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 EXHIBITS 1-16

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**DECLARATION OF TRACY L. WILKISON**

I, Tracy L. Wilkison, declare as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California. I am one of the attorneys who represent the government in the instant matter.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 are true and correct copies of the article *Apple’s Lawyer: If We Lose, It Will Lead to a ‘Police State,’* by David Goldman and Laurie Segall, published on February 26, 2016, available at <http://money.cnn.com/2016/02/26/technology/ted-olson-apple/index.html>, and printed on March 9, 2016; and the article *Tim Cook: FBI Is Asking Apple to Create ‘Software Equivalent of Cancer,’* by Mikey Campbell, published on February 24, 2016, available at <http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/02/24/tim-cook-fbi-is-asking-apple-to-create-software-equivalent-of-cancer>, and printed on March 9, 2016.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of *U.S. Sec. and Exch. Comm’n Form 10-K Annual Report for Apple Inc.* (filed on Oct. 28, 2015), available at <http://investor.apple.com/secfiling.cfm?filingID=1193125-15-356351&CIK=320193>.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the English Language portions of the Apple Inc. (“Apple”) document *iOS 9.0 Software License Agreement for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch*, available at <http://images.apple.com/legal/sla/docs/iOS9.pdf>, and printed on March 5, 2016.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of Apple document *Terms and Conditions*, available at <http://www.apple.com/legal/internet-services/itunes/us/terms.html>, and printed on March 5, 2016.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the Internet archive stored version of Apple’s statement *Our Commitment To Customer Privacy Doesn’t Stop Because Of A Government Information Request* (March 31, 2015),

1 available at <http://web.archive.org/web/20150331005807/http://www.apple.com/privacy/government-information-requests/>, and printed on February 29, 2016.

3 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the Brief of  
4 Appellant, *United States v. Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company*, No. CA  
5 78-2366.

6 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of document  
7 *California Government's Budget 2015-16 Enacted Budget Detail*, available at  
8 <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2015-16/Enacted/agencies.html>, and printed on March 4,  
9 2016.

10 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of Apple document  
11 *Report on Government Information Requests (January 1–June 30, 2015)*, available at  
12 [https://www.apple.com/nz/privacy/docs/government-information-requests-](https://www.apple.com/nz/privacy/docs/government-information-requests-20150914.pdf)  
13 [20150914.pdf](https://www.apple.com/nz/privacy/docs/government-information-requests-20150914.pdf), and printed on March 5, 2016.

14 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of the article *Apple*  
15 *Adds State-Controlled China Telecom as Data Center Provider*, by Lorraine Luk,  
16 published on August 15, 2014, available at [http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2014/08/15/apple-](http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2014/08/15/apple-adds-china-telecom-as-data-center-provider/)  
17 [adds-china-telecom-as-data-center-provider/](http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2014/08/15/apple-adds-china-telecom-as-data-center-provider/), and printed on March 5, 2016.

18 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of the article *Apple*  
19 *Tweaks Wi-Fi in iPhone to Use China Protocol*, by Owen Fletcher, available at  
20 <http://www.pcworld.com/article/195524/article.html>, and printed on March 9, 2016.

21 12. Attached hereto as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of the report *Cyber*  
22 *Security in China: Internet Security, Protectionism and Competitiveness: New*  
23 *Challenges to Western Businesses*, by Hauke Johannes Gierow, Issue 22 China Monitor  
24 (published April 22, 2015), available at [http://www.merics.org/fileadmin/templates/](http://www.merics.org/fileadmin/templates/download/china-monitor/150407_MERICS_China_Monitor_22_en.pdf)  
25 [download/china-monitor/150407\\_MERICS\\_China\\_Monitor\\_22\\_en.pdf](http://www.merics.org/fileadmin/templates/download/china-monitor/150407_MERICS_China_Monitor_22_en.pdf), and printed on  
26 March 9, 2016.

27 13. Attached hereto as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of the article *While*  
28 *It Defies U.S. Government, Apple Abides By China's Orders—and Reaps Big Rewards*,

1 by David Pierson, published on February 26, 2016, available at <http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-apple-china-20160226-story.html>, and printed on March 9,  
2 2016.  
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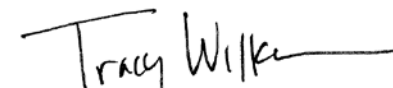
4 14. Attached hereto as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of Apple document  
5 *Legal Process Guidelines U.S. Law Enforcement*, published September 29, 2105,  
6 available at <http://www.apple.com/privacy/docs/legal-process-guidelines-us.pdf>, and  
7 printed on March 5, 2016.

8 15. Attached hereto as Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of Apple statement  
9 *Answers To Your Questions About Apple And Security*, available at  
10 <http://www.apple.com/customer-letter/answers/>, and printed on February 28, 2016.

11 16. Attached hereto as Exhibit 15 is a true and correct copy of the article *Apple*  
12 *Is Said to Be Trying to Make it Harder to Hack iPhones*, by Matt Apuzzo and Katie  
13 Benner, version published on February 24, 2016, available at  
14 [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/25/technology/apple-is-said-to-be-working-on-an-](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/25/technology/apple-is-said-to-be-working-on-an-iphone-even-it-cant-hack.html?_r=0)  
15 [iphone-even-it-cant-hack.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/25/technology/apple-is-said-to-be-working-on-an-iphone-even-it-cant-hack.html?_r=0), and printed on February 29, 2016.

16 17. Attached hereto as Exhibit 16 is a true and correct copy of Apple's  
17 Response to Court's October 9, 2015 Memorandum and Order, In Re Order Requiring  
18 Apple Inc. To Assist In The Execution Of A Search Warrant Issued By This Court, No.  
19 15-MC-1902 (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 2015).  
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21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America  
22 that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed in Los Angeles,  
23 California, on March 9, 2016.

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1                    **SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER PLUHAR**

2            I, Christopher Pluhar, declare and state as follows:

3            1.        I am a Supervisory Special Agent (“SSA”) with the FBI, and I have  
4 knowledge of the facts set forth herein and could and would testify to those facts fully  
5 and truthfully if called and sworn as a witness.

6            **A.        The Subject Device Was Off When Seized**

7            2.        In paragraph 8 of my declaration dated February 16, 2016 (the “Initial  
8 Declaration”), I explained that the Subject Device was “locked” because it presented a  
9 numerical keypad with a prompt for four digits. To add further detail, on December 3,  
10 2015, the same day the Subject Device was seized from the Lexus IS300, I supervised  
11 my Orange County Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (“OCRCFL”) team who  
12 performed the initial triage of the Subject Device, and observed that the device was  
13 powered off, and had to be powered up, or booted, to conduct the triage. Upon power-  
14 up, we observed that the device was protected with a four-digit passcode (because it  
15 displayed a number pad with four spaces), and was running iOS9. I confirmed with two  
16 FBI Evidence Response Team agents that the device was found in the center console of  
17 the Lexus IS300 described in the search warrant, and that it was found there powered off.

