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**(U) Falsified DHS I&A Assessment Attempts to Spread Disinformation**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ On 5 February an unknown actor posted a falsified DHS I&A assessment to a website likely to spread disinformation regarding US Government efforts to prevent unauthorized persons' access to firearms. We are not aware of any previous instances of individuals producing and distributing a falsified DHS I&A assessment and cannot rule out future attempts by actors to use similar techniques to spread disinformation to the public.

- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ The falsified version of the assessment contains substantive changes to the title and language on the header page claiming that multiple agencies are monitoring online forums and preparing for nationwide investigations and arrests related to the production of additive manufactured weapons.
- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ The falsified assessment was the subject of a 14 February media article. The author and online commenters expressed skepticism of the authenticity of the falsified assessment and noted the alarmist language as well as dubious attempted redactions. The media article has since been removed from their website, but the falsified assessment is still visible on the website where it was first appeared on 5 February.
- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ The falsified assessment appears to be derived from the DHS I&A *Reference Aid*, "3-D Printed Weapons, Equipment and Materials," published on 4 February and classified at ~~U//FOUO~~. Proprietary software as well as multiple online tools and downloadable applications allow for the conversion of a .pdf file to an editable format.

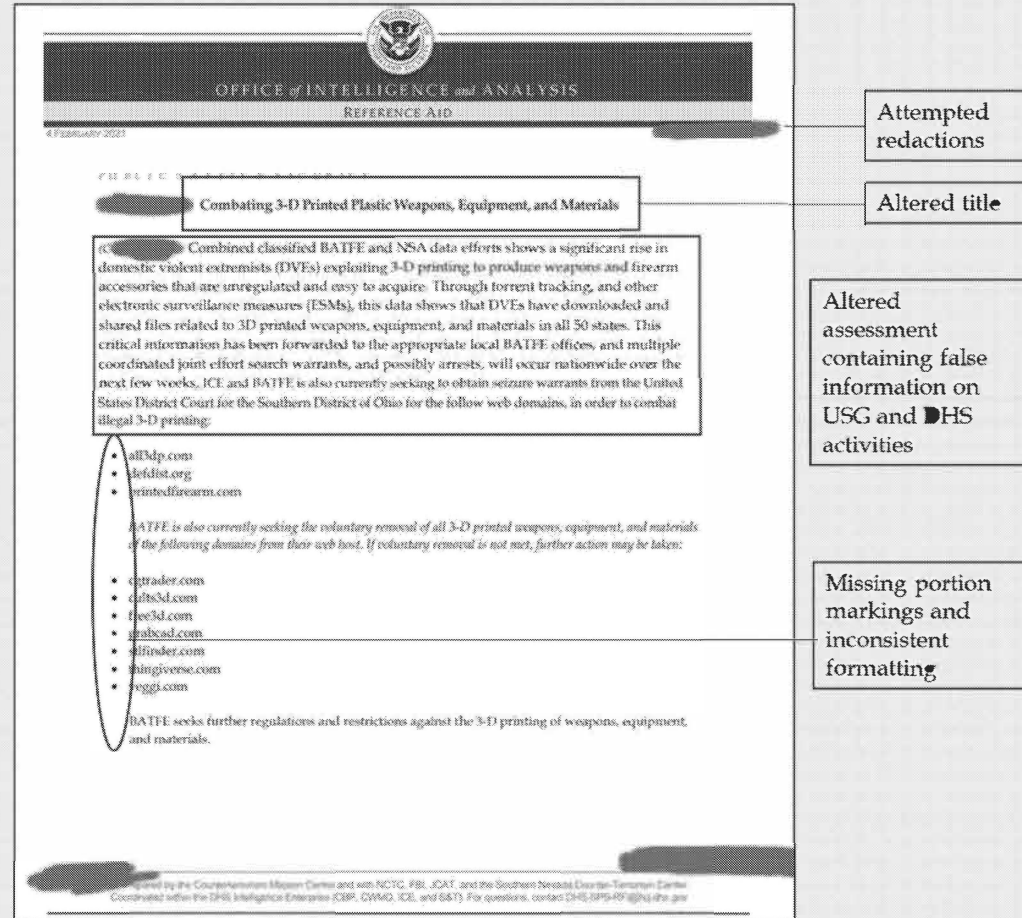
## (U) Comparison of Authentic vs Falsified Assessment

(U//FOUO) The authentic DHS I&A assessment, released on 4 February, is a three-page *Reference Aid* intended to provide federal, state, local, and private sector partners information on additive manufacturing equipment and weapons. We note that while the falsified version is similar in formatting, it contains formatting inconsistencies in addition to fictional and alarmist language.

