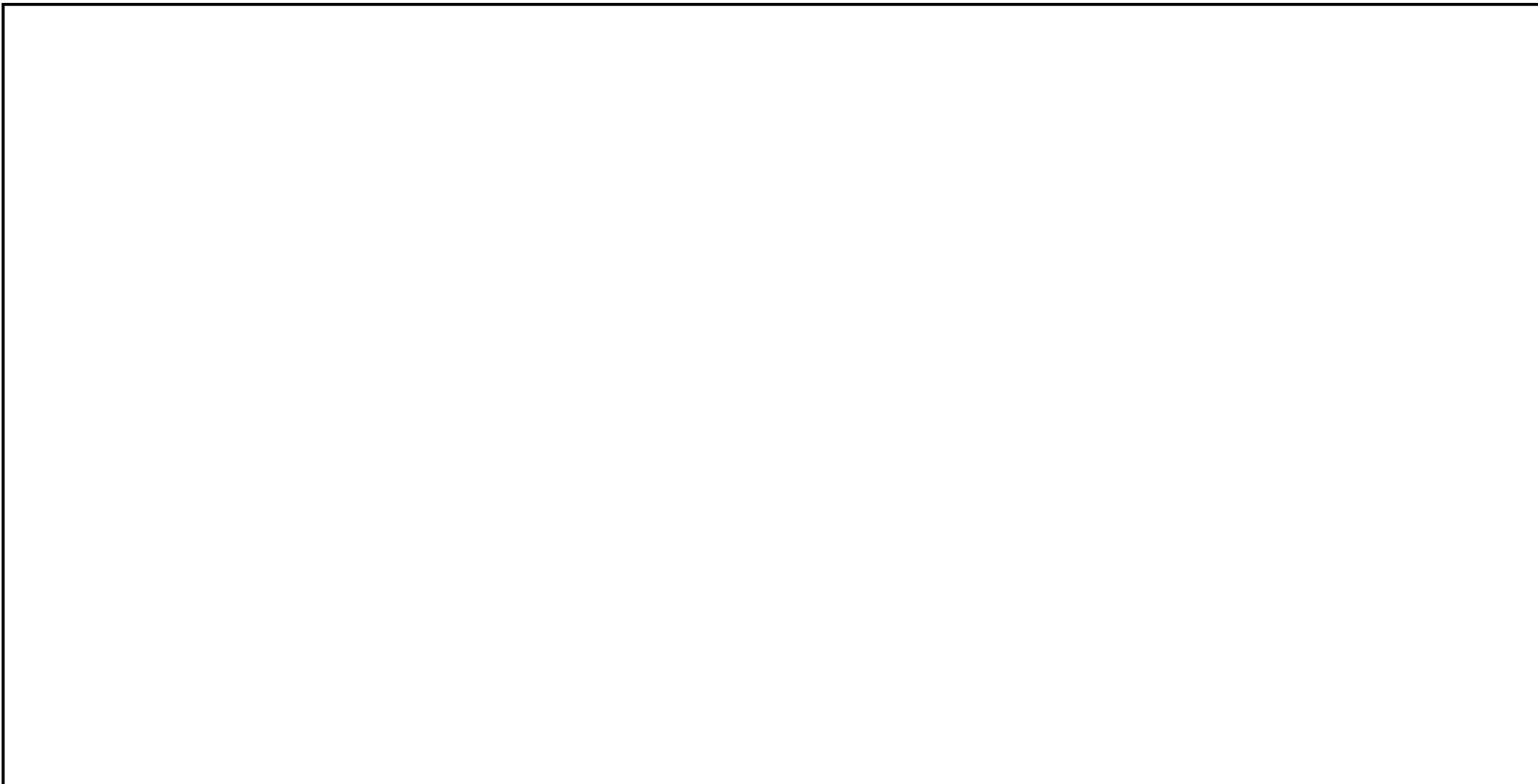


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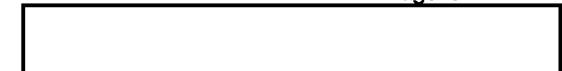


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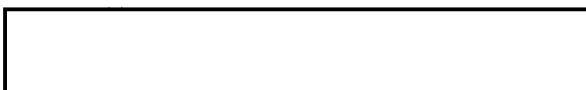


Hidden Services Overview

Tor Hidden Services

- Enable Tor users to provide a service (e.g., a web server) accessible without revealing its IP address
- Use a special [REDACTED] address (e.g., [REDACTED]) accessible with a Tor client instead of a domain name (e.g., [REDACTED] or IP address)
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Examples of Criminal Activity Using Tor Hidden Services

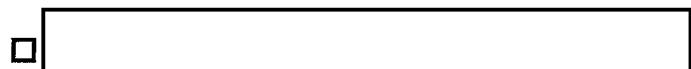


- Provides hosting for multiple high-priority sites trafficking in child pornography



□ Silk Road

- “The Amazon.com for illegal drugs” -- NPR



- Deals in a variety of illicit goods (stolen credit card numbers, government databases, firearms, etc.)