18            **B.        Accessing the iCloud Back-Ups**

19            3.        As described in paragraphs 5 and 6 of my Initial Declaration, after the  
20 shootout on December 2, 2016, the Subject Device was seized pursuant to the search  
21 warrant on December 3, 2016. After case agents and forensic examiners from the  
22 OCRCFL met with personnel (including Information Technology (“IT”) personnel) from  
23 the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (“SBCDPH”), I then met  
24 personally on December 6, 2015 with IT specialists at the SBCDPH to gather more  
25 information about the Subject Device and the SBCDPH account(s) associated with the  
26 Subject Device. I learned from SBCDPH personnel that the department had deployed a  
27 mobile device management (“MDM”) system to manage its recently issued fleet of  
28 iPhones, that the MDM system had not yet been fully implemented, and that the

1 necessary MDM iOS application to provide remote administrative access had not been  
2 installed on the Subject Device. As a result, SBCDPH was not able to provide a method  
3 to gain physical access to the Subject Device without Farook's passcode.

4 4. As described in paragraph 7 of my Initial Declaration, the Subject Device is  
5 owned by SBCDPH. I learned from SBCDPH IT personnel that SBCDPH also owned  
6 the iCloud account associated with the Subject Device, that SBCDPH did not have the  
7 current user password associated with the iCloud account, but that SBCDPH did have  
8 the ability to reset the iCloud account password.

9 5. Without the Subject Device's passcode to gain access to the data on the  
10 Subject Device, accessing the information stored in the iCloud account associated with  
11 the Subject Device was the best and most expedient option to obtain at least some data  
12 associated with the Subject Device. With control of the iCloud account, the iCloud  
13 back-ups of the Subject Device could be restored onto different, exemplar iPhones,  
14 which could then be processed and analyzed.

15 a. As described in Apple's security documentation, a "passcode" is a  
16 component of the encryption key that protects the device itself, which is distinct from the  
17 "password" associated with an Apple ID needed to access Apple's Internet Services,  
18 such as iCloud. *See* Apple's iOS Security for iOS 9.0 (Sept. 2015) ("iOS Security")  
19 attached to the Declaration of Nicola T. Hanna as Exhibit K; *id.* at 11-12 (describing  
20 passcode's role in creating device's class key); *id.* at 38 (describing different password  
21 requirements for Apple ID needed for Apple's Internet Services); *id.* at 41 ("Users set up  
22 iCloud by signing in with an Apple ID"). Each iCloud account is associated with a  
23 specific Apple ID.

24 b. Therefore the *password* necessary to access the iCloud account  
25 associated with the Subject Device is unrelated to the *passcode* needed for physical  
26 access to the Subject Device itself.

27 6. While in discussions with SBCDPH IT personnel, I also spoke with Lisa  
28 Olle, attorney for Apple Inc. Ms. Olle provided me various pieces of useful information



1 about the iCloud account associated with the Subject Device, including information  
2 about the existing back-ups, confirmation that the entire iCloud account had already been  
3 preserved by Apple in response to an FBI request for preservation, and that the remote-  
4 wipe function was not activated for the Subject Device. Ms. Olle advised that once the  
5 search warrant was received by Apple, there would be an unknown time delay for Apple  
6 to provide the Subject Device iCloud account data.

7 7. After that conversation with Ms. Olle, and after discussions with my  
8 colleagues, on December 6, 2015, SBCDPH IT personnel, under my direction, changed  
9 the password to the iCloud account that had been linked to the Subject Device. Once  
10 that was complete, SBCDPH provided exemplar iPhones that were used as restore  
11 targets for two iCloud back-ups in the Subject Device's iCloud account. Changing the  
12 iCloud password allowed the FBI and SBCDPH IT to restore the contents of the oldest  
13 and most recent back-ups of the Subject Device to the exemplar iPhones on December 6,  
14 2015. Once back-ups were restored, OCRCFL examiners processed the exemplar  
15 iPhones and provided the extracted data to the investigative team. Because not all of the  
16 data on an iPhone is captured in an iCloud back-up (as discussed further below), the  
17 exemplar iPhones contained only that subset of data as previously backed-up from the  
18 Subject Device to the iCloud account, not all data that would be available by extracting  
19 data directly from the Subject Device (a "physical device extraction").

20 **C. Not All Data on an iPhone is Backed Up to the iCloud**

21 8. Subsequently, a search warrant was issued on January 22, 2016, to obtain  
22 the preserved contents of the Apple ID and iCloud account associated with the Subject  
23 Device. Review of the iCloud search warrant results that were received from Apple on  
24 January 26, 2016 is ongoing, but review of this data is difficult compared to the data  
25 restored to the exemplar iPhones due to the manner in which it has been formatted and  
26 delivered by Apple.

27 9. The results of the iCloud search warrant confirm that the last Subject  
28 Device back-up to the iCloud account was on October 19, 2015 (approximately 6 weeks



1 before the December 2, 2015 attack in San Bernardino), as stated in paragraph 8 of my  
2 Initial Declaration. According to the logs contained in those results, on October 22,  
3 2015, it appears that the “iForgot” web-based password change feature was used for the  
4 account associated with the Subject Device. I know based on my experience, and review  
5 of Apple’s website, that “iforgot.apple.com” provides iCloud customers with the ability  
6 to reset the password associated with their iCloud account over the Internet.

7 10. Regarding iCloud back-ups, I know from training and experience as a  
8 mobile device forensic examiner, and consultation with other FBI technical experts that,  
9 in general, cloud-based back-ups of physical devices contain only a subset of the data  
10 that is typically obtained through physical device extractions.

11 a. For example, with iCloud back-ups of iOS devices (such as iPhones  
12 or iPads), device-level data, such as the device keyboard cache, typically does not get  
13 included in iCloud back-ups but can be obtained through extraction of data from the  
14 physical device. The keyboard cache, as one example, contains a list of recent  
15 keystrokes typed by the user on the touchscreen. From my training and my own  
16 experience, I know that data found in such areas can be critical to investigations.

17 b. I also know that the Apple iOS allows users to change settings on the  
18 device to exclude certain apps from including their user data in iCloud back-ups, but the  
19 user data associated with apps excluded from iCloud back-ups by the user may still be  
20 obtained via physical device extraction.<sup>1</sup> I consulted with an OCRCFL examiner who  
21 reviewed the exemplar iPhones that were used as restore targets for the iCloud back-ups  
22 of the Subject Device. Each of the restored exemplars includes restored settings, and  
23 those settings showed that, for example, iCloud back-ups for “Mail,” “Photos,” and  
24 “Notes” were all turned off on the Subject Device.

25 11. For these reasons, iCloud back-ups as currently implemented are not  
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27 <sup>1</sup> I also know that developers of iOS apps have the ability to design their apps to  
28 specifically exclude app user data from iCloud back-ups, but the user data associated  
with those apps may still be obtained via physical device extraction.

1 considered a comprehensive method of extracting all available stored data from an iOS  
2 device. For iOS devices, as well as other mobile device platforms, back-ups such as  
3 those made to iCloud can provide valuable evidence, but forensic examiners rely on  
4 physical device extractions to obtain the most data available from mobile devices.  
5 Therefore, even if it had been possible, via any means, to initiate a fresh iCloud back-up  
6 of the Subject Device, so that it included information through December 2, 2015, the FBI  
7 would still need to conduct a physical device extraction of the Subject Device in order to  
8 obtain all potential evidence from the Subject Device.

