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Department of Homeland Security

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The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State
State of Georgia
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Kemp:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is investigating a series of ten alleged scanning events of the Georgia Secretary of State's network that may have originated from DHS-affiliated IP addresses. The U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has forwarded us your prior correspondence with Secretary Johnson and President-Elect Trump on this issue and has asked us to investigate the allegations raised in your letters.

Pursuant to the Inspector General Act, 5 U.S.C. App., DHS OIG has the duty and responsibility to conduct and supervise audits and investigations, to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of, and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in and relating to, the programs and operations of DHS. DHS OIG is an independent and objective agency within DHS and thus our investigation is also separate and independent of any other inquiries conducted by other DHS offices.

In order to thoroughly investigate these allegations, we request that you provide us with the following documentation and information:

1. Any web (HTTPD) logs and network (netflow) logs from one hour before and after the following dates/times on the activity from IP Address 216.81.81.80 or any other IP address that you believe may be associated with DHS:
 - a. February 2, 2016, at 13:03 CST
 - b. February 28, 2016, at 13:19 CST
 - c. May 23, 2016, at 08:42 CDT
 - d. September 12, 2016, at 11:52 CDT



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- e. September 28, 2016, at 07:54 CDT
 - f. October 3, 2016, at 10:41 CDT
 - g. October 6, 2016, at 10:14 CDT
 - h. November 7, 2016, at 12:15 CST
 - i. November 8, 2016, at 07:35 CST
 - j. November 15, 2016, at 07:43 CST
2. Any intrusion detection alerts that resulted from the above activity, including the alert details.
3. Any other information that you believe evidences or indicates DHS attempts to breach your network or any other information that you believe will be helpful to our investigation.

Your cooperation with this investigation is necessary for us to be able to fully and properly investigate the allegations you have raised, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

Please call me with any questions, or your staff may contact Chad Steel, Special Agent in Charge, Digital Forensics and Analysis Unit, at (202) 254-4093.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Roth".

John Roth
Inspector General



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