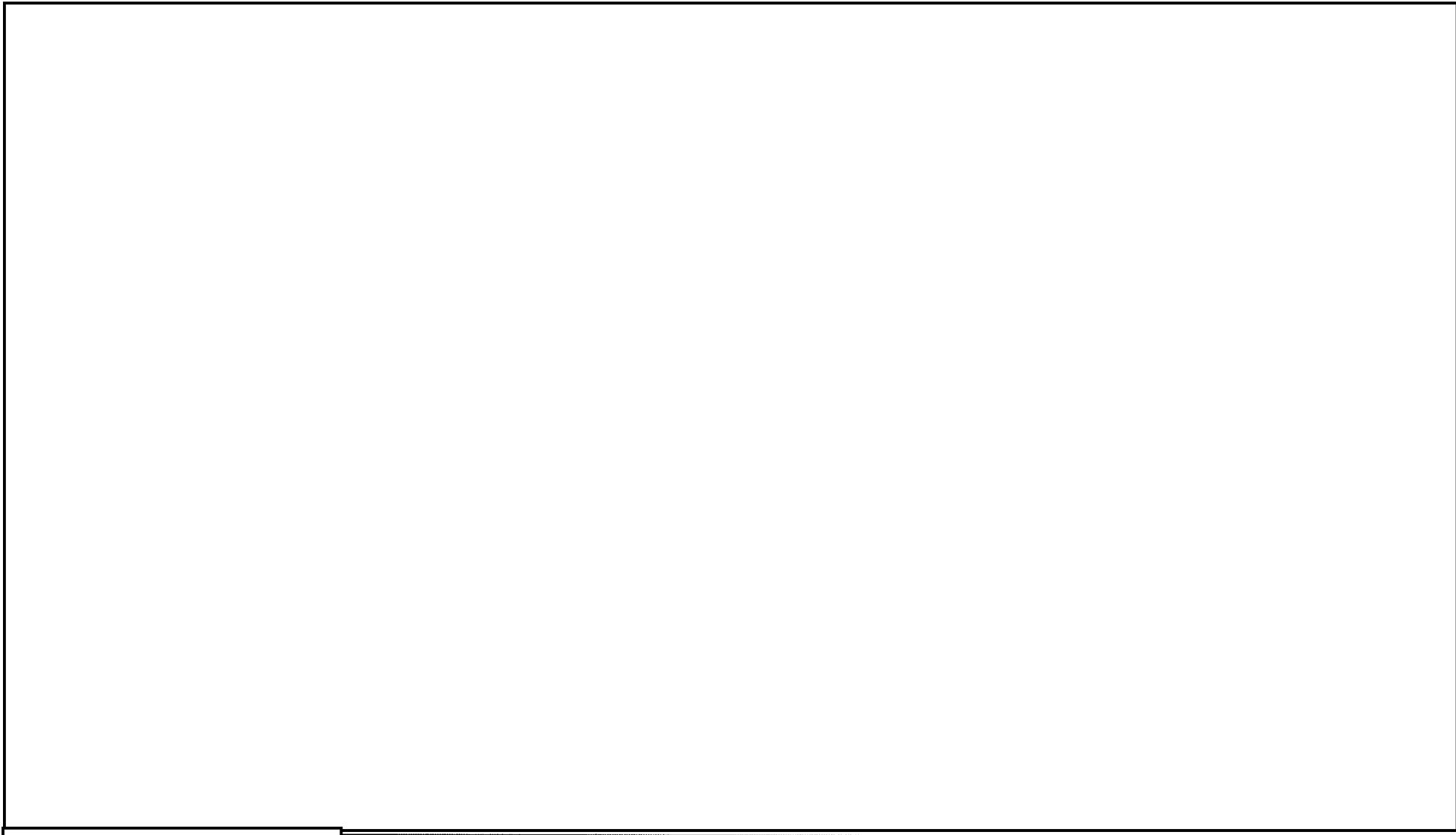


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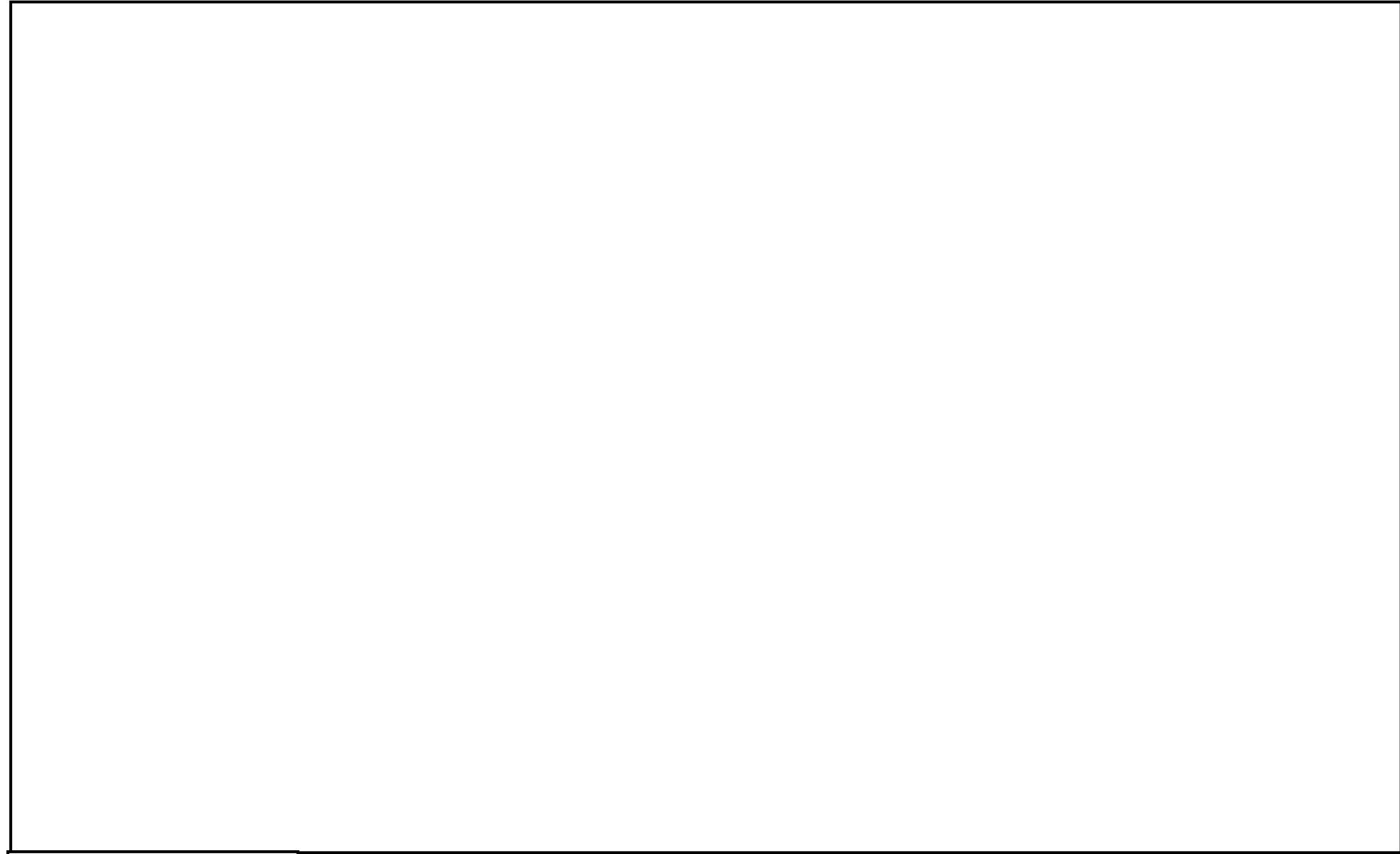
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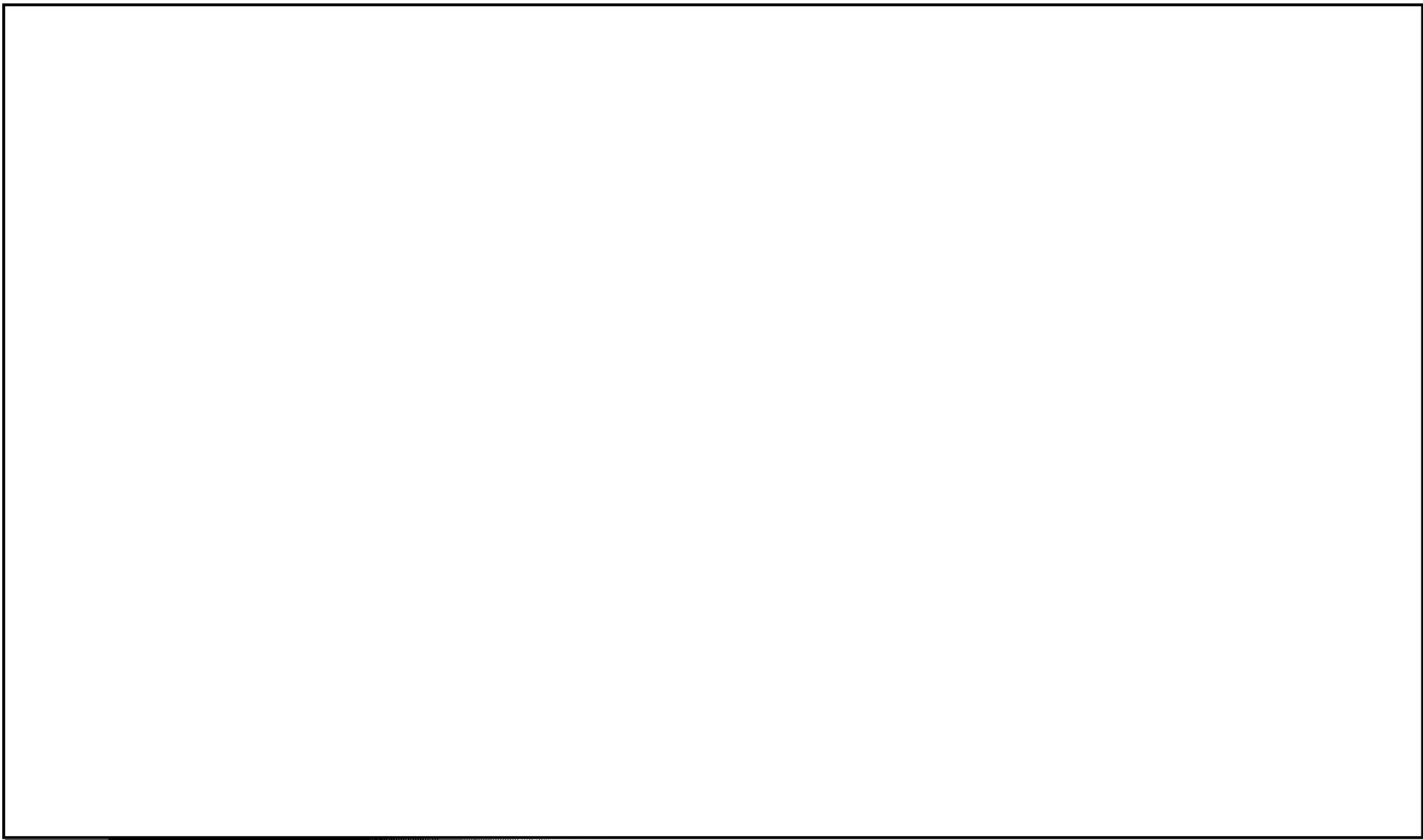
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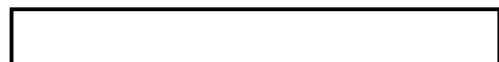


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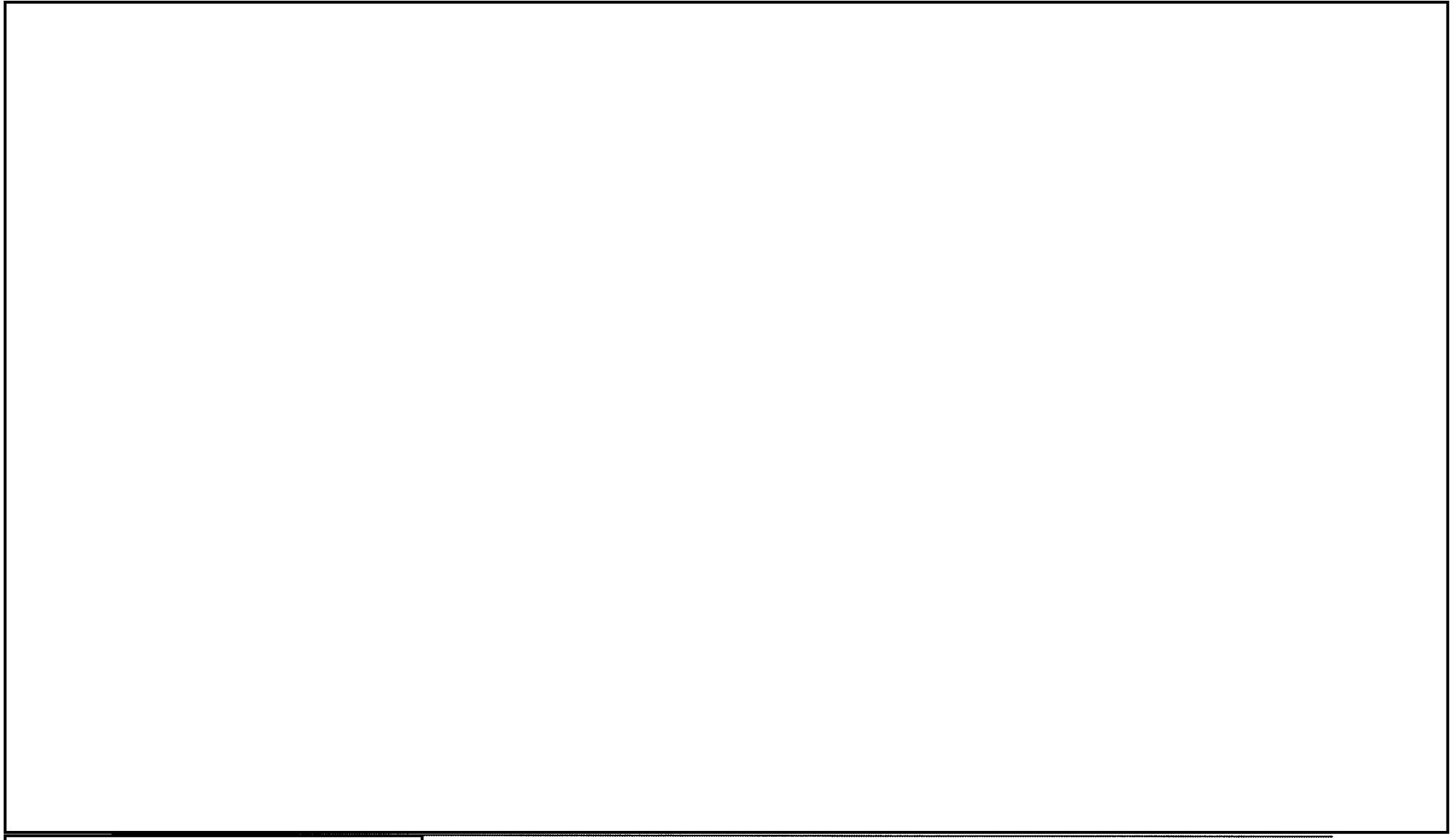
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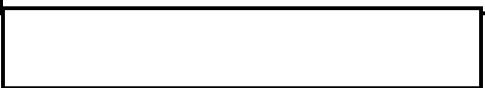
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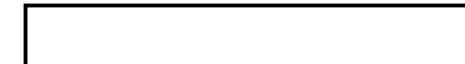