9 12. Before seeking the February 16, 2016, Order, in a phone conversation of  
10 which I was a part, the government explained to Lisa Olle and Erik Neuenschwander,  
11 among others from Apple, in detail its proposal for technical assistance including  
12 specifics of the three desired functions and how they might be achieved as embodied in  
13 the Order. After hearing the government's proposal, the Apple representatives declined  
14 to discuss the feasibility of the government's proposal and instead provided a list of  
15 alternative ways the government might be able to access some of the data on the Subject  
16 Device. Although the FBI had already explored these avenues, I, and others from the  
17 technical team re-explored them at the suggestion of Apple representatives. We again  
18 determined that none provided any means to access the full set of data on the Subject  
19 Device. In a subsequent phone conversation with Erik Neuenschwander and Lisa Olle,  
20 we explained that the alternatives they had suggested did not work. Erik  
21 Neuenschwander and Lisa Olle declined to discuss the feasibility of the government's  
22 proposal as embodied in the Order.

23 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America  
24 that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed at

25 California, on March 9, 2016.

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28 Christopher Pluhar  
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1 **DECLARATION OF STACEY PERINO**

2 I, Stacey Perino, declare as follows:

3 1. I am an Electronics Engineer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
4 (“FBI”). I have knowledge of the facts set forth herein and could and would testify to  
5 those facts fully and truthfully if called and sworn as a witness.

6 2. I received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado  
7 State University in 1991. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical  
8 Engineering from the University of Colorado in 1996. I have been employed as an  
9 Electronics Engineer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation since 1996. From 1996 to  
10 2001, I was an electrical engineer in the FBI’s Cryptologic and Electronic Analysis Unit  
11 (“CEAU”) developing both hardware and software solutions to recover data from  
12 electronic devices. From 2001 to 2009, I was the Program Manager for the Embedded  
13 Engineering Program within that same unit in the FBI. During this time I managed the  
14 technical efforts for a team of electrical engineers, computer engineers and computer  
15 scientists, composed of both government and contractor personnel with a focus on the  
16 recovery and presentation of data from electronic devices. In 2009, I became the  
17 Technical Director of the CEAU, a position I still hold.

18 3. This declaration is made in support of an application seeking an order from  
19 the Court compelling Apple Inc. (“Apple”) to assist the FBI in its effort to search a  
20 cellular telephone, Apple make: iPhone 5C, Model: A1532, P/N:MGFG2LL/A,  
21 S/N:FFMNQ3MTG2DJ, IMEI:358820052301412, on the Verizon Network (“Subject  
22 Device”).

23 4. In addition to relying on my own education, training, and experience, in  
24 preparing this declaration, I have reviewed the following:

25 a. The Declarations of Christopher Pluhar dated February 16, 2016  
26 (“Initial Pluhar Declaration”) and March 9, 2016, the Application filed in Case No. 16-  
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1 10 in the Central District of California, and the Court’s Order in the same case calling for  
2 a software image file or “SIF” to be prepared by Apple (the “Order”).

3 b. The Declaration of Erik Neuenschwander dated February 25, 2016  
4 (“Neuenschwander Declaration”).

5 c. Apple’s “iOS Security” for iOS 9.0 or later dated September 2015  
6 (“iOS Security”), attached to the Declaration of Nicola T. Hanna as Exhibit K.

7 d. Documentation from the website of the information technology  
8 company Sogeti, attached hereto as Exhibit 17, available at [http://esec-](http://esec-lab.sogeti.com/static/publications/11-hitbamsterdam-iphonedataprotection.pdf)  
9 [lab.sogeti.com/static/publications/11-hitbamsterdam-iphonedataprotection.pdf](http://esec-lab.sogeti.com/static/publications/11-hitbamsterdam-iphonedataprotection.pdf).

10 e. The repository of code stored at  
11 <https://code.google.com/archive/p/iphone-dataprotection>, described as “ios forensics  
12 tools,” and “Tools and information on iOS 3/4/5/6/7 data protection features.”

13 f. Cellebrite Physical Extraction Manual for iPhone & iPad (Rev 1.3),  
14 attached hereto as Exhibit 18.

15 g. Apple’s “Cryptographic Services,” attached hereto as Exhibit 19,  
16 available at [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/  
17 Conceptual/Security\\_Overview/CryptographicServices/CryptographicServices.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/Security_Overview/CryptographicServices/CryptographicServices.html).

18 h. Materials from Apple’s “Code Signing Guide”:

19 i. Exhibit 20, “About Code Signing,” available at  
20 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
21 CodeSigningGuide/Introduction/Introduction.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/CodeSigningGuide/Introduction/Introduction.html).

22 ii. Exhibit 21, “Code Signing Overview,” available at  
23 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
24 CodeSigningGuide/AboutCS/AboutCS.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/CodeSigningGuide/AboutCS/AboutCS.html).

25 iii. Exhibit 22, “Code Signing Tasks,” available at  
26 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
27 CodeSigningGuide/Procedures/Procedures.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/CodeSigningGuide/Procedures/Procedures.html).

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1                   iv.     Exhibit 23, “Code Signing Requirement Language,” available  
2 at [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
3 CodeSigningGuide/RequirementLang/RequirementLang.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/CodeSigningGuide/RequirementLang/RequirementLang.html).

4                   i.     Materials from Apple’s “Cryptographic Services Guide”:

5                   i.     Exhibit 24, “About Cryptographic Services,” available at  
6 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
7 cryptoservices/Introduction/Introduction.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/cryptoservices/Introduction/Introduction.html).

8                   ii.    Exhibit 25, “Cryptography Concepts In Depth,” available at  
9 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
10 cryptoservices/CryptographyConcepts/CryptographyConcepts.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/cryptoservices/CryptographyConcepts/CryptographyConcepts.html).

11                  iii.   Exhibit 26, “Encrypting and Hashing Data,” available at  
12 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
13 cryptoservices/GeneralPurposeCrypto/GeneralPurposeCrypto.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/cryptoservices/GeneralPurposeCrypto/GeneralPurposeCrypto.html).

14                  iv.    Exhibit 27, “Managing Keys, Certificates, and Passwords,”  
15 available at [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/  
16 Conceptual/cryptoservices/KeyManagementAPIs/KeyManagementAPIs.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/cryptoservices/KeyManagementAPIs/KeyManagementAPIs.html).

17                  v.     Exhibit 28, “Glossary,” available at  
18 [https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/  
19 cryptoservices/Glossary/Glossary.html](https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Security/Conceptual/cryptoservices/Glossary/Glossary.html).

20                  j.     Apple’s “Unauthorized Modification of iOS Can Cause Security  
21 Vulnerabilities, Instability, Shortened Battery Life, and Other Issues,” attached hereto as  
22 Exhibit 29, and available at <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201954>.

