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Date: 07/23/2019

From: DETROIT

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Case ID #: 9E-DE-3142874 (U//~~FOUO~~) Former U.S. Army Major Claims Abuse by U.S. Government and Threatens Disclosure of Classified Information

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Former U.S. Army Major Claims Abuse by U.S. Government and Threatens Disclosure of Classified Information

Assessment Initiated: 07/23/2019, set to expire 08/22/2019

Details: University of Michigan PhD Philosophy candidate Ian Fishback (DOB 10/19/1979) is a former United States Army Officer. Fishback recently authored an email to colleagues at University of Michigan (attached) indicating that Fishback had contacted Michigan Congresspersons to report that he had been retaliated against by U.S. Special Operations, the NSA, and/or the CIA. In his email, Fishback complained that certain technologies and tactics had misused in the operations against him. Fishback threatened, "If the US fails to protect me, I will make every attempt to share high level, sensitive classified information with the governments of European Union member states." Fishback then communicated, "I feel justified in doing so because the US has tortured me for the better part of my adult life."

Fishback requested his colleague's assistance in urging Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and the University of Michigan to open an investigation into Fishback's treatment by the "Executive Branch." Fishback communicated that he "might be killed" and that he did not see things working out well for him.

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Date of entry 08/01/2019

RE: Assessment [redacted]

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University of Michigan Professor [redacted] was contacted by telephone and was interviewed in support of the referenced Assessment. After being advised of the identity of the interviewer and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information in substance and in part:

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[redacted] is a Professor [redacted] at the University of Michigan. The [redacted] telephone [redacted] direct telephone number is [redacted]

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[redacted] was responsible for administration of the [redacted] [redacted] and became acquainted with PhD student Ian Fishback who was serving as a GSI during that term.

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Approximately mid-term in the Fall of 2018, several students began to notice that Fishback was not fully addressing the anticipated teaching materials in his instructional section. In end of class evaluations that [redacted] finally reviewed in January 2019, several students reported that, mid-term, something seemed to have changed in Fishback's demeanor that affected his ability to effectively communicate the information on the syllabus. Fishback may have been working with [redacted] at the time, but [redacted] was not certain that Fishback was assigned as a GSI working with [redacted]

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At an end of the year gathering in April 2019, [redacted] was present when Fishback made comments relating to Fishback's thoughts concerning a possible justification for killing those who may violate a person's rights. [redacted] first overheard Fishback making comments to other graduate students at the party. Fishback then addressed [redacted] directly, and then made similar comments on the topic to two other Professors while in [redacted] presence. It was [redacted] impression that Fishback was simply exploring a theory he was working through as an academic exercise, and was looking for feedback from professors and academic peers. [redacted] did not find Fishback's comments threatening in any way, and [redacted] had no reason to report the comments to University administration.

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Investigation on 07/30/2019 at Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States (Phone)

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(U) Interview of University of Michigan

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is aware that Fishback is in Europe attending one or more conferences and speaking on "Just War" theory.  has no information regarding Fishback's itinerary in Europe or the timing of his return to Michigan.  was not aware of any specifics regarding Fishback's physical or mental health history.

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and Threatens Disclosure of Classified Inform

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GUARDIAN  FOR CURRENT ASSESSMENT DATA.

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**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. U//~~FOUO~~ Incident report received from the University of Michigan Police Department.
2. U//~~FOUO~~ Closing Summary and Recommendation
3. U Email to SA [REDACTED] from Ian Fishback
4. U//~~FOUO~~ U.S.Capitol Police email re: IAN FISHBACK dtd 07/29/2019
5. U//~~FOUO~~ Michigan DL Photo
6. U//~~FOUO~~ Email from SA [REDACTED] to Ian Fishback (ifis@umich.edu) on 09/11/2019
7. U//~~FOUO~~ University of Michigan PD interview of Philosophy PhD Student Ian Fishback
8. U//~~FOUO~~ U.S. Army Personnel File: Ian Fishback

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FILE CLASS/OFFENSE: 99009 - Miscellaneous - Non-Criminal

NATURE OF INCIDENT: 9900/PVP/Fishback [redacted]

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OCCURRED ON: 4/23/2019 6:00:00 PM (and Between) 4/29/2019 11:45:32 AM

VENUE: 435 S STATE ST 2215 ANN ARBOR, MI ANGELL JAMES B HALL AND TISCH HALL CITY/TOWNSHIP: 82 - U of M Ann Arbor, Washtenaw

WITNESS: [redacted]

RACE: HGT: EYES: SSN: ADDRESS INFORMATION: DOB: SEX: WGT: ETH: DLN: AGE: JUV: HAIR: Circumstances: DL State:

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Phone Information:

Emails:

[redacted]

NOTES:

SUSPECT: Fishback, Ian U of M Affiliated: Y - Yes Affiliation Type: Student UM ID: Campus Address: 4073 Munger Alcohol/Drugs: N - No Affiliation Notes: Philosophy Dept Grad student

RACE: White HGT: 5' 8" EYES: Brown SMT: SSN: DOB: 1/19/1979 SEX: Male WGT: 165 ETH: DLN: F212326014052 AGE: 40 JUV: N - No HAIR: Circumstances: DL State: Michigan

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

S - School: 540 Thompson St., #4073 Ann Arbor, MI 48109

H - Home: 411 Handy St Newberry, MI 49868

Phone Information:

Emails :

ifs@umich.edu

NOTES:

OTHERS: [redacted] ENTITY TYPE Complainant

U of M Affiliated: [redacted] Affiliation Type: [redacted] UM ID: Campus Address: 2215 Angell Hall Alcohol/Drugs: N - No Affiliation Notes: Philosophy Department Chief Administrator

RACE: DOB: AGE: SEX: [redacted] JUV:

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HGT:	WGT:	HAIR:
EYES:	ETH:	Complexion:
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SSN:	POB:	Resident:
DL Number:	DL State:	DL Country:
Employer/School:	Employer Address:	
Occupation/Grade:		
ADDRESS INFORMATION:		
W - Work:	[REDACTED]	
Phone Information:	Email:	
W - Work: (734) 647-4006	[REDACTED]	
NOTES:		

NARRATIVE:

UM-0176 - [REDACTED]

4/29/2019 3:52:36 PM

NATURE:

Potentially Violent Person

LOCATION:

Angell Hall, 435 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

REPORT RECEIVED:

The [REDACTED] forwarded e-mail messages to DPSS regarding a graduate student's comments regarding when it may be "justifiable to kill people who violated your liberty".

OFFICER RESPONSE:

Officer [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT INTERVIEW:

I responded to the Philosophy Department office at #2215 in Angell Hall in an attempt to interview the complaint and possible witnesses. [REDACTED] is out of the office for the day.

All other possible witnesses including [REDACTED] were also not available.

SUSPECT INTERVIEW:

I responded to Munger Residence Hall [REDACTED] in an attempt to contact PVP Ian Fishback. I made contact with Fishback's suitemate [REDACTED] stated Fishback travelled to Europe on 4/25/19 with plans to visit several countries. Fishback is expected to return to Ann Arbor in July of 2019. I left my business card with [REDACTED] and requested her to forward my contact information to Fishback.

SUSPECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PVP suspect Ian Fishback, W/M, DOB 1-19-79 is a graduate student in the UofM Philosophy Department.

LEIN records show Fishback has a valid Michigan license and no warrants.

CCH records for Fishback show no record of any criminal history.

Weapons registration records show no weapons for Fishback.

Fishback is reported to be divorced, ex-wife and children currently live [REDACTED]

INFORMATION:

Philosophy graduate students including [REDACTED] met with Fishback on 4/23/19 at the "End of the Year" Town Hall department meeting from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Fishback was speaking openly asking colleagues during this meeting if it was "justifiable to kill people who violated your liberty".

On this date, 4-29-19, Fishback sent an e-mail message to fellow graduate students including [REDACTED] expressing extremely negative opinions about the Philosophy Department. This e-mail message has been attached to this report within the Call For Service narrative.

DISPOSITION:

No specific threats of violence were received from Fishback. Fellow students and Faculty in the Philosophy Department expressed concern for Fishback's behavior due to the nature of his negative statements. Fishback is reported to be out of the country as of 4/25/19 until an unknown date in July of 2019.

