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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

CASE TITLE: Bloomberg Financial News Economic and Statistics Administration (ESA) U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) Washington, DC	FILE NUMBER: FOP-WF-12-1103-1
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BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

In August 2012 DOC/OIG was informed of a self-disclosure of misconduct by Bloomberg Financial News involving the DOC Press Lockup Room in the Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB). Bloomberg claimed a vendor, Chronos, provided two devices that would speed up Bloomberg's transmission of Department statistics from the DOC Press Lockup Room. These devices were installed in May 2012. Subsequently, Bloomberg believed these devices could defeat the Department's dissemination protocols, which primarily consists of "black boxes" (machines that provide managed and controlled transmission of data from the terminals on the local area network inside the lockup room), in a violation of policy and possibly the law.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

The investigation found no evidence of an intentional violation of Federal law; the U.S. Department of Justice declined criminal prosecution in this case. During the course of this investigation a number of operational vulnerabilities were identified that could adversely impact the release of time-sensitive economic data. Notably, computer forensic analysis of the Bloomberg equipment obtained from the DOC Press Lockup Room disclosed "unrestricted data transfer through the black box switch in its inactive, i.e. powered-down, mode." In addition, the FBI advised that concealed IT devices may still be in use at Federal Press Lockup Rooms, including DOC. Such devices could compromise restricted transmissions. These

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findings and recommendations were presented to a number of officials from various U.S. Government agencies which provide sensitive economic data, including DOC.

METHODOLOGY

At the outset of this case, a consensual seizure and subsequent consensual search of Bloomberg's IT equipment located in the DOC Press Lockup Room was conducted. Additional investigative leads included interviews of ESA employees and the review and analysis of various records and data obtained from BEA and DOC/Office of Security (OSY).

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

On August 2, 2012, (b) (7)(C) ESA, reported to DOC/OIG that he met with (b) (7)(C) Bloomberg L.P. and (b) (7)(C) Bloomberg News, on July 31, 2012. During this meeting Bloomberg disclosed they recently discovered the Bloomberg computer equipment installed in the DOC Press Lockup Room could possibly subvert ESA's "Black Box", a device used to prevent unauthorized or early release of sensitive economic data during embargo, i.e. pre-release access to the data provided with the explicit acknowledgement that it cannot be further disseminated, or used in any unauthorized manner, before a specific date and time. According to (b) (7) Chronos Research, a Bloomberg vendor, proposed a method to have data transmitted faster from the DOC Press Lockup Room and, as part of that process, Chronos employees attempted to replicate the embargo process with their own equipment and technology in a lab. They discovered the DOC Black Box could be bypassed with this technology. More significantly, Chronos had installed two devices with this technology in the DOC Press Lockup Room at some point between May – June 2012. (Attachment 1)

During a follow-up interview on August 3, 2012 with the FBI and DOC/OIG, (b) (7) explained that Bloomberg officials conducted lab tests using the proposed concept(s) from their vendor and a black box similar to the one used in the DOC Press Lockup Room. They discovered they could bypass the kill switch on the black box that prevents data from flowing through it. In fact, Bloomberg identified two ways to "work around" the switch: going through the ground shielding to bypass the cable and/or run alternating current through the kill switch itself. (b) (7) reported that Bloomberg officials said they (1) had requested to remove some of the equipment that was located in the DOC Press Lockup Room; (2) had claimed they were not aware of what was in the boxes because it was proprietary equipment from their vendor; (3) had not tested either of the boxes before that equipment was installed; and (4) emphasized that Bloomberg had not used the new equipment from the vendor. (b) (7) stated he did not allow the Bloomberg officials to have access to their equipment or remove anything from the DOC Press Lockup Room. (Attachment 2)

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On August 6, 2012, the FBI and members of their Computer Analysis and Response Team (CART), along with DOC/OIG and DOC/OSY officials, conducted a consensual seizure of Bloomberg Financial News computer equipment, i.e. two (2) black box devices and related cables, located in the DOC Press Lockup Room. The FBI took custody of the equipment and transported it to FBI facilities in Quantico, Virginia, for subsequent review and analysis following consent to search received from Bloomberg. (Attachment 3)