23                  k.     Apple’s “Code Signing,” attached hereto as Exhibit 30, and available  
24 at <https://developer.apple.com/support/code-signing/>.

25                  5.     This Declaration relies on Apple’s publicly disseminated descriptions of  
26 how its own devices, operating system, security features, and software operate. Apple’s  
27 source code is not, however, publicly available. Therefore the descriptions below do not  
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1 rely on my having reviewed Apple’s source code, rather they rely upon Apple’s own  
2 description of its devices, operating system, security features, and software, as well as on  
3 my training and experience in both observing and/or conducting the tests described in  
4 this document, directing the CEAU embedded engineering analysis of Apple devices and  
5 software, and reviewing other open source materials describing Apple mobile device  
6 technologies.

7 **A. Purpose of this Declaration**

8 6. In this declaration, I discuss the following topics:

9 a. The SIF called for in the Order could run *only* on the Subject Device.

10 To explain this, I first provide some background on public key cryptography (Part B.1)  
11 and Apple’s use of it and code signing to prevent the use of unauthorized code on its  
12 products (Part B.2). The Order provides that the SIF would only run on the Subject  
13 Device. Apple already requires that iOS updates include a unique device identifier for  
14 the Subject Device (Part B.3). Because an iPhone requires Apple to have  
15 cryptographically “signed” code before an iPhone will run it, and changing a unique  
16 device identifier within the SIF would invalidate Apple’s signature, the SIF would not  
17 run on other iPhones. (Part B.3.)

18 b. The SIF called for by the Court’s Order would perform functions that  
19 already exist in open source software for older devices and operating systems. In other  
20 words, code already exists that will bypass the auto-erase and time-delay functions and  
21 permit electronic submission of passcodes, but would need to be updated and modified  
22 for newer operating systems. (Part C.) That software, however, cannot run on the  
23 Subject Device without Apple’s “signature.”

24 c. The data contained on the Subject Device can be decrypted *only* on  
25 the Subject Device. This is because the encryption key includes a unique identifier that  
26 exists only on the Subject Device. (Part D.) Because the decryption must occur on the  
27 Subject Device, and because only Apple-signed software can run on the Subject Device  
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1 (Part B.2), any code or software tools needed to assist in testing passcodes (even code  
2 that includes components that already exist, Part C) must be signed by Apple.

3 d. Because the Subject Device was powered off when it was seized, it  
4 was not possible for it to back itself up to iCloud without the passcode. (Part E.)

5 **B. The SIF Called for by the Order Would Run Only on the Subject**  
6 **Device**

7 **1. General Background on Public Key Cryptography**

8 7. Generally, encryption and decryption are the processes of first converting  
9 intelligible “plaintext” into unintelligible “ciphertext,” and second converting the  
10 ciphertext back into plaintext, respectively.

11 8. While encryption is designed to protect the confidentiality of information, a  
12 separate issue that arises in cryptology is authentication. Public key cryptography  
13 provides a method to both send messages securely, even when using a non-secure  
14 channel, and to validate the messages that are received. A properly implemented  
15 cryptographic signature gives the receiver reason to believe the message was sent by the  
16 person claiming to be the sender. A cryptographic signature also prevents modification  
17 of the original message by anyone other than the signer.

18 9. Public key encryption uses a complex operation that involves two different  
19 keys, a public key and a private key. A public key cryptosystem uses one key to encrypt  
20 (or to sign) a message and a different key to decrypt (or verify) the same message. (For  
21 this reason it is also referred to as asymmetric.) One of the essential properties of a  
22 public key cryptosystem is that it is too difficult—computationally infeasible—to  
23 determine a person’s private key knowing only that person’s public key.

24 10. The public key is made globally available while the private key is kept  
25 confidential. This allows anyone who is a member of the system to use the “phone  
26 book” of public keys to send a private message to any other member using the recipient’s  
27 public key, but it allows only the recipient to open it using that person’s private key.

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1 Each key pair is unique to an individual member of a properly implemented  
2 cryptosystem.

3 11. One of the other essential properties of a public key cryptosystem is that the  
4 encryption operation and the decryption operation used in the cryptosystem are inverse  
5 operations.<sup>1</sup> This means that if one started with a message, it would not matter if one  
6 used the encryption operation followed by the decryption operation, or the decryption  
7 operation followed by the encryption operation, either would yield the original message  
8 again.<sup>2</sup>

9 12. A more detailed example of how the public key cryptosystem works to sign  
10 a message is as follows:

11 a. Alice generates a public-private key pair, and publishes her public  
12 key.

13 b. Alice composes a Message to Bob, and uses her private key to  
14 compute or generate the Signature. (This is represented:  $\text{Signature} = D_{\text{pri}}(\text{Message})$ ,  
15 where D is the decryption operation.)

16 c. Alice sends Bob both the Message and the Signature.

17 d. Bob then uses Alice's public key to verify that the message was  
18 signed using her private key. Bob does this by running the inverse "encryption"  
19 operation on the Signature. (This is represented:  $E_{\text{pub}}(\text{Signature}) = \text{Message}$ , where E is  
20 the encryption operation.) If the result of that operation is the Message that Alice sent  
21 Bob, then Bob knows the message is not a forgery and came from Alice.

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25 <sup>1</sup> This is represented as follows, where E() and D() denote the encryption and  
26 decryption operations, and M is the text of the message:  $M = E(D(M)) = D(E(M))$ .

27 <sup>2</sup> (See Ex. 19 at 2, diagram (Apple developer website, Cryptographic Services).  
28 See generally Ex. 25 at 5, 7 (Apple developer website, Cryptographic Concepts in  
Depth).)

1 e. In this example, Alice could also have encrypted the message using  
2 Bob's public key. Bob could then have decrypted the message using Bob's own private  
3 key.

4 **2. Apple's Use of Public Key Encryption to Prevent the Use of**  
5 **Unauthorized Code on Its Products**

6 13. Just as a cryptosystem can be used to "sign" messages, it can be used to  
7 "sign" executable code.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, a vendor can embed a public key into a device  
8 such that the public key cannot be altered. For any and all executable code modules, the  
9 vendor uses its private key to calculate and attach a signature. As the device loads code  
10 modules for execution, the device uses the embedded public key to calculate the  
11 signature and thus verify the module's integrity and authenticity. As long as the public  
12 key cryptosystem is unbroken and the embedded key cannot be modified within the  
13 device, the scheme guarantees that only code issued by the vendor (that has been  
14 cryptographically signed) will run on the device.

15 14. Apple implements this system to require that its devices use software that  
16 only Apple authorizes. Apple does this by programming the public key into Read Only  
17 Memory ("ROM"). ROM is hardwired during the manufacture of the semiconductor  
18 device and cannot be changed later through any software means. The firmware in ROM  
19 is the first code that executes on the processor when power is applied. According to  
20 Apple's Security documentation, Apple products have also stored "the Apple Root CA  
21 [certificate authority] public key" within boot ROM.<sup>4</sup> (iOS Security at 5.) The boot  
22 ROM code uses the public key to verify that the next code to load (which is stored in  
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25 <sup>3</sup> In simplified terms, software is generally written by programmers in "source  
26 code." That source code is converted (or "compiled") into what is referred to as  
27 "executable code" that is in a format that a computer processor can understand and  
28 "execute."