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Message from AD Patrick W. Kelley, Office of Integrity and Compliance

Due to a number of inquiries seeking guidance for the reporting of digital currencies such as "Bitcoin," the Office of Integrity and Compliance (OIC) is providing this interim guidance regarding the application of the Standards of Conduct (SOC) to situations involving digital currencies.

Digital currencies, such as Bitcoin, are not backed by any government or any other legal entity, are not considered legal tender like the U.S. dollar, and are not controlled or regulated by a central bank. Generally, such currencies share the following characteristics: (1) open source—the controlling computer code is open to public view; (2) peer-to-peer—transactions do not require a third-party intermediary, such as a credit card; and (3) they are digital with no physical manifestation. User transactions are encrypted with a unique identity and each transaction is recorded on a decentralized public ledger of sorts that is visible to all users on the network but the ledger does not reveal any personal information about the involved parties. Transaction costs are lower and transaction times are quicker than those associated with traditional financing methods. Digital currencies are stored in a user's "wallet" in the user's computer or in an online "wallet service." These features make digital currencies attractive for use in both legal and illegal transactions. The market for such currencies is volatile but continues to grow. The acquisition, use, and sale of such currencies by Federal employees poses a number of issues under the SOC. Unfortunately, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has not issued guidance in this regard although we expect it to do so as the use of digital currencies increases. In the interim, OIC offers the following guidance for FBI personnel. (We refer to Bitcoins below but the guidance pertains to any similar digital currencies.)

Conflict-of-Interests

Federal law prohibits employees from participating in any official matter which may reasonably and predictably affect their financial interests (or the interests of anyone whose interests are imputed to an employee by law, such as a spouse). For example, you may not participate in a criminal investigation involving a company in which you own stock or in a procurement if you own stock in one of the companies competing for the contract. The law does, however, permit you to participate if your interest consists solely of stock that is publicly traded and your total investment in that security is valued at \$15,000 or less. Bitcoins are currency; they are not a form of securities although at least one court has agreed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that investments purchased with Bitcoins can be a security. Because Bitcoins are not securities, the \$15,000 de minimis rule does not apply. Similarly, because Bitcoins are not legal tender and because the market for them is volatile and their price relative to other currencies is determined by supply and demand, they can't be treated like ordinary cash for conflict-of-interests purposes. Thus, if you own any Bitcoins, and if your official duties require you to engage in any activities that could reasonably and predictably affect the market for, or investment value, of Bitcoins (such as investigations into significant fraudulent activities involving Bitcoin investments, payments, etc. or which could result in the seizure of significant amounts of Bitcoins), then you must "recuse" yourself from participating in such matters and notify your supervisor accordingly. If your supervisor determines that such action will result in your disqualification from the core or essential duties of your position or would otherwise unduly impact the FBI, then you and your supervisor must contact OIC for further guidance. In some cases, divestiture may be required. Personnel in such positions should refrain from investing in Bitcoins if they do not already own them. Further, to avoid "insider trading" problems and related statutory and SOC violations, no FBI employee may take any personal financial action based on any non-public information involving Bitcoins, such as information regarding the initiation or conduct of assessments or investigations.

Financial Disclosure

Employees who are required to file financial disclosure reports (OGE-450 or 278 forms) must, with some exceptions, report all assets held by them (or by their spouse and dependent children) for investment or the production of income which has a fair market value exceeding \$1,000 at the close of the applicable reporting period, or which generated more than \$200 in income. The pertinent regulations don't require disclosure of money deposits in a single financial institution

unless they aggregate to more than \$5,000. As stated above, a Bitcoin is a form of currency but, on the other hand, a Bitcoin is not legal tender, is not regulated by any government, its supply is not controlled by a central bank, and it is not held in a financial institution so they shouldn't be treated like traditional currencies for disclosure purposes. This means that, if you have acquired Bitcoins or other digital currencies for investment or income-producing purposes and if the value of these currencies in your "wallet" exceeds \$1,000 in U.S. dollars at the end of the reporting period, or they generated more than \$200 in income during the reporting period, then you must report them. If you used Bitcoins to purchase investment assets, then you must report those assets if they meet the investment/income reporting thresholds of \$1,000 and \$200, respectively. Further, the purchase or sale of Bitcoins as investment assets must be reported on your annual ("incumbent") report if the value of the transaction was over \$1,000. Such transactions, however, need not be reported monthly under the STOCK Act since they do not involve the sale, purchase or exchange of securities. If, however, Bitcoins are used to buy securities and the value of the transaction exceeds \$1,000, then that transaction must be reported.

Outside Employment

Bitcoins can be obtained in three ways. A user can: (1) exchange conventional money for them; (2) exchange them for goods or services; or (3) engage in a process called "mining," which involves using powerful computers to solve complex math problems to "discover" more Bitcoins. As with any other form of endeavor, if your involvement in such activity involves the rendering of personal services in return for financial compensation, then you must first obtain permission under the FBI's outside-employment rules before engaging in it. Activities that solely constitute passive investment do not constitute employment and no permission is required to engage in them. If, however, you run what amounts to a business to either exchange Bitcoins for money, goods or services, or to "mine" for Bitcoins, then you may be engaging in employment and need approval to do so. Please consult OIC if you have any questions in this regard.

Taxes

Federal employees are required under the SOC to pay their taxes. The IRS has cautioned that: "you can receive income in the form of money, property, or services" from the virtual world and, "if you receive more income...than you spend, you may be required to report the gain as taxable income." Consult your tax advisor if this is an issue for you.

Applying the SOC to the virtual world isn't always easy but following these guidelines will ensure that you don't inadvertently violate Federal law or regulation. Please contact your CDC or OIC, if you have related questions.

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From: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 10:27 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] -SECRET//NOFORN-

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Just added him. thanks

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 10:18 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] -SECRET//NOFORN-

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Hi [REDACTED]

Did you get a chance to add SA [REDACTED] meeting for next week? Please see below comms with him...

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 11:25 AM
To: [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] -SECRET//NOFORN-

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[REDACTED]

Both are CC'ed on this email chain.

[REDACTED]

Can you please add [REDACTED] Thanks!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 9:27 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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[REDACTED]

Thanks for reaching out so quickly.

Actually looking for [REDACTED]

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Thanks,
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From: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:07 PM
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] ---~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Hi [redacted]

I was told you need some info regarding [redacted] Are you interested in [redacted]
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From: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 2:45 PM
To: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] ---~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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[redacted]
Here is an inquiry from [redacted]
Please follow up with him.
Thanks

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 12:12 PM
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted] ---~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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[redacted]

I think you are the man to help us! WFO is seeking assistance regarding [redacted] I think you may be the person ;) Can you assist with the below?

WFO is seeking [redacted]

Thank you! See email below from WFO SSA [redacted]

From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 12:03 PM
To: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: [redacted] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[redacted]

Thanks for taking the time to speak to me this morning on the phone, and being willing to put me in touch with the right person [redacted]

[redacted]

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

V/R

[redacted]

WFO - [redacted]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Wednesday April 16 2014 3:53 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
Subject: [REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
[REDACTED] meeting notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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Just want to get my notes down before I forget. Thought you might be interested.

[REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] on Tuesday. [REDACTED] hosted the meeting.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we didn't

get into much detail.

We ask for a few items:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] agreed to provide these.

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

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From:
Sent:
To:

[REDACTED] CyD(FBI)
Thursday January 24, 2013 11:04 AM

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] OGC(FBI);
[REDACTED] (NH) (FBI); [REDACTED] CyD (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CG)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] OTD (FBI); [REDACTED] (NH) (FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (BF) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (IP)(FBI); [REDACTED] (NY)
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CTD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)
[REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (IP) (FBI)

Subject:

Add [REDACTED]

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I copied the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as per acknowledgment from SA [REDACTED]

This is the link to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is named: [REDACTED]

Please advise if further assistance is needed.

Thank-you,

[REDACTED]
Management & Program Analyst (MPA)
CyD - Operations Section II

Office: [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday December 04, 2013 6:19 PM
To: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER) (FBI)
Subject: FW [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED]
Please get with [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] He needs to know [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had called him earlier today.

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 4:31 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: FW [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED

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From: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 1:21 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Subject: [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

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From: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 4:39 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI)
Subject: FW: Introduction

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FYI, [REDACTED] I'm planning to show up for their meeting on the 20th. I'm not sure if anything in particular is expected to come of it, but, as mentioned below, they do have some interest in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 2:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (BS)(FBI)
Subject: RE: Introduction

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[REDACTED] - Thanks so much for the introduction. Like I mentioned on the phone, my understanding of Bitcoin [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (to a point), but when we start talking [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I become pretty useless.

