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Activity or Interview of: <i>(Include all necessary data)</i> IGOR CHUDOV 4737 Dumoulin Ave. Lisle, Il. 60532 P.O. Box 4376, Lisle, Il. 312-435-3708(W); 630-963-7220(R)	Conducted by: Kevin Cliff Location Of Interview/Activity Chicago Board of Trade Building LaSalle & Jackson St. Chicago, Illinois	

Subject Matter/Remarks

Prior to the interview CHUDOV was served with a United States District Court, Western District of Washington, subpoena. CHUDOV stated the following:

He has been in the United States approximately four years. He is presently moving from his residence at 4625 Lake Trail Drive, Apartment 3D, Lisle, Illinois to a residence at 4737 Dumoulin Ave., Lisle, Illinois.

He is a member of the CYPHERPUNKS and receives Internet Mailings from this organization. There is no membership fees. He could not speculate how many members there are but believes the numbers are numerous. He does not believe that he has altered any of the E-mail he has received. To the best of his knowledge the CYPHERPUNKS ARCHIVES is used to save E-mail messages received. He utilizes the provider, "WORLD WIDE ACCESS" on his personal computer located in his residence. He knows that the mailing lists are distributed at CYBERPASS.NET; SSZ.COM; CYPHERPUNKS @ ALGEBRA.COM.

He knows that CARL JOHNSON has been recently arrested. He has had no telephonic or personal contact with JOHNSON. JOHNSON has sent him E-mail in the past. He knows that persons are upset with someone who has set off a "stink bomb". The problem with the Internet is that someone can make threats and falsely indicate that someone else did the threatening. He has dropped out of contacts with the CYPHERPUNKS E-mail as he is spending more and more time with other duties.

He is willing to cooperate in the investigation and travel to Seattle if needed.

Name: JOHNSON, CARL	Case Number: 7-9804-0029
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Affidavit

I, IGOR CHUDOV, state that:

An Internet mailing list is essentially a program and a list of subscribers. Whenever a message comes in, the program (called list manager) sends it to all subscribers listed. People can freely subscribe and unsubscribe.

Now, problems arise when there are too many subscribers and/or when the machine used to send messages is unreliable. The problem is that there may be not enough bandwidth to send messages to all subscribers, or that at times the list machine will go down for whatever reason (power surge, telephone problems etc), the list ceases operation.

The Cypherpunks list has both of those problems: too many subscribers as well as unreliable equipment. So, we made it into a distributed list: there are several computers that run the same list software. They have different subscribers. People are free to subscribe to any of those lists. All of those lists have same content because the lists are reciprocally subscribed to each other.

algebra.com, my domain, hosts one of those distributed lists.

Other lists, to my knowledge, include cypherpunks@cyberpass.net, cypherpunks@ssz.com, and cypherpunks@toad.com. I do not know the locations of those computers, but toad.com belongs to John Gilmore, and ssz.com belongs to Jim Choate. I forgot to whom cyberpass.net belongs.

I am personally not aware of any alterations of content (meaning) of messages or changes being made to messages sent to the Cypherpunks list. My mailing list software adds some message headers like:

X-Mailing-List: cypherpunks@algebra.com

However, the Internet is essentially an insecure medium. Unless digital signatures are used, it is very easy to create a message with any content that would look very much like it came from someone else, and its true origin may be very hard to find. When it is possible to find out the origin, it is usually the computer and not the person at the keyboard that can be identified. So people often have a cop out excuse that "their dog did it" or "their friend typed it into their computer" or something like this.

Incidents of such forgeries are not uncommon in USENET and mailing lists. I remember tens of instances. Sometimes they are meant as pranks, and sometimes they are meant to inflict some real damage on the victim.

I think that some people maintained indexed archives of Cypherpunks messages. Unfortunately, I do not remember where they are. Maybe they no longer exist. Last time I looked at them was about 2 years ago. People periodically get all excited and start doing something useful like keeping archives, and then stop doing this because they get tired of working on these things, or because their computer crashes, or because they run out of disk space, or things like that.

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Generally, in the last five months or so, I pretty much lost my interest in reading Cypherpunks list because I was too busy with school and work and having fun. So I may not be well aware of the latest developments.

Cypherpunks messages on USENET: some people run a special program called, like, "Cypherpunks USENET Gateway". All that program does, generally, is posting Cypherpunks messages to USENET newsgroups. I do not know where that program resides, though.

Algebra.com is really just my home computer. It is a PC, IBM-compatible Pentium 90 computer with 64MB of memory (really I have 88 MB but only 64 work). My Internet provider is wwa.com, now owned by Verio. I connect to the Internet via telephone modem.

Messages posted to the list are not archived on any computers I have access to -- they just pass through.

I never had any telephone contact with Carl Johnson (AKA C.J. Parker, AKA "Toto"), and never saw him in person. I do not remember sending any anonymous messages involving Carl Johnson or "Toto".

I do not keep copies of Cypherpunks messages, and I only have about 200 or so of the latest messages. I periodically discard those messages because they waste my disk space. I have no Cypherpunks archives.

I did a search in all my mail folders and did not find any messages, correspondence, or e-mail, received from or involving CARL JOHNSON, C.J. PARKER, TOTO, TRUTHMONGER, or A FIEND.

The following is a list of current accounts to whom the Cypherpunks Internet Mailing List is distributed (as of Fri Oct 23 12:33:59 CDT 1998):

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dlv@bwalk.dm.com
serv30@laf.cioe.com
apb@iafrica.com
zachb@netcom.com
lharrison@dueprocess.com
scottst@ionet.net
miner333@dogbert.xroads.com
rkluge@nunic.nu.edu
bart@netcom.com
jbaber@mi.leeds.ac.uk
cpbrown@linus.mitre.org
mwohler@ix.netcom.com
alan@ctrl-alt-del.com
rmtodd@servalan.servalan.com
codehead@ix.netcom.com
privsoft@ix.netcom.com
agarcia@Starbase.NeoSoft.COM

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