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March 16, 2022

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RE: FOIA No. 2022-FPIS-00204

Dear Mr. Sus:

This letter is in response to your email dated February 24, 2022, addressed to the Department of Justice, in which you requested the U.S. Postal Inspection Service reconsider redactions on 20 pages of records found in U.S. Secret Service files.

We were asked by the U.S. Department of Justice to review the records again to determine whether any additional information could be released.

Based on our review of the previously processed documents, we found that we could release the 20 pages of record material with certain deletions pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, section 552(b)(6), section 552(b)(7)(C), section 552(b)(7)(E), and section 552(b)(7)(F). Exemption 6 protects information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Exemption 7(C) provides protection for law enforcement information the disclosure of which "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Exemption 7(E) provides protection to law enforcement information that "would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law." Exemption 7(F) provides protection to "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes [the disclosure of which] could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual."

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Sincerely,

/s/

Anastasia Washington
FOIA Analyst

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Intelligence Summary

Million MAGA March - Round III

On December 22, 2020, analysts with the Internet Cover Operations Program (iCOP) identified the "Million MAGA March - Round III" demonstration scheduled to be held on January 6, 2020 at the National Mall in Washington, DC. Potential attendees made inflammatory remarks on Parler alluding to potential violence. iCOP analysts have compiled the following posts consisting of the event overview, social media posts, and caravan rally points for situational awareness.

Analytical Results

Analysts identified the initial planning post on Parler from the user @millionmagamarch which is being used to rally supporters stating "THE TIME TO TAKE A STAND IS NOW!" The post currently has 249,000 views, 310 comments, 13,000 echoes, and 2,300 likes. Additionally, analysts identified the following posts of interest in support of the movement for situational awareness. Please see (Attachment #1) below for details.



Analysts identified four rally points to be used by the caravan demonstration in Washington, DC from the following cities:

- Springfield, MA – Holyoke Mall
 - January 5, 2020 at 1000
 - 50 Holyoke St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
Refer to (Attachment #2) below
- Scranton, PA – Wyoming Valley Mall
 - January 5, 2020 at 1400
 - 29 Wyoming Valley Mall
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Refer to (Attachment #3) below
- Louisville, KY – Omoor Centers
 - January 5, 2020 at 0900
 - 7900 Shelbyville Rd.
Louisville, KY 40222
Refer to (Attachment #4) below
- Columbia, SC – Dutch Square Center
 - January 5, 2020 at 0900
 - 421 Bush River Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210
Refer to (Attachment #5) below

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United States Postal Service offices have been identified near each rally points and can be found in the corresponding attachments.

Threat Assessment

The previous two MAGA Marches have resulted in violence, therefore analysts assess a high potential for individuals to incite civil unrest during the demonstration.

End of Report

Attachments

Attachment #1

-  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 5 hours ago
When Antifa Communists and the Bolsheviks Leninists and Marxists show up, stomp them into oblivion
1 comment, 0 downvotes, 17 upvotes
-  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 2 hours ago
Do not overuse the call to the people as we r well past ready to take arms. Enough showmanship. We r not that vaccinated.
0 comments, 0 downvotes, 3 upvotes
-  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 1 day ago
NO MORE MARCHING ACTION TIME
0 comments, 0 downvotes, 6 upvotes
-  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 5 hours ago
They will only listen if you destroy and burn things like the Left does
0 comments, 1 downvote, 6 upvotes

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 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 1 minute ago

Fellow patriots and oath keepers. The time is NOW! Take up your arms. We will not go quietly into the night! Our system of justice, checks and balances have been compromised! WE THE PEOPLE will eradicate the evil from within! Hang EVERY TRAITOR ON JAN 6TH!

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 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 5 hours ago

It's not 4 more years. It's saving America from invasion already in place. Military MUST be invoked and ARRESTS of the DEMOCRATS, Bill Gates, Soros, Fauci, MEDIA, BIG TECH is 100% necessary.

America get your guns out! Protect the constitution, the world is counting on you!!

Act now!

read less

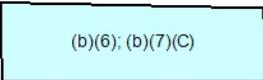
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Will be a waste of time unless everyone is armed...

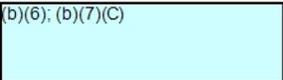
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reply to @pismobeachbum

 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

@rednecklogic Amen!

