

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**THE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**  
**Outstanding Cyber Investigation**

**Nomination Name:** [REDACTED]

**Nomination POC:** Thomas Grasso

**Date:** 02/13/2013

**Sponsoring Division:** D16-CYBER DIVISION

**POC Phone Number:** 412-475-1875

**GOI:** Group

**Nominee(s)**

**Nominee:** EDWARD ARIAS

**Agency:** FBI HONOLULU

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** SPECIAL AGENT

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 13

**Work Phone Number:** 808-566-4300

**Nominee:** Ethan Arenson

**Agency:** DOJ National Security Division

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** Trial Attorney

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** 202-305-9364

**Nominee:** MICHAEL POSTON

**Agency:** FBI PHILADELPHIA

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** SPECIAL AGENT

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 13

**Work Phone Number:** 703-603-3967

**Nominee:** NICHOLAS BLUDWORTH

**Agency:** FBI HONOLULU

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** SPECIAL AGENT

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 12

**Work Phone Number:** 808-673-7279

**Nominee:** STEPHEN GAUDIN

**Agency:** FBI ABU DHABI

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** SUPVY SPECIAL AGENT

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 15

**Work Phone Number:** 01197124142688

**Nominee:** ROBERT SMITH

**Agency:** FBI DALLAS

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** SPECIAL AGENT

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 13

**Work Phone Number:** 972-559-5537

**Nominee:** KACIE GALARZA

**Agency:** FBI HONOLULU

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** INTELLIGENCE ANALYST

**Series:** 0132

**Grade:** 12

**Work Phone Number:** 808-673-7281

**Nominee:** JEFFREY COLLINS

**Nominee Title:** SPECIAL AGENT FBI DOJ CFH 011104

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**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 12

**Work Phone Number:** 808-673-7283

**Nominee:** Carol Sipperly

**Agency:** DOJ National Security Division

**Work Address:** washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** Trial Attorney

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** 202-353-4253

**Nominee:** DARA K. SEWELL

**Agency:** FBI DETAILS: OTD CO-OP

**Work Address:** Washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** SUPVY SPECIAL AGENT

**Series:** 1811

**Grade:** 15

**Work Phone Number:** 443-654-5628

**Nominee:** Rodney Joffe

**Agency:** Neustar

**Work Address:** Washington, DC 20535

**Nominee Title:** Senior VP and Technologist

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** 602-418-6471

**Nominee:** Borut Stok

**Agency:** Slovenia MU Police

**Work Address:** Washington, DC 00000

**Nominee Title:** Chief

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** +386 2 222 15 26

**Nominee:** [REDACTED]

**Agency:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address:** Pittsburgh, PA 00000

**Nominee Title:** Director

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**Nominee:** [REDACTED]

**Agency:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address:** Washington, DC 00000

**Nominee Title:** [REDACTED]

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** 000-000-0000

**Nominee:** Drazen Visnjic

**Agency:** Bosnia and Herzegovina RSMU Police

**Work Address:** Washington, DC 00000

**Nominee Title:** Chief

**Series:**

**Grade:**

**Work Phone Number:** 000-000-0000

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**Synopsis**

The team behind the ■■■ investigation broke new ground for Cyber Division with the most successful and largest botnet investigation to date. Team members used a combination of innovative techniques, liaison, and hard work to apprehend the creator, operators and facilitators of some of the world's largest and most damaging botnets. The investigation developed strong relationships with International Law Enforcement partners and revealed new regions that are both a hotspots for cyber criminal activity and also very willing to join forces with the FBI. The investigation touched on subjects in 32 countries and resulted in 55 arrests/searches. With these actions came the dismantlement of many botnets including ■■■ which infected an estimated 12 million computers; and another variant which infected an estimated 1.2 million computers. Prior to the extraordinary efforts of this team the ■■■ malware has caused an estimated \$997,500,000 damages worldwide.

