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**National Highway
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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC §552 - Request #ES11-005507

This responds to your FOIA request dated August 18, 2011 for records that review or discuss the merits of tablet computer devices for NHTSA employee use. Specifically, you have requested documents that discuss Apple iPad, Blackberry Playbook, Galaxy Tab and HP Touchpad.

Enclosed are records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 7, there is no charge for this response.

I am the person responsible for this decision. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by writing to the Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, W41-227, Washington, DC 20590. An appeal must be submitted within 30 days after you receive this determination. It should contain any information and argument upon which you rely. The decision of the Chief Counsel will be administratively final.

Very truly yours,

Andrew J. DiMarsico
Attorney Advisor

Enclosure

Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA)


From: Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 10:54 AM
To: Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA); Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA); Strobel, Tom (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA)
Cc: Bohorfoush, Walter (NHTSA); Culbreath, Walter (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Blackberry Playbook

Colleen:

I'm not sure if I put a close to this, but I'm going to skip it. I only had a passing fancy, which passed since I have my own personal version coming in from Dell.

Thanks for the consideration though,

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DOT / NHTSA / OCIO

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From: Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:58 AM
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Cc: Bohorfoush, Walter (NHTSA); Culbreath, Walter (NHTSA)
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Mike,

I'm OK with you recommending and justifying to the TCB an evaluation of the Playbook. Of course, you would need to take lead on this request and any other requirements made by the TCB to approve the pilot.

Let me know what you decide.

Colleen

From: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:31 AM
To: Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA); Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA); Strobel, Tom (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA)
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All,
Per discussion with OST, All new technologies must be run through the DOT Technology Control Board (TCB) for vetting and approval. The TCB would need to be briefed on determining if the playbook can meet DOT's constraints of supporting requirements that are driven by the business, while balancing those requirements by the need to maintain security and lowering overall costs. Per OST, the Playbook would have to fit into those constraints and the future technical architecture for DOT.

Please advise if contact to the DOT TCB should be made

V/r
Domenic

From: Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 5:01 PM
To: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA); Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA); Strobel, Tom (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA)
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Interesting email thread. Despite the current security advantages of Blackberry over iPad, I'm not hearing a huge uproar for the Playbook, probably 'cause of the downsides Domenic mentioned below.

That said, part of our job is to evaluate new technologies and if there's no OST prohibition (Domenic, please check) against getting one, I approve Mike Frenchik piloting for NHTSA. I've copied Walter C. to order after he hears back from Domenic that's it's OK from OST's vantage point.

Colleen

From: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 2:33 PM
To: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA); Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA); Strobel, Tom (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA)
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I've included the latest PDF link from NIST that shows both the iPad and iPhone are still in IUT for FIPS 140-2

<http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/documents/140-1/140InProcess.pdf>

From: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 2:29 PM
To: Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA); Strobel, Tom (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA)
Cc: Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA); Bohorfoush, Walter (NHTSA)
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Mike,

Agreed. Given that Blackberry has built a strong reputation in enterprise security for mobile devices in the federal sector, does give it a leg up over Apple in the Enterprise Security space and having the FIPS 140-2 designation carries weight, but soon both Apple and Google will have its FIPS compliance granted for Apple iOS and Google Android.

Also, some interesting notes for BlackBerry's Playbook is that it has to be paired with a BlackBerry Smartphone via a special application to access e-mail, calendar, address book, memo pad, task list, BlackBerry Messenger, and browsing functions. Were as in the iPad, there's not the need for two pieces of equipment. Plus, there is a limited amount of Apps for the Playbook.

Domenic

From: Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 2:05 PM
To: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA); Strobel, Tom (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA)
Cc: Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA); Bohorfoush, Walter (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Blackberry Playbook

Dominic:

I find it even more interesting that we are not going with something that made the cut for FIPS compliancy.

OK, I digress.

I'll take a pass on the Apple product, but I would take an already FIPS approved product like say the Playbook if someone wants to give me one.

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Cc: Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA); Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA)

Subject: RE: Blackberry Playbook

DOT made the decision to move forward with Ipad's and not with Blackberry Playbook. OST has been devising a series of security/baseline settings for Ipad's that are part of a pilot implementation. FAA is testing approx 800. DOD has developed DISA STIG's for IPAD's and Iphone. What's interesting to know is that the Army has been testing the Playbook <http://www.blackberrycool.com/2011/07/21/the-playbook-will-be-the-first-tablet-to-truly-enter-government> .

In addition, RIM's BlackBerry's Playbook as of July 21, 2011, received its FIPS 140-2 compliance and was the first government issued/approved tablet for federal workers. (<http://press.rim.com/release.jsp?id=5069>; <http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20110721-909629.html>). FIPS 140-2 compliance was still pending for Iphone and Ipad's

From: Strobel, Tom (NHTSA)

Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 10:56 AM

To: Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA); Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA)

Cc: Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA); Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA)

Subject: Re: Blackberry Playbook

Dan

I received a request for a Blackberry Playbook to evaluate from Mike Frenchik.

Can this be connected to the DOT environment and what setting/standards do we need to apply?

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Subject: Blackberry Playbook

<http://us.blackberry.com/>

Blackberry Site:

<http://store.shopblackberry.com/Product/Product/PRD-38548-003>

Best Buy:

<http://www.bestbuy.com/site/BlackBerry+-+PlayBook+Tablet+with+64GB+Memory/2387041.p?id=1218327395828&skuld=2387041&st=Blackberry%20Playbook&cp=1&lp=2>

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*"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."
~Woodrow T. Wilson~*

Stanton-Montgomery, Rose (NHTSA)

From: Stanton-Montgomery, Rose (NHTSA) on behalf of Coggins, Colleen (NHTSA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 2:27 PM
To: Stanton, Rose (NHTSA)
Subject: FW: NIST seeks help in testing Ipad, iphone security for government use (August 3rd)

Here's one

From: Frenchik, Michael (NHTSA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 2:36 PM
To: Dilullo, Domenic (NHTSA); Mounkhaty, Paul (NHTSA); Pitton, Dan (NHTSA); Smith, Dee (NHTSA)
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I guess I have to ask the obvious, how is this an authorized piece of hardware at this point in any gov't shop?

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Given that DOT is in the process of developing security standards for Iphone and Ipad's , below is An interesting article. I've sent this to DOT-OST-CIO for inclusion as part of the DOT CIO announcements.

<http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/19856/nist-seeks-help-in-testing-ipad-iphone-security-for-government-use/>

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Just FYI, you can find article upon article on this stuff.

There are YouTube videos on how to do it and the Jailbreak software is actively worked on and distributed by many sites from what is being said on the security bulletin sites:

This is as of July 2011:

<http://securitywatch.eweek.com/apple/apples latest ios firmware jailbroken by the weekend.html>

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Attachments: TIC Input to NHTSA Sustainability Plan.docx

From: Sauers, Barbara (NHTSA)
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:11 PM
To: Hart, John (NHTSA)
Cc: Williams, Vanester (NHTSA)
Subject: TIC Input to NHTSA Sustainability Plan.docx

John,

Please see the attached input from TIC. This was quickly put together. I'm leaving for the day – on leave for an appointment and the out Monday and Tuesday for training. Please let me know if you have questions or need something else. I didn't have time to write goals, etc. – but I tried to give you enough for the initiative that you might be able to do something with it. I also assume you already have some of these ideas.

Thanks.