

organizations was to act as a "rooter," that is, a computer [REDACTED] vulnerabilities in the computer systems of potential [REDACTED] gaining unauthorized access [REDACTED]. Upon discovering these vulnerabilities, MONSEGUR either passed information regarding them to other hackers, who sought to exploit them, or MONSEGUR exploited the vulnerabilities himself. MONSEGUR also provided infrastructure support to members of hacker organizations, that is, unauthorized access to computer servers and routers that others could use to launch cyber attacks on victims.

BACKGROUND ON ANONYMOUS

3. At all times relevant to this Information, "Anonymous" was [REDACTED] individuals located in the United States and elsewhere that undertook "operations" -- that is, coordinated efforts that included cyber attacks -- against individuals and entities that were perceived to be [REDACTED] its members' interests. These attacks included, among other things, the theft and later dissemination of confidential information from computer systems and the defacement of Internet websites. These attacks also included attacks against websites, known as "denial of service" or "DoS" attacks, which involved the use of com [REDACTED] requests for [REDACTED]