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Investigation of Capture1.pcap

This investigation began by conducting statistical flow analysis against the provided data. The file was first prepared for analysis following the steps outlined in Appendix A. Once prepared, the file was analysed using the 'rwstats' command, as part of the SiLK suite of network analyses tools, to examine the top 20 flows and display the source IP and port along with the destination IP and port. The following command was run to do this:

rwstats capture1.rw --fields=1,2,3,4 --values=packets --count 20

Fields 1,2,3, and 4 specified the inclusion of the source IP (sIP), destination IP (dIP), source port (sPort), and destination port (dPort). The value 'packets' sums all the packets across all records mapped to each bin. The output of this command can be seen in Figure 1

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chris@apple-crate capture 1 % rwstats capture1.rw --fields=1,2,3,4 --values=packets --count 20
INPUT: 1380 Records for 1358 Bins and 30336 Total Packets
OUTPUT: Top 20 Bins by Packets
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sIP	dIP	sPort	dPort	Packets	%Packets	cumul_%
172.29.1.23	64.12.132.55	50180	80	6593	21.733254	21.733254
64.12.132.55	172.29.1.23	80	50180	3547	11.692379	33.425633
172.29.1.23	172.29.1.20	50291	445	1336	4.404008	37.829641
172.29.1.20	172.29.1.23	445	50291	942	3.105222	40.934863
173.194.79.103	172.29.1.20	443	1784	460	1.516350	42.451213
172.29.1.20	173.194.79.103	1784	443	308	1.015295	43.466508
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1631	224	0.738397	44.204905
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1633	224	0.738397	44.943302
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1696	224	0.738397	45.681698
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1787	224	0.738397	46.420095
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1626	224	0.738397	47.158492
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1668	224	0.738397	47.896888
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1692	223	0.735100	48.631988
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1700	223	0.735100	49.367089
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1764	223	0.735100	50.102189
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1630	223	0.735100	50.837289
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1628	223	0.735100	51.572389
93.184.215.248	172.29.1.20	80	1701	223	0.735100	52.307489
184.28.16.25	172.29.1.20	80	1769	216	0.712025	53.019515
172.29.1.20	205.188.16.197	1315	80	204	0.672468	53.691983

Figure 1: rwstats output of capture1.rw displaying the source port and IP along side the destination IP and port of the top 20 flows.

All the standard protocols seen (80/HTTP,445/SMB,443/HTTPS) could have been used for file transfers. HTTP and HTTPS could be used to download files from a web server, while SMB could have been used to transfer files from a network share. The first two flows (23->55 and 55->23) were examined but no traces of file transfers were found. Traffic related to AOL emails were found, and a zip file was uncovered which contained another .pcap file, but this was decided to be unrelated to the investigation at hand since it did not help to fulfil the given brief.

Analysing the SMB traffic provided significantly more interesting results. SMB is a remote file access protocol commonly used on Windows, (Wireshark, 2020). Therefore, it could be used to download files from one system to another.

The following query was used in Wireshark to filter the traffic between 172.29.1.23 and .20:

((ip.src==172.29.1.23 && ip.dst==172.29.1.20)||(ip.dst==172.29.1.23 && ip.src==172.29.1.20)) && smb

This query filtered all traffic that was from .23 towards .20, or vice versa. The '.src' and '.dst' parts were used to provide clarity to the reader. The "&& smb" keyword at the end caused only the SMB traffic to be displayed, rather than all the other associated TCP packets. This reduced the amount of noise displayed to the analyst and made finding key information easier. Analysing these packets showed there had been file transfers between the two network devices. A snippet of this traffic can be seen in Figure 2.

5898	243.765960	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	213	Negotiate Protocol Request
5899	243.766459	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	SMB	143	Negotiate Protocol Response
5900	243.934327	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	162	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
5901	243.934826	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	SMB	319	Session Setup AndX Response, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCE
5903	244.118929	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	238	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \
5904	244.119929	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	SMB	175	Session Setup AndX Response
5906	244.275556	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	136	Tree Connect AndX Request, Path: \\DOG-WS\IPC$
5907	244.275811	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	SMB	114	Tree Connect AndX Response
5908	244.336758	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	LAN…	172	NetServerEnum2 Request, Domain Enum
5909	244.337256	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	LAN…	138	NetServerEnum2 Response
5910	244.340753	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	LAN…	186	NetServerEnum2 Request, Workstation, Server, SQL Server, Domain Controll
5911	244.341003	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	LAN…	193	NetServerEnum2 Response
5949	257.521807	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	93	Tree Disconnect Request
5950	257.522055	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	SMB	93	Tree Disconnect Response
5951	257.594995	172.29.1.23	50191	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	97	Logoff AndX Request
5952	257.595003	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50191	SMB	97	Logoff AndX Response
6096	264.752321	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	213	Negotiate Protocol Request
6097	264.752570	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	SMB	143	Negotiate Protocol Response
6098	264.877972	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	162	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
6099	264.878221	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	SMB	319	Session Setup AndX Response, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCE
6100	265.009369	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	238	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \
6101	265.010366	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	SMB	175	Session Setup AndX Response
6104	265.225195	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	136	Tree Connect AndX Request, Path: \\DOG-WS\IPC$
6105	265.225451	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	SMB	114	Tree Connect AndX Response
6106	265.298389	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	LAN…	176	NetServerEnum2 Request, Workstation, Server, SQL Server, Domain Controll
6107	265.298638	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	LAN…	193	NetServerEnum2 Response
6108	265.299387	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	LAN…	176	NetServerEnum2 Request, Domain Enum
6109	265.299639	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	LAN…	155	NetServerEnum2 Response
6373	275.542514	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	93	Tree Disconnect Request
6374	275.542769	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	SMB	93	Tree Disconnect Response
6403	275.579734	172.29.1.23	50193	172.29.1.20	139	SMB	97	Logoff AndX Request
6404	275.579741	172.29.1.20	139	172.29.1.23	50193	SMB	97	Logoff AndX Response
23838	641.752417	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	SMB	213	Negotiate Protocol Request
23839	641.752917	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	143	Negotiate Protocol Response
23841	641.878067	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	SMB	162	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
23842	641.878569	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	319	Session Setup AndX Response, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCE
23844	642.004966	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	SMB	504	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: fox-ws\test
23845	642.006724	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	175	Session Setup AndX Response
23848	642.075412	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	SMB	136	Tree Connect AndX Request, Path: \\DOG-WS\IPC$
23849	642.075666	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	114	Tree Connect AndX Response
23850	642.131618	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	SMB	158	NT Create AndX Request, FID: 0x4000, Path: \srvsvc
23851	642.131867	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	193	NT Create AndX Response, FID: 0x4000
23852	642.132369	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	SMB	130	Trans2 Request, QUERY_FILE_INFO, FID: 0x4000, Query File Standard Info
23853	642.132380	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	142	Trans2 Response, FID: 0x4000, QUERY_FILE_INFO
23854	642.204561	172.29.1.23	50291	172.29.1.20	445	DCE…	238	Bind: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, 2 context items: SRVSVC V3.0 (32bit
23855	642.204808	172.29.1.20	445	172.29.1.23	50291	SMB	105	Write AndX Response, FID: 0x4000, 116 bytes