In addition, we obtained a number of documents from DOC for review, including: DOC Lockup Sign in Sheets; DOC Lockup Room Technical Work and Miscellaneous Visit Sign in Sheets; and DOC/OSY HCHB arrival/departure logs. Specific dates and individuals were identified for examination and analysis. (Attachments 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

On October 24, 2012, as part of a case briefing with AUSA (b) (7)(C) and several U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) OIG officials, the FBI advised the analysis of the Bloomberg IT equipment disclosed no evidence of any embargo violation(s) at either DOC or DOL. As a result, AUSA (b) (7)(C) stated that the case involving Bloomberg – as well as (b) (3) (A) (b) (3) (A) – was declined for criminal prosecution based upon the lack of evidence of a violation of Federal law. (Attachments 9 and 10)

One specific finding from the FBI/CART analysis report noted the following statement: "Unrestricted data transfer through black box switch in its inactive, i.e. powered-down, mode." The FBI also communicated a number of other issues and concerns regarding the practices and procedures for the DOC and DOL Press Lockup Rooms that could adversely impact the timed release of sensitive economic data. (b) (5)

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(Attachment 9)

On November 20, 2012, the FBI and US Attorney's Office conducted a modified briefing to a number of law enforcement and non-law enforcement officials with DOC, DOL, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Reserve Board and the Office of Management and Budget. The officials were presented the results and findings of the investigation as well as potential vulnerabilities involving the Federal government Press Lockup Rooms. (Attachment 11)

On December 21, 2012, the FBI disclosed that during a recent interview they conducted with a (b) (3) (A) official, the issue of concealed devices and their use within Federal government Press Lockup Rooms was discussed. (b) (3) (A)

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The FBI opined that the fact these devices could be concealed to intentionally disguise their presence – regardless of intent or motive – should be made known to the proper personnel. (Attachment 12)

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INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Interview of: (b) (7)(C)
Title: (b) (7)(C)
Organization: Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Location: (b) (7)(C)
Washington, DC 20230
Phone: (b) (7)(C)
Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 2, 2012, (b) (7) was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG), in Washington, DC. Also present was (b) (7)(C) and DOC (b) (7)(C). (b) (7) was made aware of the identities of the DOC/OIG employees and after having been informed of the subject of the investigation agreed to be interviewed and provided substantially the following information:

(b) (7) described a meeting he had recently completed on July 31, 2012, with (b) (7)(C), Bloomberg L.P., and (b) (7)(C) Bloomberg News, in which they had detailed an incident involving Bloomberg computer equipment, presumably installed in the DOC Press Lockup Room, which could possibly subvert DOC's Black Box, a device used to prevent any unauthorized or early release of sensitive economic data during embargo. This conduct would be a violation of DOC policy and possibly Federal law.

(b) (7) stated (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7) explained to him that Chronos had proposed a method to have data transmitted faster from the DOC Press Lockup Room and, as part of the "solution," Chronos employees tried to replicate the embargo process with their own equipment and technology in a lab. Reportedly, the Chronos employees discovered that with this technology the black box could be bypassed. And, more significantly, Chronos had provided Bloomberg with two boxes which were then apparently installed in the DOC Press Lockup Room within the past couple of months.

Date/Time of interview: August 2, 2012 / 5:30 pm

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)
(b) (7)
(C)

Case #: 12-1103

Review date: (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

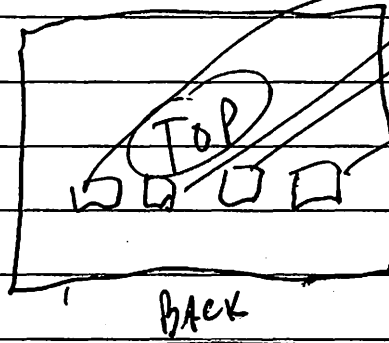
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(b) (7) explained that (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7) also provided a visual depiction of this technology and showed him two slides. Upon request from SA (b) (7), (b) (7) drew a picture of one of the slides and provided it to DOC/OIG (attached).