In the event Fishback becomes available to be interviewed, this report will be supplemented with further information.

CASE STATUS:

Closed.

## Narrative:

## FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

Multiple attempts to contact Ian Fishback and conduct an interview have failed. Fishback is reported to be out of the country at this time. Fishback did respond to one e-mail indicating he was unavailable while out of the country. An e-mail request for Fishback to call UofM Police to be interviewed over the phone resulted in one phone call received by dispatch on 5-02-19, but Fishback did not remain on hold long enough for an officer reach a phone and could not be re-contacted.

## CONTINUED BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Fishback has been attending UofM as a graduate student since 2012, earning two masters degrees and currently near completion of a PhD from the Philosophy Department on the topic of "Just War Theory".

Fishback is a retired US Military officer, U.S. Army Special Forces, achieved the rank of Major, West Point graduate. Fishback received notoriety in 2006 listed as one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people after sending a letter to Senator John McCain regarding the abuse of military prisoners.

A significant amount of information about Fishback's background can be found on the internet including Wikipedia.

Faculty and Staff in the Philosophy Department reported they have never known Fishback to be a violent person. Fishback is reported to have paranoid notions of the government using unknown methods to control him. Fishback has been known to be a patient at the VA Hospital, but it is currently unknown what treatment or medication if any is being provided.

Fishback is currently conducting a guest speaker tour on the topic of "Just War Theory" in Europe including at Oxford University in England.

## CASE STATUS:

Closed.



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Case No. 1990301771

Subject 9900/PVP/Fishback [redacted]

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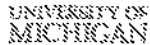
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### U-M Mandatory Report [CSA] has been submitted

1 message

U-M Mandatory Reporting <dpss-clery-compliance@umich.edu>  
Reply-To: U-M Mandatory Reporting <dpss-clery-compliance@umich.edu>  
To: [Redacted] dpss-clery-compliance@umich.edu

Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 2:28 PM

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### A CSA report has been filed

Report number is #101960001

Sender username: [Redacted]

Your Name: [Redacted]

Your work phone:

Your cell phone:

Date/time reported to  
CSA: 07/15/2019 01:00 PM

Date/time incident  
occurred: 07/13/2019 03:32 AM

Location of incident:

Unknown location: YES

Crime:  
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#### Persons:

Name: Unknown

Race:

Gender:

Age:

Hair:

Height:

Weight:

Glasses:

Relationship/Survivor:

Additional Info:

#### Description:

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From: [Redacted]  
Date: Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 1:11 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Head's Up  
To: [Redacted]

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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: Ian Fishback <ifis@umich.edu>  
Date: Sat, Jul 13, 2019 at 3:32 AM  
Subject: Re: Head's Up  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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Good morning,  
Since some of you expressed disappointment at my lack of specificity, here are some details.  
There have been attempts to make myself and others feel that I have a mental illness. I know that I do not have a mental illness. Some of you know this too. For example, I am currently in Europe and everything is better when I cross certain national borders. Mental illnesses don't respect national borders. Intelligence agencies do respect national borders. This is not rocket science. The US government has tried to get me to move to Canada in the past and now its trying to get me to move to Europe. It is also trying to force me out of UM. I have been tortured while I'm at UM. Among other things, my work has been severely disrupted, I've been sexually harassed, and I've been raped. That is the cliff notes version, UM has either

intentionally behaved in a reverse racist and reverse sexist manner or, as i suspect is most likely, has been set up to do these things. People at UM know this and are being cowardly. Those people need to get up, call Congresswoman Dingell and call the Dean/President of the University.

I don't care that there are people on this distro who don't know what's going on. I'm not giving veiled threats to anyone. I'm making an overt promise that if i find out someone has evidence about this and illegally and immorally refrains from sharing that information, i will do everything in my power to send that person to prison when the dust clears and this is over. To the best of my knowledge, liberty of your polity is at stake.

I may be back in September to give a fuller account, or i may seek asylum in Europe.

If you're doing the right thing, great! You're a moral person. If you're not, and we get to the back end of this i'll hold you legally accountable for being a terrible person.

Cheers, Ian



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On Fri, Jul 12, 2019 at 11:59 AM Ian Fishback <ifis@umich.edu> wrote:

I told you what you need to do. Do it.  
If you have evidence and you withhold it, i will do everything i can to send you to prison when this is over.



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On Fri, Jul 12, 2019 at 1:49 AM Ian Fishback <ifis@umich.edu> wrote:

Correcting for typos and re-sending to different email addresses:  
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Please contact the office of Representative Dingell and share your support and any information you might have. It is illegal to claim that you cannot share information with you elected representatives. A non-disclosure statement does not bind you in this way. You might have to vaguely tell Representative Dingell that you can substantiate my claims and then provide full disclosure to the Congressional Intelligence Oversight Committees.

If the US fails to protect me, I will make

every attempt to share high level, sensitive classified information with the governments of European Union member states. I feel justified in doing so because the US has tortured me for the better part of my adult life.

If you think I have a mental illness, have done anything inappropriate, or should have my testimony disregarded for any other reason you are wrong. Some of you know how powerful this technology is. It is not a leap of faith to realize how it could be misused. Some of those persons are in the Michigan Graduate Student Running Group and others are in the UM Philosophy Department.

The operation has been carried out in such a manner that I believe the US political left, academia, and UM in particular might be a target. Don't overreact; just get the University of Michigan and Representative Dingell involved to open an investigation into the executive branch regarding my treatment.

In 2008, before leaving office, President Bush signed an Executive Order that allowed Special Operations Command (my former unit) to conduct operations without Presidential review. That means that subsequent Presidents might not know the way I've been treated. Furthermore, I get his hard every Presidential election year (2008, 2012, 2016) between June and December. My hypothesis is that this time is when Presidential and Congressional Oversight of executive agencies is most lax. That also means the next big move is Summer and Winter 2020.

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On Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 1:46 PM Ian Fishback <ifs@umich.edu> wrote:

Colleagues,  
I talked to Amnesty International today and asked them to put me in touch with US

Congressional  
Intelligence  
Oversight  
Committee  
members and  
representatives  
of the  
European  
Union.  
I've been  
brutally  
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Operations is  
involved and  
that they are  
avoiding both  
Presidential  
and  
Congressional  
oversight.  
Because the  
activity is  
political in  
nature and a  
threat to  
everyone's  
liberty, I'm  
challenging it  
even though  
my prospects  
for success  
seem slim. My  
principal  
objective is to  
provide  
testimony that  
is not believed  
now but that  
will provide  
increased  
credibility to  
future victims.  
For those with  
more intimate  
knowledge of  
my experience  
at UM, keep in  
mind that the  
events of the  
last 4+ years  
take place  
within a  
context of over  
a decade of  
mistreatment  
with an intent  
to accomplish  
illegitimate  
political  
objectives. If  
you had a fuller  
picture, the  
degree to  
which my  
rights were  
violated would  
shock and  
horrify you.  
Some of you  
have  
information

that is  
important to  
creating a  
holistic picture  
for others. Be  
prepared to  
provide  
testimony  
regarding that  
information. To  
the many of  
you who don't  
know anything,  
I apologize for  
including you.  
This has been  
hellish for me;  
it violated  
almost every  
human right  
governments  
are supposed  
to secure for  
persons and I'll  
be demanding  
legal  
accountability  
for those who  
betrayed the  
Republic. The  
good news is  
that I'm still  
sucking air and  
capable of  
contributing to  
the liberty of  
others.  
I don't know  
what the  
implications  
will be for you  
if you testify to  
the full truth,  
but there is a  
moral duty to  
do so. The  
bottom line is  
that this is  
about a lot  
more than me  
or you. It's  
about  
protecting  
basic human  
rights for  
everyone.  
I anticipate that  
I might be  
killed as I  
press forward  
and I don't  
really see this  
working out  
well for me.  
Provide as  
much  
information as  
you can, even  
if I die or am  
thoroughly  
discredited.  
For now, I  
anticipate no  
change to my  
job  
applications or  
PhD thesis.