Figure 2: A section of the SMB traffic analysed.

In Wireshark, by selecting File -> Export Objects -> SMB, a list of files transferred over SMB could be seen. In this list of 9 files seen in Figure 3. Of these files, only 1 was successfully downloaded, packet 24186, writing the file "Documents.zip" to the user's device.

Packet	Hostname	Content Type	Size	Filename
23854	\\DOG-WS\IPC$	PIPE (Not Implemented) (0/0) W [0.00%]	0 bytes	\srvsvc
23902	\\DOG-WS\DOCUMENTS	FILE (129/129) R [100.00%]	129 bytes	\desktop.ini
23924	\\DOG-WS\DOCUMENTS	FILE (151/151) R [100.00%]	151 bytes	\My Music\desktop.ini
23932	\\DOG-WS\DOCUMENTS	FILE (150/150) R [100.00%]	150 bytes	\My Pictures\desktop.ini
23940	\\DOG-WS\DOCUMENTS	FILE (151/151) R [100.00%]	151 bytes	\My Videos\desktop.ini
24021	\\DOG-WS\DOCUMENTS	FILE (42/42) R [100.00%]	42 bytes	\My Pictures\Sample Pictures\desktop.ini
24186	\\DOG-WS\BLAH	FILE (1324022/1324022) W [100.00%]	1324 kB	\Documents.zip
25755	\\DOG-WS\BLAH	FILE (1014/1324022) R [0.00%]	1324 kB	\DOCUME~1.ZIP
25785	\\DOG-WS\BLAH	FILE (5110/1324022) R [0.00%]	1324 kB	\DOCUME~1.ZIP

Figure 3: Files transferred via SMB in Capture 1.

This transaction was confirmed to be between .23 and .20 by locating it within the above-mentioned Wireshark filter. The file could be extracted from the capture by selecting it from the form above and clicking save. Once saved, the zip could be extracted, and several files were revealed. The zip contained the following directories (d), sub-directories (sd) and files (f):

Documents (d)

- Actual Documents (sd)
  - GoT Spoilers.docx (f)
  - NotherKorea.docx (f)
  - PiD.docx (f)
- Chess Boxing (sd)
  - NK.jpg (f)
  - Rules 1..docx (f)
  - Rules 2.docx (f)

    - Rules 3.docx (f)
    - Rules 4.docx (f)
    - Rules 5.docx (f)
    - Rules 6.docx (f)
    - Rules 2.docx (f)
- Enter the WuTang(sd)
    - track6.docx (f)
    - track10.docx (f)
- More Documents(sd)
    - BillOfRights.txt (f)
    - NorthKorea.jpeg (f)

There was another zip file found within named “untitled.zip” which contained 5 other empty folders nested in each other. The final directory was named “SilentEye”, the same name as a steganography tool. Using this hint, a python file was discovered within NorthKorean.jpeg but posed no use to the questions of this investigation.
All the above files were analysed. The contents of each .docx file was encoded using Base64. The file of most interest to this investigation was “track6.docx” found within “Enter the WuTang”. After decoding this file, a list of usernames was discovered. This list could potentially be a list of actors involved in the bribery case. The full list can be found in Appendix B. A list of only the names has been provided below.

- Mr. Method
- Kim Ill-Song
- Mr. Razor
- Mr. Genius
- Mr. G. Killah
- Matt Cassel
- Mr. I. Deck
- Mr. M Killa
- Mr. O.D.B.
- Mr. Raekwon
- Mr. U-God
- Mr. Cappadonna (possibly)
- John Woo?
- Mr. Nas

This analysis has shown the “Documents.zip” was transferred from 172.29.1.20 to 172.29.1.23. The recovery and decoding method have been outlined and the most likely contender for aliases of actors within the corruption case have been retrieved.

Investigation of Capture2.pcap

The brief for this capture mentioned IRC traffic, therefore, this was used as a starting point for analysis. IRC traffic could be filtered in Wireshark by simply filtering the keyword “IRC”. This could be filtered further to display only the requests that included private messages using the filter “irc.request.command==PRIVMSG”. There was IRC traffic from two different internal address, 172.29.1.17 and 172.29.1.21, however, packet number 22 from .17 contained the full conversation transaction and was therefore used for further analyses. Packet 22 could be right clicked and Follow -> TCP Protocol could be selected to view the entire flow. To automate the extraction of the messages, the tshark[1] tool was used with the following command line:

./tshark -r capture2.pcap -Y "(irc.request.command==PRIVMSG || irc.response.command==PRIVMSG) && (ip.addr ==172.29.1.17)" -T fields -e "irc.request" -e "irc.response”

The above command invoked tshark against the capture2.pcap file provided for analysis. The capture was filtered from all IRC requests and responses that included the PRIVMSG command, and that were sent from or to the .17 IP address. These requests then had the request and response sections extracted from them. An example of a request section from Wireshark can be seen in Figure 4, highlighted in red.