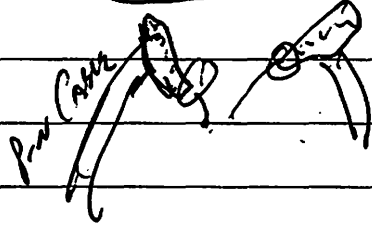
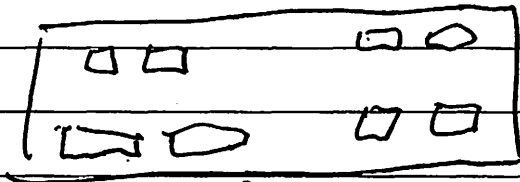
Attachment:

- I. Hand drawn picture of IT equipment completed by (b) (7) on 8/2/12

Relay Switches



1ST SWD2



BULBETS

GROUND SHIELDING

OLIVER
Relay Switch

NOT
SOLD SWITCH



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Interview of: (b) (7)(C)
Title: (b) (7)(C)
Organization: Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Location: (b) (7)(C)
Washington, DC
(b) (7)(C)
Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 3, 2012, (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by Special Agent (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and SA (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG), at his office in Washington, DC. A copy of the FBI Form-302 for (b) (7)(C) (attached) was provided to SA (b) (7)(C), DOC/OIG, by SA (b) (7)(C) (via telefax) on October 16, 2012.

Attachment:

- I. Copy of FBI Form-302 for (b) (7)(C) dated August 3, 2012

Date of interview: August 3, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by: (b) (7)(C)

Review date: 10/16/12

U.S. Department of Commerce
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INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Investigative Activity

Consensual Seizure
Bloomberg Financial News IT Equipment
DOC Press Lockup Room
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
(b) (7)(C)
Washington, DC 20230

On August 6, 2012, Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), SA (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) Office of Security (OSY), and SA (b) (7)(C), DOC Office of Inspector General (OIG), along with a number of other FBI Computer Analysis and Response Team (CART) members as well as (b) (7)(C), conducted a consensual seizure of Bloomberg Financial News computer equipment located in the DOC Press Lockup Room at DOC Headquarters in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Washington, DC.

The FBI, as the lead investigative agency in the case, conducted the consensual seizure and took custody of the Bloomberg Financial News computer equipment and transported it to FBI facilities located in Quantico, Virginia, for review and analysis.

Date of Activity: August 6, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by:

Review date:

(b) (7)(C)

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INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Receipt of Records

Obtained by: Official Request

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: (b) (7)(C)

Organization: Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Location: (b) (7)(C)

Washington, DC 20230

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 2, 2012, (b) (7)(C) provided the following records to Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG):

- One DOC Lockup Sign In Sheet dated 08/02/2012
- Nine DOC Lockup Room Technical Work and Miscellaneous Visit Sign In Sheets which documented access to the DOC Lockup Room, located at the Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB), 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, room 7054, Washington, DC, by Bloomberg associates between March 5, 2012 and July 2, 2012
- ESA Press Release Lockup Room Standard Operating Procedures dated 04/20/2011

The records were obtained by (b) (7)(C) from the office of (b) (7)(C), ESA, HCHB room (b) (7)(C).

SA (b) (7)(C) subsequently provided copies of these records to SA (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigation, upon request.

These records are maintained in the case file FOP-WF-12-1103-1 1B-1.

Date of Receipt: August 2, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by: (b) (7)(C)

Review date: 8/12/12

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INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Receipt/Review of Records

Obtained by: Official Request

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: (b) (7)(C)

Organization: Office of Security
U.S. Department of Commerce

Location: (b) (7)(C)

Washington, DC 20230

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 8, 2012, (b) (7)(C) provided copies of GSA 139 forms – Record of Arrival and Departure from Buildings During Security Hours – for the DOC Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB) for July 2, 2012 and June 4, 2012, to Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG).