Ian

[redacted]  
[redacted] University  
of Michigan  
[redacted] 335 South State Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1003tel: [redacted]

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University of Michigan  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1003

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email: [redacted]  
phone: [redacted]  
fax: [redacted]

Other:

Was the person who reported the incident to you referred to other University resources?

Other:



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**FILE CLASS/OFFENSE:**

99008 - Miscellaneous - Assist to Other Police Agency

**NATURE OF INCIDENT:**

99008/Assist Other Agency/Fishback [REDACTED]

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**OCCURRED ON:** 7/12/2019 11:42:01 AM  
(and Between)

**VENUE:** 1239 KIPKE DR ANN ARBOR, MI CAMPUS SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING  
**CITY/TOWNSHIP:** 82 - U of M Ann Arbor, Washtenaw

<b>OTHERS:</b> Fishback, Ian	<b>ENTITY TYPE</b>	Other Person
U of M Affiliated: Y - Yes		
Affiliation Type: Student		
UM ID:		
Campus Address:		
Alcohol/Drugs: N - No		
Affiliation Notes:		
RACE: White	DOB: 1/19/1979	AGE: 40
HGT: 5' 8"	SEX: Male	JUV: N - No
EYES: Brown	WGT: 165	HAIR:
Facial Hair:	ETH:	Complexion:
SSN:	Attire:	Resident: Resident of the community, city, or town where the offense occurred
	POB:	DL Country:
DL Number: F212326014052	DL State: Michigan	
Employer/School:	Employer Address:	
Occupation/Grade:		
<b>ADDRESS INFORMATION:</b>		
S - School: 540 Thompson St., #4073 Ann Arbor, MI 48109		
H - Home: 411 Handy St Newberry, MI 49868		
Phone Information:	Emails:	
	ifis@umich.edu	
<b>NOTES:</b>		

<b>OTHERS:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>ENTITY TYPE</b>	Other Person
U of M Affiliated: N - No		
Affiliation Type:		
UM ID:		
Campus Address:		
Alcohol/Drugs: N - No		
Affiliation Notes:		
RACE:	DOB:	AGE:
HGT:	SEX:	JUV:
EYES:	WGT:	HAIR:
Facial Hair:	ETH:	Complexion:
SSN:	Attire:	Resident:
DL Number:	POB:	DL Country:
Employer/School:	DL State:	
Occupation/Grade:	Employer Address:	

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NARRATIVE:

[REDACTED]  
7/12/2019 12:03:01 PM  
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Assist Other Agency - United States Capitol Police

LOCATION:

Campus Safety Service Building  
1239 Kipke Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48109

INFORMATION:

On 7/12/2019 I was contacted by S/A [REDACTED] for the United States Capitol Police Investigations Division. [REDACTED] advised he was investigating an incident where a subject called the office of Speaker of the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi. The subject made veiled threats and hung up. The subject said his name was Ian Fishback. [REDACTED] requested any information for a Ian Fishback, a Graduate Student at University of Michigan. I completed a search for Fishback in SRMS and located a PVP report on Fishback (1990301771). I made contact with [REDACTED] and provided him the requested information.

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CASE STATUS:  
Closed.

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

Phone Information:

W - Work: [REDACTED]

W - Work: [REDACTED]

Emails:

[REDACTED]

NOTES:

**From:** [redacted] (OEI, FBI)  
**To:** [redacted]@umich.edu  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FBI Request for Interview  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:41:00 PM

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Mr. Fishback:

Greetings and welcome back from your travels in the EU. As University of Michigan Police Officer [redacted] may have mentioned during your meeting last week, I am an FBI Agent based out of the Detroit Division's Ann Arbor Resident Agency - located here in Ann Arbor at 200 East Liberty, Suite 360. It is my understanding that you have alleged United States Federal Government employees have violated your rights, possibly by means of classified technology. It is also my understanding that you are seeking legal accountability for the alleged violations of your rights, including your rights to privacy and freedom of association. I take these allegations very seriously and would like to speak with you at your earliest convenience. I understand that you have already communicated your concerns to members of the United States Congress, but believe that the FBI has relevant federal investigative jurisdiction with respect to your complaints.

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Please let me know if you have any time to sit down and provide some background. We could meet in our offices here on Liberty or I would be happy to meet you at a place that works best for your schedule.

Respectfully:

Special Agent [redacted]

FBI Detroit (Ann Arbor Resident Agency)

200 East Liberty, Suite 360

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Office [redacted]

Desk [redacted]

email [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] (DE) (FBI)  
**To:** Ian.Fishback  
**Subject:** RE: FBI Request for Interview  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:22:00 AM

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Sir:

Thank you for the reply. As noted below, I'm available to meet and talk at any time.

Semper fi:

Special Agent [redacted]  
Office [redacted]  
Desk [redacted]  
Cell: [redacted]

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**From:** Ian Fishback [mailto:ifis@umich.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 2:03 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DE) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: FBI Request for Interview

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Hello Special Agent [redacted]  
It might be useful for us to meet, but I have notified Congresswoman Dingell's office of my concerns and she requested information from the DoD, NSA, and CIA. I am waiting for a response. If there is none or it is inadequate, then we should meet.

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Sincerely,  
Ian

On Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 11:42 AM [redacted] (DE) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

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Mr. Fishback:

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investigative jurisdiction with respect to your complaints.

Please let me know if you have any time to sit down and provide some background. We could meet in our offices here on Liberty or I would be happy to meet you at a place that works best for your schedule.

Respectfully:

Special Agent [redacted]  
FBI Detroit (Ann Arbor Resident Agency)  
200 East Liberty, Suite 360  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Office [redacted]  
Desk [redacted]  
email [redacted]

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## Narrative:

## INFORMATION:

On 9/6/2019 I made contact with Ian Fishback via telephone. I asked Fishback if he would be willing to speak to me. Fishback stated he was at his apartment and I could come to meet him there.

## STATEMENT OF FISHBACK:

I made contact with Ian Fishback at his apartment in Munger Residence Hall. I asked Fishback how long he had been a student at U of M. He said he had been a student from 2010 to 2012 while getting his master's degree. Fishback stated he has been at the University since 2015 for his Ph.D. I asked Fishback where he is in the process of getting his Ph.D. Fishback said he is prepared to defend his dissertation in December of this year. Fishback explained if he gets a good job offer he is prepared to leave but if he does not he still has two more years to work on his dissertation.

I told Fishback that I was there to follow up on concerns about the comments he made. I explained the comment was something like "would it be justified to kill someone who violates someone else's liberty." Fishback responded saying, "I said I would prosecute them to the full extent of the law." Fishback stated he has the email somewhere and could show me. He stated he had sent this email to the department because his rights have been violated. Fishback said a lot of this is from when he was in the Army, adding that is where he was before coming to U of M. Fishback stated "it is way above anything you could understand, I am talking to Congresswoman Dingell's office about it." He explained his primary problem is with the Army but there are enough people at U of M who know what is going on and they should be doing something about it. Fishback said if he finds out that someone had enough knowledge to do something and did not, he would prosecute them.

I asked Fishback what is the expectation for someone at U of M to do with regards to the Army. Fishback advised he did not owe me an explanation of this. Fishback explained he knows something happened with the Army, which was bad. He knows that some people at U of M have some knowledge of it. Fishback added he does not know if they have enough knowledge that he should hold them responsible. Fishback said, "I have made contact with Congresswoman Dingell and among other things, I have been raped, so it's serious stuff."

I asked Fishback when he says he was raped if he is saying he was sexually assaulted while at U of M. Fishback advised the sexually assault occurred while he was faculty at West Point. Fishback stated when he came to U of M in 2015 he did not know the full extent of what was going on. Fishback said that here is no way to explain it to me that would be plausible. Fishback explained his message to U of M was if someone knew about what was going on and did nothing about it, he would prosecute them to the full extent of the law. He said this is very wrong and he will not tolerate it. Fishback explained they should not try to cover their tracks and go the wrong way. He added, if they want to come to him and say what is going on, then he will be a team player.

I asked Fishback if he currently thinks that someone has this knowledge or if he is saying that if he later finds out they did, he would prosecute. Fishback stated if he later found out, he would prosecute. Fishback explained he got entangled with high ranking generals, a former President of the United States and the CIA. He said he would appreciate if U of M would help him out. Fishback stated he plans to contact the Dean of Student to see if there are things they can do. Fishback stated he is still fielding good job offers, so this has not derailed his career.



