

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE APPLICATION OF USA FOR
2703(d) ORDER FOR SIX EMAIL
ACCOUNTS SERVICED BY GOOGLE
LLC FOR INVESTIGATION OF
VIOLATION OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SC No. 20-sc-3361

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ORDER

The United States has submitted an Application pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(d), requesting that the Court issue an Order requiring Google LLC (“PROVIDER”), an electronic communication and/or remote computing service provider located in Mountain View, California, to disclose the records and other information described in Attachment A to this Order. The Court finds that the United States has offered specific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the records or other information sought are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation. Furthermore, the Court determines that there is reason to believe that notification of the existence of this Order will seriously jeopardize the ongoing investigation, including by giving targets an opportunity to destroy or tamper with evidence. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2705(b)(3) and(5).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(d), that PROVIDER shall, within ten days of receipt of this Order, disclose to the United States the records and other information described in Attachment A to this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2705(b), that PROVIDER shall not disclose the existence of the application of the United States or this Order of the Court to any other person (except attorneys for PROVIDER for the purpose of receiving legal advice) for a period of

one year (commencing on the date of this Order), unless the period of nondisclosure is later modified by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Application and this Order are sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court, except that the United States may disclose the existence and/or contents of the Application and this Order to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ATTACHMENT A

I. The Account(s)

The Order applies to certain records and other information for any Google LLC (“PROVIDER”) account(s) associated with the following identifier(s):

matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com (TARGET ACCOUNT 1);

schmidtm@nytimes.com (TARGET ACCOUNT 2);

michael.schmidt@nytimes.com (TARGET ACCOUNT 3);

adam.goldman@nytimes.com (TARGET ACCOUNT 4);

elichtblau@nytimes.com (TARGET ACCOUNT 5);

ericl@nytimes.com (TARGET ACCOUNT 6);

and any preserved data and/or preservation numbers associated therewith.

II. Records and other information to be disclosed

A. Information about the customer or subscriber of the Account(s)

PROVIDER is required to disclose to the United States the following records and other information, if available, for each account or identifier listed in Part I of this Attachment (the “Account(s)”) constituting information about the customer or subscriber of the Account(s) for the time period from January 14, 2017, through April 30, 2017:

1. Names (including subscriber names, user names, and screen names);
2. Addresses (including mailing addresses, residential addresses, business addresses, and email addresses);
3. Local and long distance telephone connection records;
4. Records of session times and durations, and the temporarily assigned network addresses (such as Internet Protocol (“IP”) addresses) associated with those sessions;

5. Length of service (including start date) and types of service utilized;
6. The identity of any cookies associated with each account;
7. Telephone or instrument numbers (including MAC addresses), Electronic Serial Numbers (“ESN”), Mobile Electronic Identity Numbers (“MEIN”), Mobile Equipment Identifier (“MEID”), Mobile Identification Numbers (“MIN”), Subscriber Identity Modules (“SIM”), Mobile Subscriber Integrated Services Digital Network Number (“MSISDN”), International Mobile Subscriber Identifiers (“IMSI”), or International Mobile Equipment Identities (“IMEI”) associated with the accounts;
8. Other subscriber numbers or identities (including the registration IP address), including any current or past accounts linked to the Account(s) by telephone number, recovery or alternate e-mail address, IP address, or other unique device or user identifier; and
9. Means and source of payment for such service (including any credit card or bank account number) and billing records.
10. A statement as to whether the Account(s) or any devices associated with the Account(s) had location services or GPS activated or enabled, and if so, whether PROVIDER does or does not have geolocation records available for the Account(s) or any devices associated with the Account(s) for the time period from January 14, 2017, through April 30, 2017.

B. All records and other information relating to the Account(s) (except the contents of communications)

PROVIDER is required to disclose to the United States the following records and other information, if available, for the Account(s) for the time period from January 14, 2017, through April 30, 2017, constituting all records and other information relating to the Account(s) (except the contents of communications), including:

1. Records of user activity for each connection made to or from the Account(s), including log files; messaging logs; the date, time, length, and method of connections; data transfer volume; user names; and source and destination Internet Protocol addresses;
2. Information about each electronic communication sent or received by the Account(s), including the date and time of the communication, the method of communication, and

the source and destination of the communication (such as source and destination email addresses, IP addresses, and telephone numbers), and any other associated header or routing information; and

3. Identification of any PROVIDER account(s) that are linked to the Account(s) by cookies, including all PROVIDER user IDs that logged into PROVIDER's services by the same machine as the Account(s).
4. Identification of any forwarding email services used to or from the Account, including the header identification and metadata information associated with communications forwarded to PROVIDER Accounts from other email accounts or forwarding services.
5. Identification of all services and features activated on the Account(s), including use of Google Drive and related features.

A. Definitions:

1. As used herein, "unique device or user identifier" refers to any unique number or set of characters stored or generated by Google that may be used to identify or track users or devices, including but not limited to cookies, unique application number, universally unique identifier or "UUID," globally unique identifier or "GUID," Advertising ID, Android ID, MAC address, IMEI number, MEID number, and electronic serial number or "ESN."
2. As used herein, "cookies" refers to any cookie technology used by Google, including cookies related to user preferences (such as NID), security cookies, process cookies, cookies used for advertising (such as NID, SID, IDE, DSID, FLC, AID, TAID, and exchange_uid), cookies linking activity across devices (such as AID and TAID), session state cookies, and cookies pertaining to Google Analytics.