## (U) Actual Assessment



## (U) Falsified Assessment (alterations denoted by red box)



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**Source, Reference, and Dissemination Information**


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<b>Source Summary Statement</b>	(U//FOUO) We have <b>medium confidence</b> in our assessment that the publication of the falsified assessments containing fabricated information on law enforcement operations, is an attempt to spread disinformation. We base this an internal review of content and formatting of the authentic and falsified versions of the assessment.
<b>Definitions</b>	(U//FOUO) <b>Disinformation:</b> An adversary's use of false or misleading information created or spread intentionally to alter a target audience's attitudes or behavior to benefit the information's creator.
<b>Dissemination</b>	(U) Federal, State, local, and private sector security partners
<b>Reporting Suspicious Activity</b>	(U) To report suspicious activity, law enforcement, Fire-EMS, private security personnel, and emergency managers should follow established protocols; all other personnel should call 911 or contact local law enforcement. Suspicious activity reports (SARs) will be forwarded to the appropriate fusion center and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force for further action. For more information on the Nationwide SAR Initiative, visit <a href="http://nsi.ncirc.gov/resources.aspx">http://nsi.ncirc.gov/resources.aspx</a> .
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## Customer Feedback Form

Product Title: (U) Falsified DHS I&A Assessment Attempts to Spread Disinformation

All survey responses are completely anonymous. No personally identifiable information is captured unless you voluntarily offer personal or contact information in any of the comment fields. Additionally, your responses are combined with those of many others and summarized in a report to further protect your anonymity.

1. Please select partner type: Select One

and function: Select One

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

Select One

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

Select One

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

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Product's overall usefulness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Product's relevance to your mission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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5. How do you plan to use this product in support of your mission? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Drive planning and preparedness efforts, training, and/or emergency response operations

☐ Observe, identify, and/or disrupt threats

☐ Share with partners

☐ Allocate resources (e.g. equipment and personnel)

☐ Reprioritize organizational focus

☐ Author or adjust policies and guidelines

☐ Initiate a law enforcement investigation

☐ Initiate your own regional-specific analysis

☐ Initiate your own topic-specific analysis

☐ Develop long-term homeland security strategies

☐ Do not plan to use

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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This product will enable me to make better decisions regarding this topic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This product provided me with intelligence information I did not find elsewhere.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. How did you obtain this product? Select One

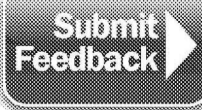
10. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up conversation about your feedback?

Yes

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

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Colleagues,

(U//FOUO) The attached Intelligence In Brief: Falsified DHS I&A Assessment Attempts to Spread Disinformation, dated 27 April 2021 has been released. Senior Leaders, Field Operations, IGA, OPA, and OLA are receiving this message and attachment to ensure uninterrupted access to I&A's finished analytic products.

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**(U) Tab 1 – Secretary’s Strategic Intelligence**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Producer</i>

**(U) Tab 2 – Intelligence Enterprise Highlights**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Producer</i>
(U// <del>FOUO</del> ) Domestic Violent Extremists Pose Heightened Threat to Elected Officials Nationwide, IA-50905-21	I&A CTMC, FBI, NCTC
(U) Falsified DHS I&A Assessment Attempts to Spread Disinformation, IA-49750-21	I&A CTMC

**(U) Tab 3 – Intelligence Community Highlights**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Producer</i>
WIRe2021-04490 (C-LAN only)	CIA, FBI

**(U) Tab 4 – Tactical Homeland Intelligence**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Producer</i>
(U// <del>FOUO</del> ) CETC Intelligence Update 28 April 2021 (C-LAN only)	I&A CETC
(U// <del>FOUO</del> ) Daily OSIR Highlights 27 April 2021	I&A CETC