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### Justification

The [REDACTED] investigation started in 2008 and has resulted in the successful apprehension of subjects in the United States, Bosnia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam. There have been 26 arrests in 6 countries; 23 searches in 6 countries; 33 referrals to other countries and European Union Member States; and 47 IIRs disseminated. Total losses as a result of [REDACTED] are estimated at \$997,500,000 with impact to an estimated 13.3 million victims worldwide. The investigation has resulted in the dismantlement of numerous [REDACTED], most notably the [REDACTED], estimated to be 12 million bots in size and another variant, estimated to be 1.2 million bots.

The great successes achieved by the team on the law enforcement side are only half the story behind the [REDACTED] investigation. The case has become a vehicle through which Cyber Division has developed new and lasting relationships with valuable international partners. The international outreach efforts of the team have opened up the entire Balkan (South Eastern Europe) region for cooperation and have resulted in outstanding working relationships with Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia. The team also charted new territory for Cyber Division through liaison and case coordination with Mexico, Peru and Argentina. These parts of South America along with the Balkan Peninsula were relatively untouched by our Cyber investigations.

In terms of botnet cases the [REDACTED] investigation is remarkable because it has successfully targeted all 3 tiers of a botnet: 1. Coders, 2. Users, and 3. Facilitators. The investigation started with an undercover operation initiated in Honolulu.

[REDACTED] Team members purchased copies of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] on three separate occasions and ultimately cultivated enough trust from [REDACTED] to be invited into an elite underground forum called [REDACTED]. Once the team had the [REDACTED] malware in hand they showed ingenuity by reaching out to trusted members of the security research community. It was through the extraordinary sharing efforts of team and their ability to engage non-FBI partners in private sector and academia that they were able to link Iserdo to a massive botnet that appeared on the Internet and seemed to originate out of Spain. This botnet, which became known as [REDACTED] turned out to be one of the largest botnets ever encountered, infecting more than 12 million computers worldwide. Through continued outreach to private sector the team was able to link private sector research into the [REDACTED] botnet to an [REDACTED] customer known as [REDACTED]. At this point it became apparent that the massive 12 million bot [REDACTED] botnet was in fact Iserdo's [REDACTED]. The investigation placed NetK in Spain and the team began the first of many successful international outreach efforts. At this point the team engaged the Spanish Guardia Civil and through information sharing efforts and case coordination helped develop evidence to affect the arrest and searches of three subjects in Spain. One of the team members traveled to Spain to assist with the law enforcement action and as a result of the subsequent evidence sharing facts were uncovered to arrest an additional five subjects in Spain. An excellent working relationship was developed with the Spanish Guardia Civil which in turn resulted in evidence that implicated MATJAZ SKORJANC of Slovenia as the creator of [REDACTED]. With the [REDACTED] Botnet dismantled and its operators neutralized, the team turned its efforts to building a case against the creator of [REDACTED] and working with the Slovenian Police to apprehend him. One of the team members expended extraordinary efforts to convince the Slovenia Police to cooperate with the FBI on this matter. The level of cooperation ultimately achieved included FBI participating in the searches and arrests in Slovenia, along with complete access to SKORJANC and all evidence seized. Team members traveled to Slovenia and participated in the arrests, searches and interview of SKORJANC along with 4 of his co-conspirators. At this point the investigation had resulted in the apprehension of the creator of [REDACTED] and all of his co-conspirators in Slovenia; the operators of the [REDACTED] botnet and co-conspirators in Spain; and the dismantlement of the [REDACTED] botnet. While these accomplishments were impressive the team did not rest on their laurels but instead conducted an exhaustive review of all evidence along with additional undercover work in order to spin-off new cases on other [REDACTED] botnet operators. This ultimately resulted in the identification and referral of 141 subjects worldwide in 32 countries. SKORJANC was initially reluctant to cooperate with the FBI. However team members developed a prosecution strategy that effected his cooperation. The cooperation from SKORJANC was significant and produced not only evidence on additional targets but also resulted in the FBI acquiring the backend database to the [REDACTED] criminal forum. With this accomplished the FBI had all private and public messages; and user account information for one of the most serious criminal underground forums on the Internet. After SKORJANC's arrest and eventual cooperation, and with the [REDACTED] database in hand, team members were able to accomplish another significant milestone in the case: collaboration with Bosnia Police to arrest two subjects in Bosnia and takeover a [REDACTED] botnet 1.2 million computers in size. The collaboration and cooperation in Bosnia has led to the identification of many previously unknown cyber criminals in the region and the understanding that the Balkan region is a hotspot for cyber criminal activity; on par with Eastern Europe. The amount of activity uncovered by the team prompted the Botnet Threat Focus Cell to recommend the placement of a Cyber ALAT in Sarajevo along with the creation of a Balkan Regional Cyber Crime Task Force. Taking the evidence and intelligence gathered so far the team began the process of [REDACTED]

