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**NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**



CASE SUMMARY REPORT

To: Chief, D14 [redacted] **Date:** 6 April 2015

From: Investigator [redacted]

Subject: Unknown Subject(s), Theft of Scrap Copper Wiring [redacted]

File No: IV-15-0030

Precedence: Routine

Purpose: To provide a summary report of investigation and to recommend that this case be closed.

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Details:

I. (U//~~FOUO~~) **Background:** On 23 January 2015, this office received a hotline complaint from [redacted] Special Investigation O21J, who forwarded a complaint from [redacted] Project Manager, [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] Director of Construction and Operations, [redacted] employee [redacted] told [redacted] that they have been storing scrap copper wire in room [redacted] in the evenings after completing old wire removals. [redacted] employees gain access to the room with the assistance of an NSA escort who uses a key. The scrap copper wires were stored in a large cardboard box covered by a tarp. [redacted] said between Sunday and Wednesday, 18-21 January 2015, [redacted] employees noticed the pile of scrap copper reducing daily.

II. (U//~~FOUO~~) **Issue(s):** Is the scrap copper wiring being stolen? If so by whom, or is it being properly removed from the building?

III. (U) **Applicable Standard(s):** 18 U.S.C. 641 – Public Money, Property or Records (Theft of Government Property)

IV. (U) **Investigative Activity**

A. (U) **Document Review**

(U//~~FOUO~~) No documents reviewed.

B. (U) **Interviews**

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On 28 January 2015, the Reporting Investigator (RI) met with [redacted] [redacted] Project Manager, [redacted] and [redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) The RI, [redacted] and [redacted] went to room [redacted] where the copper is being stored. The room is a key-controlled secured room in the basement of [redacted]. The room has an [redacted] but the [redacted] is inoperable. Anyone who accesses the room must use a [redacted] key, which is [redacted] [redacted] keys issued): The room is located approximately [redacted] that leads to the loading dock. The copper wires were stored in a [redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) There are [redacted] located in the room and without badge access it is difficult to determine who has gained entry into the room. There are [redacted] located in the hallway that provide a view of the room door. There is [redacted] in a hallway pointed in the [redacted] opposite direction, towards the loading dock doors. Outside the loading dock door is a [redacted] [redacted] which has the capability [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On 29 January 2015, the RI coordinated with [redacted]. The OIG asked if it were possible for [redacted] to place [redacted] of the room and the exit point of the loading dock. [redacted] said his office could assist with placing [redacted] [redacted] does not have [redacted] but if the OIG procured them his office would assist with the installation. [redacted] [redacted] said he could focus the aforementioned [redacted] in the hallway leading towards the loading dock towards room [redacted]. He could also [redacted] doors to assist the OIG with observation.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The RI and [redacted] reviewed video from both stationary cameras which recorded activity between 20 January and 27 February 2015. During that timeframe the noted activity was [redacted] workers were in the building Monday thru Friday, 1530-0030. They did not work on Saturdays and Sundays. The video showed on a daily basis approximately four [redacted] employees on the hallway camera during the recorded time frame. They travelled in and out of the building mainly carrying tools and tool boxes. The RI and [redacted] also observed the men placing trash into the dumpster; it was unclear if the trash was copper scraps. The video did not show anyone placing any scrap copper in their personal vehicles or a company vehicle.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 3 February 2015, the RI, [redacted] Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and DCIS SA [redacted] went to room [redacted]. SA [redacted] said he would confirm with his management if DCIS could assist in the investigation.

V. (U//~~FOUO~~) Analysis: Investigation to date has not substantiated the allegation that unidentified individual(s) have removed scrap copper wire from room [redacted]. DCIS has declined to assist this office with the investigation. [redacted] has declined to provide further assistance to this office with the investigation.

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VI. (U//~~FOUO~~) **Conclusion(s)**: This office requires but lacks investigative support to thoroughly investigate this type of allegation.

VII. (U//~~FOUO~~) **Recommendation(s)**: Recommend that the case be closed with a recommendation to the Associate Directorate for Installations and Logistics to request the badge reader on room be repaired to document all entry into the room.

VIII. (U) **OGC Concurrence (as appropriate)** N/A

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