Review of these records disclosed substantially the following information:

On July 2, 2012, at approximately 10:56 am, (b) (7)(C) entered the HCHB through Post I (main entrance located off 14th Street NW, Washington, DC). (b) (7)(C) signed in and listed "Press Lockup" as the agency and also "Press Lockup" as the purpose of the visit. There is no record of a departure time. Note: A copy of this page was provided to FBI SA (b) (7)(C).

There was no record of (b) (7)(C) or any other Bloomberg employee or representative entering the HCHB on June 4, 2012. However, copies of the GSA 139 forms for Post I were not provided. As a result, a follow-up request was made to DOC/OSY to obtain copies of those records as well.

These records are maintained in the case file FOP-WF-1103-1 IA-1.

Date of Receipt/Review: August 8, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by: (b) (7)(C)

Review date:

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Office of Inspector General
INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Receipt of Records

Obtained by: Official Request

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: (b) (7)(C)

Organization: Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Location: (b) (7)(C)

Washington, DC 20230

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 8, 2012, (b) (7)(C) provided the following records to Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG):

- Nineteen (19) DOC Lockup Room Technical Work and Miscellaneous Visit Sign in Sheets for the period from 01/03/2012 to 08/06/2012;
- Eighty-three (83) DOC Lockup Sign In Sheets (see attached list)

These records were obtained at the request of SA (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigation, as part of an ongoing case involving allegations of unauthorized releases of sensitive economic data from Federal Press Lockup Rooms.

The records are maintained in the case file FOP-WF-12-1103-1 IB-2.

Attachment:

- I. List of eighty-three DOC Lockup Sign In Sheets for the period from 01/03/2012 to 08/08/2012.

Date of Receipt: August 8, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by:

Review date:

(b) (7)(C)

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Case 12-1103 – Bloomberg Financial News
Attachment to IRF

Received from (b) (7)(C) – Economic Information Officer, ESA/DOC on 08/08/2012

Eighty-three (83) DOC Lockup Sign In Sheets dated the following:

8/8/12	4/17/12
8/1/12	4/16/12 (2)
7/31/12	4/12/12
7/27/12	4/3/12
7/26/12	4/10/12
7/25/12	4/2/12
7/18/12	3/30/12
7/16/12 (2)	3/29/12
7/11/12 (2)	3/28/12
7/5/12	3/23/12
7/3/12	3/20/12
7/2/12	3/14/12
6/29/12	3/13/12 (2)
6/28/12	3/9/12 (2)
undated – “Wholesale Trade”	3/5/12
6/27/12	3/1/12 (2)
6/25/12	2/29/12
6/21/12	2/28/12
6/19/12	2/24/12
6/14/12	2/16/12
6/13/12 (2)	2/14/12 (2)
6/8/12	2/10/12
6/4/12	2/9/12
6/1/12 (2)	2/3/12
5/31/12	2/1/12
5/24/12	1/30/12
undated – blank	1/26/12 (2)
5/23/12	1/19/12
5/16/12	1/13/12
5/15/12 (2)	1/12/12 (2)
5/10/12	1/10/12
5/9/12	1/04/12
5/2/12	1/03/12
5/1/12	
4/30/12	
4/27/12	
4/25/12	
4/24/12	
4/12/12	

(b) (7)(C)

8/8/12

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Receipt of Records

Obtained by: Official Request

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: (b) (7)(C)

Organization: Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Location: (b) (7)(C)

Washington, DC 20230

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 8, 2012, (b) (7)(C) provided copies (attached) of the 2012 ESA Lockup Schedules to Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG). One of the records was a copy of the modified 2012 ESA Lockup Schedule for July – August 2012 which also included Press Releases for the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) also scheduled to be held in the DOC Press Lockup Room. SA (b) (7)(C), FBI, requested this information as part of their active ongoing case involving allegations of the unauthorized release of sensitive economic data from Federal Press Lockup Rooms.