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referring new subjects for possible spin off cases. Many the subjects were International so the team decided to engage Europol as an effective way to disseminate leads and referrals to European Union Member States. In September of 2011 a meeting was convened at Europol in The Hague. Present at the meeting were 12 EU member states. This meeting resulted in a framework for sharing intelligence and referring ■■■ case leads to EU member states. A total of 7 referrals to 7 countries were made as a result of this meeting. Another significant development in the case was the identification of 41 potential ■■■ customers in South America. This is a relatively new region on the Cyber front and in order to effect action on these targets team members traveled to Argentina, Mexico and Peru to brief regional police on ■■■ and share evidence. Three months after this outreach 6 subjects were searched in Peru.

In September of 2012, two years after the initial arrest of SKORJANC one of the team members, SA Collins, returned to Slovenia to testify in trial of SKORJANC. The Slovenians have expressed gratitude for SA Collins' testimony. The Cyber Division OGC who accompanied SA Collins commented that he testified for 8 hours during which he had excellent demeanor and clearly knew the case well. The Slovenian Prosecutors could not be more pleased and were confident of a guilty verdict. The vast amount of evidence, intelligence and International cooperation achieved in this case culminated this December with Operation Darkbot. This international takedown of botnet subjects resulted in 9 arrests, 13 searches and 37 knock and talks in a total of 9 countries. From this takedown 3 of the arrests, 7 of the searches, and 32 of knock and talks were a direct result of the ■■■ investigation.

In conclusion, the ■■■ investigation was a massive undertaking by team members that resulted in an unprecedented number of arrests and prosecutions for a botnet investigation. The team broke new ground in terms of International outreach and opened up new regions of the world for cooperation on cyber investigations. The outcome of the BFBot investigation will continue to benefit the FBI and Cyber Division for years to come.

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**Wilson, Shaunta N. A. (HRD) (FBI)**

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**From:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 5:28 PM  
**To:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI); BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI); SMITH, SCOTT S. (HRD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Rewrite or DA Nonination for Butterfly Bot --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Thank you!  
Amy

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**Amy E. Waye, UC**  
**HRD ARU/Communications**  
**(202) 324-3680**

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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 4:19 PM  
**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI); BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI); SMITH, SCOTT S. (HRD) (FBI)  
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10-4. Working on this now.

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**From:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:29 AM  
**To:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI); BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI); SMITH, SCOTT S. (HRD) (FBI)  
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We do still need some confirmation that the 2 from foreign LE agencies and the private sector are eligible to be nominated from the agency's as well as aware of the nomination.

The letter should come from head of agency, but I will accept the Chief Human Capital Officer. Please note that this serves as a "Name Check" for non-FBI employees. That is, the FBI requires confirmation that the person's home agency supports the nomination and confirms that there is nothing in their background that would prevent them from receiving the award (such as an OPR for an FBI employee).