[REDACTED] if you could attend our meeting on the 20th (or at the very least call in) I think the group would find it immensely useful. We are still hammering out the details of the time, but it will likely be in the morning. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] straight away.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 1:53 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (DI) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (BS)(FBI)
Subject: Introduction

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Hey Guys,

I want to introduce you both to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[redacted] is available, I think it would be beneficial to have him attend or call into the meeting on the 20th.

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[redacted] - I have CC'd [redacted]

Hope you guys have a great weekend!

[redacted]

[redacted]
Intelligence Analyst
FBI HQ, Criminal Division
Violent Crimes/Crimes Against Children Intelligence Unit
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Blackberry: [redacted]

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

From: [REDACTED] CyD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 11:05 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (LA)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (HQ) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI)
Subject: FW: OTD [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//LES//FOUO

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All,

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Based on the email below, I would like to clarify my management's position on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If there are any competing thoughts, we would like to meet to discuss.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED]
CID/Violent Crimes Against Children Section/Major Case Coordination Unit
FBIHQ, Mail Stop [REDACTED]
Desk [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 9:13 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: OTD [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//LES//FOUO

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 6:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ER) (CON); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (ER) (CON); [REDACTED] (ER) (FBI)
Subject: OTD [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//LES/FOUO

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All,

I wanted to document our efforts [REDACTED]

(S) Please review what I have written below, and let me know if you have any questions or issues.

(S) [REDACTED] I deliberately avoided
getting into anything specific in my email. Please keep this in mind when sending your responses.

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(S) o [REDACTED]

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Feel free to contact me any time on my cell if there are any issues.

Regards,

SSA [redacted]

[redacted]
Operational Technology Division

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[redacted] C

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

From: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 1:04 PM
To: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: Pertinent notes from Tor call prior to 1pm --- UNCLASSIFIED

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- (S) - [REDACTED]
- No update yet on [REDACTED] is coming in late today and I'll find out more then.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] is on travel; [REDACTED] are now handling some of the coordination work he was doing.
- [REDACTED] are planning to set up a meeting [REDACTED] by the end of the month.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
Desk: [REDACTED]
Do you have a question about [REDACTED] Email us: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday November 26, 2012 5:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] TOR Summary for AD Hess --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Here you go!

From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 4:17 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED] TOR Summary for AD Hess --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED]

Please see the attached [REDACTED] summary of Tor [REDACTED] Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED] TOR
Summary.docx

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(U) TOR Background

(U) Tor (aka "The Onion Router") is a system for anonymous communication over the Internet developed by The Tor Project (torproject.org). TOR is primarily funded by the US government and often used by citizens of China, Iran, Syria, etc., to protect free speech and circumvent censorship. Tor is also used by criminals to trade copyrighted materials, child pornography, and sell illegal drugs. Tor hidden service enables Tor users to provide a service (e.g., a web server) accessible without revealing its IP address. This is accomplished by implementing a [redacted]
accessible with a Tor client instead of a domain name (e.g., [redacted] or IP address. [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] Some predominate examples of these hidden services that are being used for criminal activity include:

1. [redacted]
[redacted]
2. Silk Road, [redacted] which has been dubbed "The Amazon.com for illegal drugs" by NPR.
3. [redacted]
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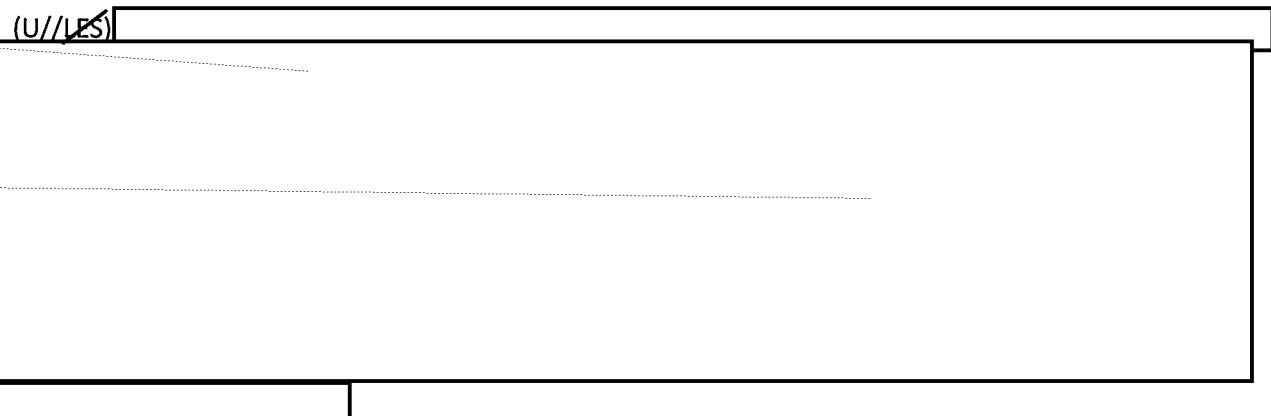
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[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)

From: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:36 AM
To: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 3:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Subject: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI)
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 1:02 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED]
(S) Subject: RE [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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I asked [REDACTED] to keep me looped in when he [REDACTED] so I will be able to inform both of you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Desk: [REDACTED]

Do you have a question about [REDACTED] Email us: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 1:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
(S) Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED]

What is the best way [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 12:40 PM
To: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 6:19 PM
To: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI)
(S) Subject: FW [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED]
Please get with [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] He needs to know [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had called him earlier today.

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 4:31 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
(S) Subject: FW [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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From: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 1:21 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
(S) Subject: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 2:41 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (FR)(OGA);
[REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//LES

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[REDACTED] and I want to thank everyone for meeting with us [REDACTED] It was very educational and productive

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 6:41 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
(LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (FR)(OGA); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//LES

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All,

This email summarizes [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 10:18 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (ER)
Cc: [REDACTED] (CON) [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:53 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON)
Cc: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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All,

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 6:53 AM

To: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (NH) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(CON); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NH) (FBI); [REDACTED] (BF) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (IP)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (CON); [REDACTED] (CTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (NY)

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(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD)(FBI)
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All,

I have uploaded the latest [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] based on the initial review of [REDACTED] by the IAs.

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 8:55 AM
Subject: RE: Meeting [REDACTED] ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~
Attachments: silk road [REDACTED].pdf

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Details are sketchy, but I'll relay what I know.

(S)

Let me know if you have further questions.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 9:41 AM

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To: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]
 (OGC)(FBI)
 Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
 Subject: RE: Meeting [REDACTED] --~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Thank you

[REDACTED]
 Assistant Section Chief - Science and Technology Law Office
 Investigative Law Branch
 Office of the General Counsel
 [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
 Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:28 PM
 To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI); [REDACTED]
 (OGC)(FBI)
 Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
 Subject: RE: Meeting [REDACTED] --~~SECRET//ORCON~~

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Ladies and gentlemen,

(S) I took a stab at generating a document [REDACTED] Please find the draft attached. [REDACTED]

Please feel free to edit it as necessary or paste it into an EC if appropriate.

I apologize for missing today's meeting. I thought 2 hours would be enough time to make the 45 minute commute.
 Today I was wrong.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Thursday March 14 2013 4:24 PM
To: [REDACTED] (ER)(OGA); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)
(FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (DI) (OGA); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Silk Road [REDACTED] -- SECRET//NOFORN

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I just talked to [REDACTED] They would like to discuss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] before making any decisions.
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (ER)(OGA)
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 3:46 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DI)(OGA)
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
(ER)(CON); [REDACTED] (DI) (OGA); [REDACTED] (DI) (OGA)
Subject: RE: Silk Road [REDACTED] -- SECRET//NOFORN

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Would you approve [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I will be on leave starting tomorrow and will return on 25 March. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

(U) If [REDACTED] concur, would you send this to [REDACTED]?

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(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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From: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 5:18 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
Cc: [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED]
(ER)(OGA)
Subject: Silk Road [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

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FYSA:

forwarded to me today the attached [redacted] regarding Silk Road.

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday April 09 2013 5:15 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED//LES

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Already cancelled

From: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 4:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED//LES

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The meeting needs to be called off until further notice.

[REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel
Science and Technology Law Unit
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Phone) [REDACTED]
(Secure) [REDACTED]
(Fax) [REDACTED]

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From: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 4:13 PM
To: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images - [redacted] - UNCLASSIFIED//LES

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[redacted]

Dave and I have to attend a meeting [redacted] tomorrow. Let's plan to discuss Thursday morning. [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 5:13 PM
To: [redacted] (OGC)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images - [redacted] - UNCLASSIFIED//LES

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[redacted]

Your thoughts?

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From: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 5:11 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images-[REDACTED] - UNCLASSIFIED//~~LES~~

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[REDACTED] I won't be able to attend. I am being dragged into other matters per the EAD and AD.

[REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel
Science and Technology Law Unit
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Phone) [REDACTED]
(Secure) [REDACTED]
(Fax) [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 4:01 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)
Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images-[REDACTED] - UNCLASSIFIED//~~LES~~

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From: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)

Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 3:40 PM

To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

Subject: RE: Support For Innocent Images [REDACTED] - UNCLASSIFIED//~~LES~~

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What is this meeting for? What is its purpose?

[REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel
Science and Technology Law Unit
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Phone) [REDACTED]
(Secure) [REDACTED]
(Fax) [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 3:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)
Subject: FW: Support For Innocent Images [REDACTED] - UNCLASSIFIED//~~LES~~

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You available Thursday 10:30? [redacted] will be there ☺

From: [redacted] (LA) (FBI)

Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 2:45 PM

To: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (OTD)(FBI)

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Thursday is fine; morning is better.