<sup>4</sup> Boot ROM is firmware that has been fused or hardwired into the processor during manufacturing. It cannot be changed.

1 memory outside the processor) has also been signed with Apple’s private key. (iOS  
2 Security at 5.)

3 15. This system ensures that Apple controls all code loaded and run on the  
4 device from the initial power-on. Apple describes how it has implemented this process  
5 in what it refers to as its “Chain of Trust” on pages 5-10 of its iOS Security document,  
6 wherein each sequential step needed to boot up the operating system and run application  
7 software relies on—and requires—Apple’s signature. Specific details include the  
8 following:

9 a. “Each step of the startup process contains components that are  
10 cryptographically signed by Apple to ensure integrity and that proceed only after  
11 verifying the chain of trust. This includes the bootloaders, kernel, kernel extensions, and  
12 baseband firmware.” (*Id.* at 5.)<sup>5</sup>

13 b. “The Boot ROM code contains the Apple Root CA [certificate  
14 authority] public key, which is used to verify that the Low-Level Bootloader (LLB) is  
15 signed by Apple before allowing it to load. This is the first step in the chain of trust  
16 where each step ensures that the next is signed by Apple. When the LLB finishes its  
17 tasks, it verifies and runs the next-stage bootloader, iBoot, which in turn verifies and  
18 runs the iOS kernel.” (*Id.*) A certificate authority is the entity that issues digital  
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20 <sup>5</sup> A bootloader is the initial code run on a processor that starts the system’s  
21 hardware components and peripherals and prepares the hardware for the operating  
22 system or higher level code. There may be multiple bootloaders that are executed  
23 sequentially at startup. The kernel is the first part of an operating system that loads and  
24 is responsible for controlling access to the computer’s hardware resources. The kernel  
25 generally runs in protected memory to which other parts of the operating system and  
26 application code cannot directly read or write. Kernel extensions provide a method for  
27 adding or changing functionality of Apple’s kernel without recompiling/relinking the  
28 source code. A mobile device typically has multiple processors; the application  
processor running an operating system, such as iOS 9.02, with which the user interacts  
(via the screen and keyboard), and the baseband processor which handles network  
communications traffic and protocols. The application processor is responsible for  
starting (booting) the baseband processor. Therefore, the application processor provides  
the baseband processor with the code it needs to load and run. Thus, Apple’s chain of  
trust calls for each of these steps to be verified, ensuring that the next steps are  
authorized by Apple before allowing them to run or execute.

1 certificates. Certificate authorities create the public/private key pairs, and are  
2 responsible for ensuring the security of the private key. Apple has built its own  
3 certificate authority and has created its own public/private key pair used in the iPhone.  
4 As noted above, the public key is permanently programmed into the ROM of the iPhone,  
5 while the private key is controlled and protected by Apple. Because only Apple  
6 possesses its private key, only Apple is able to sign software that will be loaded on its  
7 devices. By keeping the private key secret, Apple ensures that only software signed by  
8 Apple using its private key can be loaded on its devices during the boot process.

9 c. “This secure boot chain helps ensure that the lowest levels of  
10 software are not tampered with and allows iOS to run only on validated Apple devices.”  
11 (*Id.*) “From initial boot-up to iOS software updates to third-party apps, each step is  
12 analyzed and vetted to help ensure that the hardware and software are performing  
13 optimally together and using resources properly.” (*Id.*)

14 d. “This architecture is central to security in iOS, and never gets in the  
15 way of device usability. The tight integration of hardware and software on iOS devices  
16 ensures that each component of the system is trusted, and validates the system as a  
17 whole.” (*Id.*)

18 16. “The startup process described above helps ensure that only Apple-signed  
19 code can be installed on a device.” (*Id.* at 6.) If any component can be made to load  
20 code not signed by Apple, the chain of trust is broken. By beginning their chain of trust  
21 with the initial code and public key programmed into the device ROM, Apple has made  
22 it extremely difficult for anyone to defeat the chain of trust.

23 17. As a result of these features, an Apple iPhone is designed to only run code  
24 (the operating system and the many pieces of firmware and software that may operate  
25 within it) that are signed using Apple’s keys.  
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1                   **3. Apple “Signs” iOS Updates for Its iPhones that Include a Unique**  
2                   **Device Identifier, Ensuring It Only Works on One iPhone**

3                   18. While the features described above permit Apple to ensure that the devices  
4 it manufactures will use only an operating system or software that Apple has authorized  
5 (by signing it), Apple also relies on them to ensure that an operating system will work  
6 only on one specific Apple device. Specifically, during an iOS update, recovery, or  
7 Device Firmware Update (DFU) process, the device verifies that the code being loaded  
8 to it was digitally signed specifically for that device, and not for another device. This  
9 feature, enforced by the hardware-based chain of trust, allows Apple to ensure that any  
10 code loaded to the phone will only operate on a specific device.

11                  19. Apple implements this process in the following manner. First, the device  
12 connects to a computer, for example through iTunes, and provides iTunes with unique  
13 information about itself—both its hardware and software. Second, iTunes sends this  
14 information from the device to an Apple server that builds the package of code needed to  
15 update or recover that device, packages it with the same unique information about the  
16 device, and returns it to the computer running iTunes. Third, upon receiving that  
17 package from the computer running iTunes, the device is required to read and recognize  
18 its own unique information before installing the operating system.

19                  20. Details of this process are as follows:

20                  a. Apple maintains what it refers to as “the Apple installation  
21 authorization server,” which is referred to herein as the “Installation Server.” (iOS  
22 Security at 6.)

23                  b. Whenever a device tries to upgrade its version of iOS, through the  
24 upgrade or recovery process, the device must first send to that server a set of information  
25 from the device. The information sent by the device includes “cryptographic  
26 measurements for each part of the bundle to be installed (for example, LLB, iBoot, the  
27 kernel, and OS image).” (*Id.*) Those measurements are a digest or partial digest of that  
28 component. (A digest can be a cryptographic hash, or the result of a similar algorithm

1 that generates a unique value, akin to a digital fingerprint, after it processes each part of  
2 the bundle.)<sup>6</sup> The device also sends a “nonce,” or a random, one-time-use value.

3 c. Most importantly for ensuring the “personalization” of the software  
4 for use on a specific device, the device also sends “the device’s unique ID (ECID).”  
5 (iOS Security at 6.) The ECID is a unique, device-specific identifier programmed into  
6 the phone hardware during manufacture. (*Id.* at 58 (defining ECID as “[a] 64-bit  
7 identifier that’s unique to the processor in each iOS device. Used as part of the  
8 personalization process, it’s not considered a secret”).) Apple explains the use of these  
9 values in their iOS Security document. “These steps ensure that the authorization is for a  
10 specific device and that an old iOS version from one device can’t be copied to another.”  
11 (*Id.* at 6.)

