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I am the Chief Information Officer of US Investigations Services, LLC, which is often referred to as USIS. I joined USIS as the CIO in August 2013. Before then, I was with BAE Systems, Nextel, and Verizon. I also served in the United States Navy.

Until August 2014, USIS performed background investigations work for the United States Office of Personnel Management. When I started working at USIS, the information technology systems used to perform OPM background investigations work were operating under two security certifications (known as Authorities to Operate), which issued from OPM in 2012. Those Authorities to Operate required annual review of USIS systems. OPM's 2014 review included approval of USIS's Systems Security Plans and a site visit in May 2014.

In June 2014, USIS self-detected a cyber attack on its information technology systems. USIS immediately notified OPM and initiated a comprehensive response pursuant to USIS's written, OPM-approved Incident Response Plan.

USIS's response included retaining the highly regarded, independent forensics investigation firm Stroz Friedberg to lead the investigation and remediation efforts. USIS instructed Stroz Friedberg to leave no stone unturned in their investigation. USIS invested thousands of person-hours and millions of dollars to investigate and remediate against the cyber attack on USIS systems. By early July 2014, those efforts succeeded in blocking and containing the attacker.

The Stroz investigation also was able to develop significant technical details about how the attack occurred, what the attacker did within USIS's systems, and which systems and data were potentially compromised. All of this information was openly shared with OPM, as well as other government agencies. In addition, USIS invited US-CERT and other government investigators into its facilities in late July 2014 and gave them full access to USIS's systems.

In August 2014, OPM issued a stop work order to USIS and subsequently terminated its longstanding contractual relationships with USIS. This led USIS to exit the background investigations business and ultimately to bankruptcy.

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Just yesterday, I was invited to appear to testify before the Committee. I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.