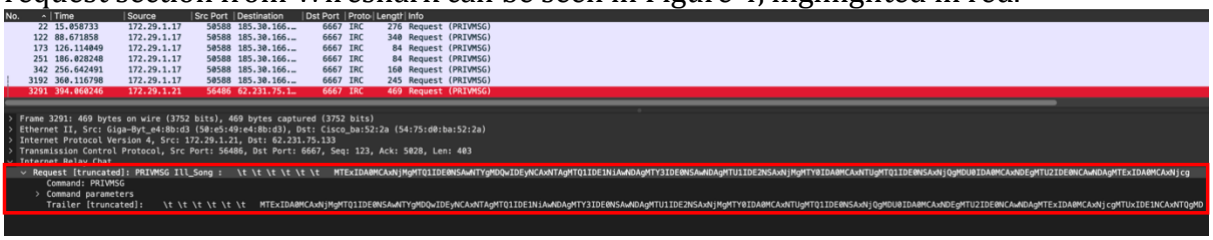

Figure 4: An example of the request portion of the IRC packet, containing an encoded PRIVMSG.

The contents of the above command line were outputted into a text file. Once extracted, the conversation appeared to be encoded. Messages from Ill Song were decoded first from Base64 and then Base32. Messages from Razor were first decoded from Base64 and then Hex. Messages from Genius were decoded using Base64 and then Octal. One message from Genius contained an MD5 hash that was cracked separately using crackstation[2]. This can be seen in the below figure.

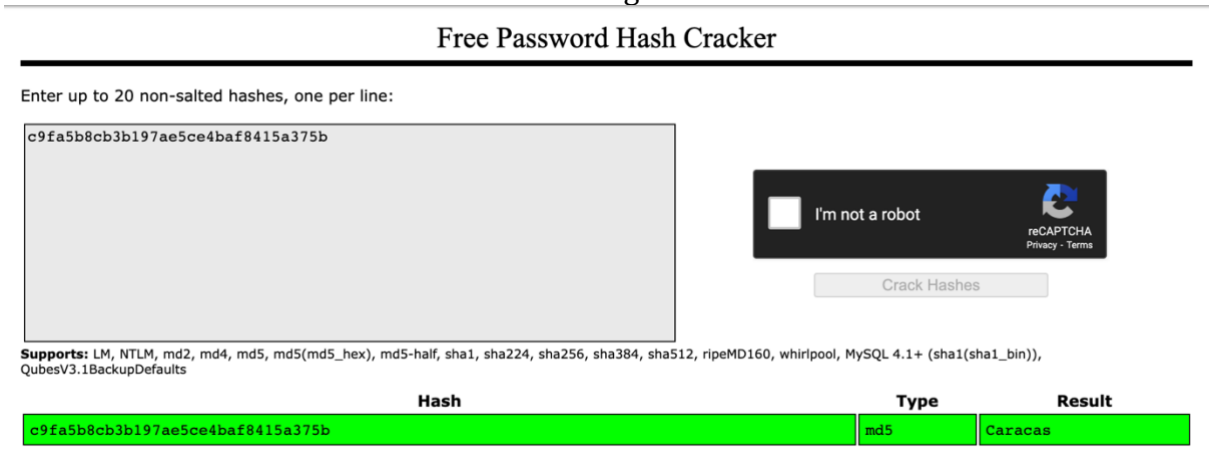

Figure 5: Cracked hash found within the IRC conversation between Ill Song and Genius.

[1] https://www.Wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/tshark.html
[2] https://crackstation.net/

Messages from Method were decoded via Base64 and then Hex. The second message sent to Method was unusually decoded. After being decoded from Base64, the first half ("SSBhbSBqdXN0IGhvcGVmdWwuIEl0IHdvdWxkIG1lYW4gc28gbXVjaCB0byBoYXZlIHR") of the messages could again be Base64 decoded into an incomplete message: "I am just hopeful. It would mean so much to have t". The second half of the original message could be Base32 decoded to show the whole message: "I am just hopeful. It would mean so much to have the Title here. Please consider it.". It's unclear whether this was a technical issue or a obfuscation tactic.
Messages from Killah were decoded using Base64 and then Octal decoding. Finally, messages from Raekwon were decoded using Base64 and then Hex. All decoding was done using CyberChef[3]. The table below lays out the various general techniques used by each actor to encode their own messages.

Table 1: The general technique used by each actor to encode their IRC messages.

Technique	**Actor**
Base32 -> Base64	Ill Song
Hex -> Base64	Razor, Raekwon, Method
Octal -> Base64	Genius, Killah

The fully decoded conversation can be found in **Appendix C**.
From the conversations, claims can be made about the location and innocence of all parties to some extent. This information has been condensed into a table for easy comprehension.

Table 2: The Country and Conviction of each actor involved in the IRC conversations.

Actor	**Country**	**Status**
Razor	Paris, France	Guilty
Genius	Likely Caracas, Venezuela	Likely Guilty
Method	Unknown	Innocent
Killah	Qatar	Innocent
Raekwon	Russia	Guilty

Razor was assumed to be in Paris due to the mention of "The City of Love" by Ill Song. Razor also accepted a bribe of $700,000 after a short period negotiation.
Genius is assumed to be in Caracas due to its mention as a meeting point in their conversation, however, it could be the case that this was simply a meeting point and not their own country. From the conversation analysed, it's unclear whether Genius is guilty as no bribe is explicitly accepted, however, due to their intention to "see the validity of this claim" it could be assumed there is intention to accept a bribe if presented.
Method's location could not be pinpointed using the conversation, but made it clear they had no intention of speaking to Ill Song and took no bribe.
Killah is most likely located in Qatar since Ill Song asks about the weather there, and Killah answers "Hot, as always.", implying they have been there a while. Killah is seemingly not guilty of bribery, stating to Ill Song "We do not take kindly to this pathetic notion of bribery."
Finally, Raekwon appears to be based in Russia due to the discussion of a payment being made in Rubles, the currency used in Russia. Raekwon demands a bribe of 20

[3] https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/

million Rubles and is told by Ill Song that it will be delivered. Thus, Raekwon is also guilty of bribery.

Investigation of Capture3.pcap

The brief for this capture highlighted FTP traffic, therefore, this is where the investigation began. FTP, or File Transfer Protocol, is used to transfer files, usually from a dedicated file storage server to a client but can also be used between two clients who host the server themselves.

To filter for FTP in Wireshark, FTP can simply be entered in the filter bar. This displayed FTP traffic between 172.29.1.21 and 172.29.1.23. .23 appeared to be the server, nicknamed "Super Secret Server", as can be seen in its initial response to the request from .21 (1). The user then logged in with the username and password "Ill_Song" (2) and proceeded to change into the "/home/Ill_Song" directory (3). Then the "sandofwhich.zip" (4) and "ojd34.zip" (5) files were transferred successfully from the server to the client. All the above cations can be seen in Figure 6.