12 d. Once the Apple Installation Server receives this information from the  
13 device, it builds a software package and digitally signs it using a private key that is not  
14 known to the public. The digital signature includes the ECID, nonce, and other  
15 cryptographic measurements in the signed data. Once the device receives the package,  
16 the device verifies from the signed data that the package is meant for it.

17 e. The device is also able to tell that the installation is current and is not  
18 a repeat of an older installation (which would result in a “downgrade” of the operating  
19 system). The device does so by checking the random, one-time nonce it had sent to the  
20 server was the one returned by the server in the signed package. “The nonce prevents an

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21 <sup>6</sup> “In cryptography, hashes are used when verifying the authenticity of a piece of  
22 data. Cryptographic hashing algorithms are essentially a form of (extremely) lossy data  
23 compression, but they are specifically designed so that two similar pieces of data are  
24 unlikely to hash to the same value. . . . With good hashing algorithms, collisions  
25 [messages that hash to the same value] are unlikely if you make small changes to a piece  
26 of data. This tamper-resistant nature of good hashes makes them a key component in  
27 code signing, message signing, and various other tamper detection schemes.” (Ex. 19 at  
28 3 (Apple developer website, Cryptographic Services).) By way of background, data  
compression that is “lossy” loses some qualities of the original data, such as when a  
compressed digital image loses resolution or appears “pixelated.” In the cryptography  
context, what is important is that the resulting hash value is unique, not that it be capable  
of reformulating the entire original piece of data, hence it “loses” data by being reduced  
to a small but unique string of letters and numbers.



1 attacker from saving the server's response and using it to tamper with a device or  
2 otherwise alter the system software." (*Id.* at 6.)

3 21. The digital signature prevents any part of the returned package from being  
4 changed. If the software in the returned package is altered, the digital signature check  
5 will fail and the device will not load it. If the ECID is changed to that of another device,  
6 the signature check will fail and the device will not load the code.<sup>7</sup> In other words,  
7 unless someone can bypass the digital signature verification, allowing them to load  
8 unsigned code, the software cannot be changed to operate on a different device or  
9 perform a different function.<sup>8</sup>

10 22. The Order provides that the SIF would only run on the Subject Device. As  
11 shown in the preceding description of Apple's normal code signing process during an  
12 iOS update, Apple already has a mechanism in place to do this by including the ECID  
13 into the digital signature process. If this same or a similar process were used, the SIF  
14 could incorporate the ECID of the Subject Device, and then be signed by Apple. In that  
15 case, if the ECID of the SIF were changed to the ECID of another device, the signature  
16 check would fail and an Apple device would not load the code.<sup>9</sup>

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18 <sup>7</sup> As described on Apple's developer website: "When a piece of code has been  
19 signed, it is possible to determine reliably whether the code has been modified by  
20 someone other than the signer." (Ex. 21 at 1 (Apple developer website, Code Signing  
21 Overview).) Among the purposes of code signing are to "ensure that a piece of code has  
22 not been altered," and to "identify code as coming from a specific source (a developer or  
23 signer)." (*Id.*)

24 <sup>8</sup> Because of the significance of the ability to digitally sign code and therefore  
25 cryptographically authenticate it, Apple's developer website explains that a "signing  
26 identity, no matter how obtained, is completely compromised if it is ever out of the  
27 physical control of whoever is authorized to sign code." (Ex. 22 at 2 (Apple developer  
28 website, Code Signing Tasks).)

<sup>9</sup> An additional measure to ensure the SIF would only run on the Subject Device  
could be to program the Subject Device's ECID directly into the software running in the  
SIF. In this scenario, the SIF would read the ECID of the device on which it was  
running, and compare that to the ECID of the Subject Device that had been programmed  
into it; if the two did not match, the software would exit. In other words, while the iOS  
update scenario described in this Part relies on the *device's* refusal to run the code  
without a valid Apple signature (which signature would be invalid by changing the  
ECID), the *SIF* could refuse to fully execute if it did not detect the Subject Device's

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1           23. For these reasons, the SIF called for by the Order would be permitted to run  
2 only on the Subject Device. In other words, the creation of the SIF, tailored and signed  
3 with the unique identifier of the Subject Device, would not undermine the security of  
4 other iPhones that also require Apple-signed code, because each iPhone has its own  
5 unique identifier. The SIF proposed by the Order would therefore not break Apple’s  
6 chain of trust on its iPhones, or even on the Subject Device; Apple’s assistance will keep  
7 the chain of trust intact.

8           24. Importantly, if somebody were to bypass the Apple digital signature  
9 process, the chain of trust would be broken. Causing an Apple device to allow itself to  
10 run software not signed by Apple is referred to as “jailbreaking” the device. Jailbreaks  
11 result from bugs or errors in different programs that can be exploited to run unsigned  
12 code on a device. To my knowledge, for the iPhone 5C, jailbreaks have been  
13 exclusively performed from a powered-on phone on which the passcode has been  
14 entered and the phone unlocked. Thus there are currently no published jailbreaks for an  
15 iPhone 5C where the passcode has not been entered at least once since powering on, and  
16 hence there are none that could be applied to the Subject Device.

17           **C. Software Already Exists that Performs Similar Functions as the SIF**

18           25. The security features created and implemented by Apple that are described  
19 above were challenged by researchers and hackers as previous iterations of iOS were  
20 released. Apple’s current chain of trust structure has fixed previous issues, but the  
21 methods that have been published and used to test earlier versions of iPhones illustrate  
22 why the components used in the SIF already exist, and why it, like other previous tools,  
23 can be operated from random access memory (“RAM”).

24           26. Paragraph 19 of the Neuenschwander Declaration states that Apple’s  
25 “current iPhone operating systems designed for consumer interaction do not run in  
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27 ECID. This example is designed to illustrate that there is more than one way to cause  
28 the SIF to only load and execute on the Subject Device.

1 RAM, but are installed on the device itself. To make them run in RAM, Apple would  
2 have to make substantial reductions in the size and complexity of the code.” As the  
3 discussion below illustrates, the SIF would not be designed for “consumer interaction.”  
4 Rather, the SIF would be designed only to test passcodes, and other similar tools that  
5 have previously been used for this purpose do run in RAM.

6 27. Those previous tools that are available cannot be used on the Subject  
7 Device because they are not signed by Apple, and the current chain of trust on the  
8 Subject Device requires Apple to have signed any software that will be allowed to run.

9 28. A more detailed description is as follows:

10 a. A previous bug allowed a cold-booted<sup>10</sup> iPhone to load a “minimal”  
11 operating system in memory (RAMdisk) that had not been signed by Apple. Previously,  
12 Apple iPhone versions 3GS and 4 contained a bug in the Apple boot ROM that allowed  
13 unsigned code to be loaded and run through Recovery or DFU mode. This vulnerability  
14 was published as the “limeraln” exploit. Other researchers analyzed the Apple boot  
15 process and published details of it, including the composition of the RAMdisk (*i.e.*,  
16 which software components were bundled into the RAMdisk) used in the Recovery  
17 mode and DFU mode process to update device firmware.

