

The False Alarm – Gallagher’s Email of Jan 5

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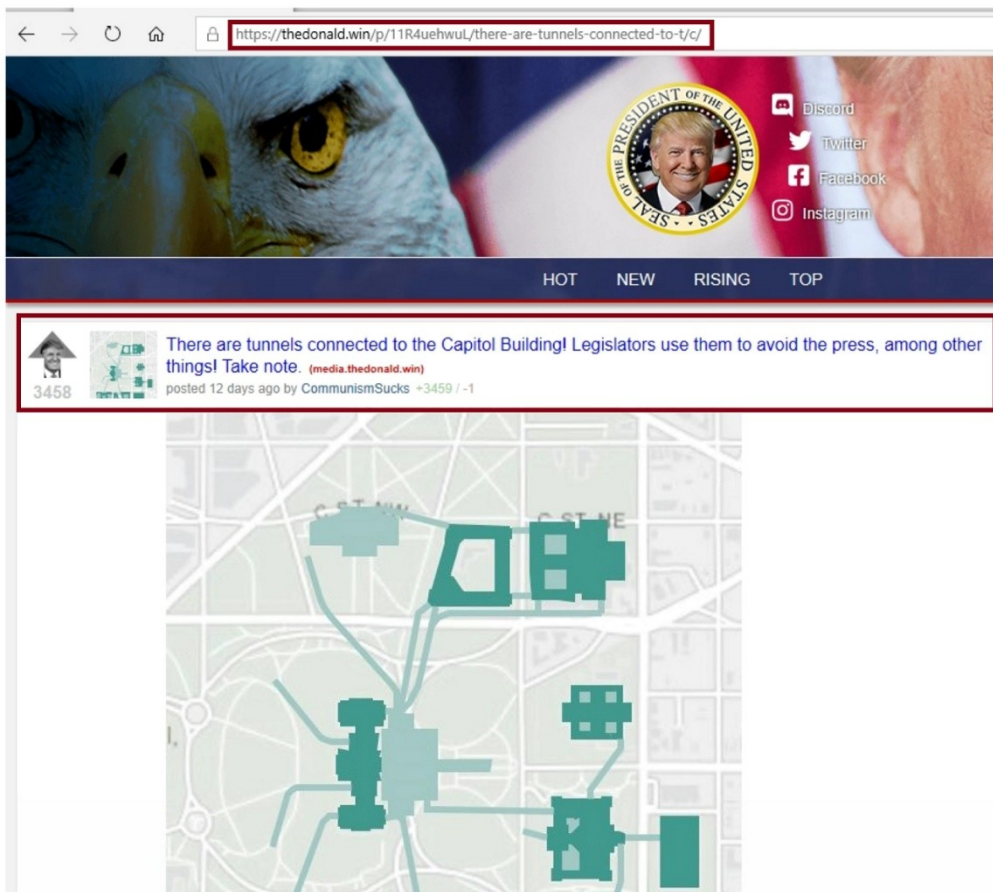
False Information

At 9:40 pm on January 5, USCP Protective Services Bureau Commander Sean Gallagher sent SSAA Executive Adviser Kelly Fado an email with the subject line “*Interest in Tunnels Leading to the US Capitol*” (“Gallagher to Fado, Email, Jan 5” 2021). This email is frequently confused with the Norfolk SIR (“Norfolk SIR, Jan 5” 2021). Through this confusion, this email is also considered a “missed warning” and proof of intent of pro-Trump groups to commit violence on January 6.

Gallagher’s email was a false alarm.

The email alleged intelligence about some “groups” intent to use Capitol tunnels for violence on January 6 and had an attachment with seven screenshots from the TheDonald.Win website.

The most important of them is one with a post having 3,458 likes:



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² Updated since 4/3/2023, which had multiple updates since the original version of 3/20/2023

It had been investigated and cleared by the USCP: “negative for specific threats or specific plan of action” (IICD, Report 21-TD-159, Dec 21, 2020).

Investigative Research and Analysis Report

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IICD Case #: 21-TD-159
December 21, 2020

On December 21, 2020, DHS notified USCP of a blog referencing tunnels on US Capitol grounds used by members of Congress. The discussion is posted to a website for supporters of President Trump.

<https://thedonald.win>

** User profile's for comments are anonymous and do not contain identifying information.

** The website cannot be viewed on USCP network computers and the following information was obtained by websites saved using Google cache. The full websites were preserved as PDF and attached to this report for safe viewing.