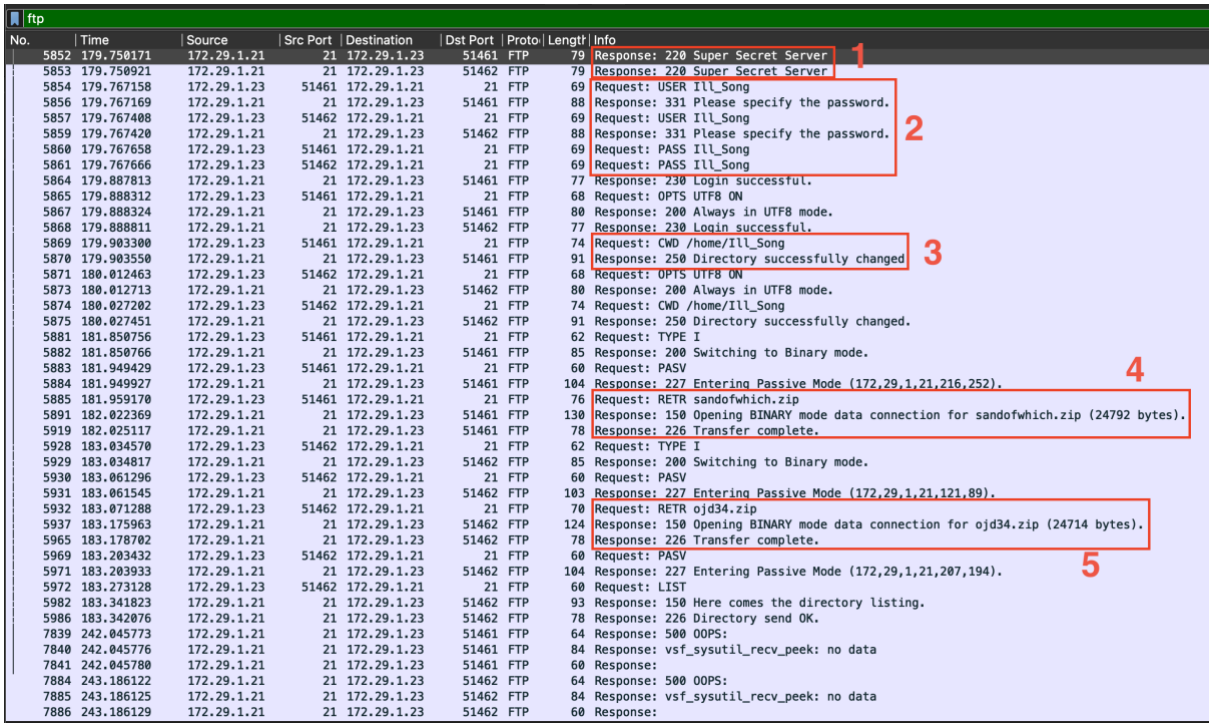

Figure 6: Annotated copy of the ftp traffic found in capture 3

To extract these two zip files, the analyst changed the filter from "ftp" to "ftp || ftp-data", filtering to both ftp and ftp-data traffic. Ftp-data represents the data transported over port 20, rather than the port 21 most associated with FTP. Port 20 sends data, while port 21 handles the control. Once the filter was changed, the files could be extracted from their ftp-data streams. The two ftp-data streams containing the files can be seen in Figure 7 (sandofwhich.zip)and Figure 8 (ojd34.zip).

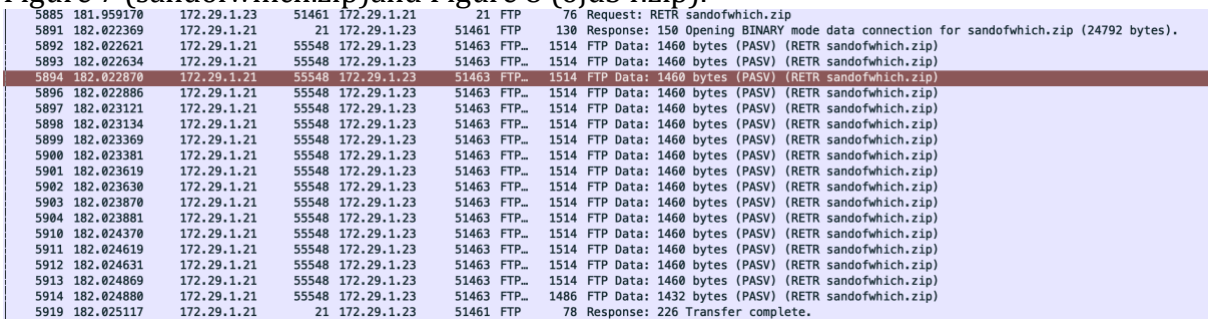

Figure 7: The ftp-data stream transferring sandofwhich.zip

5932	183.071288	172.29.1.23	51462	172.29.1.21	21	FTP	70	Request: RETR ojd34.zip
5937	183.175963	172.29.1.21	21	172.29.1.23	51462	FTP	124	Response: 150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for ojd34.zip (24714 bytes).
5938	183.176206	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5939	183.176219	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5940	183.176455	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5942	183.176473	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5943	183.176705	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5944	183.176717	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5945	183.176955	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5946	183.176967	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5947	183.177210	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5948	183.177221	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5949	183.177459	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5950	183.177471	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5956	183.177956	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5957	183.178204	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5958	183.178216	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5960	183.178454	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1514	FTP Data: 1460 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5961	183.178467	172.29.1.21	31065	172.29.1.23	51464	FTP…	1408	FTP Data: 1354 bytes (PASV) (RETR ojd34.zip)
5965	183.178702	172.29.1.21	21	172.29.1.23	51462	FTP	78	Response: 226 Transfer complete.

Figure 8: The ftp-data stream transferring ojd34.zip

The files could then be extracted by right clicking on one of the data packets and selecting Follow -> TCP Stream. Then the “Show data as” format was changed to Raw and each file was saved under its respective name, “sandofwhich.zip” and “ojd34.zip”. Once extracted, both zips could be opened to reveal their contents. They each contained one folder full of .jpg file that could not be opened, except for “sandofwhich/I.jpg” which displayed nothing useful, as can be seen below.