Officer Narrative



Case No. 1990301771

Subject Fishback, [redacted]

Entered On: 9/10/2019 9:10:59 AM

Entered By: [redacted]

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I asked Fishback if Congresswoman's Dingell's office had been able to help him. Fishback stated not yet but he has been in contact with [redacted] from Dingell's office. He told [redacted] to reach out to the Armed Services Oversight Committee and the Intelligence Oversight Committee. Fishback explained he was in Special Forces and believes that is where the linchpin is.

I told Fishback that part of my job was to make sure that people feel safe on campus, so they can be successful. I added that with all that he had going on I would try to assist him, so he could be successful as well. I explain that his situation may be too complicated for me to understand, but I had other contacts that may be able to him. I explained that I have previously worked with Special Agent [redacted] from the FBI. That [redacted] may be able to better assist/understand his situation. I provided Fishback with [redacted] business card.

I asked Fishback if he ever had any intent to assault anyone and he said no. I asked Fishback if any of the other staff members had spoken to him about this and he said no. Fishback said he had sent the email this summer while he was out of the country. Fishback explained he was following up with Europe Intelligence Agencies. He said he was telling them about some of the stuff that happened to him. Fishback said he asked them if they knew anything and if they could help him out. Fishback stated this is when he sent the email to U of M to let them know if any of them are involved, now is the time to come forward. Fishback explained he never said, "I will kill you, I said I will prosecute you." I asked Fishback who the email went to. Fishback advised the whole department.

I provided Fishback with my business card. I told him to let me know if there was anything I could do to assist him.

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INVESTIGATION:

I did not find any additional information that would give cause to believe Fishback is a threat to campus. I made contact with Special Agent [redacted] and advised him of my contact with Fishback.

CASE STATUS:


Closed

Generated: 09/23/2019 10:33 AM EDT

Incident Summary

[Redacted] (U//~~FOUO~~) Former U.S. Army Major Claims Abuse by U.S. Government and Threatens Disclosure of Classified Information [Redacted]

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<p>Ian Fishback        HQ-CID-122-II-19        (U//<del>FOUO</del>) Violent Incident Crimes - Domestic</p>	<p>[Redacted]        Status: Closed (on 09/23/2019)        Does not contain an allegation of criminal activity</p>		
<p>(U//<del>FOUO</del>) Ian Fishback (Male, 01/19/1979)        Other information: Former United States Army Officer and West Point Graduate        US Person: Yes        Subject Type: Main        Driver's License: F212326014052 MI        Attachments: <a href="#">(U//<del>FOUO</del>) Michigan DL Photo (82.6 KB)</a></p>		<p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>Threat to Life: No        Report Type: Other        Activity Type: Other        Observed: 08/18/2018 01:46:00 PM        Time Zone: GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern        Origin Agency: Local/State/Tribal Law Enforcement        Receipt Method: Email        Reported By: University of Michigan Police Department, [Redacted]        Tripwire: Yes        Field Office: GREENE        Assigned Squad: GREENE        Approver(s): [Redacted] National Office        Report Creator: [Redacted]        Report Owner: [Redacted]        Authorized: [Redacted]        Purpose: determine if subject Ian Fishback poses of threat of violence or potential for illegal dissemination of classified information.        Sentinel Case: SE-DE 3142874</p>
<p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>[Redacted]</p>		

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(U) University of Michigan PhD Philosophy candidate Ian Fishback (DOB 10/19/1979) is a former United States Army Officer. Fishback recently authored an email to colleagues

at University of Michigan (attached) indicating that Fishback had contacted Michigan Congresspersons to report that he had been retaliated against by U.S. Special Operations, the NSA, and/or the CIA. In his email, Fishback complained that certain technologies and tactics had misused in the operations against him. Fishback threatened, "If the US fails to protect me, I will make every attempt to share high level, sensitive classified information with the governments of European Union member states." Fishback then communicated, "I feel justified in doing so because the US has tortured me for the better part of my adult life."

Fishback requested his colleague's assistance in urging Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and the University of Michigan to open an investigation into Fishback's treatment by the "Executive Branch." Fishback communicated that he "might be killed" and that he did not see things working out well for him.

In a separate email dated 07/13/2019, Fishback reported that the U.S. Government had attempted to get Fishback to move to Canada in the past and was now attempting to get him to move to Europe. Fishback complained that the U.S. Government was trying to force him out of the University of Michigan. Fishback reported that he had been tortured at the University of Michigan and and that he had been both sexually harassed and raped while at the University of Michigan.

In his email, Fishback denied he suffered from mental illness.

On 07/12/2019 The United States Capitol Police contacted the University of Michigan Police Department regarding a subject who had self-identified as "Ian Fishback" in a voicemail directed to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The voicemail reportedly contained a veiled threat. No additional information on the substance of the threat was available at the time of this draft.

The University of Michigan attempted an interview of Fishback but determined he was in Europe speaking at various venues on the topic of "Just War." The University anticipated Fishback would return to the United States some time in July 2019.

Open sources indicate that, in 2005, Fishback was recognized as one of Time Magazine's most influential persons in the United States based on Fishback's communication with Senator John McCain regarding DOD abuse of prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Subjects**

(U//~~FOUO~~) Ian Fishback (Male, 01/19/1979)  
Other Information: Former United States Army Officer  
and West Point Graduate.  
US Person: Yes  
Subject Type: Main  
Driver's License: F212326014052 MI  
Attachments: (U//~~FOUO~~) Michigan DL Photo (09.5 KB)

**Attachments**

**Notes**

(U//~~FOUO~~) CONUS Return Flight Information for Ian Fishback

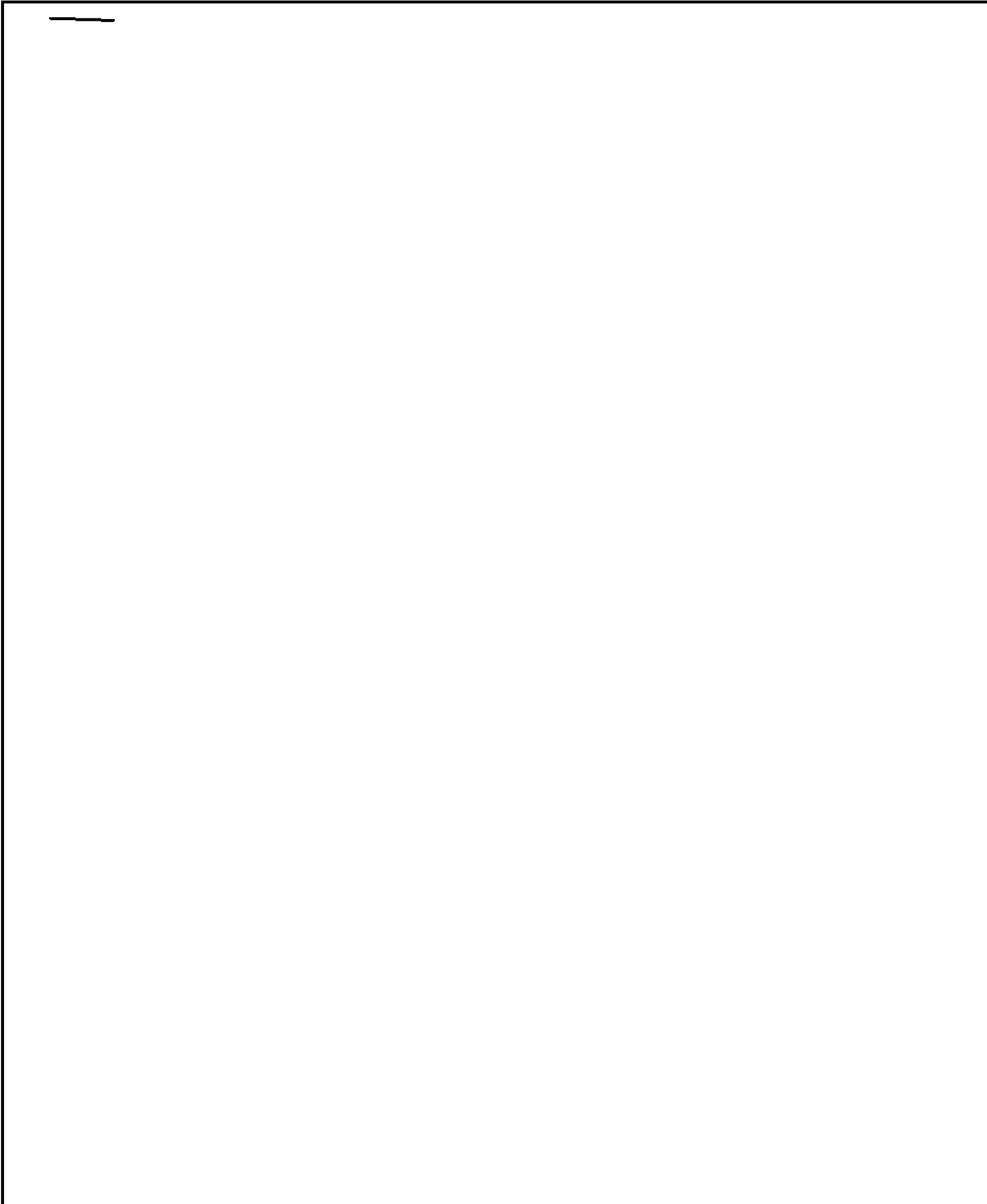
Authorized: Access/examine FBI/DOJ records, and obtain information from FBI/DOJ personnel.  
Method:  
Description: On 07/26/2019 Detroit FBI JTTF DTW ALA Agent [redacted] reported that Ian Fishback was scheduled to return to Detroit Wayne International Airport (DTW) on August 30, 2019 at 8:10 p.m. on Delta Flight 19. SA [redacted] then passed the return flight information to University of Michigan Lt [redacted] via email and Detective [redacted] via telephone.  
Status: Approved

