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MEMORANDUM FOR:

John S. Pistole
Assistant Secretary

FROM:

Daniel R. Johnson
Assistant Administrator for Intelligence and
Analysis

SUBJECT:

(U//FOUO) SILENT PARTNER Rule Archival

Purpose

(U//~~SS~~^{FOUO}) This memorandum seeks your approval to archive a counterterrorism scenario rule currently in use for SILENT PARTNER program.

Discussion

(S//~~SS~~^{SS}) Based on an internal review of current SILENT PARTNER rules, TSA-OI analyzed SP Rule #9282 due to its consistent under-performance. TSA-OI assesses this is due to the high level of granularity to which the rule is written and the specificity of the travel routing.

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Rule	Description
9282	(b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

(S//~~SS~~^{SS}) TSA currently employs multiple SILENT PARTNER rules to select persons (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r). We believe that these rules provide more effective and comprehensive coverage to mitigate the current threats. As a result, I recommend archiving SP Rule #9282.

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ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

John S. Pistole
Assistant Secretary

FROM:

Keith G. Kauffman *KGK*
Assistant Administrator for Intelligence and Analysis (Acting)

SUBJECT:

(U//FOUO) Silent Partner Rule Re-Activation

Purpose

(U//~~SSP~~) This memorandum seeks your approval to re-activate TSA's use of three counterterrorism scenario rules.

Discussion

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~~(S//NF)~~ On 3 August, you authorized TSA-OI to move eight SILENT PARTNER counterterrorism scenario rules to an inactive status. This action was noted in the weekly report to Secretary Napolitano. The Secretary expressed concern and requested further clarification on this action; TSA-OI has provided a response to the Secretary.

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~~(S//NF)~~ In drafting a response to the Secretary, TSA-OI coordinated with the TSA Chief Privacy Officer and DHS Office of Civil Rights and Liberties (OCRL) to clarify concerns previously raised about the use of (b)(3):49 records as a selector in SILENT PARTNER rules. Although the DHS OCRL representative expressed concern about the fidelity of information in the (b)(3):49 database, upon subsequent review it was determined that the use of (b)(3):49 as a limiting selector is acceptable in the context of current rules. A review of current intelligence reporting indicates these rules are still viable. As a result, I recommend returning these rules to active status to select passengers for enhanced screening.

Rules to be Re-Activated

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(U//~~SSP~~) Rule 9180 - (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)
(b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

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(U//~~SSI~~) Rule 9196 - [redacted] (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)
[redacted] (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

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(U//~~SSI~~) Rule 9287 - [redacted] (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)
[redacted] (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

Recommendation

That you approve immediately re-activating the above referenced rules.

Approve *J. Rossides* / *8/16/10* Disapprove _____ / _____
for A/S Pistole Date Date
Modify _____ / _____ Needs more discussion _____ / _____
Date Date

References:



Transportation Security Administration

July 22, 2010

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR:

John Pistole
Administrator

FROM:

Keith G. Kauffman *KGK*
Counterterrorism Coordinator

SUBJECT:

(U//FOUO) Silent Partner Rule Removal

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Purpose

(U//~~SSI~~) This memorandum seeks your approval to cancel TSA's use of eight underperforming targeting rules.

Discussion

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(S//NF) The following three targeting rules adopted as part of the initial rule set have generated relatively few firings per day. In addition they include (b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r) as part of their criteria. The TSA and DHS privacy officers have objected to the use of (b)(3):4 matches as part of TSA domestic passenger pre-screening programs. As a result, I recommend we cease using these rules to select passengers for enhanced screening, and model a modification that removes the (b)(3):49 link. Should that modeling demonstrate utility, I will recommend their adoption by separate action.

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Rule	Description	Average Daily Firings
9180	(b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)	
9196		
9287		

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(S//NF) Separately, on July 16, TSA-OI conducted an internal Silent Partner program review. The following five targeting rules have generated relatively few firings per day. In addition, there is a lack of current, specific intelligence to support the continued utilization of these rules. As a result, I recommend we cease using these rules to select passengers for enhanced screening.

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Rule	Description	Average Daily Firings
9186	(b)(3):49 U.S.C. § 114(r)	
9198		
9267		
9272		
9288		