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U.S. spies want to stop the funny business going on in the supply chain. A former govie gives us an idea of where we're headed now that SMS is on the outs. And new research out this week shows that your car's door locks may be futile. This is CyberScoop for Friday, August 12.

KEEPING AN EYE ON SUPPLY: U.S. intelligence is worried that hackers are targeting the supply chains of American critical infrastructure developers. As such, telecommunications, energy and financial services businesses will begin to receive exclusive threat intelligence reports from the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, which is housed within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. And this isn't the first time that the government has warned of hackers going after small components, like microchips developed overseas, that are crucial to virtually every electronic device sold in the U.S. [Get the full story.](#)

MOVING ON FROM SMS: There has been a lot of dispute over what exactly NIST's deprecation of SMS one-time passwords means for the public, but the U.S. government's former czar for secure online identity sees it as a good thing. Jeremy Grant tells Shaun that there are better technologies out there and "It's time to move on." [Read more](#) to find out where Grant would like to see the tech community move to.

EVENT

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A BETTER FOCUS FOR FDIC: The Federal Deposit Insurance

Corporation — which has come under fire this year following a series of "insider" breaches last fall — is seeking to reassure the public and lawmakers about its online security. The agency last week quietly launched a new page on its website touting measures it is taking to improve its cyber posture, saying it will sign up for the Department of Homeland Security's Einstein intrusion detection service. It also has hired Booz Allen Hamilton to independently assess its IT security and privacy procedures. [Shaun has more.](#)

ALERT YOUR FAVORITE CPA: The IRS issued a warning Thursday

urging tax professionals to look out for emails from senders pretending to be tax software companies. The IRS claims these emails trick people into giving up sensitive information, such as passwords, Social Security numbers and credit card numbers, in order to facilitate unnecessary payments. The emails come in the form of an .exe file disguised as a software update. What's really embedded is a keylogger, which allows criminals to track keystrokes. [Be on the lookout.](#)

SO MY CAR NEEDS CRYPTO NOW?: Automotive cybersecurity has

become a semi-hot button issue on Capitol Hill over the last year, with automakers and the cybersecurity industry continuously finding software

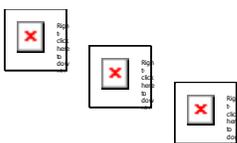
bugs that allow for a number of dangerous scenarios. This week, yet another vulnerability was publicly disclosed that affects an estimated 100 million vehicles, with a large portion having been developed by Volkswagen. Suffice to say, this hasn't been Volkswagen's best year. The new hack can unlock doors, remotely, by using radio hardware to intercept signals. [Chris has more.](#)

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

'YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO BE COMPLETELY PATCHED': How have agencies reacted to the Cybersecurity National Action Plan? Greg Otto spoke with Paul Morris, acting CISO for the Transportation Security Administration, who highlighted three ways cybersecurity has improved inside the agency. [Watch here.](#)

TWEET OF THE DAY

"Access all areas with the new Volkswagen Tiguan. Explore the full journey #VWNewTiguan" - [@Volkswagen](#) Yeah, not the best language for this tweet given the car hacking report.



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