

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL COUNSEL, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Closure of NRO IG Project 95-11

We conducted a preliminary inquiry in response to information from an NRO employee that Management Services and Operations (MS&O) directed CISCO to purchase a Latent Fingerprint Identification Kit. The kit was purchased for use by two employees, who are also retired Fairfax County Police Officers, to lift fingerprints at scenes of malicious incidents on NRO property. The complainant questioned whether the collection of fingerprints by NRO contractor personnel violated Executive Order 12333, "United States Intelligence Activities."

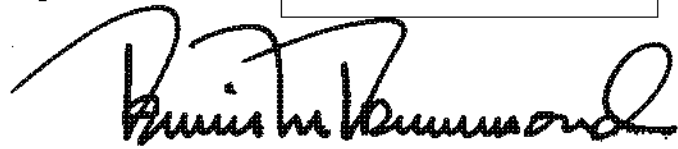
The inquiry disclosed MS&O wanted CISCO to lift fingerprints at minor incidents of vandalism which did not warrant a police response. NRO GC advised Executive Order 12333 did not prohibit NRO employees from lifting latent fingerprints; however, violations could occur depending upon what the NRO employees did after they lifted the prints and how they intended to use them. Neither CISCO nor MS&O had any plan on what they would do with the latent prints. The inquiry also disclosed not all CISCO employees were aware of the requirements of Executive Order 12333.

I have suggested that MS&O coordinate a plan with you for guidelines on the collection of latent fingerprints. They should also ensure that contractor personnel supporting MS&O at the Headquarters facilities are aware of Executive Order 12333 requirements.

This inquiry has been completed and closed by the NRO IG. No further action is anticipated. The Report of Investigation is attached, less the exhibits, which are available for review in this office, and is being provided in furtherance of your responsibilities under Executive Order 12333. If you have any questions please contact

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Inspector General

Attachment

1. Report of Investigation

cc: DNRO (w/o Atch)

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