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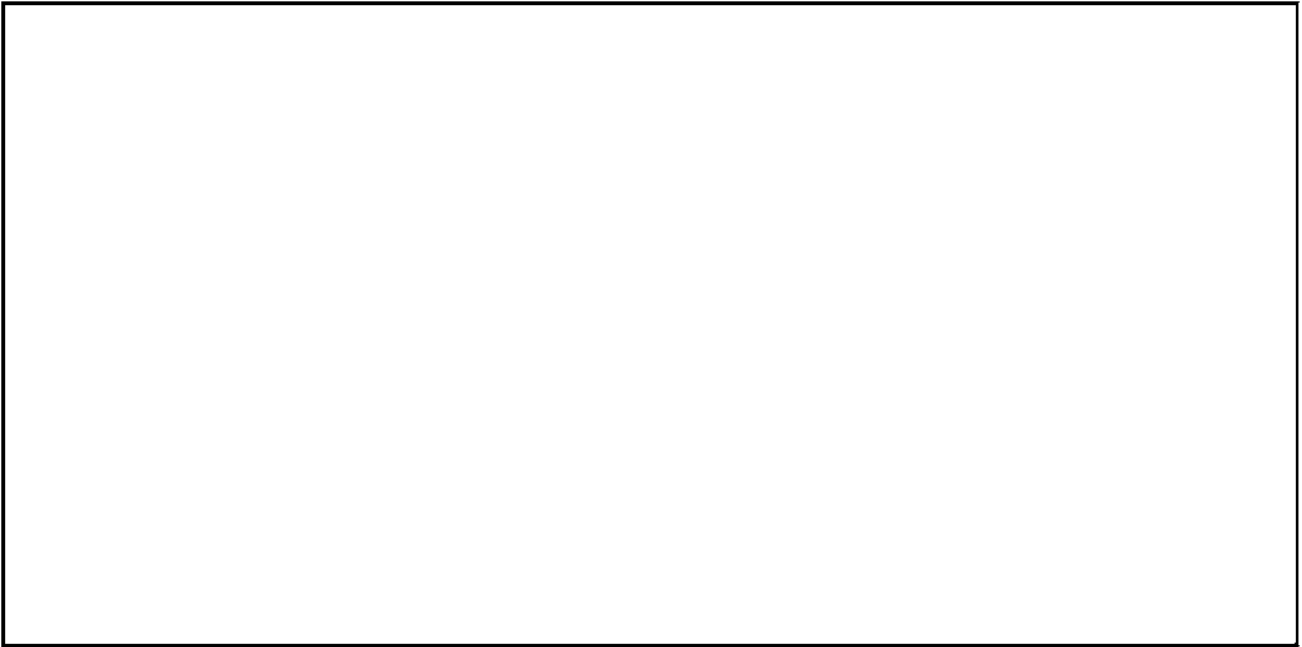
History:

07/26/2019 10:20:22 AM Created Note: CONUS Return Flight Information [REDACTED] (DETROIT /DE-AA: )  
for Ian Fishback  
07/26/2019 10:33:52 AM Submit note for approval [REDACTED] (DETROIT /DE-AA: )  
07/30/2019 09:06:19 AM Approve note [REDACTED] (DETROIT /DE-  
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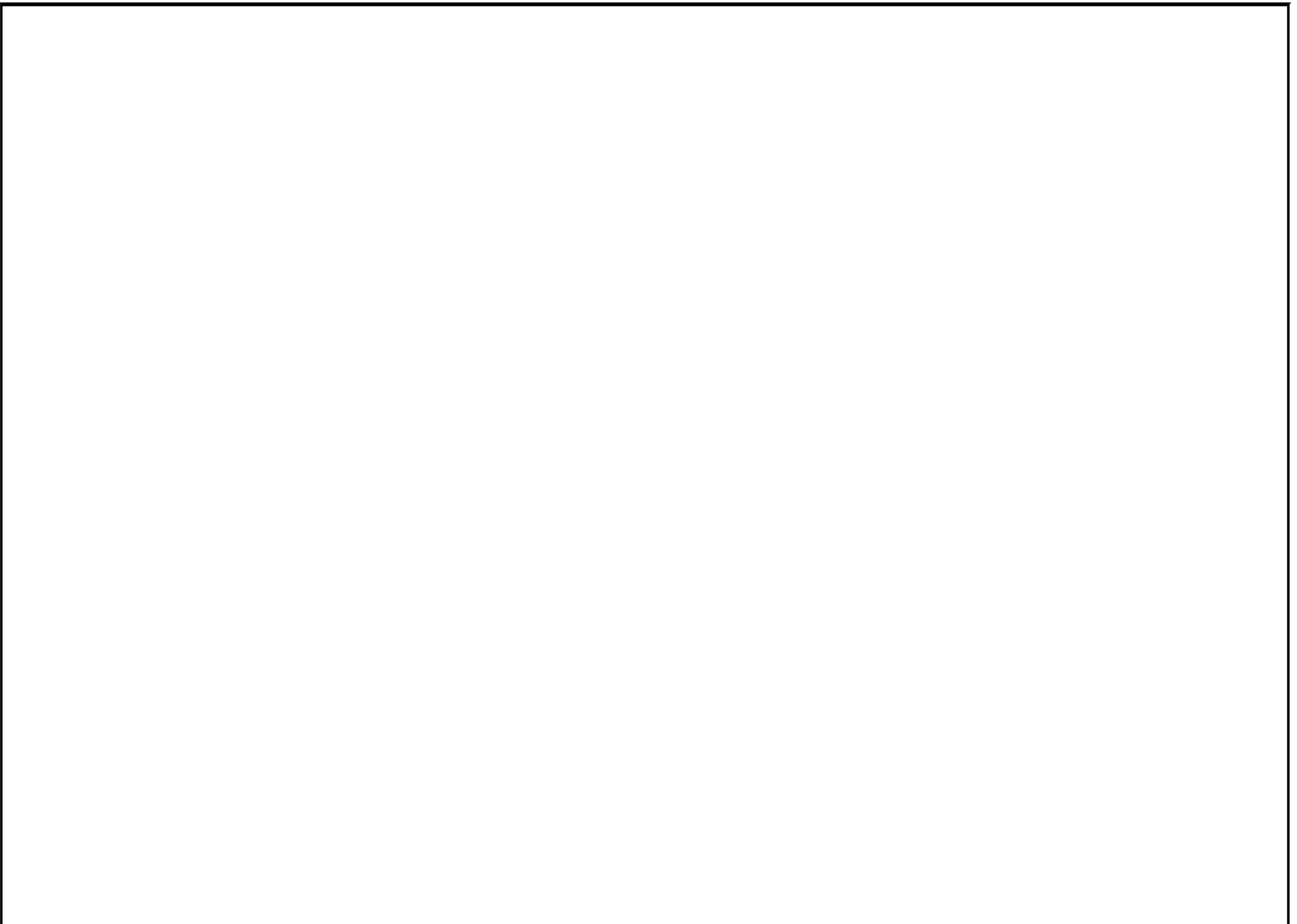
~~(U//FOUO)~~ Review of U.S. Army Personnel File: Ian Fishback

Authorized Access/examine FBI/DOJ records, and obtain information from FBI/DOJ personnel.