** Research of the website identified four (4) threads/blog topics containing comments of concern.

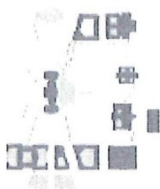
** IICD will continue to monitor the website and update the report as appropriate.

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"There are tunnels connected to the Capitol Building! Legislators use them to avoid the press, among other things! Take note."

posted 13 hours ago by CommunismSucks +3258 (-1)

<https://thedonald.win/p/11R4uehwuL/there-are-tunnels-connected-to-1/c/>
<https://thedonald.win/u/CommunismSucks/>



The map posted to the blog and subsequent comments contain open-source information that is available to the public.

Several comments posted to the thread reference a pro-Trump rally in Washington, DC scheduled for January 6, 2021. Several comments promote confronting members of Congress and carrying firearms during the protest.

Review of the comments are negative for specific threats or specific plans of action. See screen captures below for comments of concern.

Report 21-TD-159 was not shared outside of IICD, according to a trustworthy whistleblower ([September 28, 2021; OCREd version](#))³.

Gallagher's email also falsely stated “we are running this out and have updated our SSAA/HSSA partners”.

Other attached screenshots show incomplete maps and unrealistic ideas, such as forming a human perimeter around the Capitol campus. None indicates any plans or organization on how to achieve that. The posts were two to twelve days old when the screenshots were made and thus were unlikely to contain any new intelligence.

General

Anyway, Internet posts from unidentified users are not intelligence, even if thousands of them exist. Anybody can post anything under any imagined persona for any reason, from fantasizing to running a

³ <https://defyccc.com/wp-content/uploads/USCP-officer-letter-J6-OCR-human.pdf>

false flag operation. On the other hand, it is unlikely that anybody would discuss actual crime plans openly in social media.

None of the tunnel fantasies in Gallagher's email was attempted on Jan 6, as far as I know. Some people entered the Capitol's Lower West Terrace tunnel at about 2:30 pm after the police opened the Capitol doors, but it is not what is alleged in the email or its attachment.

The Recipient

There is also a strange selection of the recipient. At that time, Kelly Fado was an Executive Adviser to the Senate Sergeant at Arms and former Staff Director to Senators Chuck Schumer and Amy Klobuchar. If Mr. Gallagher believed in his conspiracy theory, he would have sent this information to the USCP Chief, not a Democratic operative.

Notes on the Email Text

*"To provide you visibility on this one, **we are running this out and have updated our SSAA/HSSA partners**"* – no, they have not! This is a lie.

"The owner of the website [WashingtonTunnels.com] submitted an online tip ... he has noticed a significant uptick in new visitors to his website" – as expected when the Capitol tunnels are discussed in social media.

*"We have identified numerous open source comments indicating **groups intentions** of finding the tunnel entrances and confronting/blocking the MOC's. In addition, **they** specifically discuss attempting to get into the LOC to go to the basement and use the LOC tunnel to get to the Capitol. The website **'TheDonald.Win'** has been very active with promoting the photos of the tunnel system and stating **their** goal of finding Democratic Members early to block them from entering the Capitol."* – This is conspiratorial thinking and weaselly wording. It is not even clear whether he speaks of one group or many.

*"Additionally, we have seen a huge uptick with reporting via open source of the **groups intentions** of forming a perimeter around the campus (indicated in image #5 above) from **0600-1000** hours in order to block all MOC's from getting inside our perimeter to the Buildings with spots identified for direct action. It's unknown if the groups will actually mobilize **that early at 0600...**"* – if Mr. Gallagher believed anything of what he insinuated, he had to issue an immediate alert for the USCP and to act as if it was certain that "groups" would mobilize by 0600 or even earlier. Instead, he emailed a Democratic operative outside of the chain of command. Further, he did that at 9:40 pm, virtually ensuring the information would not reach the commanders in time.

The Norfolk SIR

The tunnels-related fantasies in the Norfolk SIR are entirely different from the fantasies on thedonald[.]win. Moreover, the social media pictures and words in the Norfolk SIR look like they have been made by a twelve-year-old. In the following picture (Appendix F, Page 3 of 7), notice the "units": Cowboys, Rebels, Minutemen.