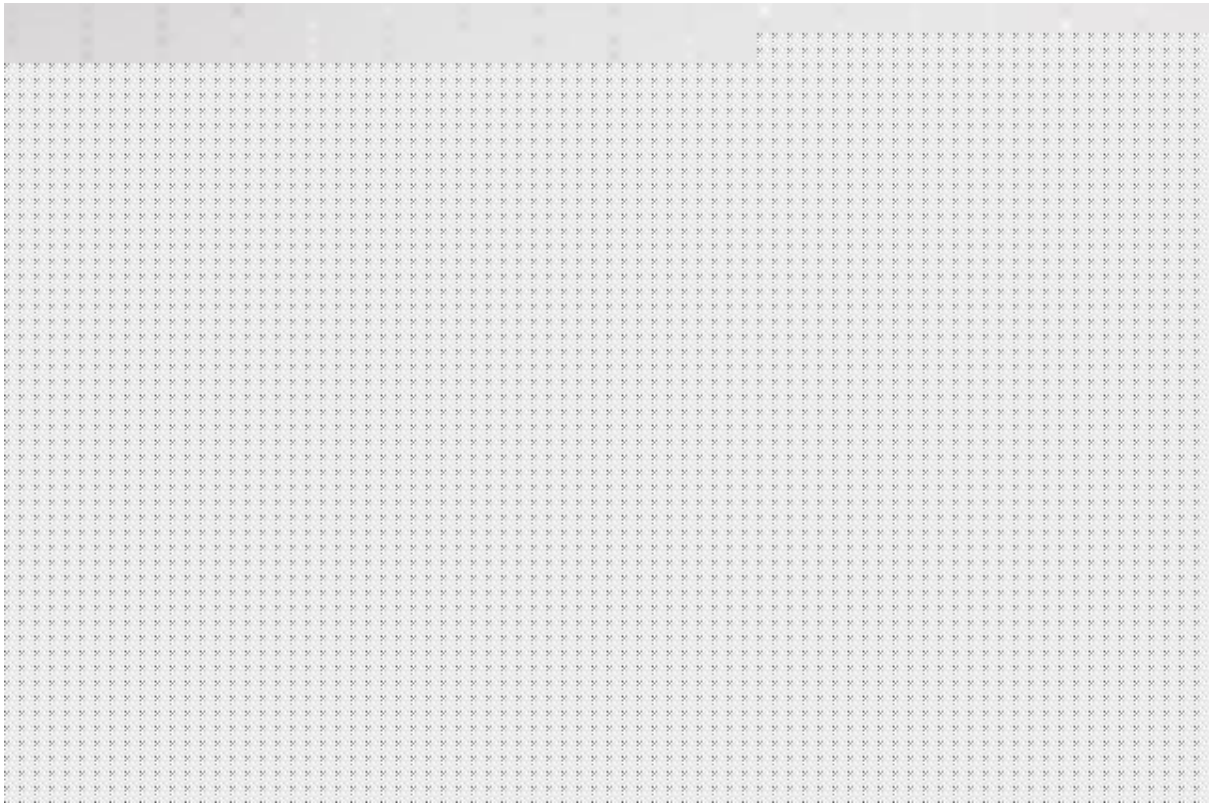

Figure 9: The contents of "sandofwhich/I.jpg"

It appeared to be an incomplete image. All the files were named seemingly random words. At this stage, the hypothesis was that if a certain phrase was created with all the words, they could be combined into one image, however, there were not enough files between the two folders to create an Edward Snowden quote, as hinted too in the brief. Therefore, statistical flow analysis was employed to find more files.
Following the steps laid out in Appendix A, the file was prepared for analysis. The ‘rwstats’ command was then used to examine the top 20 flows in the traffic. The command and output can be seen in the figure below.

```
chris@apple-crate capture3 % rwstats capture3.rw --fields=1,2,3,4 --values=packets --count 20
INPUT: 2383 Records for 2356 Bins and 19021 Total Packets
OUTPUT: Top 20 Bins by Packets
                  sIP|                  dIP|sPort|dPort|       Packets|  %Packets|   cumul_%|
74.125.239.148|  172.29.1.21|  443|40263|          1032|  5.425582|  5.425582|
   172.29.1.21|74.125.239.148|40263|  443|           891|  4.684296| 10.109879|
    192.0.72.2|  172.29.1.23|   80|51515|           415|  2.181799| 12.291678|
74.125.129.147|  172.29.1.23|  443|51442|           276|  1.451028| 13.742705|
   172.29.1.23|   192.0.72.2|51515|   80|           257|  1.351138| 15.093844|
    192.0.72.2|  172.29.1.23|   80|51513|           229|  1.203932| 16.297776|
 74.125.224.70|  172.29.1.21|   80|52374|           218|  1.146102| 17.443878|
    192.0.72.2|  172.29.1.23|   80|51511|           215|  1.130330| 18.574207|
    192.0.72.2|  172.29.1.23|   80|51510|           195|  1.025183| 19.599390|
   172.29.1.21| 64.12.132.39|48055|   80|           186|  0.977867| 20.577257|
   172.29.1.21| 74.125.224.70|52374|   80|           180|  0.946322| 21.523579|
   172.29.1.23|74.125.129.147|51442|  443|           173|  0.909521| 22.433100|
    192.0.72.2|  172.29.1.23|   80|51514|           164|  0.862205| 23.295305|
  184.28.16.43|  172.29.1.23|   80|51570|           155|  0.814889| 24.110194|
   172.29.1.23|   192.0.72.2|51511|   80|           148|  0.778087| 24.888281|
   172.29.1.23| 184.28.16.43|51570|   80|           145|  0.762315| 25.650597|
   172.29.1.23|   192.0.72.2|51513|   80|           144|  0.757058| 26.407655|
    192.0.72.2|  172.29.1.23|  443|51517|           143|  0.751801| 27.159455|
74.125.129.147|  172.29.1.21|  443|44698|           137|  0.720257| 27.879712|
   172.29.1.23|   192.0.72.2|51510|   80|           136|  0.714999| 28.594711|
```

Figure 10: rwstats command and output run against capture 3 as part of statistical flow analysis.

