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**(U//FOUO) Advanced Persistent Threat Spear-Phishing Campaign Targeting US Persons with Geopolitical and Scientific Interests**

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*(U//FOUO) An advanced persistent threat (APT) cyber actor conducted spear-phishing operations in December 2020 targeting US persons, according to government reporting. The spear-phishing e-mails used geopolitical and scientific research themes to entice potential victims to click on an embedded malicious link, according to the same report.*

**(U) Support to Computer Network Defense**

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**Malicious Domain**[https://1drv\[.jsurf/b/AuQWU1NEWRw9](https://1drv[.jsurf/b/AuQWU1NEWRw9)

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Product Title:

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**1. Please select partner type: \_\_\_\_\_ and function: \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. What is the highest level of intelligence information that you receive?**

**3. Please complete the following sentence: "I focus most of my time on:"**

**4. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following:**

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Product's overall usefulness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Product's relevance to your mission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Product's timeliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Product's responsiveness to your intelligence needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**5. How do you plan to use this product in support of your mission? (Check all that apply.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive planning and preparedness efforts, training, and/or emergency response operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate a law enforcement investigation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Observe, identify, and/or disrupt threats   | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate your own regional-specific analysis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share with partners   | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate your own topic-specific analysis      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allocate resources (e.g. equipment and personnel)                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop long-term homeland security strategies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reprioritize organizational focus   | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not plan to use                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Author or adjust policies and guidelines  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>                    |

**6. To further understand your response to question #5, please provide specific details about situations in which you might use this product.**

**7. What did this product not address that you anticipated it would?**

**8. To what extent do you agree with the following two statements?**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
This product will enable me to make better decisions regarding this topic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This product provided me with intelligence information I did not find elsewhere.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**9. How did you obtain this product?**

**10. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up conversation about your feedback?**

To help us understand more about your organization so we can better tailor future products, please provide:

Name: <input type="text"/>	Position: <input type="text"/>
Organization: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>
Contact Number: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>



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