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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 12:45 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Douglas E. Wolfe; [Redacted] Joseph W. Lambert; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: ~~(S//NF)~~ Successful Attack Against Public FOIA Website
Signed By: [Redacted]

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From [Redacted]

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The site was restored to a snapshot from May 8, 2014. No data has been added to the site since that date, so no further updates are needed. However, we did discover this morning that the eFOIA Request Form functionality is not working, and will not be restored until next week as our developer is on vacation this week. [Redacted] and I agreed to put a notice on the website in the meantime, and to disable the functionality of the form so requests cannot be made. We also notified OPA that the site is back up, but that requests cannot be made electronically.

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Thanks,

[Redacted]

Deputy Director
CIO/IMS

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 12:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Douglas E. Wolfe; [Redacted] Joseph W. Lambert; [Redacted]
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How far back did you need to go (i.e., how current is the information)? What if anything will be done to update the data on the site?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 10:54 AM
To: Douglas E. Wolfe; [Redacted]
Subject: FW: (~~S//NF~~) Successful Attack Against Public FOIA Website

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 9:49 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Joseph W. Lambert; [Redacted]
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(U//~~AWO~~) The site is back up. Please pass on to CIO and D/CIOs. Thanks.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 7:04 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (~~S//NF~~) Successful Attack Against Public FOIA Website

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Hi [Redacted]

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The FOIA ERR website is back up. As we are without programming help this week due to our developer's vacation, an after action report will not be available until next week at the earliest.

Thanks,
[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
CIO/IMS/RMTG, [Redacted]
Deputy Branch Chief
Project Manager, CADRE, STAIRS

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 11:43 AM
To: Douglas E. Wolfe; [Redacted]
Cc: Joseph W. Lambert; [Redacted]; Todd D. Ebitz; [Redacted]
Subject: ~~(S//NF)~~ Successful Attack Against Public FOIA Website
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~~(S//NF)~~ Doug, [Redacted] The CIA's public FOIA website has been successfully hacked, and the damage to the database is unknown. I received the note below from [Redacted] the deputy branch chief who brought this to my attention.

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~~(S//NF)~~ Starting June 6, 2014, the FOIA Electronic Reading Room team was notified of several denial of service attacks on the public-facing reading room website. These incidents did not result in the website being unavailable, and each one was reported to both [Redacted] and IMS management. As a result of the attacks, a decision was made to apply several security patches to the website to ensure that we would not be vulnerable to future attacks. Unfortunately, a new attack was launched, [Redacted] This occurred on June 19 [Redacted] We believe at that time that the site was hit with a [Redacted] attack. Currently, the FOIA ERR website is completely unavailable.

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~~(S//NF)~~ So far, we have attempted to restore the server to two different snapshots from June, with complete restarts of the server each time. Neither attempt was successful. Our next steps are to move farther back in time to May to see if we can restore to that point in time. We have been elevated to [Redacted] support with our server hosting company. At this time, we do not have an ETA on when the site will be restored.

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~~(S//NF)~~ OPA and [redacted] have been notified regarding this outage.

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~~(S//NF)~~ Background: CIO/IMS/RTMG [redacted] runs the FOIA Electronic Reading Room on behalf of CIO/IMS/IRRG. The website is managed separately from the CIA.gov website, which is managed by OPA. The FOIA ERR website [redacted]

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~~(U//AFO)~~ We are continuing to work the problem. [redacted] will provide updates as more information becomes available. If you have questions, you can reach her at [redacted]

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Chief, Information Review and Release Group

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