Each flow was analysed in Wireshark for any interesting traffic. The traffic between 172.29.1.21 and 64.12.132.39 proved most interesting. Performing a "whois" lookup against the 64.12.132.39 address revealed it was part of the ARIN CIDR block 64.12.0.0/16 owned by AOL, as can be seen in Figure 11.

```
chris@apple-crate capture3 % whois 64.12.132.39
% IANA WHOIS server
% for more information on IANA, visit http://www.iana.org
% This query returned 1 object

refer:        whois.arin.net

inetnum:      64.0.0.0 - 64.255.255.255
organisation: ARIN
status:       ALLOCATED

whois:        whois.arin.net

changed:      1999-07
source:       IANA

# whois.arin.net

NetRange:       64.12.0.0 - 64.12.255.255
CIDR:           64.12.0.0/16
NetName:        AOL-MTC
NetHandle:      NET-64-12-0-0-1
Parent:         NET64 (NET-64-0-0-0-0)
NetType:        Direct Allocation
OriginAS:
Organization:   Oath Holdings Inc. (OH-207)
RegDate:        1999-12-13
Updated:        2019-03-22
Ref:            https://rdap.arin.net/registry/ip/64.12.0.0
```

Figure 11: Results of a whois lookup against the external IP 64.12.132.39

The traffic between the two devices appeared to be around AOLs email service. Two post requests were found that involved sending messages. These could be filtered in Wireshark using the following query:
((ip.dst==172.29.1.21 && ip.src==64.12.132.39) ||(ip.src==172.29.1.21 && ip.dst==64.12.132.39)) && http.request.method==POST && http.request.uri contains "SendMessage"

When sending an email via AOL, a "SendMessage" POST request is used. The above filter showed the traffic between the two Ips and then filtered again for POST requests and finally for POST requests containing "SendMessage". Both the packets found (2666 and 8190) contained zip files that could be extracted. These can be seen in Figure 12 and Figure 13.

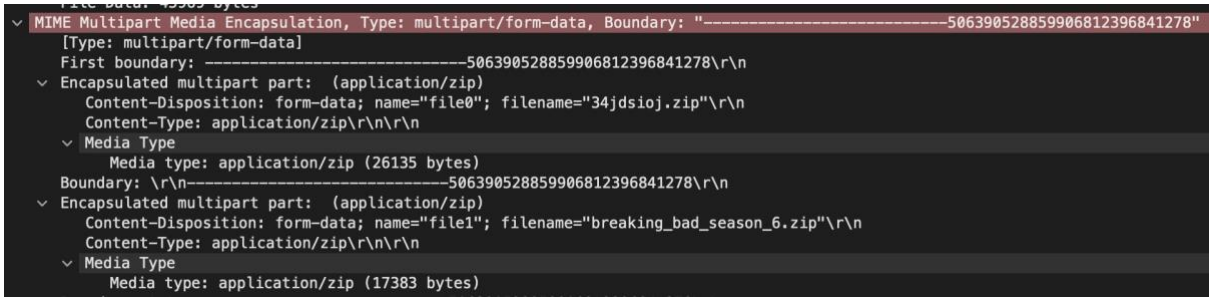

Figure 12: The two zip files found in packet 2666

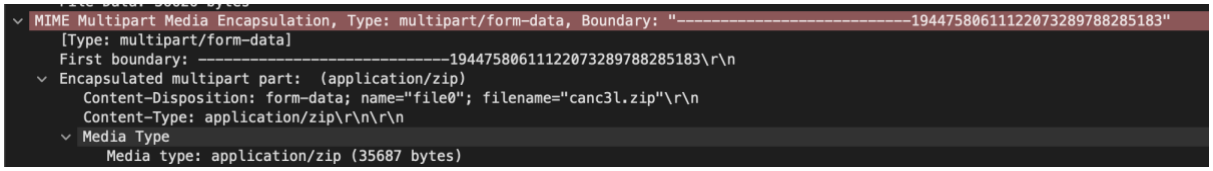

Figure 13: The one zip file found within 8190

All three zip files were extracted by right clicking the “Media type: application/zip” field and selecting “Export packet bytes”. Each file was saved as their respective name with the zip extension.

Once all five zip files had been extracted and unzipped, their contents first appeared meaningless. However, upon further examination, a select few files appeared to include the start of a JPEG file, noted by the hex characters “FF D8 FF”.

A script was written to combine all the files that made up an Edward Snowden quote and output them as one image. The quote that was the key to their assembly was “*I cant in good conscience allow the U.S. government to destroy privacy internet freedom and basic liberties for people around world with this massive surveillance machine theyre secretly building*”. This quote was found by searching the name of each valid JPEG file through Google until a quote that could be made using the words provided was found. Punctuation was removed from the quote along with the second instance of “the” between “for” and “people” since there was only one “the” file. The full script that was used to do this can be found in Appendix D.

Once run, the script created an image of a futuristic chess board which can be seen below.

Figure 14: The image recovered from the combined 5 zip files found in capture 3

Anti-forensic techniques have clearly been used here, as this method of separating an image into coded file names amongst a vast number of red herrings it not a traditional way to transfer images. This behaviour should be treated as highly suspicious.

Investigation of Capture4.pcap

Due to the brief, IRC traffic was initially checked using Wireshark, but none was found. Statistical packet analysis was also employed but created no leads due to how thinly spread traffic appeared to be. HTTP traffic was searched manually via Wireshark and interesting traffic was found between 192.168.1.5 and 199.87.160.87. The latter IP belonged to "Pinger", a company that offers a messaging service, as can be seen in Figure 15.

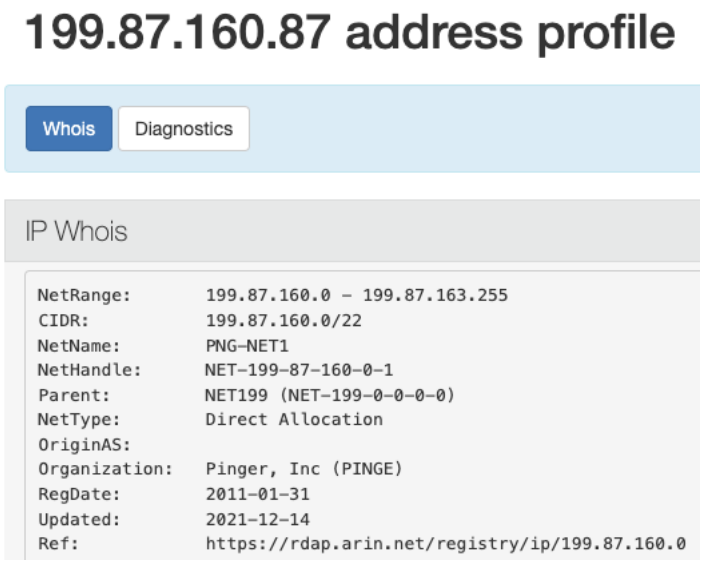

Figure 15: A whois lookup against the server IP, revealing it as part of the block owned by Pinger.