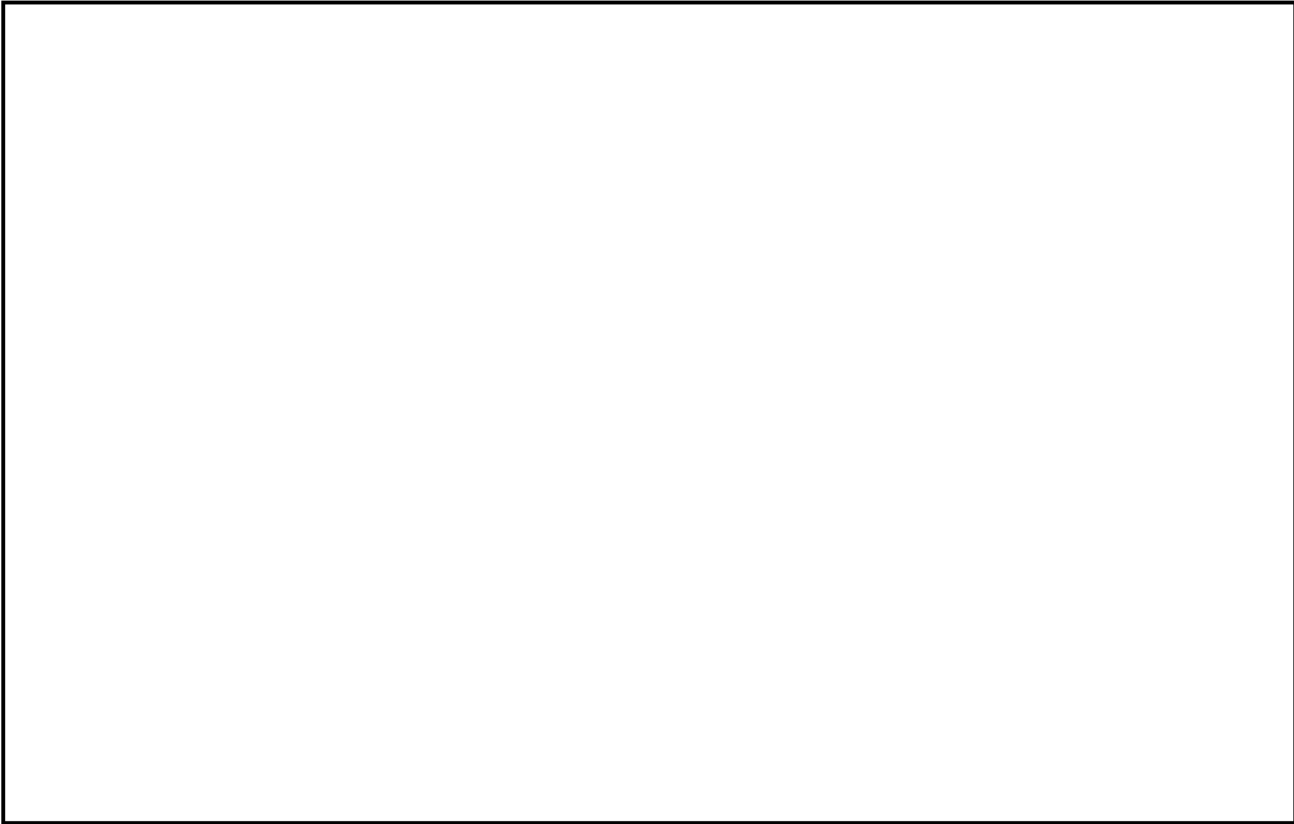
Method:

Databases Other

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(U//~~FOUO~~) April 2019 Email from Ian Fishback to Philosophy Department and Associated Email

Authorized: Accept voluntarily provided information by governmental or private entities.

Method:

Description: Per request from SA [redacted] on 08/01/2019 University of Michigan Detective [redacted] forwarded an April 2019 email from University Philosophy PhD Student Ian Fishback and an associated email from a fellow PhD student. The April 2019 email had been referenced in a University of Michigan Police Report but had not been attached to the copy of the report forwarded to the FBI. The email is now attached and the text of the communication is set out below:

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On April 29, 2019 at 11:45:32 AM, Ian Fishback (ifis@umich.edu) wrote:  
Dear [named graduate student] and other graduate students,

I am at Oxford and cannot attend the town hall meeting. I do not think it is wise to assign any jobs to me for I may be departing the University of Michigan sometime during next academic year. Were I at the meeting, I would voice concern that the department as a collective and many of the individual graduate students lack the intellect and honor requisite of professional scholars often entrusted with moral education. Your department stole years of my life when it was entrusted with my education for future service. This was to the detriment of me personally and society as a whole. I've discouraged good men and women from joining the University of Michigan and would not entrust my daughter to your care, were she of age to attend university. If you think I am the only University of Michigan graduate student who has this opinion, you are ignorant. Engage others to overcome the gaps in your knowledge and you might be surprised what you learn. Then again, maybe not.

My concerns are well enough known to some of you; others may be justifiably caught by surprise. In any event, [redacted] essay discusses one of the University of Michigan's principal intellectual and moral failures, which is found to a lesser degree elsewhere in the academy. The last two paragraphs are most salient.

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My sincere hope is that you learn and become worthy men and women, in thought, word, and deed. There is much work to be done. A candid (candor is arguably foremost among many character traits some of you lack) discussion at the town hall meeting would be an apt beginning.

With regret, Ian

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Status: Approved

History:

- 08/05/2019 10:56:25 AM Created Note. April 2019 Email from Ian Fishback to Philosophy Department and Associated Email [Redacted] (DETROIT /DB-AA:)
- 08/05/2019 10:59:21 AM Submit note for approval [Redacted] (DETROIT /DB-AA:)
- 08/05/2019 10:59:29 AM Recall note [Redacted] (DETROIT /DB-AA:)
- 08/08/2019 11:52:48 AM Submit note for approval [Redacted] (DETROIT /DB-AA:)
- 08/09/2019 12:28:10 PM Approve note [Redacted] (DETROIT /DB-AA:)

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(U) Coordination Meeting with University of Michigan Police Department 08/08/2019

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes

Method:

Description: On 08/08/2019 SA [Redacted] met with University of Michigan Police Officer [Redacted] to discuss the threat assessment evaluating PhD candidate Ian Fishback

