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SUBJECT: Appointment of Director, Center for Computer Security Research at Mississippi State University

National Security Agency
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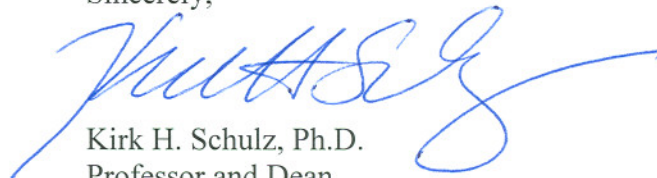
Dear Ms. Nickell:

This letter is written to substantiate that Dr. Rayford Vaughn is and has been the Director of the Center for Computer Security Research since its founding in 2001. Our CAE activities are centered within the Center for Computer Security Research (CCSR) directed by him and it serves as a collaborative entity for thirteen faculty members that work in this general area of research. The CCSR is a James Worth Bagley College of Engineering Center (see <http://www.engr.msstate.edu/research/main/index.php>). This Center is chartered to operate by the Dean of the College of Engineering.

This letter also serves to substantiate that Dr. David Dampier works within the CCSR and is the Director of the Southeastern Region Forensics Training Center (FTC). This collaborative center is funded primarily from a Department of Justice Grant and provides training for state and local law enforcement.

We are delighted to be a part of this national program and we are proud of the contributions we are making through it. We look forward to recertification and continued growth in the future.

Sincerely,



Kirk H. Schulz, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean

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