The full interaction could be filtered using the following Wireshark query: *((ip.src==192.168.1.5 && ip.dst==199.87.160.87) || (ip.dst==192.168.1.5 && ip.src==199.87.160.87)) && http && http contains "messageText"*

This filter also only displayed the packets that had "messageText" in them. The data was sent using JSON files between the client and the server. These JSON files contained a "messageText" and "sendName" field which were critical in piecing together the conversation. An example JSON can be seen below.

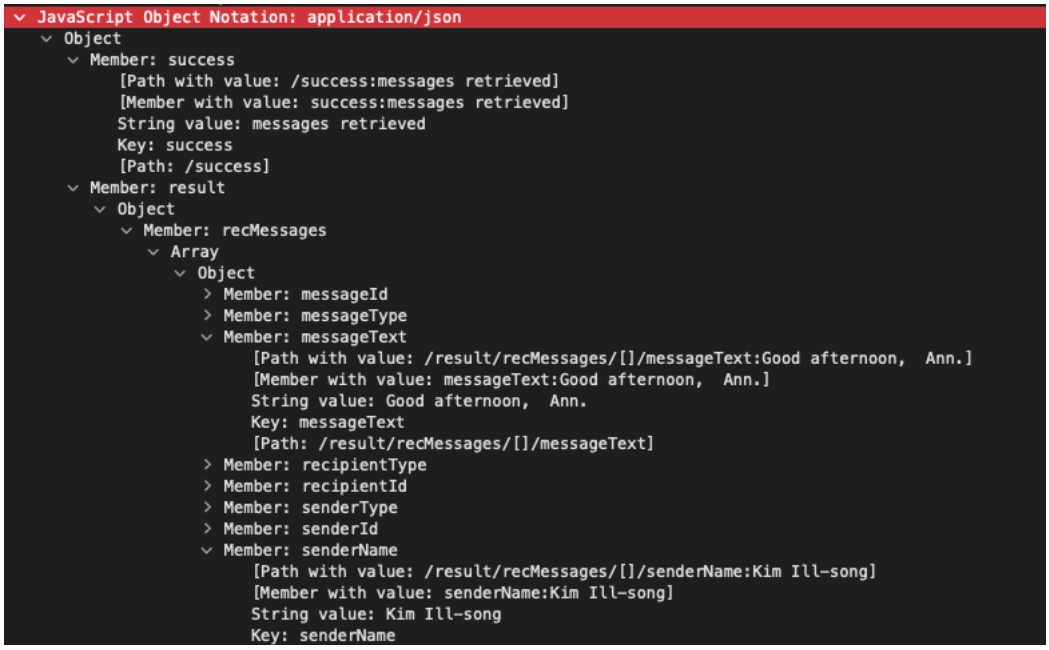

Figure 16: An example JSON request sent from the server to the user containing message details.

Analysing the packets, the investigator found the conversation to be between two parties, Ann Decover and Kim Ill-Song. The conversation mentions a meeting in September at 5pm but does not specify the date. The entire conversation can be found in Appendix E.
To find the date, further HTTP traffic was analysed. Traffic was found to the domain "mob.mapquestapi.com". MapQuest is a mapping application, like Google Maps. Due to the high number of requests sent to the address and its unique nature, it was further investigated. All requests sent to the domain could be viewed using the following Wireshark filter:
http.host eq mob.mapquestapi.com

This traffic was then exported as text by selecting all the packets, clicking File -> Export Packet Dissections -> As plain text. This text file was then fed into a python script that extracted all the unique coordinates found inside the GET request and exported them into a CSV file. This script can be found in Appendix F. This CSV file was then fed into Google Maps to lay out the coordinates. Once laid out, the coordinates arranged into the number 17, presumably the date on which the meeting is to take place. This can be seen in the below figure.

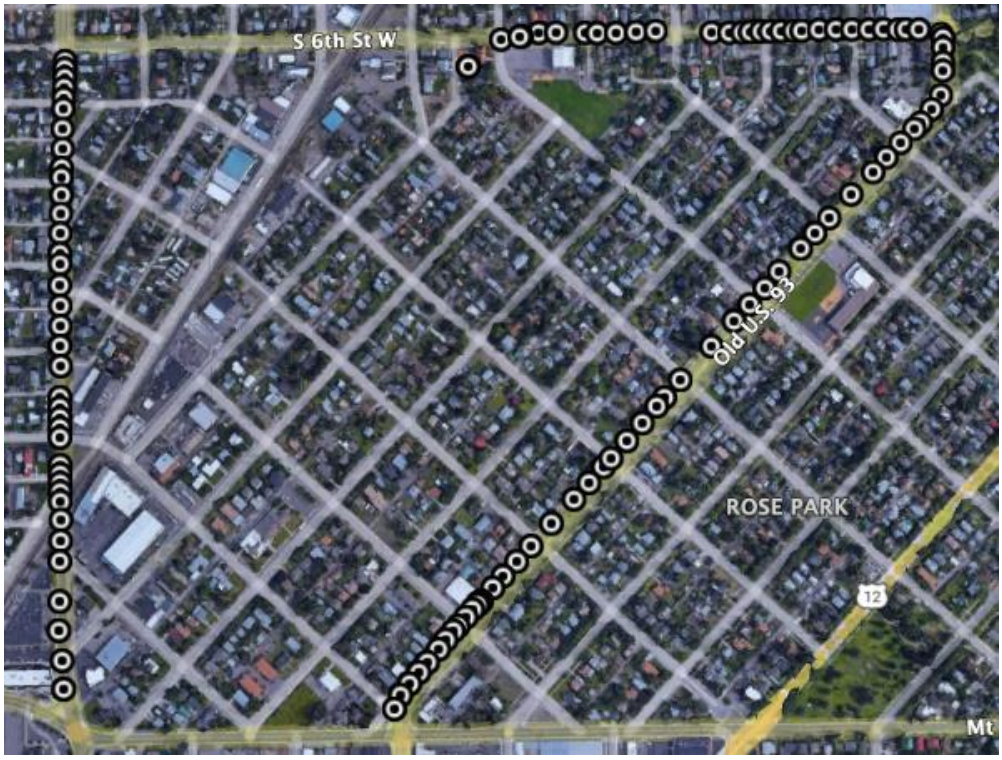

Figure 17: The coordinates found within the traffic laid out on Google Earth, spelling the number 17.

