
Aaron Barr to NSA staffer member Ralph Ghent 20 Jul 2010. Barr suggests that their social media spying could be coupled with malware in an automated, targeted fashion. They plan on spearfishing both overseas with Romas and domestically for COIN - Counter Intelligence.

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From: Aaron Barr <aaron@hbgary.com>
To: "Ralph D. Ghent" <rdghent@nsa.gov>

I think that someone could automate much of the social reconnaissance process and could create a mechanism for getting people to open malware that is much more effective than what exists today. This capability could be highly targeted based on profession, company, friends, etc.

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Aaron Barr to NSA staffer Cheryl Peace 9 Aug 2010. The NSA folk are very cautious about what they write, but here we see Tony Seager, who is in 'the building', and Barr is involved in something called NANA, which apparently spans both HBGary Federal and the parent company HBGary. Recall that this is the day before Barr is talks to Paula Bucher at the DNI, beginning the process that gets him in front of Lisa J. Porter, head of IARPA.

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From: Aaron Barr <aaron@hbgary.com>
To: "Peace, Cheryl D" <cdpeace@nsa.gov>

Hi Cheryl,

It does. I haven't met him personally. Our sister company does work in a few different pockets on the bldg. And i am on the extended NANA team. I recently joined to stand up HBGary federal, a related but separate company. We manage all the work that requires clearances. We exchange some technologies, but we have some separate developments as well. Mostly around threat intelligence and CNO/social media.

I think there are some enabling tech to your mission but really need that qualified.

Interested to run some of the stuxnet stuff by u as well.

Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2010, at 9:27 AM, "Peace, Cheryl D" <cdpeace@nsa.gov> wrote:

> Aaron

> Did a little checking and we already do busy with you guys. Does the
name
> Tony Seager ring a bell?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Aaron Barr [mailto:aaron@hbgary.com]
> Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 10:56 AM
> To: Peace, Cheryl D
> Subject: Re: Number
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> OK. If interested do you have some time to get together when you get
back?
> either next Friday or early the following week?
> Aaron
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> On Aug 6, 2010, at 10:44 AM, Peace, Cheryl D wrote:
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>> I am in Europe till mid next week
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Aaron Barr [mailto:aaron@hbgary.com]
>> Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 10:57 PM
>> To: Peace, Cheryl D
>> Subject: Re: Number
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>> Hi Cheryl,
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>> Can I schedule an appointment with you to come by and chat for a few
>> minutes?
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>> Aaron
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>> On Jul 30, 2010, at 10:41 PM, Peace, Cheryl D wrote:
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>>> I am at Rao at the bar if you want to come by for a few. Meeting
friends
>> for a cocktail in a few
>>> -----
>>> Sent using BlackBerry
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>>> ----- Original Message -----
>>> From: Aaron Barr <aaron@hbgary.com>
>>> To: Peace, Cheryl D
>>> Sent: Fri Jul 30 20:02:44 2010
>>> Subject: Number
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>>> Cheryl,
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>>> Sorry to bother you but do you have a minute to talk. I don't have
>>> your number handy. It will only take moment, but I have some
>>> information for you.

So, we've checked out Romas and COIN, learning that HBGary was trying to strip this work from Northrop Grumman with the help of highly placed executive Tom Conroy, and that Conroy came to NG via the TASC acquisition. He went somewhere that would help him retain his clearances after he left NG in December of 2010. He doesn't explicitly say he is going to TASC, which had been sold in 2009, but given the effort to strip business on their behalf this seems likely.

Conroy did give geographic information w/o identifying the company, so someone familiar with the locations of these contractors in the D.C. area will have to solve that mystery.

We know that Conroy was involved in introducing Barr and pushing him into the office of Lisa Porter, head of IARPA. We know from the messages here that Barr has suggested social media recon as a means to target malware (spearfishing), we know they had their hands on Stuxnet, and Greg Hoglund's intimate knowledge of malware as the owner of rootkit.com finishes the picture.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union the KGB became hired guns, engaging in all manner of fraud. The U.S. massively overbuilt intelligence vendors after 11 Sep 2001 with little regard for quality, as is seen in the script kiddie like carelessness Barr and his crew display.

Now that budget cutting time has arrived many of these companies are going to collapse. A man looking at hungry children will do ANYTHING to put bread on the table. Including corporate espionage and extortion. Citizens United means they'll be able to get funded by foreign powers intent on picking America apart, too. Thank you very much, Clarence Thomas.

One final thought – how long did it take Northrop Grumman connected Barr to find th3j35t3r to help him in his battle against Anonymous, did the connection happen via one or more of th3j35t3r's group working for Northrop Grumman too, or did the fact that they won the 2010 DoD Cyber Crime Center's forensic challenge have anything to do with it?

And why isn't the FBI kicking in doors, given that th3j35t3r has publicly confessed to DDoS attacks on Westboro Baptist Church? Has anyone bothered to inform WBC who their attackers are? They are a quite litigious bunch and need just a tiny hint of payout to begin their game. Northrop Grumman has DEEP pockets if they are indeed behind all these things.

th3j35t3r would have picked WBC because they were perceived as a soft target that would gain little sympathy. This action would have perhaps permitted them to convince certain naïve Anonymi that they were also hackers. Do not forget that they were involved in attacking Wikileaks in addition to their anti-jihadi tendencies.

You ought to think very carefully about who you are, what your objectives are, and what you know about th3j35t3r before you forgive, forget, and start cuddling.