18 b. A passcode-recovery tool has already been developed that uses brute-  
19 force techniques. The information technology company Sogeti<sup>11</sup> analyzed Apple’s  
20 encryption process demonstrating that any passcode “guessing” had to be performed by  
21 code running on the device and could not be done externally (further explained below in  
22 Part D). Other vulnerability researchers used this result to develop software that could  
23 brute force the passcode on a jailbroken device (iphone-dataprotection project<sup>12</sup>).

24 <sup>10</sup> Cold-boot refers to a phone that has been powered off and then powered back  
25 on but no passcode has been entered.

26 <sup>11</sup> (Ex. 17 (<http://esec-lab.sogeti.com/static/publications/11-hitbamsterdam-iphonedataprotection.pdf>).

27 <sup>12</sup> (<https://code.google.com/archive/p/iphone-dataprotection>, “ios forensics tools,”  
28 and “Tools and information on iOS 3/4/5/6/7 data protection features.”)

1           c.     From this open source research, several forensic tools were  
2 developed that combined (1) the boot ROM code signing defeat, and (2) brute-force  
3 passcode guessing. Examples include the Cellebrite UFED tool and an FBI-developed  
4 tool. Both the Cellebrite<sup>13</sup> and FBI tools utilize the boot ROM exploit, allowing iPhone  
5 3GS and iPhone 4 devices to load and boot an unsigned RAMdisk containing code to  
6 brute force the device passcode. The passcode recovery process operated from RAM,  
7 and did not alter the system or user data area. The passcode recovery software did not  
8 require user interaction, and the entire process ran without use of the “Springboard”  
9 graphical user interface. Because these forensic tools ran from a RAMdisk and did not  
10 use the operating system that was stored on the device, these tools did not incur time  
11 delays or the auto-erase function (which are features implemented by the operating  
12 system installed on the device).

13           d.     Apple addressed the bug, and subsequently a jailbreak (i.e., allowing  
14 code unsigned by Apple) could only occur on an iPhone after it had been booted and  
15 unlocked. As described previously, a jailbroken phone is one that has had the chain of  
16 trust broken and can run unsigned code.<sup>14</sup> After Apple corrected the bug present in the

17           <sup>13</sup> Cellebrite is a private company that makes forensic data recovery tools for  
18 mobile devices. While I have not examined the source code for the UFED tool, based on  
19 the Cellebrite Physical Extraction Manual for iPhone and iPad (Rev 1.3) and the fact that  
20 the Cellebrite tool no longer supports iPhone 4S and later devices, I believe the UFED  
21 tool relied on the same ROM exploit. The manual states: “The extraction application  
does not load iOS but instead loads a special forensic utility to the device. This utility is  
loaded to the device’s memory (RAM) and runs directly from there.” The utility is  
loaded from recovery mode.

22           <sup>14</sup> The use of jailbroken phones discussed in this Part occurred in a testing  
23 environment. Outside of a testing environment, some users have jailbroken their phones  
24 to try to use software or services that Apple has not authorized, but Apple cautions that  
25 doing so presents “[s]ecurity vulnerabilities”: “Jailbreaking your device eliminates  
26 security layers designed to protect your personal information and your iOS device. With  
27 this security removed from your iOS device, hackers may steal your personal  
28 information, damage your device, attack your network, or introduce malware, spyware or  
viruses.” (Ex. 29 (<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201954>)). Furthermore, the  
jailbreaking process often results in deletion or alteration of data stored on the phone.  
As discussed in this Part, software already exists that performs certain functions that  
could be used in the SIF, and to the extent those software components could be used to  
undermine security, they (like the SIF) would only work on devices that had already  
assumed security vulnerabilities by being jailbroken.

1 iPhone 3GS and 4, all known jailbreaks have been applied from within the iPhone user  
2 interface, instead of during the boot process. There are publicly known jailbreaks for  
3 most recent iPhone OS versions (up to at least version iOS 9.0.2), but they can only be  
4 executed from an unlocked iPhone via the user interface, *i.e.*, after the iPhone had booted  
5 and had been unlocked. After these jailbreaks are applied, software that has not been  
6 signed by Apple may be run.

7 e. The same brute-force source code still works on jailbroken iPhones.

8 A software project named “iphone-dataprotection” includes a passcode recovery  
9 program that can still be compiled, loaded, and run within a jail-broken Apple device.  
10 The FBI tool used essentially the same functionality as this project but executed it from a  
11 RAMdisk. The FBI recently tested the iphone-dataprotection passcode recovery  
12 software on a jailbroken iPhone 6 Plus running iOS 8.4 (in which the passcode had been  
13 entered once). With minor modifications this software still functioned and was able to  
14 recover the passcode without incurring time delays. The FBI also tested this passcode  
15 recovery software on a jailbroken iPad Air 2 running iOS 9.02. In this device the  
16 passcode recovery software functioned, but it did incur the time delays and most likely  
17 would have erased the device.<sup>15</sup> However, this test does verify that the passcode  
18 recovery code works, which has existed for many years and still functions essentially the  
19 same. This specific code would not run on the Subject Device “as is,” because it is not  
20 signed by Apple and also because it would incur time delays and risk causing the device  
21 to erase, which would require further development and modifications to the kernel  
22 software.<sup>16</sup>

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24 <sup>15</sup> It should be noted that the iPhone 6 and iPad Air 2 both use the more advanced  
25 A8 processor and the time delay and erase functionality has moved into a separate  
26 security controller called the Secure Enclave.

27 <sup>16</sup> For example, in previous versions of iOS the time delay and password try count  
28 resided in the “springboard” user interface, which is in part what allowed the passcode  
recovery software to work and to bypass the time-delay and auto-wipe features. In  
approximately iOS 8.4, that functionality moved from the Springboard and would  
require further modification to bypass the delay and wipe functions.

1           f.     Only Apple can produce and sign the RAMdisk needed to run the  
2 passcode guessing code without first unlocking the iPhone. Beginning with the release  
3 of the iPhone 4S in 2011, Apple fixed the bug in the boot ROM. Since that time, the  
4 Apple chain of trust—which governs the boot process on an iPhone—has remained  
5 intact, preventing loading of unsigned RAMdisks. (The jailbreaks that have occurred on  
6 iPhones 5C or later have occurred after the boot-up process has occurred, and after a  
7 passcode has been entered; the chain of trust through the boot-up process remains intact  
8 on those phones.) However, the steps used in the Apple Recovery and DFU mode boot  
9 processes have not changed substantially since that time, and Apple’s use of a RAMdisk  
10 to perform the updates and device recovery processes appear consistent with the  
11 methodology of the earlier devices. Without assistance from Apple to digitally sign the  
12 code, however, it has not been possible to continue development of these tools for newer  
13 devices. The passcode-guessing software employed by these tools has been tested within  
14 jailbroken devices running an iOS that has already been booted and unlocked; neither the  
15 FBI, nor others to my knowledge, however, have been able to integrate the software into  
16 a RAMdisk to test passcodes from a cold-booted iPhone device since the iPhone 4.