In particular, the following DOL Press Releases for August 2012 were identified for SA (b) (7)(C):

8/9/12	Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims
8/10/12	Import/Export Price Index
8/14/12	Producer Price Index
8/15/12	Consumer Price Index and Real Earnings
8/16/12	UI Claims
8/23/12	UI Claims
8/30/12	UI Claims

Attachments:

1. ESA Lockup Schedule 2012 for July-August 2012 with DOL Scheduled Releases
2. ESA Lockup Schedule 2012 (entire year)

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Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

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Reviewed by: (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(C)

Review date: 9/12/12

- Nineteen (19) DOC Lockup Room Technical Work and Miscellaneous Visit Sign in Sheets for the period from 01/03/2012 to 08/06/2012;
- Eighty-three (83) DOC Lockup Sign In Sheets (see attached list)

These records were obtained at the request of SA (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigation, as part of an ongoing case involving allegations of unauthorized releases of sensitive economic data from Federal Press Lockup Rooms.

The records are maintained in the case file FOP-WF-12-1103-I 1B-2.

Attachment:

1. List of eighty-three DOC Lockup Sign In Sheets for the period from 01/03/2012 to 08/08/2012.

ESA Lockup Schedule 2012

Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
July							
	2-Jul Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Mon
	3-Jul Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Tues
	5-Jul DOL Release	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
	11-Jul International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	11-Jul Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	16-Jul Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Mon
	16-Jul Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Mon
	18-Jul New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
*	25-Jul New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	26-Jul Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
	27-Jul Gross Domestic Product (Advance) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Fri
	31-Jul Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Tues
August							
	1-Aug Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	2-Aug Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
**	8-Aug DOL Release <i>Productivity & cost</i>	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	9-Aug International Trade (Census and BEA)/DOL <i>VE claims</i>	6:45	7:30	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
	9-Aug Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
**	10-Aug DOL Release <i>Imp/Exp Prices Index</i>	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Fri
	14-Aug Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)/DOL <i>PPI</i>	6:45	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Tues
	14-Aug Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Tues
**	15-Aug DOL Release <i>CPI & real earnings</i>	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	16-Aug New Residential Construction (Census)/DOL <i>VE claims</i>	6:45	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
**	23-Aug DOL Release <i>VE claims</i>	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
	23-Aug New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
	24-Aug Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Fri
	29-Aug Gross Domestic Product (Second Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Wed
	30-Aug Personal Income (BEA)/DOL <i>VE claims</i>	6:45	8:00	8:30	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Thurs
	31-Aug Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (7)(C)	Fri

* RTT News Congressional credential expires

** Bond Buyer, NTKN, and RTT News not allowed at DOL press lockup

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 11:08 AM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: Upcoming Releases
Attachments: ESA and DOL Lockup Schedule Jul-Aug 2012 12-1103.pdf; ESA Lockup Schedule 2012 12-1103.pdf

The first attachment includes the August 2012 schedule for the DOC and DOL releases which will both be held at the DOC Lockup (HCHB room 5074).

The DOL Releases for the rest of the month:

- 8/9 International Trade (Census and BEA)/DOL - Unemployment Insurance Claims (UI Claims)
- 8/10 DOL Release - Import/Export Price Index
- 8/14 Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)/DOL - Producer Price Index
- 8/15 DOL Release - Consumer Price Index and Real Earnings
- 8/16 New Residential Construction (Census)/DOL - Unemployment Insurance Claims (UI Claims)
- 8/23 DOL Release - Unemployment Insurance Claims (UI Claims)
- 8/30 Personal Income (BEA)/DOL - Unemployment Insurance Claims (UI Claims)

The second attachment is the ESA Lockup Schedule for 2012 - I have all the DOC sign-in logs and tech logs for 2012 (will keep the originals and give copies back to (b) (7)(C)).

