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MONDAY

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Anything interesting happen over the weekend? Perhaps involving Russia? Also having to do with elections? Anyone? Yeah, we're on it. This is CyberScoop for Monday, December 12.

RUSSIAN REVIEW: The U.S. intelligence community has begun conducting a comprehensive, historical review of past hacking attempts against U.S. presidential elections dating as far back as at least 2008, the White House announced Friday. This report will be completed by the end of President Barack Obama's tenure and its results will be shared in full with Congress and other stakeholders — and in a redacted format for review by the American public. The president's motivation to do so was unrelated to recently announced efforts that lawmakers organized to independently investigate malicious cyber activity directed at the most recent presidential election, said deputy press secretary Eric Schultz. [Chris Bing is on it](#), and will continue to be all week.

WHAT ABOUT CHINA?: For all the tension with Beijing occasioned by the president-elect's comments over the weekend questioning the One China policy, behind the scenes, U.S.-China

cooperation on cybercrime is moving ahead. As Shaun Waterman reports, Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson met China's State Councilor and Minister for Public Security Guo Shengkun, Last week, and the two sides announced the establishment of a cyber-hotline between the two capitals; an agreement to begin sharing indicators of compromise through newly established channels; and a pledge to hold a U.S.-China roundtable for officials and technology companies to discuss "cybersecurity issues of mutual concern." [Shaun Waterman has more.](#)

EVENT

DATA SECURITY IN FOCUS: The need for agencies to meet regulations and fulfill unfunded mandates will continue into the next administration. Federal IT shops are going to be saddled with protecting their data, which is only going to grow in volume. During this webinar on Jan. 18, experts will explain how agencies can embrace new forms of encryption without the worry that it will break their systems. Experts from government and HPE will take a look at how format-preserving encryption can allow for agencies to conduct their work without systems slowing down or breaking altogether. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

TOTES LEGIT: The Department of Homeland Security told Georgia's Office of Secretary of State that the IP address associated with an attempted breach of the state agency's firewall was tracked to an office in U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a revelation that has DHS "deeply concerned." According to DHS, someone on the federal department's security network was conducting legitimate business on the state office's website, verifying a professional license administered by the state. The state office manages information about corporate licenses and certificates on its website. [Greg Otto has more.](#)

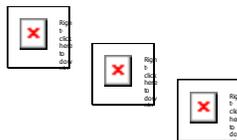
FUZZY MATH: A leading insurance think tank, the Zurich-based Geneva Association, has published a new report on cyber-insurance. As Shaun reports, the study finds that data on the cost of breaches is weak at the macro level, with estimates of the economic cost of cybercrime varying by orders of magnitude — and things aren't much better at the micro level. [Shaun has more.](#)

TWEET OF THE DAY



A lot to unpack here. We will be doing it during the week.

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