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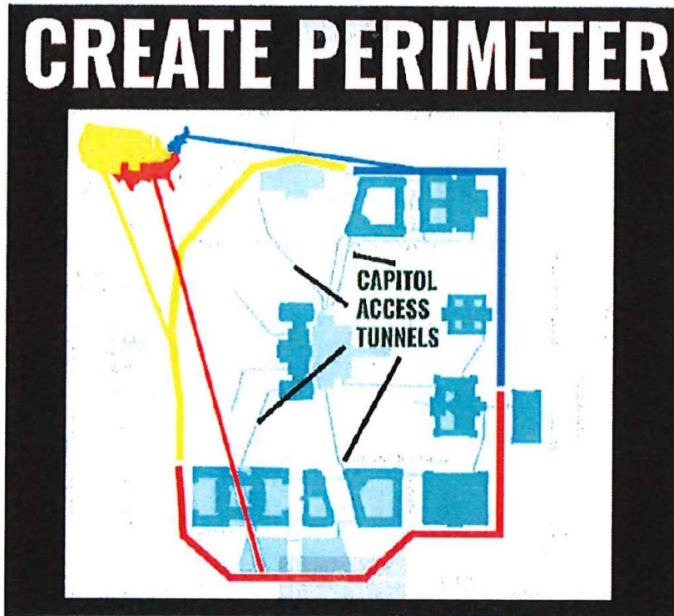
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The image is a screenshot of a mobile application interface for 'MAGA_CAVALRY'. At the top, it says 'Open with' followed by a small icon and the word 'CAVALRY'. Below this, the main title 'MAGA_CAVALRY' is displayed in large, white, stylized letters. Underneath the title, the text reads 'To Connect Patriot Caravans to StopTheSteal in D.C.' and 'Join with convoys from across the country at these RALLY POINTS.' There are three rally points listed: 'Cowboy' (yellow), 'Rebel' (red), and 'Minuteman' (blue). To the left of these points is a yellow icon of a Minuteman, and to the right is an American flag. Below the rally points, the text says 'Depart from the rally points on 01/05, at the times below. Follow the routes. Stay together.' A map is shown below with three routes: a yellow route starting from 'Covington, LA' and heading west; a red route starting from 'Columbia, SC' and heading north; and a blue route starting from 'Springfield, MA' and heading south. All routes converge towards a central point labeled 'DC 01/05 6PM'. The map includes zoom controls at the bottom.

(U//LES) Figure 2.

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(U//LES) FBI Comment. BLM likely refers to Black Lives Matter. Pantifa likely refers to Antifa.

(U//FOUO) FBI Comment. Individuals/Organizations named in this SIR have been identified as participating in activities that are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law. However, based on known intelligence and/or specific historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could invite a violent reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.

(U) This report has been prepared by the NORFOLK Division of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the NORFOLK Division at [REDACTED]

For those who cannot distinguish between kids' imagination and a threat, The Norfolk SIR contains the text: *"Warning: This is an information report, not finally evaluated intelligences. ... Receiving agencies are requested not to take action based in this raw reporting without prior coordination with the FBI."*

Remarks

CC'ed on Gallagher's email is Kimberly Schneider was USCP Public Information Officer until 2015 or 2016. Somehow, she became a Deputy Chief, until replaced by Sean Gallagher in 2019, when Nancy Pelosi became the Speaker.

This email is referenced in (“Examining the U.S. Capitol Attack, HSGAC” 2021): *“Also on the evening of January 5, Deputy Chief Gallagher flagged additional information concerning the Capitol campus tunnel system, including*

thedonald.win/u/CommunismSucks is still archived on archive.org.

For background information, see also (“Bombshell:: Schumer’s Office Told of Possible Jan 6 Violence, Did Nothing” 2023).

Notice that there was no access to thedonald[.]win from the Capitol Police network, including its intelligence department. This seems to be overt censorship. Further, it diminished the USCP’s ability to assess threat signals appearing on this Reddit-like social media network. That might have led to overestimation of the few posts, supposedly indicating Jan 6 violence. This blindness was vulnerability, which could be exploited by those who knew about it.

I have access only to public information, including what was leaked to the Washington Post and selectively shared by it.

Reference

Review of the Events Surrounding Jan 6 is an abbreviation for *Review of the Events Surrounding the January 6, 2021, Takeover of the U.S. Capitol (March 2021)*

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