Still working on the info re the BB tech for 6/4 and 7/2 - should have something shortly from DOC/OSY (first set of building logs I received this am were incomplete).

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 7:24 PM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Upcoming Releases

Can you guys confirm the upcoming releases for this week? I believe there's a BLS release tomorrow to be held at DOC, correct? Is it "Productivity and Costs?" What others this week, and are they all at DOC?

Thanks!

ESA Lockup Schedule 2012

Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
January							
3-Jan	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
4-Jan	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
10-Jan	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
12-Jan	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
12-Jan	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
13-Jan	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
19-Jan	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
26-Jan	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
26-Jan	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
27-Jan	Gross Domestic Product (Advance) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
30-Jan	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon
February							
1-Feb	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
3-Feb	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
9-Feb	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
10-Feb	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
14-Feb	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
14-Feb	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
16-Feb	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
24-Feb	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
28-Feb	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
29-Feb	Gross Domestic Product (Second Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Wed

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Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
March							
1-Mar	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
1-Mar	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
5-Mar	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
9-Mar	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
9-Mar	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
13-Mar	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
13-Mar	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
14-Mar	International Transactions (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
20-Mar	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
23-Mar	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
28-Mar	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
29-Mar	Gross Domestic Product (Third Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
30-Mar	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
April							
2-Apr	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
3-Apr	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
10-Apr	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
12-Apr	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
16-Apr	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon
16-Apr	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
17-Apr	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
24-Apr	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
25-Apr	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
27-Apr	Gross Domestic Product (Advance) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
30-Apr	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon

ESA Lockup Schedule 2012

Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
May							
1-May	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
2-May	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
9-May	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
10-May	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
15-May	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
15-May	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
16-May	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
23-May	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
24-May	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
31-May	Gross Domestic Product (Second Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
June							
1-Jun	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
1-Jun	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
4-Jun	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
8-Jun	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
8-Jun	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
13-Jun	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
13-Jun	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
14-Jun	International Transactions (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
19-Jun	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
25-Jun	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
27-Jun	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
28-Jun	Gross Domestic Product (Third Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
29-Jun	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri

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Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
July							
2-Jul	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
3-Jul	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
11-Jul	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Wed
11-Jul	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
16-Jul	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon
16-Jul	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
18-Jul	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
25-Jul	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
26-Jul	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
27-Jul	Gross Domestic Product (Advance) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
31-Jul	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
August							
1-Aug	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
2-Aug	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
9-Aug	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
9-Aug	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
14-Aug	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
14-Aug	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
16-Aug	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
23-Aug	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
24-Aug	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
29-Aug	Gross Domestic Product (Second Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Wed
30-Aug	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
31-Aug	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri

ESA Lockup Schedule 2012

Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
September							
4-Sep	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
11-Sep	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Tues
12-Sep	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
14-Sep	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
14-Sep	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
18-Sep	International Transactions (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
19-Sep	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
26-Sep	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
Double Lockup	27-Sep Gross Domestic Product (Third Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
	27-Sep Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
	28-Sep Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
October							
1-Oct	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
4-Oct	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
10-Oct	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
11-Oct	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
15-Oct	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon
15-Oct	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
17-Oct	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
24-Oct	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
25-Oct	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
26-Oct	Gross Domestic Product (Advance) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Fri
29-Oct	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon

ESA Lockup Schedule 2012

Release	Title of Release	Time Door Opens	Time Lockup Starts	Time of Release	Primary	Backup	Day
November							
1-Nov	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
2-Nov	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
8-Nov	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
9-Nov	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Fri
14-Nov	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
14-Nov	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
20-Nov	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
27-Nov	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
28-Nov	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
29-Nov	Gross Domestic Product (Second Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
30-Nov	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
December							
3-Dec	Construction Put in Place (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Mon
5-Dec	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	8:45	9:30	10:00			Wed
11-Dec	International Trade (Census and BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Tues
11-Dec	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Tues
13-Dec	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Thurs
13-Dec	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs
18-Dec	International Transactions (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Tues
19-Dec	New Residential Construction (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Wed
20-Dec	Gross Domestic Product (Third Estimate) (BEA)	6:45	7:30	8:30			Thurs
21-Dec	Personal Income (BEA)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Fri
24-Dec	Advance Report on Durable Goods (Census)	7:15	8:00	8:30			Mon
27-Dec	New Residential Sales (Census)	8:45	9:30	10:00			Thurs