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 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 29 minutes ago

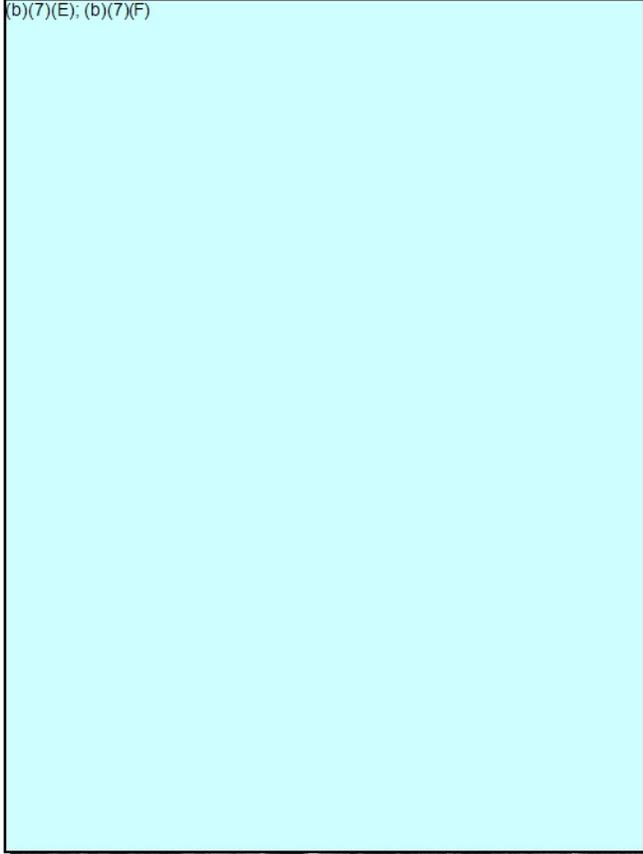
Me. President. Would you like us to come heavily armed Sir?

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Attachment #2

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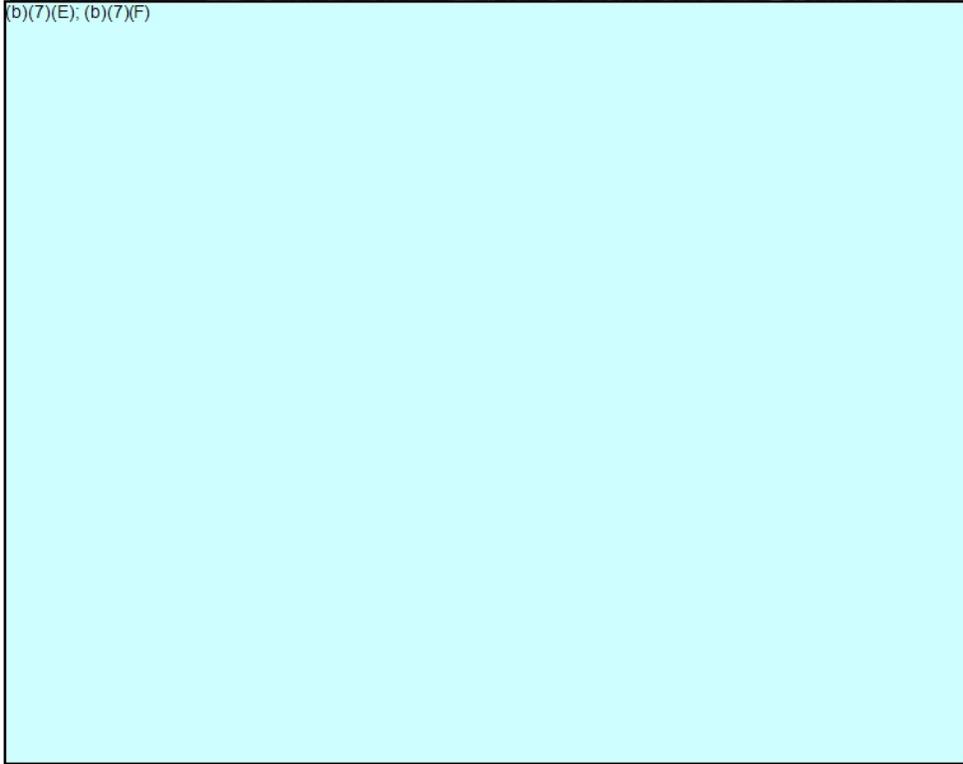
Attachment #3