From: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)

Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 2:19 PM

To: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (LA) (FBI)

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Are we good to go on Thursday?..please see below..thanks!

From: [redacted] (CID) (FBI)

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 5:48 PM

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To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
C. (OGC) (FBI)
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(S) Thanks for the summary. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A meeting on April 11th should work for us. We can update [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 5:13 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
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[REDACTED]

This is to summarize what we talked about this afternoon:

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A tentative meeting is been proposed for April 11, 2013 to discuss these and other issues associated with [redacted]
[redacted]

Please let me know if I missed anything.
[redacted]

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 1:18 PM
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Don't forget about my weekly bro..

From: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 3:42 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Technical Progress & Status Report (May 27th – June 3rd)

N.B.: May 27th was a holiday and I was out on leave on May 28th.

[REDACTED]
• [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
• [REDACTED]
• [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED]
Other: [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
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Where's my weekly sir?

From: [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] Notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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Here's [REDACTED] notes from the [REDACTED] meeting.

From: [REDACTED] (CYD)(CON)
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:02 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CyD) (CON); [REDACTED] (ER)(CON)
Subject: [REDACTED] Notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 12:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2012 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 1:35 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Cc: [REDACTED] (FR) (CON)
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I would check with [REDACTED]. He's done some work with [REDACTED]. I've cc'd him on this email.
Otherwise the next option is [REDACTED] and then go from there.

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To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
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I finally talked to SSA [REDACTED] and he said [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 7:53 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 6:09 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

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Gents,
Please come get me when you have a moment.tomorrow..or should I say today..:)

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 4:57 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
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[REDACTED]
Pls ask [REDACTED] if we can do below. Thx

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 4:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD)(FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ASC [REDACTED]
Operational Technology Division
Desk: [REDACTED]
BB: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 4:26 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (CyD)(FBI)
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Done with the appropriate legal
authority, obviously.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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SSA [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)

Sent: Wednesday May 15, 2013 8:55 AM

To: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (NH) (FBI); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(CON); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (NY) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA)
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (NH) (FBI); [REDACTED] (BF) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY)
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (IP)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (CID)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (CON); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (CTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CID)
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CyD)(FBI)

Subject: [REDACTED] May 15, 2013 --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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Good Morning, [REDACTED] may not be able to join us on the call today. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please feel free to bring up anything we missed during the final wrap up segment:

- 1) [REDACTED]
- 2) [REDACTED]
- 3) [REDACTED] (S)
- 4) [REDACTED]
- 5) Final Wrap-Up

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 2:59 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
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[REDACTED]

(S) Update [REDACTED] based on our conversation. I will also talk to [REDACTED] (if I find him)



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From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 10:54 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
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Summary TSG....

From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 8:40 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see attached and let me know if you have any questions.

[REDACTED] Please take a look at [REDACTED] identified in the spreadsheet. Next month you will be providing the summary report [REDACTED] I will discuss in more detail later.

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 2:35 PM

To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

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Just a reminder that your monthly report is due tomorrow.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)

Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 8:41 AM

To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)

Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

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[REDACTED] Attached is the [REDACTED] report. You should update the status of [REDACTED] and return to me no later than Wednesday, April 10th. Please pay close attention to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] you should provide your updates directly to [REDACTED] by COB Friday, April 5th for inclusion in the report. [REDACTED] you can provide your updates directly to me.

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All,

The attachment to this email is the "working copy" [REDACTED]

We will discuss the use of this data at today's SC meeting. Your SC will need to work with you [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] DO)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 6:02 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] File --- SECRET//NOFORN

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As promised, I'm forwarding information as I receive it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I think they will be able to provide us with some good insight.

[REDACTED] If not, let's chat in the morning.

Please remember that this is a *working copy*, [REDACTED]

Let me know what questions or concerns you have.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 2:57 PM

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To: [REDACTED] (DO)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (DO)(FBI)
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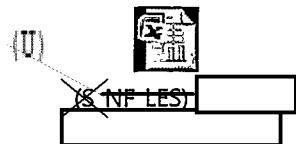
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Sorry for the delay. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If not, I am more than happy to share with you some of their thoughts. I have some ideas regarding [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but I haven't had time to sit down and do it.



Please let me know how if you want to chat.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (DO)(FBI)
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 8:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DO)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (DO)(FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED] File --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Best,

Unit Chief

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Sent: Thursday March 21 2013 2:53 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (ER)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
Subject: March Monthly Unit Goals and Objectives Update --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~
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All,

Attached is the March Monthly Unit Goals and Objectives Update. This report tracks the Unit's primary goals and objectives for FY13. I will brief [redacted] Monday morning on the status of our objectives. If this is the first time you are seeing this report [redacted]



March 2013
Report Summary.xlsx

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From: [REDACTED] OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:31 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: FW: Employee E-Brief: Police Week 2014: Honoring the Fallen --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

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From: FBI_COMMUNICATIONS
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 2:37 PM
To: FBI_ALL_BUREAU_EMPLOYEES
Subject: Employee E-Brief: Police Week 2014: Honoring the Fallen --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Employee E-BRIEF

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EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

A WEEKLY UPDATE FOR ALL BUREAU EMPLOYEES

May 12, 2014

NEWS

- [Police Week 2014: Honoring the Fallen, 5/12/2014](#)
- [OTD's Unique Expertise Highlighted at Cyber Conference, 5/12/2014](#)
- [EAD Hess: Good Mentors "Focus on Moving Forward," 5/7/2014](#)
- [FBI in the News, Week of 5/5/14](#)
- [More News and Information: Photo of the Day; Featured Videos](#)

EVENTS

- The FBI will honor [Police Week 2014](#) with a series of events, including the Special Agent Memorial Service on 5/14/2014, at 10:00 a.m. (please be seated by 9:50 a.m.) in the FBIHQ Bonaparte Auditorium or [via webcast](#). Director Comey will be the keynote speaker. For information on other police week events, visit the Police Week website at <http://www.policeweek.org> (UNET)
- On 5/14/2014, at noon EDT in FBIHQ Room 3853, FBI Pride will host special guests from two of our Intelligence Community partners to talk about their work with the IC Transgender Working Group and their experiences as transgender IC employees. To attend via SVTC, please email [REDACTED]

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PUBLICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- Learn more about the [FBI's Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal \(LEEP\)](#), a gateway providing law enforcement agencies, intelligence groups, and criminal justice entities access to virtual

command centers and information-sharing services [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These resources strengthen case development for investigators, enhance collaboration between agencies, and are accessible from one centralized, Internet-based location

- The May 2014 *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* is available at [REDACTED]. If you need assistance/have questions, please contact the staff at [REDACTED]. The *Bulletin* is seeking submissions for some of its departments. Visit the site for details on how to submit. May articles include: "Educating Police Executives in a New Community Problem-Solving Era," "Improving Officer Safety and Citizen Support: Solving the Puzzle," and "Much More Than a Job: Creating a Lasting Tribute"
- Do you know how to prepare for hurricanes? Be informed: Security Division's Critical Mission Assurance Unit/Occupant Emergency Program offers a hurricane information sheet with helpful tips about how you can prepare for these destructive storms
- The FBI Library (select the library tab) serves as a primary source of research, information, and continuing education materials for FBI employees, contractors, and National Academy students. The collection covers a wide variety of topics with emphasis on law enforcement, intelligence analysis, terrorism, cyber security, information technology, and leadership. The collection includes more than 130,000 books (including more than 80,000 ebooks), more than 20,000 journals, and more than 2,000 videos

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- [REDACTED]: The enhanced website provides user-friendly links to detailed explanations of each of the [REDACTED] functions, including process flows, roles and responsibilities, and troubleshooting guidance
- Learn more about the ITB realignment on our website

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INTEGRITY, COMPLIANCE, AND ETHICS

- Final Reminder for SES and SL employees! The filing deadline for public financial disclosure reports (OGE-278) is 5/15/2014. Please see our OGE-278 EC for additional guidance
- Are you an SES or SL employee? Do you have concerns regarding what communications you can have with FBI employees after you retire or leave the Bureau? Please read OIC's recent guidance on the topic
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- Are you considering retirement? Be aware that there are rules governing post-government service with criminal penalties for non-compliance. Check out our overview of the rules. In addition, upon request, OIC can provide a letter that identifies any potential conflicts. If your new employer requires such a letter, please submit your request form to OIC as soon as possible
- Do you have a concern that we are not following the rules? Report compliance concerns on our 24/7 helpline; all reports can be anonymous

TRAINING

- The University Education Program (UEP) 2014 Open Season will be held from 5/19-27/2014. UEP applications will be considered for certificate, associates, bachelors, and masters programs. Targeted canvasses for specific degrees of academic programs that enhance the mission of the FBI will be solicited at a later date
- DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for its Visiting Fellows Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by bringing talent and expertise from the field to BJA to inform policy and practice and create new tools for the field to disseminate knowledge of effective and innovative approaches to priority criminal justice issues. Look here for more information and how to register and apply. Deadline is 6/4/2014

FBI SABBATICAL PROGRAMS

- The FBI Sabbatical Program seeks division head nominations (via the Sabbatical Nomination Site for authorized users) for the following opportunities:
 - Naval Postgraduate School – EMBA is open to GS-12 to GS-15 grade levels in the *National Capital Region, Norfolk, and San Diego Field Offices only*. Nomination deadline is 5/22/2014

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To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
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May 19, 2014