Therefore, it can be presumed that Ann Decover and Kim Ill-Song planned to meet on the 17th of September at 5pm.

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Appendix A

Statistical Flow Analysis File Preparation

To prepare a file for statistical flow analysis, the capture file was first converted into a "Yet Another Flowmeter" (YAF) file using the YAF tool. The following command was run against the capture PCAP file to do this:

yaf --in Capture.pcap --out capture.yaf

This converted the file from its original PCAP type to YAF. The file was then converted into the appropriate format to be analysed using the System for Internet-Level Knowledge (SiLK[4]). This was done by running the following command against the newly created YAF file:

rwipfix2silk capture.yaf --silk-output=capture.rw

This command generated a new .rw file that could then be used to conduct statistical flow analysis.

Appendix B
track6.docx

Encoded

VGhlIE15c3Rlcnkgb2YgQ2hlc3MgQm94aW5nOg0KKHVzZXJuYW1lcykNCg0KTXIuIE1ld
GhvZA0KDQpLaW0gSWxsLVNvbmcNCg0KTXIuIFJhem9yDQoNCk1yLiBHZW5pdXMNCg
0KTXIuIEcuIEtpbGxhaA0KDQpNYXR0IENhc3NlbA0KDQpNci4gSS4gRGVjaw0KDQpNci4
gTSBLaWxsYQ0KDQpNci4gTy5ELkIuDQoNCk1yLiBSYWVrd29uDQoNCk1yLiBVLUdvZA
0KDQpNci4gQ2FwcGFkb25uYSAocG9zc2libHkpDQoNCkpvaG4gV29vPw0KDQpNci4gT
mFzDQo=

Decoded

The Mystery of Chess Boxing:
(usernames)

Mr. Method

Kim Ill-Song

Mr. Razor

Mr. Genius

[4] https://tools.netsa.cert.org/silk/index.html

Mr. G. Killah

Matt Cassel

Mr. I. Deck

Mr. M Killa

Mr. O.D.B.

Mr. Raekwon

Mr. U-God

Mr. Cappadonna (possibly)

John Woo?

Mr. Nas

Appendix C
Decoded IRC Conversation
Ill Song: Mr. Razor, I am excited about the prospect of the Chess Boxing world title coming to Pyongyang.
Razor: Well the decision is not final yet.
Razor: I am a very busy man, but perhaps I could be persuaded to visit. See if Pyongyang is the right place for the World Title.
Ill Song : Perhaps not. How about I send you a gift? Something to get you out of the City of Love and take your own vacation somewhere.
Razor: Somewhere expensive, I hope.
Ill Song: 5
Razor: 9
Ill Song: 7
Razor: $700,000 it is. Where can I meet you?
Ill Song: I will be in touch with the address.

Ill Song: As we discussed earlier, I believe I might be able to help you with your search.

Genius: I see. Then we must meet, and I will see the validity of this claim.
Ill Song: I can be in Caracaswithin the week.
Genius: No. Not here. Can I not go to you?
Ill Song: I am afraid that would be unwise. I will send you a message with the date and location through a more secure form of communication.

Ill Song: Mr. Method, I am excited about the prospect of the Chess Boxing world title coming to Pyongyang.
Method: I am not sure who you are, but I have an idea. Either way, I am not interested.

Ill Song: I am just hopeful. It would mean so much to have the Title here. Please consider it.
Method: Do not speak to me again.

Ill Song: How is the weather in Qatar, Mr. Killah?
Killah: Hot, as always. Who is this?
Ill Song: I am a fan of Chess Boxing. I would love to see the Title held in Korea.
Killah: We will have to see how the bid turns out.
Ill Song: Is there anything that I could do to help make your decision easier?
Killah: No! The great nation of Qatar would never be swayed so easily.
Killah: Nor would I. We do not take kindly to this pathetic notion of bribery.

Ill Song: Mr. Raekwon, have you spoken with Mr. Razor?
Raekwon: I have, but I won.t be bought so easily.
Ill Song: Bought? Of course not. You are an official on the executive committee of the ICBA. I just want you to know that I am here to help make your decision as easy as possible.
Raekwon: I would need at least 20 million Rubles.
Ill Song: Consider it done. I will send you the information for the drop-off point soon.

Appendix D
Capture 3 Image Combination Script

```
quote = "I cant in good conscience allow the U.S. government to destroy
privacy internet freedom and basic liberties for people around world
with this massive surveillance machine theyre secretly building"

image = open("final.hex","wb")

for f in quote.split():
    f = f +".jpg"
    part = open(f,"rb")
    print("Handling: ",f)
    image.write(part.read())
```

Appendix E
Full Conversation

Kim Ill-song
Good afternoon, Ann.
Ann Dercover
who is this
Ann Dercover
where are you?
Kim Ill-song
Castling.
Ann Dercover
Do you know that there are people investigating Kim Ill-Song?
Kim Ill-song
I know I can't tell you that.

Kim Ill-song
Of course. However, they will never know it is me behind the bribes.
Ann Dercover
still we should be careful. Pay attention. I want to meet in September at 5PM.
Kim Ill-song
At our old meetup spot?
Ann Dercover
yes
Kim Ill-song
What day?
Ann Dercover
I told you to pay attention.

Appendix F
Python Script to extract coordinates

```
f = open("/Users/chris/Desktop/loc.txt", "r") #path to exported packets

lines = f.readlines()
coords=[]
for line in lines:
    if "location=" in line:
        str = line.split("location=",1)[1]
        #clean out junk
        str = str.replace("HTTP/1.1","")
        str = str.replace("%2C",",")
        str = str.replace("\\r\\n","")
        str = str.replace("\\n","")
        str = str.replace("]","")
        coords.append(str)

coords = list(set(coords)) #remove duplicates
print(coords)

#write to CSV
output = open("/Users/chris/Desktop/map.csv","w")
output.write("lat,lon\n")
for x in coords:
    output.write(x)
```