Thank you,  
Amy

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**Amy E. Waye, UC**  
**HRD ARU/Communications**  
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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9:10 AM  
**To:** BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
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Hello Jennifer,

Letters of concurrence have been uploaded for the DOJ team members. The other agencies would be 2 foreign LE agencies and 3 private sector companies. Since these are all outside of USG do we still need letters? If so, who would they come from, immediate supervisor, CEO, HR person?

Thanks.

--Tom

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**From:** BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 7:05 PM  
**To:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
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Tom,

Please see Amy's message below to request external agency concurrence letters.

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**From:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 2:43 PM



**To:** BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** BOLES, JOHN (CYD) (FBI)  
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Jenn:

Just to clarify:

Only these names are actually added...the others were already named on the original nomination.

Also, have the Letters of the Concurrence been requested from the outside agencies?

Thank you,  
Amy

Full Bureau Name	Title	SSN
Dara Sewell Investigative Analysis Unit	SSA	REDACTED

First, Middle, Last Name	Agency and, if any, Division	Title	Series/ Grade, if any	City, State, Zip	Phone/ e-mail address	Letter of Concurrence (Yes or No)
REDACTED	REDACTED Work I	REDACTED		Pittsburgh PA	REDACTED	
REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED		REDACTED	REDACTED	
Rodney Joffe	Neustar	Senior VP and Technologist		Washington DC	REDACTED 6471 rjoffe@centergate.com	
Borut Stok	Slovenia MU Police	Chief		Maribor Slovenia	REDACTED 15 26 borut.stok@policija.si	
Drazen Visnjic	Bosnia and Herzegovina RSMU Police	Chief		Banja Luka Bosnia and Herzegovina	REDACTED 240 285 drazen.visnjic@mup.vladars.net	

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**From:** BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2013 3:30 PM  
**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** BOLES, JOHN (CYD) (FBI)  
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Below is the expanded list of names.

**List of Nominees** (Bureau employees; add rows as needed)

Full Bureau Name	Title	SSN
Jeffrey M. Collins	SA	REDACTED
Nicholas F. Bludworth	SA	
Michael C. Poston	SA	
Edward Arias	SSA	
Stephen J. Gaudin	Legat	
Robert Smith	SA	
Kacie K. Galarza	IA	
Dara Sewell		
Investigative Analysis Unit	SSA	

**List of Nominees (Non-Bureau employees; add rows as needed)**

First, Middle, Last Name	Agency and, if any, Division	Title	Series/ Grade, if any	City, State, Zip	Phone/ e-mail address	Letter of Concurrence (Yes or No)
Carol Sipperly	DOJ, CCIPS	Trial Attorney	GS-905-15	Washington DC	REDACTED-4253 carol.sipperly@usdoj.gov	Yes
Ethan Arenson	DOJ, CCIPS	Trial Attorney	GS-905-15	Washington DC	REDACTED-9364 ethan.arenson@usdoj.gov	Yes
REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED		Pittsburgh PA	REDACTED	
REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED		REDACTED	REDACTED	
Rodney Joffe	Neustar	Senior VP and Technologist		Washington DC	REDACTED-6471 rjoffe@centergate.com	
Borut Stok	Slovenia MU Police	Chief		Maribor Slovenia	REDACTED 15 26 borut.stok@policija.si	
Drazen Visnjic	Bosnia and Herzegovina RSMU Police	Chief		Banja Luka Bosnia and Herzegovina	REDACTED 285 drazen.visnjic@mup.vladars.net	

**Jennifer S. Burnside**  
*Chief of Staff*  
 Cyber Division  
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 Phone: 202-324-8786  
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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2013 2:21 PM  
**To:** BOLES, JOHN (CYD) (FBI); BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI); TRAHON, PETER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** STROM, ERIC (CYD)(FBI)  
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Thanks.

