

# Protecting National Security Through Intelligence Investigations

Nisos uncovers unauthorized access to  
**controlled sensitive information**  
and mitigated potential risk



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# SITUATION

***Employment fraud and unauthorized information access are critical challenges many organizations face today. As cyber-physical threats evolve, malicious actors increasingly exploit employment channels to access or share restricted data that could compromise national security.***

Nisos was tasked with identifying an individual who had been behind the posting of a controlled unclassified military document on an online forum which posed a potential risk to the U.S. government.

Our investigation aimed to determine if the person responsible had access to controlled unclassified information and potentially classified data, and to assess any associated risks.



# INVESTIGATION

Nisos analysts conducted a thorough investigation into the online activities and affiliations of the individual in question. Our experts traced the individual's online footprint, analyzing their interactions on forums, previous posts, and any professional affiliations that could suggest access to restricted information.

- **Unauthorized Document Posting:** The individual posted a controlled unclassified document related to equipment testing for an aircraft on a public forum. This post included sensitive details that, while unclassified, were restricted under distribution laws, raising red flags around potential regulatory breaches.
- **Military Background and Employment:** Our analysis attributed the post to a user with a military background, now employed in the private sector.
- **Recovered and Analyzed Content:** The Nisos team traced the origins of the document to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). Posting the document on a public forum could be considered a violation of the International Traffic in Arms Regulation (ITAR) which constituted a serious breach of regulations.



# IMPACT

**Our findings confirmed the individual had access to controlled unclassified information from the DTIC, although we found no concrete evidence of access to classified materials stored on the Secure Internet Protocol Router Network, a network for secure, classified communication.**

Although there was no evidence of access to classified information, the posting of restricted documents on a public forum posed potential security risks. Nisos recommended that further investigation may be required to determine the full extent of the individual's access to sensitive information and to mitigate any potential threats to national security.



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