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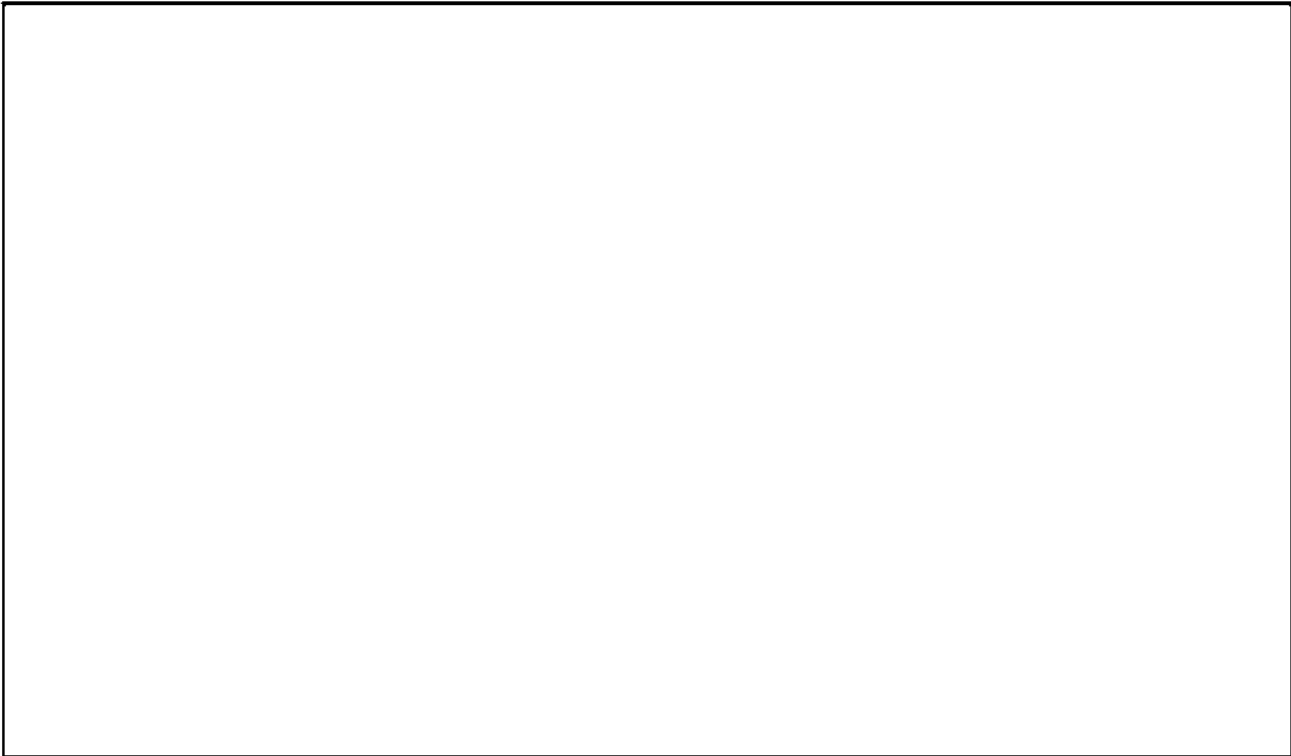
and plans for approach and interview upon Fishback's anticipated return from Europe in or about the first week of August.

Status: Approved

History:

- 08/08/2019 11:39:21 AM Created Note. Coordination Meeting with University of Michigan Police Department 08/08/2019 [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)
- 08/09/2019 11:53:13 AM Submit note for approval [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)
- 08/09/2019 12:28:19 PM Approve note [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Updated CONUS Return Flight information for Ian Fishback

Authorized: Access/examine FBI/DOJ records, and obtain information from FBI/DOJ personnel.

Method:

Databases: Other

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Description: On 08/26/2019 Detroit FBI JTTF DTW ALA Agent [redacted] reported that Ian Fishback was scheduled to return to Detroit Wayne International Airport (DTW) via Amsterdam on September 5, 2019. Delta Flight 19 SA [redacted] passed the return flight information to University of Detective [redacted] via email

Status: Approved

History:

- 08/26/2019 10:58:42 AM Created Note. Updated CONUS Return Flight Information for Ian Fishback [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)
- 08/26/2019 11:04:47 AM Submit note for approval [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)
- 08/27/2019 02:44:24 PM Approve note [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)

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(U//~~FOUO~~) University of Michigan PD interview with Ian Fishback

Authorized: Accept voluntarily provided information by governmental or private entities

Method:

Description: On 09/05/2019, Ian Fishback was interviewed by University of Michigan Police Detective [redacted]. The interview report is attached. In summary, Fishback denied that he ever threatened anyone at the University of Michigan. SA [redacted] was advised of the interview in advance and met with [redacted] to discuss the interview. Based on Fishback's apparent paranoia with respect to the Federal Executive Department [redacted] and [redacted] agreed

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that it would be better if the FBI did not participate in the initial U of M PD interview following Fishback's return from Europe on 09/05/19.

On 09/11/2019 SA [redacted] sent an email to Fishback indicating that FBI Detroit Division (AARA) was aware that he had been interviewed by U of M PD and was prepared to meet with Fishback and hear any of his evidence or complaints regarding allegations of Executive Department misconduct. (see Attached Email)

Status: Approved

Attachments: (U//~~FOUO~~) University of Michigan PD interview of Philosophy PhD Student Ian Fishback (71.2 KB)  
(U//~~FOUO~~) Email from SA [redacted] to Ian Fishback (ifs@umich.edu) on 09/11/2019 (37.5 KB)

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History:

09/13/2019 02:29:57 PM Created Note. University of Michigan PD [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1) interview with Ian Fishback  
09/13/2019 02:47:30 PM Submit note for approval [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)  
09/13/2019 02:57:51 PM Approve all incident notes [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)

(U//~~FOUO~~) Reporting Email contact with Ian Fishback on 09/16-17/2019

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes.

Method:

Description: On 09/16/2019 Ian Fishback responded via email (ifs@umich.edu) to the request he appear for an FBI interview in Ann Arbor, MI indicating that he had made information requests of DoD, CIA and NSA through Congresswoman Dingell's office. Fishback communicated that he wanted to wait until that information was produced before meeting with the FBI. Fishback reported that, if the information requested was not forthcoming or was inadequately produced, Fishback might then wish to meet and speak with the FBI.

On 09/17/2019 SA [redacted] responded to Fishback noting that SA [redacted] was available to meet with Fishback at any time

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Fishback's communication to SA [redacted] was forwarded to University of Michigan Police Department Detective [redacted] for information.

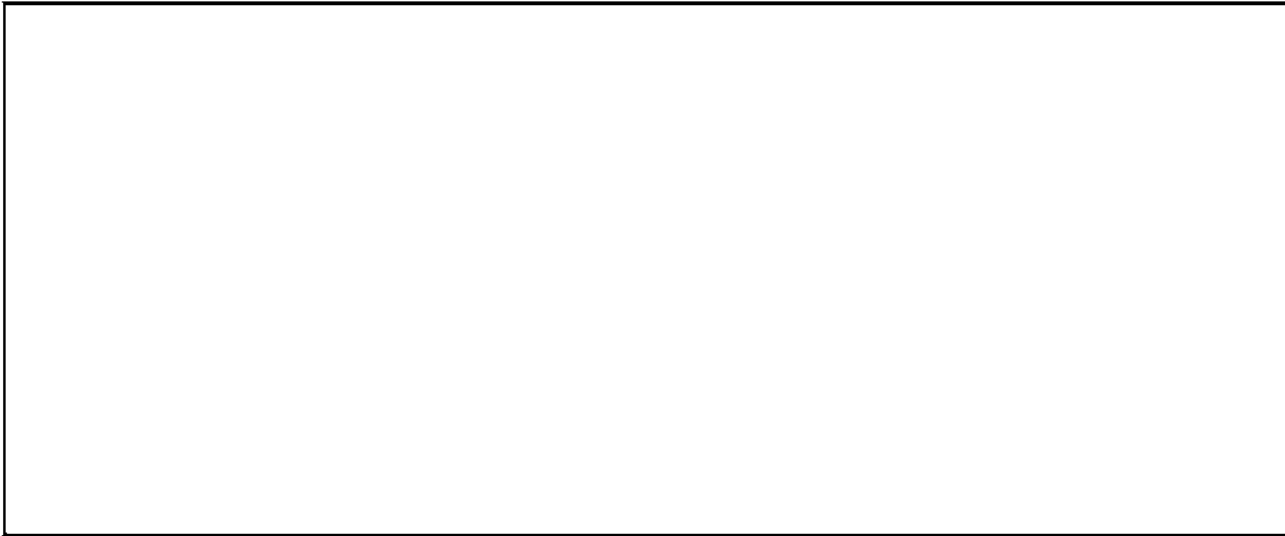
Status: Approved

Attachments: (U) Email to SA [redacted] from Ian Fishback (38.5 KB)

History:

09/17/2019 10:10:48 AM Created Note. Reporting Email contact with Ian [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1) Fishback on 09/16-17/2019  
09/17/2019 10:17:07 AM Submit note for approval [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)  
09/18/2019 03:06:37 PM Approve note [redacted] (DETPOIT/DE-AA1)

