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25 September 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF SECURITY AND
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: (U) Summary Report of Investigation: Computer Misuse/Child
Pornography (Case Number 13-0005-I)

(U//~~FOUO~~) The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of
Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation regarding an
allegation that United States Air Force [redacted]
[redacted] had viewed underage females in various states of
nudity via a government-issued computer from an NRO facility.
Attached is the Summary Report of Investigation for your review and
action.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) We request that the Director, Office of Security and
Counterintelligence place a copy of this report in the NRO personnel
security file of [redacted] and annotate appropriate security
databases.

(U//~~FOUO~~) OIG investigation reports are to be read only by the
individuals to whom the OIG provides them, or to whom the OIG
specifically authorizes their release. If there are other persons
whom you believe require access as part of their official duties,
please let us know, and we will promptly review your request.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Please direct any questions regarding this Report of
Investigation to Special Agent-in-Charge [redacted]
(secure) or to the undersigned, at [redacted]

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Assistant Inspector General
For Investigations

Attachment:
(U) Report of Investigation
(Case Number 13-0005 I)

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*(U) National Reconnaissance Office
Office of Inspector General
Investigations Division*

(U) SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

(U) (13-0005 I)

25 September 2015

(U) Section A – Subject:

1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~

Full name:

Employer: United States Air Force,

Job Title:

Occupation:

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(U) Section B – Predication:

2. (~~U//FOUO~~) On 26 June 2012, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that [redacted] United States Air Force (USAF), may have viewed underage females in various states of nudity on his government-issued laptop while at his office of assignment within an NRO facility. At the time of the allegation [redacted] was detailed to the NRO as [redacted] within the Mission Operations Directorate (MOD).¹ The OIG initiated an investigation since [redacted] alleged actions potentially violated Title 18 U.S.C. § 2252a, “Certain Activities Relating to Material Constituting or Containing Child Pornography” and/or Directive 50-7, “Appropriate use of NRO Information Technology,” which, in part, prohibits the use of NRO computer systems from activities not related to NRO business to include behavior that is illegal, obscene, or defamatory.

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(U) Section C – Investigative Findings:

3. (~~U//FOUO~~) The OIG obtained copies of digital image files attributable to a USAF laptop issued to [redacted] for his use as [redacted] in MOD.² The files contained images of females in various states of nudity; some images depicted the females engaged in sexually explicit acts. Based on their apparent stages of physical development, the OIG opined that some of the females may have been underage. The OIG subsequently obtained and examined the hard drive from [redacted] computer, which confirmed the presence of the files in question.

4. (~~U//FOUO~~) The OIG contacted the Federal Child Exploitation Task Force³, which subsequently executed a search warrant on 1 November 2012 for [redacted] residence in Loudoun County, Virginia. As a result, Task Force personnel seized and ultimately examined several computers and digital media storage devices that belonged to [redacted]. The search produced additional digital images similar to those originally obtained by the OIG from [redacted] laptop computer at the NRO.⁴

5. (~~U//FOUO~~) The Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney for Fairfax County, Virginia, determined that the images were insufficient to pursue prosecution in the matter. The Task Force subsequently referred the case to the USAF Judge Advocate General (JAG) at Joint Base Andrews. On 9 July 2015, the JAG informed the OIG that [redacted] received an Article 15 (non-judicial punishment) effective 9 May 2015.

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¹ (~~U//FOUO~~) [redacted] was also [redacted] at the NRO.

² (~~U//FOUO~~) The Communications Acquisition Directorate [redacted] monitors computer networks at the NRO for aberrant and prohibited activity. This organization attributed the files at issue to [redacted] computer.

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³ (~~U//FOUO~~) The Task Force included law enforcement personnel from the Fairfax County Police Department, the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, and the USAF Office of Special Investigations.

⁴ (~~U//FOUO~~) Following the execution of the search warrant, the USAF removed [redacted] from the NRO and reassigned him to another position within the USAF.

(U) Section D – Conclusion:

6. (~~U//FOUO~~) [redacted] used a government-issued computer to view pornographic images via an NRO network connected to the Internet. He did this while on duty at an NRO facility. Given that the USAF removed [redacted] from the NRO and remanded him for punishment and reassignment, this investigation closed.⁵

(U) Section E – Recommendation:

7. (~~U//FOUO~~) The OIG requests that the Director, Office of Security and Counterintelligence place a copy of this report in the security file of the individual identified within, along with a notation in the appropriate security databases.

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⁵ (~~U//FOUO~~) NRO did not engage in any administrative action regarding NRO Directive 50-7 as the USAF had already removed [redacted] from NRO facilities.