

ALARACT 038/2024

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SUBJ/ALARACT 038/2024 – FOREIGN ADVERSARY TARGETING OF U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL

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1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) AR 381-12, THREAT AWARENESS AND REPORTING PROGRAM

1.B. (U) AR 381-20, THE ARMY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (U)

2. (U) APPLICABILITY: THIS MESSAGE APPLIES TO ALL ACTIVE DUTY, NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVE SOLDIERS, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (DA) CIVILIANS.

3. (U) BACKGROUND: FOREIGN ADVERSARIES ARE INCREASING THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND SEEMINGLY LEGITIMATE JOB OFFERS TO ELICIT SENSITIVE INFORMATION FROM DA PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. OUR ADVERSARIES USE ANY REPLY AS A GATEWAY TO PROGRESSIVELY ASK FOR MORE SENSITIVE INFORMATION, AND SOMETIMES OFFER DISPROPORTIONATE PAYMENT (FOR EXAMPLE, ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A TWO-PAGE WHITE PAPER OR ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRAVEL TO DESTINATIONS SUCH AS CHINA, HONG KONG, OR MACAO) FOR SERVICES RENDERED. COMMANDERS AND AFFECTED POPULATIONS NEED TO BE MADE AWARE OF THESE EFFORTS AND OF THE RESOURCES THEY HAVE AVAILABLE TO PREVENT EXPLOITATION BY FOREIGN ACTORS.

3.A. (U) WHILE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING SITES SUCH AS LINKEDIN AND INDEED ARE FREQUENTLY USED BY OUR ADVERSARIES, THEY ARE NOT EXCLUSIVELY USED. REDDIT FORUMS, FACEBOOK MESSENGER, AND GAMING CHATS SUCH AS DISCORD, LINE, AND OTHERS ARE ALSO LEVERAGED. IN THESE EXAMPLES, REQUESTS INITIATE WITH SIMPLE "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" QUESTIONS SUCH AS "WHERE DO YOU WORK," "HOW OLD ARE YOU," "WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES," AND OTHER NON-ALERTING TOPICS. THE QUESTIONS MAY INCREASE IN SENSITIVITY OVER TIME ALTHOUGH THE DIALOGUE MAY NEVER EVOLVE INTO DIRECT OR EXPLICIT REQUESTS FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. INSTEAD, REQUESTORS MAY RELY ON OPINION-BASED QUESTIONS SUCH AS ASKING DA PERSONNEL FOR THEIR OPINION ON TOPICS SUCH AS TAIWAN, UKRAINE, OR ISRAEL TO GATHER INFORMATION.

3.B. (U) THE REQUESTS DO NOT FOLLOW THE TRADITIONAL METHODS OF SOLELY TARGETING PERSONNEL WITH ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. OUR ADVERSARIES ARE CONCERTEDLY TARGETING DA PERSONNEL WITH ACCESS TO TACTICAL INFORMATION, BATTLE PLAN INFORMATION, AND/OR VALUABLE BUT UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION. EXAMPLES OF THIS KIND OF DATA ARE ACQUISITION PLANS OR CONTRACTS, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, AND STATUS OF RESOURCES.

4. (U) PURPOSE: ALL DA PERSONNEL WILL REPORT OFFERS FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT OR INVITATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ACADEMIC PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AR 381-12. DA PERSONNEL WILL REPORT FREQUENT OR REGULAR CONTACT WITH FOREIGN PERSONS, BUSINESS CONNECTIONS, OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, PERSON, OR ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AR 381-12. DA PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ) WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT ARE SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT UNDER UCMJ, CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, AND OTHER ADVERSE ACTION AS AUTHORIZED BY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES CODE OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS. DA PERSONNEL NOT SUBJECT TO THE UCMJ WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS IN AR 381-12 ARE SUBJECT TO ADVERSE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AS AUTHORIZED BY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES CODE OR FEDERAL REGULATION.

4.A. (U) ALL DA PERSONNEL WHO WILLFULLY IGNORE THEIR OATH OF OFFICE TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE SOUGHT OUT AND PROSECUTED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE OF LAW.

5. (U) RESPONSE: DA PERSONNEL WILL REPORT ALL THREAT-RELATED INCIDENTS SPECIFIED IN AR 381-12 TO ARMY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF LEARNING OF THE INCIDENT. IF DA PERSONNEL CANNOT CONTACT A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AGENT, THEY MUST CONTACT THEIR SECURITY MANAGER OR COMMANDER, EXPLAINING THEY NEED TO REPORT A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INCIDENT. SECURITY MANAGERS OR COMMANDERS WILL REFER REPORTS AS SECURELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BEING INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT TO THE NEAREST COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OFFICE OR TO A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AGENT ORGANIC TO THE UNIT. DA PERSONNEL MAY ALSO USE THE I SALUTE ONLINE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INCIDENT REPORTING LINK ON ALL ARMY PUBLIC WEBSITES ([HTTPS://WWW.INSCOM.ARMY.MIL/ISALUTE/](https://www.inscom.army.mil/isalute/)) OR CALL THE UNITED STATES CALL SPY HOTLINE AT 1-800-CALL-SPY (1-800-225-5779).

5.A. (U) ALL ARMY COMMANDERS SHOULD RENEW COMMAND EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT THREAT REPORTING AND ESTABLISH CONTACT

WITH THEIR UNIT'S ASSIGNED COUNTERINTELLIGENCE COVERING AGENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS OF THIS MESSAGE.

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7. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 31 MAY 2025.