International Travel

Economic Espionage & Foreign Travel Risks
Economic Espionage:

Definition

Foreign power-sponsored or coordinated intelligence activity directed at the U.S. Government or U.S. corporations, establishments, or persons, designed to unlawfully or clandestinely obtain sensitive financial, trade, or economic policy info, proprietary economic info, or critical technologies, or to unlawfully or clandestinely influence sensitive economic policy decisions.
Economic Espionage:

Main Statutes

The nine sections of the Economic Espionage Act were signed into law under Title 18 U.S.C. in Oct 1996.

Section: 1831
(1) Knowingly targets or acquires trade secrets

THAT WILL

(2) Knowingly benefit any foreign government, foreign instrumentality, or foreign agent

Section: 1832
(1) Whoever knowingly performs targeting or acquisition of trade secrets or intends to convert a trade secret

THAT WILL

(2) Knowingly benefit anyone other than the owner
Economic Espionage: Definition: Trade Secret

All forms & types of financial, business, scientific, technical, economic, or engineering information, including:

- patterns
- plans
- compilations
- program devices
- formulas
- designs
- prototypes
- methods
- techniques
- processes
- procedures
- programs
- codes

Whether tangible or intangible, & whether or how:

- stored, compiled, or memorialized
Indicators & Methods of Economic Espionage

Who is targeted:
- Faculty
- Staff
- Contractors
- Consultants
- Temps
- Volunteers

How are they targeted:
- Joint Ventures & Partnerships
- Overseas Facilities
- Overseas Travel
- Front Companies
- Attending & Hosting Conferences
- Visitors/Delegations
- Unsolicited Emails, Fax and Phone Calls
- Communication Intercepts
- Dumpster Diving
- Casual Overhear
- Hacking and Theft
Foreign Travel Risks

You are a Potential Target

Because of the knowledge you possess, be aware that Foreign Intelligence Services have approaches designed to acquire information that will benefit their country’s economic interests. Usually these approaches are unobtrusive and non-threatening, but they can be very detrimental to U.S. security, the economy and to the originating academic institution, due to the loss of proprietary information.
Foreign Travel Risks

- Take only what is pertinent
- Take computers and all other electronic devices as carry-on
- Don’t use telephones, computers and fax equipment at foreign hotels or business centers for anything you don’t want known
- Don’t divulge your affiliation or academic status unnecessarily in public
- Beware of sexual overtures
- Be suspicious of quick friendships
- Beware of situations where alcohol is offered in abundance
- Too much personal information can be used against you
- Don’t leave documents or electronic devices in hotel rooms or safes
- Passport care
- Be prepared to expedite the replacement of lost or stolen information

When to take note, but not react…….
QUESTIONS?