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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2013 1:07 PM  
**To:** BOLES, JOHN (CYD) (FBI); BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI); TRAHON, PETER (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** STROM, ERIC (CYD)(FBI)  
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Hello,

AD Demarrest requested that I expand the Butterfly Bot DA nomination to include private sector and non-CyD entities that assisted with the case. Attached is the expanded version that includes: OTD Investigative Analysis Unit, Bosnia Police, Slovenia Police, Neustar, Dell SecureWorks, and Defense Intelligence Company.

Its been a struggle for me to get this done in the few hours I've had to work on it so this version is likely over the 8000 character limit. I wanted to get it to everyone so they have something to review. I am working now to trim it down. The gist of it will be the same so please use this now as needed.

Thanks.

--Tom

Thomas X. Grasso, Jr.  
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**Wilson, Shaunta N. A. (HRD) (FBI)**

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**From:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 4:43 PM  
**To:** HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Letters of Concurrence --- UNCLASSIFIED

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The last letter of concurrence will be an email.  
I will forward to you on the low side.  
Thanks so much,  
Amy

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**Amy E. Waye, UC**  
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**From:** HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 4:31 PM  
**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
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Thank you. I have added the contact information and letters of concurrence for Aaron Hackworth, Chris Davis, Borut Stok, and Rodney Joffe.

Once I have received the final letter for Drazen Visnjic (Bosnia), I will add his information in EPAS as well and be sure to add the updated information to the Director's binder.

*Shaunta N. A. Harvey*  
Human Resources Specialist  
Human Resources Division - Awards & Recognition Unit  
FBI Headquarters, Room 10184  
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**From:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 3:09 PM  
**To:** HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI)  
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Another one.

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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 1:38 PM  
**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
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Hello Amy,

Attached is the letter for Joffe. All we need is Bosnia.

Thanks.

--Tom

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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 11:47 AM  
**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Letters of Concurrence --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Here is Chris Davis. Waiting on Bosnia and Rodney Joffe.

Thanks.

--Tom

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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 7:54 AM

**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
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Hello,

Attached is the letter for Aaron Hackworth.

Working on Bosnia, Chris Davis, Rodney Joffe.

Thanks.

--Tom

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**From:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 5:45 PM  
**To:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI); WILSON, TANYA (HRD) (FBI); HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI)  
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Hello Amy,

I am working with our Legats on this and private sector partners on the others. Attached is what we received from Slovenia. Still waiting on Bosnia, Neustar, SecureWorks, and DefenseIntelligence.

Thanks.

--Tom

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**From:** WAYE, AMY E (HRD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 5:19 PM  
**To:** GRASSO, THOMAS (CYD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** BURNSIDE, JENNIFER (CYD)(FBI); WILSON, TANYA (HRD) (FBI); HARVEY, SHAUNTA (HRD)(FBI)  
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Tom:

Please let me know the status of the Letters of Concurrence for the additional nominees added to the Butterfly Bot nomination at your earliest convenience.

ARU will send the approved nominations to the Director on Friday for his review and the Letters of Concurrence are included.

Thank you,  
Amy

**Additional nominees who require a Letter of Concurrence:**

First, Middle, Last Name	Agency and, if any, Division	Title	Series/ Grade, if any	City, State, Zip	Phone/ e-mail address	Letter of Concurrence (Yes or No)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		Pittsburgh PA	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Rodney Joffe	Neustar	Senior VP and Technologist		Washington DC	REDACTED 6471 <a href="mailto:rjoffe@centergate.com">rjoffe@centergate.com</a>	
Borut Stok	Slovenia MU Police	Chief		Maribor Slovenia	+REDACTED 15 26 <a href="mailto:borut.stok@policija.si">borut.stok@policija.si</a>	
Drazen Visnjic	Bosnia and Herzegovina RSMU Police	Chief		Banja Luka Bosnia and Herzegovina	+REDACTED 285 <a href="mailto:drazen.visnjic@mup.vladars.net">drazen.visnjic@mup.vladars.net</a>	

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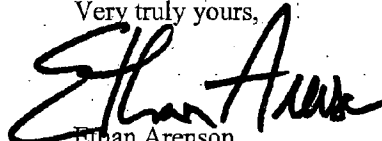
Thomas X. Grasso, Jr.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Mr. Grasso:

I understand that you wish to nominate the Butterfly Bot Investigation for a Director's Award under the category of Outstanding Cyber Investigation. I am the prosecutor assigned to this case and fully support your decision to nominate the investigation for an award.