(b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F)

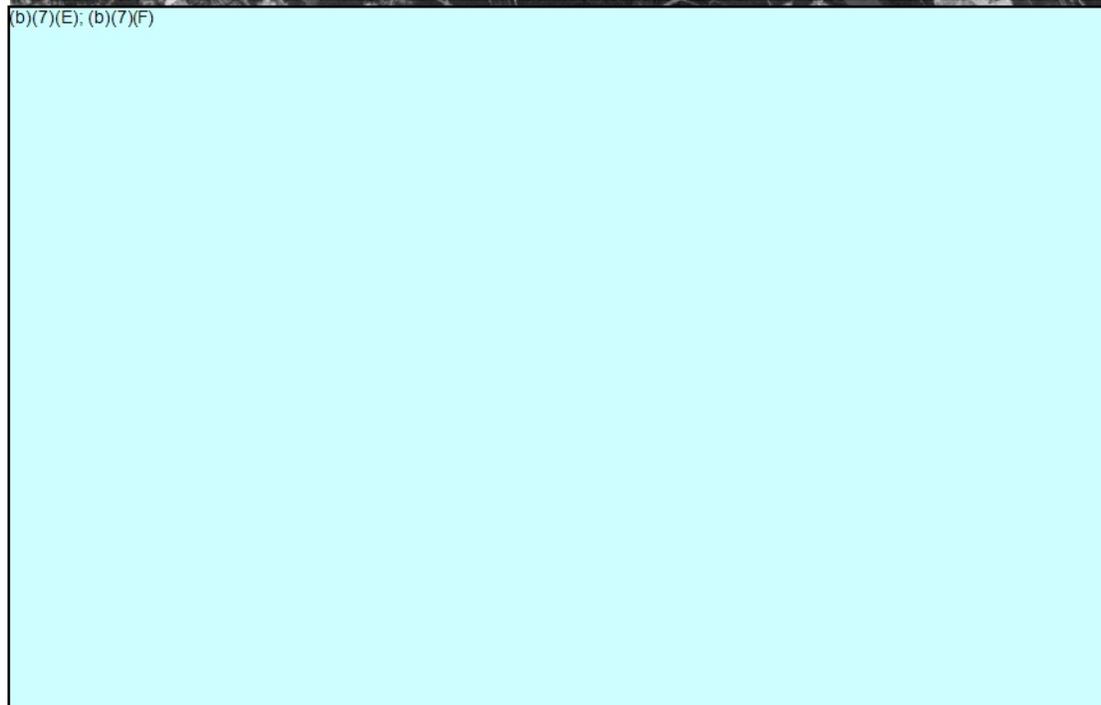


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Attachment #4



Attachment #5



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Subject: RE: OSINT Threat Assessments
Attachments: SAB - Wimkim and Million Militia March (211229-046732).pdf

Good Morning-

This is the third report that was referenced in last week's email.

Have a safe and Happy New Year's;

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Subject: OSINT Threat Assessments

Good Afternoon-

Please see the 2 attached Threat Assessments the US Postal Inspection Service, Internet Covert Operations Program developed. We will have a third report reference "Wimkin and the Million Militia March" out early next week.

Thank you and have a safe holiday,

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Intelligence Summary

Wimkin and the Million Militia March

iCOP analysts have identified a new “uncensored social media” platform named Wimkin, which is quickly becoming a new alternative to sites like Parler and Gab.¹ The founder of Wimkin, Jason Sheppard stated that the site, “was designed as a place for conservatives where they can share their opinions and what they believe to be fact without having to worry about their doing time in jail.”² The platform is found to be a hub for publicizing militia groups across the country. Moreover, iCOP analysts identified that it is also being used to promote the ‘Million Militia March’, a movement scheduled to take place in Washington, DC on January 20, 2021 aimed at preventing the Inauguration of President-Elect Joseph R. Biden.

Analysis

Background

The website Wimkin[.]com was created on July 14, 2020, registered using GoDaddy[.]com and is hosted on Cloudflare. The site creator elected to use GoDaddy[.]com which masks registration data and purchased server space on the web infrastructure company Cloudflare which is known not to police any content hosted by its users. Wimkin also has an accompanying mobile application available through Google Play and the Apple App Store. The developer of the Wimkin platform is Jason Sheppard, who also founded the company DreamTeam Development based out of Pittsburgh, PA.³ The platform utilizes a similar user interface and design features as Facebook including a newsfeed wall, direct messaging, commenting, social group pages, etc. Image 1 is a screenshot of an account on Wimkin.