17           29. As set forth above in the previous paragraph, there are already software  
18 components available that perform some of the functions of the SIF called for by the  
19 Court’s Order. Although code similar to what would be in the SIF already exists, it  
20 cannot be used on the Subject Device without Apple’s signature because of Apple’s  
21 robust security and code-signing practices.

22           **D. The Encrypted Data on the Subject Device Must Be Decrypted on the**  
23 **Subject Device Itself**

24           30. As described in paragraph 12 of the Initial Pluhar Declaration, an iPhone 5C  
25 running iOS 9 is encrypted using a combination of two components: one user-  
26 determined passcode, and one unique 256-bit key (referred to as a “UID”) fused into the  
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1 phone itself during manufacture. (iOS Security at 12; *id.* 11 (diagram); Neuenschwander  
2 Decl. ¶ 13.) These two different components are discussed below.

3 31. According to Apple’s documentation, the UID is unique to each device, is  
4 fused into the hardware, and is not known to Apple or anyone else, as described on page  
5 10 of iOS Security:

6 The device’s unique ID (UID) . . . [is] fused . . . into the application  
7 processor and Secure Enclave during manufacturing. No software or  
8 firmware can read them directly . . . . The UIDs are unique to each device  
9 and are not recorded by Apple or any of its suppliers. . . . The UID allows  
10 data to be cryptographically tied to a particular device. For example, the  
11 key hierarchy protecting the file system includes the UID, so if the memory  
12 chips are physically moved from one device to another, the files are  
13 inaccessible. The UID is not related to any other identifier on the device.

14 32. I know from Supervisory Special Agent (“SSA”) Pluhar that the Subject  
15 Device was powered off when the FBI found it. When the Subject Device was powered  
16 on, it displays a numerical keypad (like that on a telephone), and a prompts for four  
17 numbers to be entered.

18 33. With a four-digit numerical pin, there are only 10,000 possible passcodes.  
19 Testing 10,000 passcodes electronically would likely take less than a day, depending on  
20 how the SIF were configured.

21 34. Apple’s iOS Security also explains that because its passcodes are permitted  
22 to be weak in that they can be only four numbers, Apple has included additional features  
23 to discourage brute-force attacks. These features are described in paragraphs 13 and 14  
24 of the Initial Pluhar Declaration, and on page 12 of Apple’s iOS Security (noting that  
25 iOS 9 iPhones (1) escalate time delays between failed passcodes, and can (2) be  
26 configured to wipe their contents after ten failed passcodes, to “discourage brute-force  
27 passcode attacks”).

28 35. The UID is itself a strong encryption key. It is fused into the hardware and  
is both unknowable and unchangeable: it is always used the same way to create the  
encryption key. The only variable is the passcode.



1           36. Because both the UID, which is unique and embedded in the device itself, is  
2 a part of the encryption key (along with the user-generated passcode), the data that is  
3 stored on the Subject Device will need to be decrypted on the Subject Device. Because  
4 only Apple-signed software can run on the iPhone, and the decryption must occur on the  
5 Subject Device, any code or software tools needed to assist in testing passcodes must be  
6 signed using Apple's encryption keys.

7           **E. Apple's iCloud Backup**

8           37. I know from SSA Pluhar that the Subject Device was found in a powered-  
9 off state. Based on Apple's published documentation, open source research relating to  
10 Apple's encryption, and Apple press releases about iOS 8 and later encryption, I believe  
11 that (1) the device would not connect to a WiFi network until the passcode was entered,  
12 and (2) even if the device could be forced to perform an iCloud backup, the user data  
13 would still be encrypted with the encryption key formed from the 256 bit UID and the  
14 user's passcode.

15           38. Subsequent to seizing the Subject Device, the FBI performed several tests  
16 on exemplar phones to test whether a cold-booted iPhone could connect to a trusted  
17 WiFi network and perform a backup. The result of that testing was that cold-booted  
18 iPhones would not connect to a WiFi network.

19           a. To the best of my knowledge, a cold-booted iPhone will not connect  
20 to WiFi networks trusted by the Subject Device such as a home or work network until  
21 the passcode is entered. However, according to Apple and verified by the FBI, there are  
22 some WiFi networks inherently trusted by iOS, such as those operated by iPhone  
23 sponsors (referred to as carrier-sponsored WiFi). For example, an AT&T iPhone can  
24 automatically connect to an AT&T hotspot.

25           b. When the FBI tested a locked AT&T phone on which the passcode  
26 had been entered once by taking it to an area with an AT&T hotspot, the phone  
27 connected automatically to the hotspot, as indicated by the WiFi indicator on the top  
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1 banner of the lock screen display. Additionally the “Find My iPhone” service was used  
2 and was able to locate the iPhone, verifying that a phone in which the passcode has been  
3 entered will connect, even when screen-locked, to a trusted WiFi network.

4 c. The same test was also done with the phone first powered off and  
5 restarted, but with the passcode not having been entered. In this scenario, the test phone  
6 did not show any indication it was connected to the AT&T hotspot through the banner.  
7 Additionally, the “Find My iPhone” service was unable to locate the device. The results  
8 of these tests show that WiFi is not enabled on the device until after the passcode is  
9 entered.

10 d. Further tests were conducted by myself and a colleague in CEAU by  
11 taking an iPhone 5 running iOS 9.02 and an iPhone 6 Plus running iOS 9.2 into a radio-  
12 frequency shielded chamber to test their electronic emissions. Both iPhones were fully  
13 charged, connected to power and had their WiFi enabled. The same series of tests was  
14 done on both phones with identical results. When the iPhone was not protected by a  
15 passcode and was powered on in that chamber, it began to emit signals in the frequency  
16 band of 2.4 gigahertz (GHz), a common band for WiFi connections. This is consistent  
17 with the iPhone trying to detect a WiFi network. When the iPhone *was* protected by a  
18 passcode and was powered on in the same chamber without entering the passcode, no  
19 emissions in the 2.4 GHz frequency band were detected. This indicates that the WiFi  
20 was not active. When the passcode was entered, WiFi 2.4GHz emissions were detected.  
21 The phone was allowed to screen lock after the passcode had been entered. Again,  
22 2.4GHz emissions were detected. Each phone was rebooted, no passcode entered, and  
23 left overnight in the chamber. No 2.4GHz signals were observed. These tests indicate  
24 the WiFi is not active on a cold-booted device until the passcode has been entered at  
25 least once.

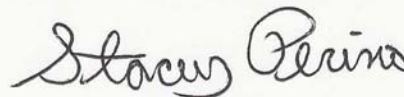
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1 e. The FBI does not know of any way to force an iPhone that has not  
2 had the passcode entered at least once since being powered on to perform an iCloud  
3 backup.

4 39. This result is consistent with Apple's security documentation, which states  
5 that data stored on the device is encrypted using a key that is a combination of both the  
6 UID (the device-specific unique identifier) and the passcode generated by the user.  
7 Unless the passcode is entered by the user, the entire encryption key could not be used to  
8 decrypt the data, and the data therefore could not be backed-up to an iCloud—at least in  
9 a state that could be recovered outside the device.

10 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America  
11 that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed at

12 Virginia, on March 9, 2016.



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