Semi Annual Report

to the Congress on Electronic Surveillance and Physical Search

Under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Attorney General
The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
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Section 1: Introduction (U)

This report is submitted pursuant to Sections 108(a) and 306 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA or the Act), as amended, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1801-1811, 1821-1829, 1841-1846. It covers all electronic surveillance, physical searches, and pen register/trap and trace surveillance conducted under the Act by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as well as electronic surveillance conducted by the National Security Agency (NSA), during the period January 1 through June 30, 2003. (U)

Out of scope/non-responsive

The FISC subsequently granted pen register and trap and trace authority for that target. (b)(1),(b)
Section 2: Federal Bureau of Investigation (U)

I. Collection Authorized by the PISC (U)

(b)(1), (b)(7)(E)
Out of scope/non-responsive

(b) (1), (b) (7)(E)
G. Pen Register/Trap and Trace Surveillance (U)

The United States filed 80 applications with the FISC seeking authorization for the FBI to conduct pen register/trap and trace surveillance, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. §§ 1841-1846, as amended. The FISC approved all 80 applications. There were 54 United States persons who were the targets of pen register/trap and trace surveillance.16 (S)

16/ As in the previous report, this report does not include thumbnail descriptions of U.S. person targets of pen register/trap and trace surveillance. The Department notes, however, that all applications for pen register/trap and trace surveillance concerning U.S. persons contain a statement describing the factual circumstances demonstrating to the FISC why the related foreign counterintelligence investigation is not based solely on activities protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution, in accordance with FISA. (S)
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2. Update to Incidents Reported in 00-2

Incident 00-2-3 (U)

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