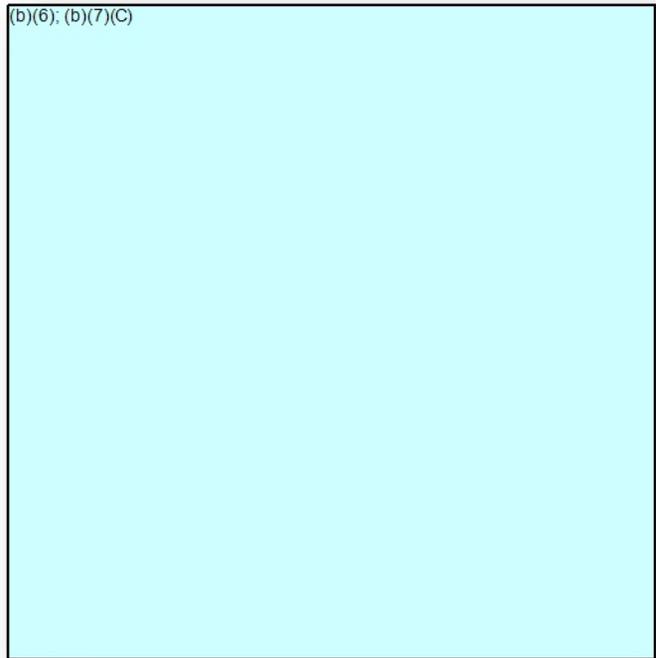


Image 1

Militia Groups

In the last two months dozens of online groups were created on Wimkin as a promotional and communications platform for militia-like groups across the country. Because the platform has only been active since August 2020, the identified militia groups appear to only have between approximately 10 to 60 online members. Image 2 below is a screenshot of some of the militia groups currently active on Wimkin. Several groups are mirroring the rhetoric and

¹ Parler[.]com and Gab[.]com are uncensored social media platforms whose content is produced for a far-right conservative audience.

² Dreamteamwebdesign[.]com/social-media-%26-app-builds

³ hxxps://www.linkedin.com/in/[redacted]

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operational security the behaviors of the “Boogaloo Movement,” who allegedly sought to exploit protests in Las Vegas and incite violence.⁴ Several militia groups on Wimkin have set their profiles to private, stating in their “About Sections” that they were previously removed from Facebook resulting in their migration to Wimkin. Furthermore, several groups posted that they are going to be vetting members. For example, the founder of the group ‘Militia Communications’ stated on the info section that “This is the outer circle. Not much happens here. If you allow us to vette [sic] you, you may be invited into the inner circle. Nobody wants to communicate if there are spies and trolls present.”⁵

Image 2

Million Militia March

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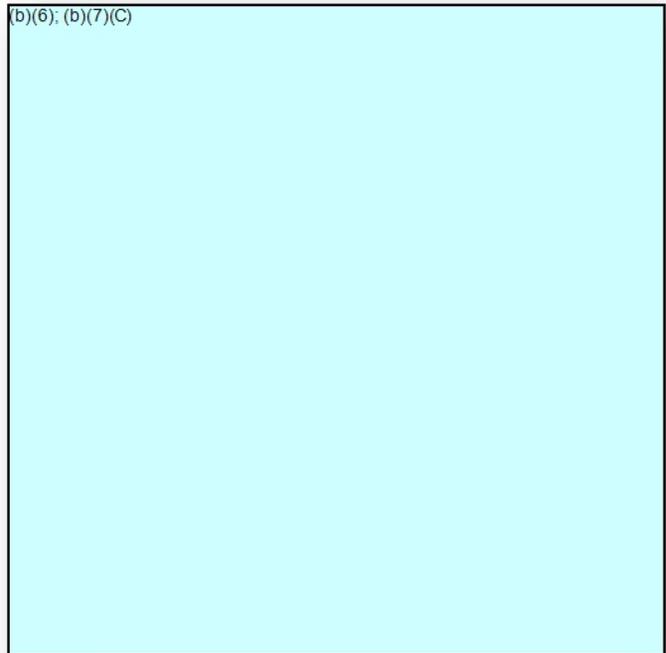