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Assessment Summary and Recommendation for Closure

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes

Method:

Description: See attached assessment summary and recommended closing  
Status: Approved  
Attachments: (U//~~FOUO~~) Closing Summary and Recommendation (33.8 KB)

History:  
09/23/2019 09:17:22 AM Created Note: Assessment Summary and [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
Recommendation for Closure  
09/23/2019 09:22:18 AM Submit note for approval [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
09/23/2019 10:22:40 AM Approve note [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Created Referral, Other Local/State/Tribal Agency

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes  
Method:  
Description: Baseline  
Status: Approved

History:  
09/23/2019 10:21:08 AM Created Note, Created Referral, Other Local/ [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
State/Tribal Agency  
09/23/2019 10:22:46 AM Approve note [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)

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Referrals

(U//~~FOUO~~) Other Local/State/Tribal Agency

Agency Name: University of Michigan Police Department  
Date Referred: 09/16/2019  
Person to who Detective [redacted]  
the incident is referred:  
Contact: [redacted]  
Information:

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It is noted that the individual or group identified during the Assessment does not warrant further FBI investigation at this time. Any dissemination of information from this Assessment regarding the individual or group identified must include an appropriate caveat with the shared information. It is recommended that this Assessment be closed.

Workflow

07/17/2019 01:50:09 PM Created incident Assigned By: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
Assigned To: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
07/17/2019 02:38:50 PM Incident submitted for opening Assigned By: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
Assigned To: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
07/17/2019 02:44:57 PM Incident assigned for pre-assessment Assigned By: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
Assigned To: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
07/23/2019 08:41:19 AM Incident submitted from pre-assessment Assigned By: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
Assigned To: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
07/23/2019 10:42:18 AM Incident opened Assigned By: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)  
Assigned To: [redacted] (DETROIT /DE-AA1)

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08/16/2019 10:40:27 AM 30 day review performed  
During the past 30 days this Assessment has made progress toward achieving the authorized purpose and clearly defined objective. The investigative activities that occurred in the prior 30 calendar days were appropriate and in compliance with applicable DIOG requirements. At this time adequate predication has not been developed to open a Predicated investigation or fully mitigate the assessment's predication. It is reasonably likely that information will be obtained that is relevant to the authorized purpose and clearly defined objective, thereby warranting an extension for another 30 days. The Assessment should not be terminated at the present time to allow the case agent to interview subject/additional witnesses/ associates, conduct on additional checks, and/or potentially convert to a PI if warranted.

Assigned By: [redacted] ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )  
Assigned To: [redacted] ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )

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09/19/2019 02:38:20 PM 30 day review performed  
During the past 30 days this Assessment has made progress toward achieving the authorized purpose and clearly defined objective. The investigative activities that occurred in the prior 30 calendar days were appropriate and in compliance with applicable DIOG requirements. At this time adequate predication has not been developed to open a Predicated investigation or fully mitigate the assessment's predication. It is reasonably likely that information will be obtained that is relevant to the authorized purpose and clearly defined objective, thereby warranting an extension for another 30 days. The Assessment should not be terminated at the present time to allow the case agent to interview subject/additional witnesses/ associates, conduct on additional checks, and/or potentially convert to a PI if warranted.

Assigned By: [redacted] ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )  
Assigned To: [redacted] ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )

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09/23/2019 10:22:55 AM incident submitted for closure

Assigned By: [redacted] ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )

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09/23/2019 10:29:48 AM incident closed  
The responsible SEA has reviewed and closed this Assessment. All investigation has been thorough and proper under DIOG policy. All Baseline checks have been addressed, and the subject refused an interview, as documented in an attached summary for closure. The assigned investigator's Disposition sufficiently addresses the authorized purpose. The Assessment has not revealed any information that would predicate the opening of a Preliminary or Full investigation, and the assigned investigator has taken necessary steps to mitigate any potential threat identified during the Assessment.

Assigned To: ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )  
Assigned By: [redacted] ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )  
Assigned To: ( DETROIT /DE- AA1 )

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Dissemination of Information to Other Agencies**

Title: (U) Request Authorization to share information with Veterans Administration, Saginaw Michigan,

Date: 03/11/2021

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 9E-DE-3142874 (U//~~FOUO~~) Former U.S. Army Major Claims Abuse by U.S. Government and Threatens Disclosure of Classified Information

Responsible Organization: DETROIT

Agency Contacted: Other Federal Agency on 03/11/2021 via Email

POC: [redacted]

Work: [redacted]

E-mail: [redacted]

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Disseminated On: 03/11/2021 (Once)

Dissemination Details: (U) Summary of information relating to threats articulated by the subject of assessment (closed) 9E-DE-3142874, in anticipation subject is relocating to Shepherd or Newberry, Michigan.

Information recipient, [redacted]

[redacted] with the Veterans Justice Outreach Program located at the Adela E Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan. [redacted] was contacted by telephone and confirmed he is is the POC for the threat information to be shared.

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Method: Written

Follow-up Required (SSTF): No

Disseminated Serials:

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Title: (U) Request Authorization to share information with Veterans  
Administration, Saginaw Michigan,  
Re: 9E-DE-3142874, 03/11/2021

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U//~~FOUO~~) Notifications regarding former Detroit Assessment subject and U.S. Army Veteran Ian Fishback

**Date:** 04/08/2021

**CC:**

**From:** DETROIT

DE-AA1

**Contact:**

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**Approved By:** SSRA

**Drafted By:**

**Case ID #:** 9E-DE-3142874 (U//~~FOUO~~) Former U.S. Army Major Claims Abuse by U.S. Government and Threatens Disclosure of Classified Information

**Synopsis:** (U//~~FOUO~~) Notifications regarding former Detroit Assessment subject and U.S. Army Veteran Ian Fishback

**Details:**

**Assessment**

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This communication updates recent reporting concerning the activities and location of former Detroit Division assessment subject IAN FISHBACK ( Closed 09/23/2019). FISHBACK is a U.S. Army Veteran (Major) and, as of December 2020, was enrolled as a Doctoral Candidate in Philosophy at the University of Michigan. FISHBACK defended his dissertation in December 2020 but, as of 03/04/2021, has yet to finalize several minor formatting elements that must be completed before publication of the dissertation and formal award of the PhD.

Detroit's assessment was opened on 07/17/2019 following a report sent

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Notifications regarding former Detroit Assessment subject and U.S. Army Veteran Ian Fishback

Re: 9E-DE-3142874, 04/08/2021

to FBI Detroit by the University of Michigan Police Department. The report detailed an April 2019 Philosophy Department "Town Hall" meeting where FISHBACK communicated to peers and professors that he believed it would be justifiable for a person to kill someone if that person believed another had violated that person's liberty. No one attending the "Town Hall" interpreted FISHBACK's statements as a direct threat to harm any person.

On 04/25/2019 FISHBACK flew to Europe for conferences and a speaking tour concerning "Just War" Theory. The trip included a stop at Oxford University. The travel was financed by the University of Michigan Philosophy Department. On 04/29/2019 FISHBACK sent an email to the University of Michigan Philosophy Department that criticized the Department and its students. FISHBACK wrote that he anticipated he might be leaving the University and complained that fellow graduate students lacked the intellect and honor required of professional scholars entrusted with moral education. FISHBACK complained the Philosophy Department "stole years of" FISHBACK's life. FISHBACK wrote that he had discouraged others from attending the University of Michigan and indicated he would not entrust his daughter to the University's care if she was of the age to attend. FISHBACK wrote that, if members of the Department thought FISHBACK was alone in his views, they were "ignorant." FISHBACK was then blocked from sending Department-wide emails by the Philosophy Department Chair.

Detroit assessed that FISHBACK had had some interaction with mental health providers in Michigan, including the Veterans Administration, but determined he was probably not fully invested in his treatment. FISHBACK communicated that he felt that he had been under surveillance by the United States Government for many years for the purpose of discrediting him. Interviewees in the assessment included [REDACTED]

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[redacted] The assessment was closed in September 2019 on grounds that no federal criminal activity was identified.

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On 03/03/2021 [redacted] contacted FBI Detroit Special Agent [redacted] and reported [redacted] had additional information regarding FISHBACK.

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