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Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Warner:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General and Director Pon of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management dated June 21, 2018, regarding confusion resulting from a press release about the relationship between a case prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia (USAO) and the 2015 Office of Personnel Management (OPM) data breach.

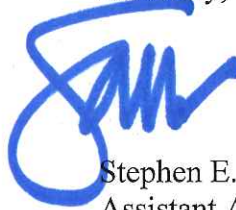
The press release you reference in your letter involved an individual who pleaded guilty to participating in a scheme to use stolen identification information to obtain fraudulent personal and vehicle loans through the Langley Federal Credit Union. A number of the victims of this scheme identified themselves to the Department of Justice as victims of the OPM data breach. However, at present, the investigation has not determined precisely how their identity information used in this case was obtained and whether it can, in fact, be sourced directly to the OPM data breach. Because the victims in this case had other things in common in terms of employment and location, it is possible that their data came from another common source. Federal law enforcement investigators continue to work diligently to determine how the defendant obtained the personal identifying information at issue in this case.

Regrettably, the USAO's original press release on June 18, 2018, implied a premature conclusion that the exclusive and known source of the stolen identities used in the Langley Federal Credit Union fraud case was the OPM data breach. After receiving several inquiries, the U.S. Attorney's Office conducted an internal review of the case and the wording of the press release and on June 21, re-issued the press release with a revised headline and a supplemental statement to clarify the public record. Both the original press release as well as the revised release are enclosed as exhibits to the letter. We apologize for the confusion.

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We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional information regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SEB', is positioned above the typed name.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Jeff T.H. Pon
Director
U.S. Office of Personnel Management