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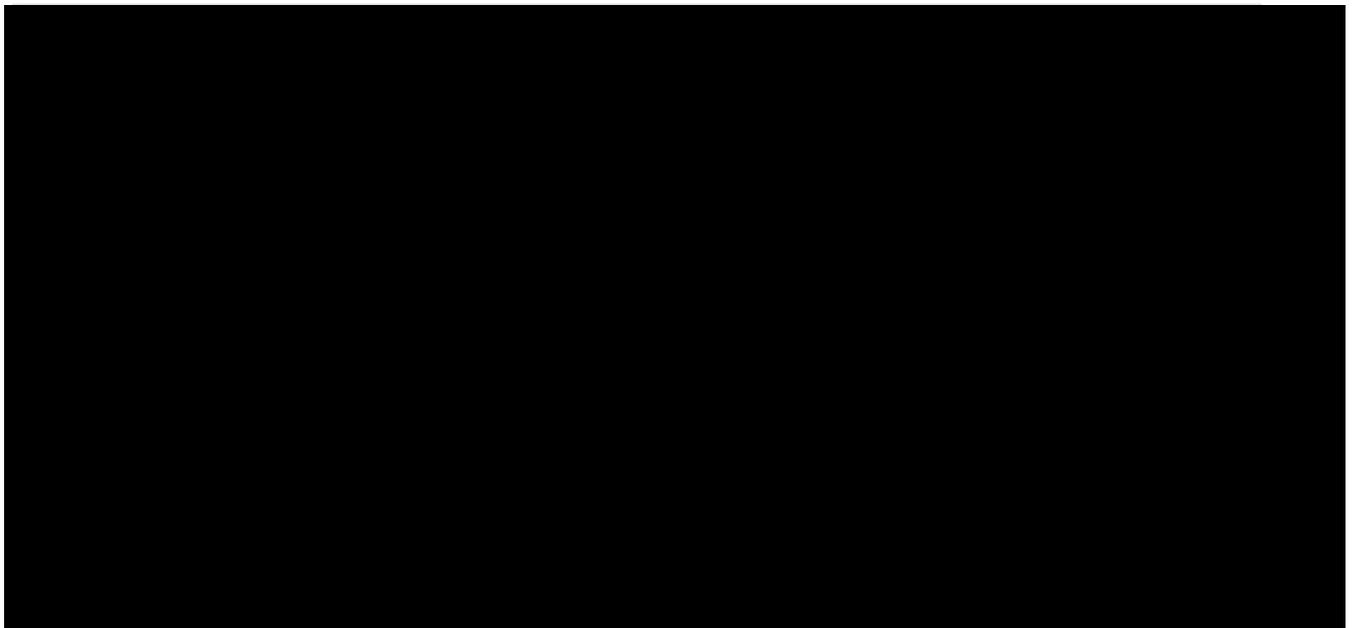
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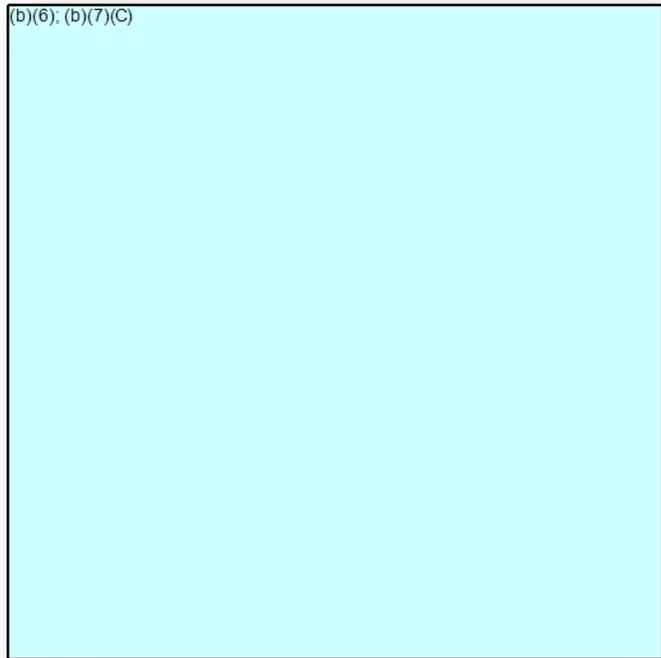


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