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27 April 2021

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### ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Daily OSIR Highlights

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **BLUF:** This rollup is a summary of the Current and Emerging Threats Center Open Source Intelligence Reports and other associated unclassified reporting over the last 24 hours. CETC monitors for significant threats to the Homeland and remains in communication with the National Operations Center concerning developments related to current and emerging threats.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Nothing significant to report.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **POC:** Direct feedback, evaluations, comments, and follow on collection requests to the Current and Emerging Threats Center (CETC), Open Source Collection Operations (OSCO) by accessing the OSIR evaluation link at Intelink-U ~~(b) (7)(E)~~, Intelink-S ~~(b) (7)(E)~~, or Intelink-TS ~~(b) (7)(E)~~. Contact CETC OSCO at ~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(E)~~ via e-mail at: ~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(E)~~@hq.dhs.gov, ~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(E)~~@dhs.gov, or ~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(E)~~@dhs.ic.gov.



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**Attachments:** 28 April 2021 A-LAN HINT.pdf

Good morning,

Please see today's unclassified edition of the HINT (Homeland INTelligence).

For questions regarding the content of the HINT, or requests to be added to the dissemination, please reach out to I&A's Homeland Executive Intelligence Support Team (HEIST) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) @hq.dhs.gov

V/r,

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Subject: UAS Threat Overview

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Hi

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Thanks,  
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Thanks, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: RE: U--LES SIH Internal UAS Threat Overview Front Office Review

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Great job on this piece. Succinct and hits the wavetops the S1 needs to know. Please see my edits attached and let me know if you have any questions. Let's get this wrapped up and off to SBS tonight.

Best,

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Subject: U--LES SIH Internal UAS Threat Overview--Front Office Review



Hi all,

Sending for [REDACTED] his computer is forcing an update on A/LAN, he'll be back up in about 30 mins.

Attached the SIH for Friday's CUAS overview S1 for front office review.

Thanks,

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Attachments: U-FOUO IIB--Falsified DHS IA Report FEB 2021--v11 PB.docx

Greeting all,

IIB on a fake assessment that appeared online O/A 5 Feb 2021. This appears to be an alteration of a Reference Aid released on 4 FEB 2021.

Sending along for tech and final edits. The IIB and BN, along with G4 clearance are on the IRAS card.

Thanks, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Good to go!

Thanks,

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Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Otherwise, Executive Review comments are mostly questions for clarification, so please reach out to discuss!

Thanks,

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Thanks, Tom

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Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Fake document sourced to DHS I&A (references to Ohio)  
[U-FOUO IIB--Falsified DHS IA Report FEB 2021--v12 PB-Final.docx](#)

Hi all,

Just a heads up and FYSA stuff...attached is a near-final draft of the fake assessment piece. (b) (5)

Thanks,

Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Hi all,

Its possible you'll see this thru coord, but just in case...

So, after much back and forth, we put this together and sent it out for IE coord. (b) (5)

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Let me know if y'all have any thoughts.



Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Subject:** RE: Fake document sourced to DHS I&A (references to Ohio)

Good morning all,

Wanted to advise we reached out to the Southern District of Ohio who were not aware of any specific reasons why it was called out in the altered document, but planned to advise the USAO and USMS Court security for awareness purposes. Thank you for making us aware of this issue, and let us know if there's anything else we can assist with.

Have a nice weekend,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Subject:** RE: Fake document sourced to DHS I&A (references to Ohio)

Hey (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

On OSCO: We sent a tip sheet; they don't have plans to write an OSIR though (does not fall under current collection requirements). So not expecting any additional info on that front.

Other actions:

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So that's where I'm at now. I've been here a bit, and never run across someone faking a IA report, so this is new for me. From my foxhole, just want to get out there with something that states this is a fake.