U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of Inspector General
INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Receipt/Review of Records

Obtained by: Official Request

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: (b) (7)(C)

Organization: Office of Security
U.S. Department of Commerce

Location: 1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On August 9, 2012, (b) (7)(C) provided copies of GSA 139 forms – Record of Arrival and Departure from Buildings During Security Hours – for the DOC Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB) for June 4, 2012, Post 1 (main entrance located off 14th Street NW, Washington, DC), to Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG).

Review of these records disclosed substantially the following information:

On June 4, 2012, at approximately 10:47 am, (b) (7)(C) entered the HCHB through Post 1. (b) (7)(C) signed in and listed "Bloomberg" as the agency and "Lock Up Room" as the purpose of the visit. There is no record of a departure time.

On June 4, 2012, at approximately 10:48 am, (b) (7)(C) entered the HCHB through Post 1. (b) (7)(C) signed in and listed "Bloomberg" as the agency and "Lock Up Room" as the purpose of the visit. There is no record of a departure time.

Note: A copy of this page was provided to FBI SA (b) (7)(C).

These records are maintained in the case file FOP-WF-1103-1 IA-2.

Date of Receipt/Review: August 9, 2012

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by: (b) (7)(C)

Review date: 8/17/12

(b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Commerce
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INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Investigative Activity
Case Briefing with FBI

On October 24, 2012, SA (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) met with the following individuals at the FBI Washington Field Office to discuss the status of this investigation, which included a summary of the results of the FBI computer forensic examination of the Bloomberg computer equipment obtained from the DOC Press Lock-up Room (via consent search and seizure) on August 6, 2012, along with the status of the (b) (3) (A) (b) (3) (A)

SA (b) (7)(C) – FBI

SA (b) (7)(C) – FBI

SA (b) (7)(C) – FBI

FBI SCERS Agent (b) (7)(C)

AUSA (b) (7)(C)

SAC (b) (7)(C) – DOL/OIG

SA (b) (7)(C) – DOL/OIG

SA (b) (7)(C) – DOL/OIG

SA (b) (7)(C) – DOL/OIG

SA (b) (7)(C) provided a briefing which included substantially the following information:

- (b) (5)
- To date, there has been no evidence any embargo at DOC or DOL has been broken.
- (b) (5)
- (b) (5)

Date of Activity: October 24, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by: (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

Review date: 11/6/2012

- (b) (5)

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- One specific finding made from the FBI/SCERS analysis report of the Bloomberg equipment noted the following: "Unrestricted data transfer through black box switch in its inactive, i.e., powered-down) mode."

(b) (5)

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Investigative Activity

Status of Criminal Prosecution

On August 2, 2012, DOC/OIG was notified of a self-disclosure of misconduct by Bloomberg Financial News who claimed a vendor of theirs (Chronos) had provided them two boxes they claimed would speed up their transmission of Department statistics from the DOC Press Lockup Room which had been installed in May 2012. However, Bloomberg officials believed the boxes may actually subvert the Department's Black Box, a violation of policy and possibly law.

Both the FBI and U.S. Department of Justice were contacted on August 2, 2012, to conduct and coordinate investigative leads and activities in this case.

On August 13, 2012, case FOP-WF-12-1103-1 was officially opened. At that time, the FBI had already been working with DOJ/USAO – Washington, DC as part of another joint investigation involving similarly issues with a number of other Federal agencies, including (previously) DOC/OIG (b) (3) (A)

DOC/OIG provided assistance during the course of this joint investigation, including the consent seizure of Bloomberg computer equipment from the DOC Press Lockup Room, interviewing a number of DOC employees and obtaining various DOC records and documents.