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- [NCMEC Honors FBI, Partners' Efforts to Protect Children, 5/19/2014](#)
- [Director Hosts Washington Press Corps, 5/19/2014](#)
- [Language Professionals Help IC Decipher Terrorist "Playbooks," \(links to S//NF document\) 5/16/2014](#)
- [Joseph S. Campbell Named AD of CID, 5/15/2014](#)
- [Christopher Todd Doss Named AD of Lab Division, 5/15/2014](#)
- [Brian A. Truchon Named AD of Information Technology Services Division, 5/15/2014](#)
- [Bureau's Fallen Heroes Exemplify Valor, 5/14/2014](#)
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EVENTS

- On Thursday, 5/29/2014, the Employee Development Unit will host "Power Up Your Resume," a workshop featuring [REDACTED] Veteran Employment Program Manager from DOJ's Justice Management Division. There will be two sessions in FBIHQ Room 10903 (HRD Large Conference

Room): 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT. Off-site and field employees can participate via dial-in. Participation is limited, so please register on Virtual Academy. Please visit this link for more details, dial-in information, workshop slides, and a special invitation for veterans

PUBLICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- Submissions are due by Tuesday, 5/20/2014, for the Tradecraft for Critical Thinking Hard Problem Grand Challenge 2014, an annual contest asking FBI employees to identify deficiencies or “hard problems” within the critical-thinking or analytic approaches, methods, or techniques the FBI employs for investigation or intelligence work. The contest’s winner will be nominated for a cash incentive award, and all submissions will inform the FBI’s investigative and intelligence tradecraft improvements. Submit a hard problem and suggested solution today
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Email [REDACTED] containing [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 12:54 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED//~~LES~~

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Hi [REDACTED]

(S)

I wanted to include you in this conversation concerning [REDACTED] and ask for clarification concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I don't want to respond [REDACTED] without taking your perspective into consideration.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 11:51 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED]
(ER)(OGA); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (FRY)(CON);
[REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI);
C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CID) (FBI)

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All,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (S)

Thank you for the input below,

[REDACTED]

UD [REDACTED]
CyD/Ops2 [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
Desk: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 10:21 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI); [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF)(FBI); [REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED]

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SSA [redacted]

Major Case Coordination Unit

Violent Crimes Against Children Section

Office: [redacted]

Cell: [redacted]

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b7C**From:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 6:41 PM**To:** [redacted] (NY) (FBI) [redacted] (NY) (FBI)**Cc:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted]

(LA) (FBI); [redacted] (ER) (OGA); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted]

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All,

(S)

This email summarizes [redacted]

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To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI)
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From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON)
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[REDACTED] (DI)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI); [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] (LA) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(CON); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI);
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From: [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 5:57 PM

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This is awesome! Nice work, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON)

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 5:46 PM

To: [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON); [REDACTED] (OS)(CON); [REDACTED] (DI)(FBI);
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(U) Analysis is ongoing, let me know if you need anything specific.



From: [REDACTED] (OTD)(CON)

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:14 AM

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Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 2:07 PM
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From: [redacted] (SF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 6:31 PM
To: [redacted] (CYD) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted]
[redacted] (SF) (FBI);
Cc: [redacted] (CYD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (CON); [redacted] (OTD) (CON).
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SA [redacted]

FBI SF, Squad CY-3
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From: [redacted] (CYD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 12:54 PM
To: [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted]
(SF) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (CYD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (CON); [redacted] (OTD) (CON);
[redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI);
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Thanks [redacted] Do you have enough information to [redacted]



Thank

you.
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (SF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 2:46 PM
To: [redacted] (CYD) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI);
[redacted] (SF) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (CYD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (CON); [redacted] (OTD) (CON);
[redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI);
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (CYD) (FBI); [redacted] (CYD)(FBI);
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SA [redacted]
FBI SF, Squad CY-3

From: [redacted] (CYD) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 8:01 AM

To: [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (SF) (FBI);
[redacted] (SF) (FBI)

Cc: [redacted] (CYD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (CON); [redacted] (OTD) (CON);
[redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted] (OTD) (FBI); [redacted]

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(OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI);
[REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI)

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] ---~~SECRET~~

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Hi [REDACTED] - added a few people to this request [REDACTED] legal, and PMs [REDACTED]

Let's get moving on this [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (please correct me if I'm wrong, [REDACTED])

From: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 10:34 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON);
[REDACTED] (OTD) (CON); [REDACTED] (OTD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] ---~~SECRET~~

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Thanks, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] so that should not be the issue.
[REDACTED]

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[redacted] Do you have any more info [redacted]

[redacted] Thanks

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[redacted] (Blackberry)

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From: [redacted] CYD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 6:23 PM
To: [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (SF) (FBI); [redacted] (CYD)(FBI)
Subject: FW: [redacted] ---~~SECRET~~

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Hi [redacted] - please see [redacted]
[redacted]

If I haven't said it lately, thanks for the awesome work you guys have been doing so far.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] (SF) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 6:13 PM
To: [redacted] (CYD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [redacted] ---~~SECRET~~

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You probably already got forwarded this, but here's one of the two emails you missed...

SA [redacted]

FBI SF, Squad CY-3
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (SF) (FBI)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 12:43 PM

To: [REDACTED] SF (FBI); [REDACTED] OS (FBI); [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (SF) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CyD) (CON); [REDACTED] ER (CON);
[REDACTED] (ER) (CON); [REDACTED] (ER) (CON); [REDACTED] (OS) (CON); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (CON); [REDACTED] DS (FBI); [REDACTED] (SF)
[REDACTED] (DI) (FBI); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OS) (CON); [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON);
[REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OS) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (DTY) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OS) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DI) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OS) (CON); [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI)

Subject: [REDACTED] ~~SECRET~~

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Analysis team:

Now that we have some breathing room [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

SA [REDACTED]
FBI San Francisco, Oakland Resident Agency

Squad CY-3

Desk: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Mobile [REDACTED]

UNCLAS: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] meeting notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
Sent: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 3:53 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED] meeting notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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TRANSITORY RECORD

Just want to get my notes down before I forget. Thought you might be interested.

[REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] on Tuesday. [REDACTED]
hosted [REDACTED]
the meeting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we didn't get into much detail.

We ask for a few items:

[redacted] meeting notes --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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[redacted] agreed to provide these.

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(OTD) (CON)

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From: [REDACTED] (NH) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 1:13 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OTD) (CON)
Cc: [REDACTED] (NH)(FBI)
Subject: RE: Requesting [REDACTED] -- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

Categories: Intake

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[REDACTED] In New Haven is completing the OTD request, I have included him on this email as well.

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- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED] (case agent)
■ Desk - [REDACTED]
■ Cell - [REDACTED]

■ SA [REDACTED] (tech agent)
■ Desk - [REDACTED]
■ Cell - [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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Thanks a ton for all of the help, let me know how we can help.

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SA [redacted]
NEW HAVEN DIVISION
JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE
DESK - [redacted]
BLACKBERRY - [redacted]

From: [redacted] (OTD) (CON)
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 4:33 PM
To: [redacted] (NH) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OTD) (CON); [redacted]
Subject: Requesting [redacted] -- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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[redacted]

Per our phone conversation to get started [redacted] please have a TTA enter an OTD request [redacted]

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We will be watching for your request. It will be assigned to [redacted] who will contact you to work out additional details.

It will also help us get started if you "reply-all" to this email with:

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- [redacted]

If you have any further questions, feel free to give us a call. If you want to get into [redacted] call the secure line or hit me on Lync.

I'll let you know as soon as we have anything solid about who's doing what [redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
[redacted] (desk)
[redacted] (cell - new!)
[redacted] (secure)
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From: New York

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Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 288A-NY-306786 (Pending) - 1

Title: UNSUB(S):

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
COMPUTER INTRUSION;
OO:NY

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

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Details: On August 1, 2011 [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] filed a complaint with the FBI New York Office. Subsequently, on August 11, 2011, writer and SA [REDACTED] telephonically interviewed [REDACTED] in regard to his initial complaint. Furthermore, [REDACTED] and his partner came to 26 Federal Plaza on August 16, 2011 to explain his complaint in detail to writer, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is self-employed and maintains and operates [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has held an account with <http://mybitcoin.com> (MYBITCOIN). MYBITCOIN is an online depository of BTC. MYBITCOIN has been in business since middle of 2009 and it is one of the first to offer such service. MYBITCOIN had thousands of users and their wallets that may contain up to millions of dollars in BTCS.

On July 29, 2011, MYBITCOIN's website went offline. Every account at MYBITCOIN was inaccessible, virtually leaving all of its users without any of their stored BTCS. [REDACTED] lost [REDACTED] using the exchange rate around the time of the incident, as a result of this event.

MYBITCOIN did eventually come back online after approximately 7 days. During this time there was an inquiry/investigation driven by the online BTC community against owner(s) of MYBITCOIN. When MYBITCOIN came back online, it announced that their servers were compromised by hackers and a certain percentage of BTCS were stolen. However, MYBITCOIN stated that some of the BTCS were recovered and offered a claim process that allowed for its users to settle their losses by MYBITCOIN reimbursing 49% of their last known stored value.

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Writer requests that caption cased be opened and assigned to SA [REDACTED] add SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as co-case agents. The captioned case is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. AUSA [REDACTED] is assigned to the case.

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Background on Bitcoins (BTC)

BTC is an open source project published by Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008. BTC is a decentralized, peer-to-peer, virtual currency. The value of BTC is represented by a public/private keypair. Public keys serve as a address or a wallet of BTC users and it is shared between parties involved in a BTC transaction. Private keys are secured by the owner of a BTC and it is used as proof of ownership and authorization to transfer a certain BTC to another party. This keypair structure, along with decentralized organization provides a level of anonymity since there are no registered accounts in existence.

All transactions that occur in the BTC system are broadcasted to as many computers within the BTC system as possible. This block chain is collectively maintained and extended as valid transactions are added on to the block. The block chain contains all transaction history and can not be altered. In order to corrupt the block chain, one will need to overpower the aggregate computing power of the BTC system.