Please feel free to send any comments/concerns or things I missed my way.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Subject:** FW: Fake document sourced to DHS I&A (references to Ohio)

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) –

I'm the RIA for the ECR and am stationed in Cleveland. I wanted to touch base related to this issue you have highlighted and determine if CTMC leadership has provided any guidance or a path forward? In addition, within the ECR we were wondering if CTMC forwarded the fake document to OSCO for further exploitation? Apologies if you already did, but as we obviously don't have a clear knowledge of current status, it is merely a consideration given the nature of the document.

I'm not sure if it is related as it's not specific to 3D-firearms but something that might be worth noting:

<https://www.wdtn.com/news/ohio/ag-yost-announces-creation-of-ohio-stolen-gun-portal/>

Otherwise, I am currently unaware of any Ohio-specific nexus at this time, but can work with partners to obtain further clarification pending guidance from CTMC leadership on information needs and requirements.

Feel free to reach out with any questions or discuss this issue further.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Regional Intelligence Analyst

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**Subject:** FW: Fake document sourced to DHS I&A (references to Ohio)

Thanks for reaching out (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Nothing rings a bell.

I'm pushing this to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who covers down on Ohio.

R,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

A few local notes:

<https://www.thelantern.com/2021/02/ohio-state-researchers-help-develop-customizable-3d-printed-bone-implants/>

<https://3dprintingindustry.com/news/u-s-air-force-research-lab-files-patent-application-for-3d-printed-nose-simulator-183486/>

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Regional Director  
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**Subject:** Fake document sourced to DHS I&A (references to Ohio)

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

I'm an analyst with the Counter Terrorism Mission Center. Recently DHS pushed out a product related to 3-D printed weapons (attached). Over the weekend, one of the analysts on our team noticed that a fake version of this product was circulating on social media and on several websites (also attached). I wanted to flag this for you because the Southern District of Ohio is mentioned in the fake product. Can you think of any reason the author would specifically call out Ohio? Or if there's any recent ongoing issues or legal cases related to 3-D printed firearms?

I appreciate your help! Let me know if I should be looping in any other FoD representatives in Ohio.

Best,

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Subject: Re: U--FOUO IIB-Fake DHS IA Assessment--Front Office Review

Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) appreciate the review and revised language.

Will use the version you sent in the definitions box.

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Subject: RE: ~~U--FOUO~~ IIB-Fake DHS IA Assessment--Front Office Review

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7) et al.

Please pardon our delayed response. The latest versions of these definitions that effectively represent IC consensus (note, at an ~~U--FOUO~~ level) are below, with a few tweaks based on our analysis. Barring further guidance from G4, I recommend their use:

~~(U--FOUO)~~ **Disinformation.** An adversary's use of false or misleading information created or spread intentionally to alter a target audience's attitudes or behavior to benefit the information's creator.

~~(U--FOUO)~~ **Misinformation.** An actor's use of false or misleading information. The actor's intent can change *Misinformation* to *Disinformation*.

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Subject: Assessment--Front Office Review

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thanks for comments on the 'fake assessment' paper (or as I've been semi-snarkly calling it: 'shallow fake'). We

(b) (5)

Once we can get the lexicon/terminology question nailed down, we can send it back for review.

Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

This is an interesting piece! Let's put it into an IIB format instead of an RA. This is exactly the kind of topic that belongs in an IIB (a "first time seen" kind of incident, not much more insight than that, but potential implications/concerns that we want to elevate to our customers, etc). Otherwise, Executive Review comments are mostly questions for clarification, so please reach out to discuss!

Thanks,

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: RE: U--LES SIH Internal UAS Threat Overview--Front Office Review

Greeting all,

REL0000002203

Request review on attached reference aid that discusses a fake document attributed to DHS IA that was making the round in mid-February. We went thru the immediate notifications to partners when it was discovered, but would like to expand the audience just in case an external partner picks this up.

Cc'ing HEIST and PB just so they have a heads up and for scheduling purposes.

Thank (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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RE: U--LES SIH Internal UAS Threat Overview Front Office Review

Roger will do...I'd love to take credit, but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) really put a lot of work into this to help get it up to snuff, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from TOC had a lot of inputs to balance the DT and TCO pieces out.

Thanks, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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*Chief, UAS Threat Integration Cell  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Intelligence and Analysis*

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**Flag:** Follow up

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Very Respectfully,  
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