If I can provide any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Ethan Arenson  
Trial Attorney

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Via Email

Thomas X. Grasso  
Supervisory Special Agent  
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*Re: Nominations for FBI Director's Award*

Dear Mr. Grasso:

I understand that you wish to include Neustar Fellow Rodney Joffe in the slate of candidates you are nominating for the FBI Director's Award for work done in the "Butterfly Botnet" investigation and prosecution. I fully support the overall nomination of the investigation and prosecution for an award and also the nomination of Mr. Joffe for his hard work.

I sincerely appreciate the FBI's willingness to recognize the work done by our employee in collaboration with the FBI on this groundbreaking and important investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information from me.

Sincerely,



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### **EXCELLENCE IN INVESTIGATION**

Special Agent Bradlee Godshall, San Diego Field Office

### **EXCELLENCE IN INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT**

Supervisory Special Agent James Coleman, Operational Technology Division

### **OUTSTANDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

#### **Bigger Game**

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Supervisory Foreign Language Program Coordinator Val Bespaly, Houston  
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Intelligence Analyst Katherina W. Gonzales, Counterintelligence Division  
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Special Agent Nathan T.T. Parker, Houston Field Office  
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Special Agent Roman Rozhavsky, Houston Field Office  
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#### **Alwan Hammadi**

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Special Agent Keith A. Carpenter, Louisville Field Office  
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Special Agent Richard E. Glenn, Louisville Field Office  
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Special Agent Kacy A. Jones, Louisville Field Office  
Intelligence Analyst Eric S. Kruer, Louisville Field Office  
Supervisory Intelligence Analyst Michael V. Matson, Louisville Field Office  
Intelligence Analyst Laura M. Stump, Louisville Field Office  
Intelligence Analyst Cheyann Nicole Videon, Counterterrorism Division  
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##### **ButterFly Bot Investigation** *Cyber Division*

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Special Agent Jeffrey Michael Collins, Honolulu Field Office  
Director Chris Davis, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Intelligence Analyst Kacie K. Galarza, Honolulu Field Office  
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Senior Vice President Rodney Joffe, Neustar  
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Attorney Derek Cohen, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division  
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Attorney Avi Gesser, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division  
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Special Agent Barbara O'Donnell (retired), New Orleans Field Office  
Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Pickens, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana



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Attorney Rohan Virginkar, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division  
Special Agent Jeffrey T. Wright, New Orleans Field Office  
Supervisory Special Agent Sandra M. Zulli, New Orleans Field Office

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Management and Program Analyst Lisa Curry, Information Technology Branch  
Management and Program Analyst Adam Dumey, Resource Planning Office  
Supervisory Operating Accountant Andrew S. Gregory, Finance Division  
Management and Program Analyst Michael G. Miguel, Finance Division  
Accountant Erica L. Nacca, Finance Division  
Accountant Jill Petroski, Finance Division  
Computer Scientist Richard D. Scherer, Information Technology Management Division

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY A NEW EMPLOYEE**

Special Agent Samuel Benson, Anchorage Field Office

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY A PROFESSIONAL STAFF EMPLOYEE**

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Intelligence Analyst Donna M. Maurer, Washington Field Office

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Intelligence Analyst Hannah Bradley Gray, Richmond Field Office

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**Helms Sikkenga**

*Minneapolis Field Office*

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Intelligence Analyst Steve R. Sikkenga, Minneapolis Field Office

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