

# INSIDER THREAT

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TO EARLY DETECTION**

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# CONSEQUENCES/



## The Insider Threat:

- Foreign Governments
- Foreign Intelligence
- Commercial Entities
- Current/Former Affiliates
- Visitors

## Will Steal Classified Information:

- Mission/Technology
- Trade Craft/Trade Secrets
- Blueprints/Plans
- Sources and Methods

## To Leak to Unauthorized Personnel:

- Competitors
- Insiders without a need to know
- Foreign Governments/Intelligence
- Press or Media

## Which May Cause:

- Loss of Mission
- Monetary Losses
- Loss of Assets
- Loss of Life



### *INSIDER THREAT:* **Walter Kendall & Gwendolyn Myers**

#### **MOTIVATION:** Ego

*Critical of American policies regarding Cuba and supportive of Cuban President Fidel Castro, this State Department contractor and his wife passed classified information to the Cuban Intelligence Service for thirty years, starting in 1979.*

In November 2009, **Walter Kendall and Gwendolyn Myers** pled guilty to acting as illegal agents and communicating classified information to the Cuban government. Sentenced in 2010, Gwendolyn Myers is serving seven years in prison while Walter Kendall Myers is **serving life in prison without the possibility of parole.**



## “THE SECURITY OF OUR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE GOES BEYOND GUNS, GATES, AND GUARDS.”

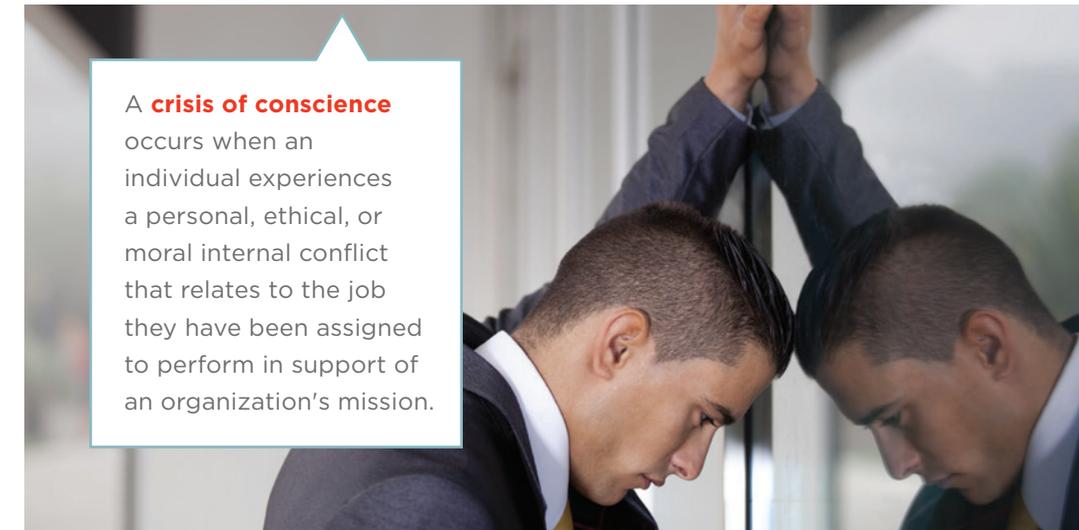
The threat could be anyone, anywhere, at any time, including foreign government and intelligence services, commercial entities, and individuals. Targets are chosen based on access, influence, and knowledge. Harder to spot are insider threats who use sabotage, terrorism, and espionage to achieve their goals.

## COMMON MOTIVATIONS/



## BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS/

- Drastic changes in behavior or attitude
- Frequent, unreported, or unusual travel
- Unusual work behavior such as:
  - Working inconsistent or off-hours (arriving early, leaving late)
  - Requesting higher clearance or expanded access
- Financial delinquencies/affluence
- Disregard for security practices
- Unreported foreign influence or connections
- Crisis of conscience



### INSIDER THREAT: **Shamai Leibowitz**

#### MOTIVATION: **Ideology**

As a Hebrew linguist for the FBI, he translated wiretapped conversations among Israeli diplomats planning to create a hostile environment for U.S. relations with Iran. Believing his actions would right significant wrongs, he passed classified transcripts on to a blogger, who then published the information.

The U.S. District court of Maryland convicted **Shamai Leibowitz** of disclosing classified information and sentenced him to **20 months in prison** (May 2010).



### INSIDER THREAT: **PFC Manning**

#### MOTIVATION: **Ego**

As a Private First Class with the U.S. Army, this individual downloaded over 700,000 classified State Department cables and government documents from a classified network and sent them to WikiLeaks, which then published the information online.

The U.S. Army convicted **PFC Manning** of violating multiple sections of the Espionage Act and sentenced Manning to **35 years in prison** (August 2013) for taking part in one of the most prolific information leaks in U.S. history.



### INSIDER THREAT: **Benjamin Bishop**

#### MOTIVATION: **Compromise/Coercion**

As a civilian defense contractor with a Top Secret clearance, he had access to national defense systems' classified information regarding the deployment and capabilities of nuclear systems and ballistic missiles used by the U.S. military. He shared information in conversations and through email with his girlfriend, a 27-year-old Chinese national.

In March 2013, **Benjamin Bishop** pled guilty to providing classified information to China. He faces **up to 10 years in prison** (June 2014).

# TAKEAWAY/

As part of the Intelligence Community, you are responsible for reporting threats against national security. If you observe suspicious behavior, be mindful of existing issues, exercise good judgment, and conduct discrete inquiries. Do not, under any circumstances, confront an individual under suspicion; instead, seek assistance from your security officer.

## See Something. Say Something.

- Report immediately.
- Don't alert individuals under investigation.
- See it? Hear it? Report it!

To report a compromise of classified information, contact your security officer.

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