The first 50 BTC were generated in January of 2009. BTC are generated by calculating a target matching cryptographical hashes, also known as a block. This mathematical problem is controlled by a set of rules that are agreed upon by computers participating in the BTC system. The difficulty of calculating the target hashes are precisely known and adjusted to be solved at an average of every 10 minutes.

Users correctly calculating the target hash are rewarded with a set amount of BTCs. Currently, each "mined" block pays out 50 BTC. The pay out amount will be halved every 4 years from beginning of BTC system's existence. The amount of BTC that can be in circulation is predetermined. The maximum number of BTC in circulation will approach limit of 21 million, while never reaching 21 million. The smallest denomination of BTC is 0.00000001. In 2140, all of the available BTC will be in circulation with 6,929,999 hash blocks being solved, having mined a total of 20,999,999.999999999 BTC. Currently, there are over 7 million BTC in circulation, which is 1/3 of BTC that can be in circulation.

Other than mining for BTCs. Users can obtain BTC by purchasing it from anyone that is willing to barter. There are money exchangers, ranging from organized business entities to a private individuals, that convert hard currency to BTC and vice versa. BTC is valued by scarcity of BTC in circulation, driven by supply and demand. A fair exchange rate for BTC can be obtained by observing major exchangers, i.e. Mt. Gox. Mt. Gox is a website that facilitates BTC to money exchanges between its registered users. Mt. Gox does not appear to provide money exchange service itself but rather play as a match maker between its users.

BTC is stored on the computer running a BTC client, within the public key representing the wallet. Since BTC is virtual and stored as if it was a computer file, BTC is susceptible to corruption, damage and compromise on its host computer. There are online businesses that provide escrow service, like an online piggy bank that serve as a protected repository of BTC. BTC user may open an account with an online wallet service who then can provide better security of BTC wallets to include data backups, accidental deletion prevention and remote accessibility. BTC users are left to blindly trust the integrity and security of such service provider.

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Attn: FMU

From: New York

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Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By:

[REDACTED]

Drafted By:

[REDACTED]

Case ID #: 288A-NY-306786 (Pending) -2

Title: UNSUB(S);

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
COMPUTER INTRUSION;
OO:NY

Synopsis: Funds requested for the registration fee to a conference.

Details: FBI New York is currently working a matter involving a new form of electronic currency, Bitcoin (BTC). The captioned case has many Bitcoin users who lost majority of their BTCS in savings due to a compromised server.

BTC is a decentralized, virtual, peer-to-peer currency that has been around since 2009. Due to its online nature, the systems participating in BTC network is susceptible to and a target of online hacking, viruses and other Internet vulnerabilities. In addition, BTC's relatively infant state leaves many potential problems, to include misuse and abuse, yet to be discovered.

From August 19, 2011 to August 21, 2011, Bitcoin Conference and World Expo 2011 NYC is being held in New York, New York. This a first global conference for the BTC community. Many major service, product providers for BTC, media outlets and investors are expected among the guest and participants. The conference agenda includes talks and sessions to educate and discuss current issues relating to BTC. Writer requests \$52.00 to pay for admission fee to attend the conference for two agents. The money will be exchanged to BTC to pay for the conference.

Current authorization	[REDACTED]		
Registration fee \$26 x 2	\$	52.00	
Tax	\$	0.00	
Total amount	\$	52.00	
Balance after payment	[REDACTED]		

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Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: VICTIM NOTIFICATION FORM

Synopsis: Computer Intrusion

Reference: 288A-NY-306786 Serial 1

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number

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[redacted] was interviewed telephonically. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] BITCOIN is an online currency that is secured by a cryptography.

[redacted] uses MYBITCOIN.COM to store his BITCOINS. MYBITCOIN.COM is one of the oldest websites for providing an online storage of BITCOINS via electronic wallet or electronic bank function. MYBITCOIN.COM has over hundreds of thousands of account holders. [redacted] account alone is worth approximately [redacted] USD. [redacted] has about [redacted] BITCOINS.

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On July 28, 2011, MYBITCOIN.COM stopped allowing withdrawals, however, deposit were allowed. On July 29, 2011, MYBITCOIN.COM servers were offline. The website was unavailable for approximately 7 days. There are many account holders that do not have access to their BITCOINS. [redacted] wanted to schedule a meeting in person to explain the situation in detail, in person.

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[redacted] began with a [redacted] USD initial investment to purchase BITCOINS at a low price. Other than converting physical currency to BITCOINS, BITCOINS can also be "mined" by participating on the BITCOIN network of computer servers. Currently, it is not profitable to mine BITCOINS with an average computer specifications.

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number

[redacted] was interviewed at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted]

[redacted] first heard of BITCOIN at the end of October 2010.
[redacted]

[redacted]

MYBITCOIN.COM provides online storage for BITCOINS. It started around early to middle of 2009. [redacted] has an account at MYBITCOIN.COM

[redacted] MYBITCOIN.COM may be linked to a Canadian hacker group, HACK CANADA. HACK CANADA was previously involved in credit card fraud. Many people used MYBITCOIN.COM service to store their BITCOIN online rather than on their own computer.

On July 29, 2011, MYBITCOIN.COM disappeared and was offline for about seven days. During that time, MYBITCOIN.COM changed its web hosting service and registration information and remained silent.

[redacted] As a result of MYBITCOIN.COM's disappearance, an online chatroom, BITCOIN POLICE started. BITCOIN POLICE is a "vigilante" group, created by [redacted] @GMAIL.COM to help

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[REDACTED] received a SMS text message to his Google Voice number. The message came from someone who claimed to be a close associate of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is affiliated with MYBITCOIN.COM. The text message came from British Columbia, Canada. The text message explained that the disappearance of MYBITCOIN.COM was not a scam and when the website is fixed, a forum will be established to help return money to the rightful account holders.

MYBITCOIN.COM did return online and a claim page was set up. MYBITCOIN.COM announced that they had technical issues because they were compromised by hackers. The hackers stole 51% of MYBITCOIN.COM's BITCOIN holdings in small increments.

[REDACTED] filed a claim, following the instruction on the restored website. [REDACTED] was able to get back his remaining 49%. Other account holders were able to get their 49% back until approximately three days ago, on or around August 13, 2011. All reimbursements stopped as of that day.

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Other than MYBITCOIN.COM, MT. GOX, based in Japan also offers online storage of BITCOINS. MT. GOX is owned by [REDACTED] LNU (Last Name Unknown), a French national. MT. GOX converts USD to BITCOIN by accepting money via bank wire, DWALLA and LIBERTY RESERVE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LNU [REDACTED] the main technical lead for BITCOIN. [REDACTED] took over for SATOSHI, creator of BITCOIN. SATOSHI's writing sounds similar to writings done by member of the British Academia. SATOSHI maintained the BITCOIN network until April 2010, when he disappeared.

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: [REDACTED] UNSUB(S);

Synopsis: To close case.

Details: Writer request closing of captioned case.

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(U) (S//NF) Exploitation of Bitcoin Generates Potential for Criminal and Terrorist Financing

(U) (S//NF) [redacted] Bitcoin, a currently legitimate, virtual currency that provides a level of anonymity for its users to conduct licit and illicit financial transactions. The international criminal community is currently exploiting methods using Bitcoin that conceal unlawful funds transfers.

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(U) (S//NF) Bitcoin is currently a legal, decentralized digital currency that allows users to transfer money through the Internet without the use of a bank. This permits lower fees, international access, and allows unlimited transactions while eliminating law enforcement interference and

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(U) Source Summary Statement

(U) [redacted]

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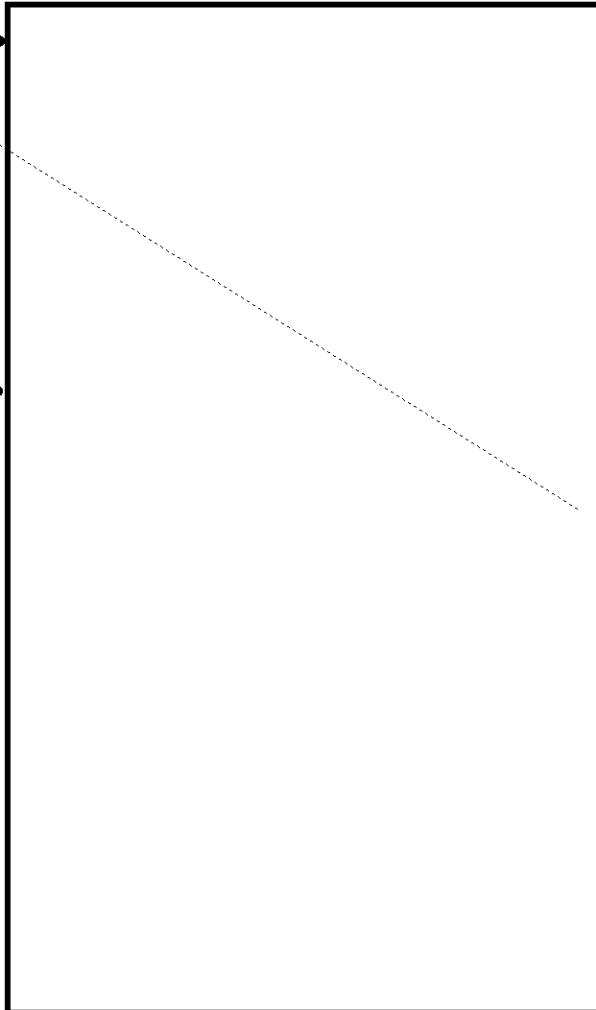
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sidestepping US regulatory currency reporting requirements. These specific and unique characteristics are valued by those seeking a covert method of conducting a financial transaction. Based on these attributes [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] According to an August 2011 USIC report,^b extremists are considering the use of online mechanisms, such as Bitcoin, to transfer money, likely in an effort to conduct nefarious financial transactions.¹

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(U) How Bitcoins Work

(U//~~FOUO~~) Bitcoins are the electronic equivalent of cash in the online community. Bitcoins are generated, or "mined," by computer software and acquire their value due to the amount of computer power required for creation, as well as the scarcity and uniqueness of each Bitcoin. Users can also obtain Bitcoins by exchanging real-world money, goods, or services with another user. Bitcoins are recognized by hundreds of businesses allowing owners to use this virtual currency to purchase anything from gift cards to firearms to travel packages. Bitcoins can also be exchanged for global currencies using online brokerage services, such as Mtgox.com, which links the Bitcoin seller with a buyer.

