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Cheryl: See below. Thanks, Jim

**From:** Meltzer, Daniel  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2009 8:43 AM  
**To:** Messina, James A.  
**Cc:** Roberts, Blake C.; Craig, Gregory B.  
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Jim, Blake tells me that NARA went ahead and notified Bruce Lindsay, so you should probably give Cheryl a call ASAP. No additional news since what is described in Blake's message below.

Greg / Dan:

The National Archives alerted me that they cannot account for a 2 terabyte hard drive containing electronic records from the Clinton administration. They last can account for the drive on January 30; they discovered it was missing on March 24 (NARA leadership found out later). They believe it was stolen. NARA has an identical copy of the drive, which it is analyzing.

Two terabytes is a very very large amount of data; the drive may contain a wide range of memos, emails, and other electronic documents from the Clinton White House. All the material is unclassified, except for three documents which Bill Leary has examined and does not believe present any significant risk. Based on its analysis, NARA believes the drive contains other sensitive material, including:

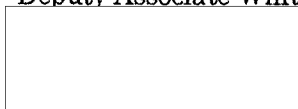
- There is at least a 50% likelihood that the personal information (including DOB and SSN) of all individuals placed through the Clinton Presidential Personnel Office was on the lost hard drive.
- There is a 90% likelihood that the personal information (including DOB and SSN) of all Clinton WH staff was on the lost hard drive. There is a 100% chance that some of it was on the lost hard drive.
- The three classified documents were authored by Lael Brainard, currently a top nominee for Treasury. Much of her work is likely on the drive. They are almost certainly records from many other White House officials.

The NARA Inspector General is investigating the breach. NARA is working to determine what content was on the drive. NARA estimates that it will take about a week to determine the full range of individuals whose personal information was compromised; at that time NARA will determine whether to formally notify those individuals. Right now, NARA's efforts to ascertain the contents of the drive are focused on identifying whose personally identifiable information was compromised.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Blake

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