Emergency USP Content Queries within FAA 702 PRISM and Telephony Content Collection

External Oversight Process Description

Oversight Activity Name: Emergency USP Queries within FAA 702 PRISM and Telephony Content Collection

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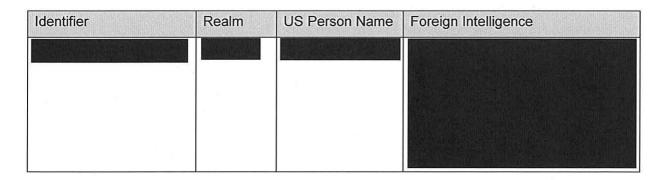
1. Oversight Purpose

The information described below will provide reasonable assurance[1] to DoJ and ODNI that in the event of a national security emergency (e.g., a threat scenario) any USP identifiers used to query FAA 702 PRISM and telephony content collection will be reasonably likely to return foreign intelligence information. The oversight process described below has been reviewed by NSA Leadership, and NSA can reasonably implement it.

2. External Oversight Process

Emergency Scenario: NSA OGC and SID/SV will approve any United States person identifiers used to query the FAA 702 PRISM and telephony content collection. NSA will maintain a specific record of the following information and provide DoJ and ODNI such information for oversight purposes as soon as practicable after approval:

a. Approved identifiers and the realm for each identifier;

b. The United States person, if known, who uses the identifier; and

c. The foreign intelligence information reasonably likely to be obtained by running a query with the identifier, stated as:

- *A short description of the user of the identifier and/or the foreign intelligence information that could be obtained from a query, as well as the basis for this belief; it will not include attachments or supporting analytic assessment documentation.*

Example information:

Identifier	Realm	US Person Name	Foreign Intelligence

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[1] "Reasonable assurance" is a term of art commonly used in the auditing and compliance context that serves as an acknowledgment that it is not possible to assert with absolute certainty that an event will or will not occur. In the context of oversight activity, the term indicates that oversight personnel will have access to persuasive evidence that will allow them to reach conclusions about whether the underlying activity conforms to a specified compliance standard.