(U) Sources:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Internet site; Cornell University; "An Analysis of Anonymity in the Bitcoin System"; 22 July 2011; <http://arxiv.org/abs/1107.4524>; Research was supported by the Science Foundation of Ireland.

(U) Internet site; We Use Coins; "What is Bitcoin"; www.weusecoins.com; Source provides general information about the Bitcoin system.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Bitcoin Associated with Narco-Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction

(U) [redacted] The perceived anonymity aspect associated with Bitcoin has led to its incorporation into online illegal markets, most notably the Silk Road Marketplace (SRM), a peer-to-peer commerce Web site. Within SRM, users can buy and sell an array of goods and services within a secure and

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anonymous setting through the use of the onion router (Tor),^c a software program designed to route Internet traffic through a worldwide volunteer network of servers.

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[REDACTED] Bitcoins are the only form of currency accepted for transactions within SRM.^d

(U) • [REDACTED]

(U) X [REDACTED]

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- (U) Remarks from the US Treasury's Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence claimed in September 2011 at a public symposium that several international terrorist groups, including al-Qa'ida, are currently experiencing great financial hardship, which is forcing these groups to explore new avenues of funding such as new technologies and payment methods.⁹

^c (U) Users typically exploit Tors to conceal their Internet Protocol address to facilitate online anonymity.

^d (U) See Appendix A for a screenshot of the Silk Road Marketplace Web site and its sale of illicit items.

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- (U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED]
- (U//~~FOUO~~) According to an open source article written in July 2011, WikiLeaks, an international organization for anonymous whistleblowers, recently advised its Twitter followers that it now accepts *anonymous* donations via Bitcoin and stated, "Bitcoin is a secure and anonymous digital currency. Bitcoins cannot be easily tracked back to you, and are a [sic] safer and faster alternative to other donation methods."¹¹

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(U) Outlook and Implications



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[REDACTED] SRM also illustrates how this digital currency is currently used as the sole payment system to facilitate the sale of illegal goods and services. It is likely that if Bitcoin grows in international notoriety, so too will its exploitation by individuals wishing to capitalize on the perceived anonymity it offers to conduct illicit financial transactions.

(U) Intelligence Collection Requirements



(U) NIPF Requirements



(U) National Threat Priorities



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(U) Appendix A: Illicit sales on the Silk Road Marketplace facilitated by Bitcoin, as highlighted in red

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Silk Road anonymous marketplace. The URL in the address bar is <http://www.silkroadmarketplace.com>. The page title is "Silk Road anonymous marketplace". On the left, there is a sidebar with a sidebar menu containing categories like Home & Garden (25), Seeds (3), Cuttings (3), Gardening Supplies (5), Drugs (746), Lab Supplies (9), Digital goods (166), Services (58), Money (42), Jewelry (3), Weaponry (7), and Food (2). The main content area shows a table of search results for "Home & Garden". The table has columns for item name, price, seller, ship to, and ship from. The results include items such as "Telstra Pillar Key" (\$0.44), "Wii - Super Mario Galaxy 2 (used)" (\$1.54), various flowerpots (e.g., \$0.01, \$0.01, \$0.01, \$0.03, \$0.05), a hydrometer (\$0.70), a cannabis cutting (\$0.51), and a salvia divinorum cutting (\$0.90). The "Drugs (746)" category is highlighted with a red box.

item	price	seller	ship to	ship from	add to cart
Telstra Pillar Key	\$0.44	qawsed	Australia	Me	add to cart
Wii - Super Mario Galaxy 2 (used)	\$1.54	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Flowerpots, squared, 0,2L (2 pieces)	\$0.01	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Flowerpots, squared 0,5L	\$0.01	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Flowerpots squared, 1L	\$0.01	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Flowerpots, squared, 1,7L	\$0.03	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Flowerpots, squared, 3,5L	\$0.05	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Hydrometer / Thermometer	\$0.70	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Cannabis cutting, freshly rooted, female	\$0.51	HazednConfused	Germany	Germany	add to cart
Salvia divinorum Cutting / Steckling	\$0.90	OJP	EU(World)	Austria	add to cart
White Widow Cannabis Cutting / Clones / Stocklings	\$0.45	OJP	worldwide	Germany	add to cart

(U) A screenshot of the Silk Road Marketplace Web site. Source: <http://motherboard.vice.com/2011/6/24/traveling-down-the-silkroad-to-buy-drugs-with-bitcoins>

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/08/US-financial-bitcoins-idUSTRE7573T320110608>; accessed on 20 October 2011; Source is the world's leading source of news information for businesses and professionals.

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(U) Hidden Services and Hidden Wiki on Tor

(U) The Onion Router (Tor) is a network tool that can anonymize Internet communications including Web browsing, Internet Relay Chat, instant messaging, file sharing, and Web publishing. Tor hides the originator's Internet protocol (IP) address by routing Internet traffic through a worldwide volunteer network of servers called Tor nodes. Tor was originally sponsored by the US Naval Research Laboratory and is available to the public at the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Web site at the following URLs: tor.eff.org or torproject.org. Hidden services, such as Hidden Wiki, are located within the Tor network and are accessed through a Tor-specific .onion domain.

(U) Hidden Wiki is a free online encyclopedia similar to its counterpart, Wikipedia, and contains articles and links to other hidden services. Hidden Wiki can only be accessed by typing or pasting the Hidden Wiki URL, which changes monthly, into Tor. Access to hidden services is not linked to regular search engine return; therefore, users must use Tor and know specific URLs in order to access services.

(U) Source: Internet site; Torproject.org; "TheOnionRouter/TorFAQ"; 10 December 2011; <http://www.torproject.org/about/overview.html>; opensource website which provides Tor for free and whose reliability is unknown.

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(U) ~~(X//NF)~~ Bitcoin Potentially Conceals Virtual Financial Transactions

(U) ~~(X//NF)~~ Bitcoin is a peer-to-peer virtual currency which allows its users' increased anonymity, and provides a method to securely transfer and generate funds. By removing financial institutions from the process and allowing transactions to take place between individuals (similar to paying in cash through the Internet), Bitcoin allows users to buy or sell goods and services from others who accept Bitcoin as payment.⁵ Bitcoin may be used by online extremists for material support facilitation and financing terrorist organizations through online solicitations, donations, and fundraising activities, although limited reporting confirms its use for these purposes.

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(U) Outlook and Implications

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(U) **Bitcoin**

(U) Bitcoin was created in 2009 and is the first decentralized, peer-to-peer network-based distributed and anonymous digital currency that may be exchanged for dollars and Euros. As of early 2011, according to open source reporting, the Bitcoin economy was valued at \$5 million and continues to grow. The key to Bitcoin's success is distributing the database of transactions across a peer-to-peer network, which allows the transactions and users to remain anonymous. The distributors of the Tor network, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, call Bitcoin "a censorship-resistant digital currency."

(U) Source: Internet site; Jerry Brito; Time Magazine; "Online Cash Bitcoin Could Challenge Governments, Banks"; 16 April 2011; <http://techland.time.com/2011/04/16/online-cash-bitcoin-could-challenge-governments/>; accessed on 21 October 2011; a well established open source website.

(U) ~~(X//NF)~~ The FBI assesses that as extremists become aware of tools such as Hidden Wiki and Bitcoin, they are likely to expand their use of them. Extremists continue to be active participants on online forums, some of which are sanctioned by al-Qa'ida. Due to technical advances by law enforcement agencies, which have resulted in the disruption of several prominent individuals active online, some extremists are shifting from utilizing traditional Internet platforms to a greater variety of technically advanced applications in order to communicate, share tradecraft guidance, and produce and disseminate propaganda

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(U) ~~(X//NF)~~ **Intelligence Collection Requirements Addressed in Paper:** This intelligence bulletin satisfies FBI National Standing Intelligence Requirements for: Counterterrorism - Core al-Qa'ida and Af-Pak Based Militants contained in WW-TERR-CTD-SR-0154-10, Sections II.B.1, II.B.1A, II.B.1B, II.B.6, and II.B.6A and WW-TERR-CTD-SR-0153-10, Sections II.C.1 and IV.B.1; Cyber - Cyber Counterterrorism contained in WW-CYBR-CYD-SR-0001-12, Sections II.A.1E, II.A5A, II.A.6, II.A.7A, II.A.9, and II.B.4B and WW-CYBR-CYD-SR-0002-12, Sections I.A.1, II.A.2, and II.A.6; and National Humint Collection Directive requirements TTR2011A.I.B.7.7, TTR2011A.I.B.8.2, and TTR2011A.I.B.12. This intelligence bulletin addresses the Terrorism (TERR) topic of the

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National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF). Al-Qa'ida and Sunni Extremist are currently ranked as a Threat Priority Level 1 in the Counterterrorism category.



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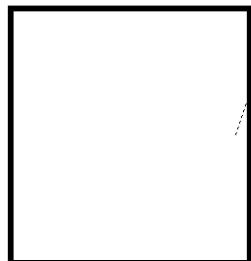
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