On October 24, 2012, during a case briefing conducted by the FBI (case agents and CART) and AUSA (b) (7)(C) with U.S. Department of Labor OIG and DOC/OIG, AUSA (b) (7)(C) reported the case involving both Bloomberg and (b) (3) (A) would be declined for criminal prosecution based upon the lack of evidence of a violation of Federal law.

Date of Activity: October 24, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Date Signed: January 2, 2013

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by:

(b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Commerce
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INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Receipt of Records

Obtained by: Request

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: Special Agent

Organization: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Northern Virginia Resident Agency

Location: Manassas, VA

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On November 26, 2012, SA (b) (7)(C) provided copies (attached) of the following records to SA (b) (7)(C), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG):

- Vulnerabilities in Lockup Rooms – FBI Presentation dated 11/20/2012
- Vulnerability Analysis of Black Box Switches Used for Lockup Room Access Control (DOC) – Revision 1 11.11.2012

Attachments:

Listed Above

Date of Receipt: November 26, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C)

Date Signed: December 4, 2012

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by:

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 11:15 AM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Lockup Room Presentation Materials
Attachments: Vulnerabilities in Lockup Rooms Presentation from 11202012.pptx; Black Box Analysis Distributed on 11202012.pdf

OIGs,

Attached are digital copies of the presentation given on 11/20/2012 at FBI-WFO, as well as the analysis of the black boxes that was distributed at the meeting. There have already been requests for copies of the presentation materials for non-LE attendees to our management (Labor, specifically). We do not object, but only ask that the material is treated as marked, FOUO, and that hard copies, rather than digital copies, be provided. I know it doesn't give any guarantees, but we hope that will prevent leaks of the material, most likely the pictures.

Also, for future reference, I've included a list of the attendees (or at least those who planned to attend since I think we had one no-show from the list below) so all of us are familiar with the POCs from each agency.

Labor
DOL-OIG

(b) (7)(C)

DOL – Non-Law Enforcement Personnel

(b) (7)(C)

Commerce
DOL-OIG

(b) (7)(C)

DOC - Non-Law Enforcement Personnel

(b) (7)(C)

Agriculture
USDA-OIG

(b) (7)(C)

USDA – Non-Law Enforcement Personnel

(b) (7)(C)

Federal Reserve Board

(b) (7)(C)

OMB

(b) (7)(C)

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

FBI - Washington Field Office
Northern Virginia Resident Agency

(b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of Inspector General
INVESTIGATIVE RECORD FORM

Receipt of Records

Obtained by: Dissemination

Name: (b) (7)(C)

Title: Special Agent

Organization: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Northern Virginia Resident Agency

Location: Manassas, VA

Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (7)(C)

On December 21, 2012, SA (b) (7)(C) provided a copy of an email message (attached) sent to SA (b) (7)(C) U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG), as well as officials with the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) OIG and U.S. Department of Labor OIG, concerning recent developments and information the FBI had obtained during the course of the (b) (3) (A) investigation (b) (3) (A) which are also related to this case involving Bloomberg Financial News.

(b) (3) (A), (b) (7)(C)

Attachment:

Email message from SA (b) (7)(C) to SA (b) (7)(C) (and others) dated December 21, 2012

Date of Receipt: December 21, 2012

Reporting Agent: SA (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

Date Signed: January 2, 2013

Case Title: Bloomberg Financial News

Case #: 12-1103

Reviewed by:

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 8:04 AM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: (b) (3) (A) Recent Developments
Importance: High

OIGs,

The FBI has recently obtained information that we felt was important to disseminate to the appropriate OIGs as a follow up to our previous briefings.

(b) (7)(C), (b) (3) (A)

(b) (3) (A), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (3) (A)

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

FBI - Washington Field Office
Northern Virginia Resident Agency, Squad CR-5

(b) (7)(C)