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EXCUSE THE CAPS. FOR OVER 50 YEARS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO READ AND TYPE ALL CAPS MUCH EASIER THAN LOWERS.

NOT ONLY SHOULD FTC RULES PROHIBIT SPYWARE AND AND ADWARE THAT SEND OUT ANY REPORTS, CONGRESS SHOULD MAKE IT A FELONY CHARGE, IF SUCH SPYWARE OR ADWARE ACCESSED ANY INFORMATION ON ANY COMPUTER WHICH HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT EFFECT ON NATIONAL SECURITY OR PERSONAL SECURITY OF FEDERAL STATE OR VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL.

MANY VOLUNTEERS UNDER DHS SEND AND RECEIVE INFORMATION WHICH IS FOUO (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) WHICH IN TURN I WOULD SAY MEANS A LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION.

THERE FORE THE SNOOPS MAY BE ACCESSING COMPUTERS WITH A LOW LEVEL OF CLASSIFIED AND REPORTING TO WHO KNOWS WHO INCLUDING TERRORIST GROUPS.

BY BEING ABLE TO SNOOP ON MESSAGES, THEY THEN CAN COLLECT MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF DATA ON DHS, NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES. THE VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE THEREFORE PUT AT RISK FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PERSONAL SAFETY.

BY FOLLOWING THE TRAIL, THE E-MAIL ADDRESS OF ONE DHS VOLUNTEER IS LINKED TO ANOTHER BY CAPTURING THE TO:, BCC:, CC: ADDRESSES OF OUTGOING MESSAGES OR EVEN SWALLOWING WHOLE MESSAGES COMING IN FOR ANY SOURCE WITH MATCHING KEY WORDS IN THE RECEIVED MESSAGE.

EULA'S SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO STATE "WARNING ADWARE OR SPYWARE EMBEDDED" AS THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE EULA IF IT APPLIES BY THE MOST LENIENT DEFINITION OF THE EXPRESSION.

FURTHER LAW SHOULD SPECIFICALLY MAKE IT A FELONY FOR ANY SOFTWARE (PERIOD) TO DISABLE ANY SECURITY FEATURE ON ANY COMPUTER EXCEPT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING UNDER JUSTICE (COURT) SUPERVISION.

ANY AUTOMATIC FAILURE REPORTS BY SOFTWARE SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE AND HUMAN READABLE. FURTHER THOSE REPORTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE USERS I.E., NETSCAPE OR OTHER EMAIL HANDLING FACILITY WHERE THE OWNER COULD READ AND SAVE COPIES IF DESIRED.

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DELETE ALL OF THE EMAIL ADDRESS

