METHODS OF CONTACT

The approach used to connect the foreign actor to the targeted individual, information, network, or technology in order for the foreign actor to execute the MO(s)

Conference, Conventions, or Trade Shows
Contact initiated during an event such as a conference, convention, exhibition or trade show.

Email
Unsolicited requests received via email for information or purchase requests.

Mail
Contact initiated via mail or post.

Phishing Operation
Emails with embedded malicious content or attachments for the purpose of compromising a network to include but not limited to spear, cloning, and whaling.

Résumé - Professional
Resume or CV submissions for professional purposes.

Telephone
Contact initiated via a phone call by an unknown or unidentified entity.

Cyber Operations
Activities taken directly against a targeted system; to include cyber network attack, cyber network exploitation, and collection.

Foreign Visit
Activities or contact occurring before, during, or after a visit to a contractor's facility.

Personal Contact
Person to person contact via any means where the target is in direct or indirect contact with an agent or co-optee of the targeting entity.

Résumé - Academic
Resume or CV submissions for academic purposes.

Social Networking Service
Contact initiated via a social or professional networking platform.

Web Form
Contact initiated via a company-hosted web submission form.

POC: Philadelphia Field Office Counterintelligence Special Agent Richard Lawson
Report instances of Suspicious Contact to richard.p.lawson2.civ@mail.mil

METHODS OF OPERATION

A distinct pattern or method of procedure thought to be characteristic of or habitually followed by an individual or an organization involved in criminal or intelligence activity

Attempted Acquisition of Technology
Via direct contact or through the use of front companies or intermediaries, these are attempts to acquire protected information in the form of controlled technologies, whether the equipment itself or diagrams, schematics, plans, spec sheets, or the like.

Exploitation of Cyber Operations
Attempts by foreign intelligence entities or other adversarial attempts to conduct actions to place at risk the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of targeted networks, applications, credentials or data to gain access to, manipulate or exfiltrate protected information, technology, or personnel information.

Exploitation of Insider Access
Attempts by trusted insiders to exploit their authorized placement and access within cleared industry or cause other harm to compromise protected information, technology, or persons

Exploitation of Security Protocols
Attempts by visitors or unauthorized individuals to circumvent or disregard security procedures or behaviors by cleared or otherwise authorized persons that may indicate a risk to protected information, technology or persons.

Résumé Submission
The submission of resumes by foreign persons for academic or professional placement that would facilitate access to protected information to enable technological or economic advancements by the foreign entity.

Search/Seizure
Involves temporarily accessing, taking, or permanently dispossessing someone of property or restricting freedom of movement via tampering or physical searches of persons, environs, or property.

Theft
Attempts to acquire protected information with no pretense or plausibility of legitimate acquisition.

Exploitation of Business Activities
Attempts to establish a commercial relationship via joint ventures, partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, foreign military sales, or service provider; attempts to leverage an existing commercial relationship in order to obtain access to protected information, technology, or persons.

Exploitation of Experts
Attempts to gain access to protected information, technology, or persons via requests for, or arrangement of, peer or scientific board review of academic papers or presentations; requests to consult with faculty members or subject matter experts; or attempts to invite or otherwise entice subject matter experts to travel abroad or consult for foreign entities.

Exploitation of Relationships
Attempts to leverage existing personal or authorized relationships to gain access to protected information.

Exploitation of Supply Chain
Activities of foreign intelligence entities or other adversarial attempts aimed at compromising the supply chain, which may include the introduction of counterfeit or malicious products or materials into the supply chain to gain unauthorized access to protected data, to alter data, to disrupt operations, or to interrupt communication.

RFI/Solicitation
Attempts to collect protected information by directly or indirectly asking, petitioning, requesting, or eliciting protected information, technology, or persons.

Surveillance
Systematic observation of equipment, facilities, sites, or personnel associated with classified contracts via visual, aural, electronic, photographic, or other means to identify vulnerabilities or collect information.