

Pentagon “Leak” Theatrics Continue as US Finds Scapegoat. FBI Arrests “Alleged Perpetrator”

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The pseudo-WikiLeaks 2.0 has just been stepped up a notch as [the FBI arrested the perpetrator who shared the “secret docs” through a Discord server](#). The 21-year-old Airman First Class Jack Douglas Teixeira of the Massachusetts Air National Guard was apprehended on April 13 for his involvement with the “top-secret leak”. The controversial “Pentagon docs” contain what the US mainstream propaganda machine claims is “an array of national security secrets, including the breadth of surveillance the United States is able to conduct on Russia”.

Apparently, Teixeira posted the “classified documents” in an invitation-only Discord (mainly gaming-focused platform) chat group called “Thug Shaker Central”. [According to the Washington Post](#), which reportedly talked to other members of the group, “classified Pentagon documents containing intelligence collected by the US and several other countries were posted by a man claiming to be a ‘military base’ worker”. The chat room apparently had no more than 20 members, mostly young men, who discussed video games, memes, movies and politics. It also included users from both Russia and Ukraine.

At some point during 2022, a user known as OG posted “a message laden with strange acronyms and jargon” and claimed to “know secrets that the government withheld from ordinary people”. One of the unnamed members of the chat group told the Washington Post that “at the time, few people read the note” and added that “OG claimed he spent at least some of his day inside a secure facility of a ‘military base’ that prohibited cell phones and other electronic devices and copied the classified documents”, but insisted OG wasn’t hostile to the US or working for any foreign government.

The Washington Post report also presented OG as somewhat of an anarchist, since he supposedly “thought US law enforcement and intelligence were a sinister force that sought to suppress citizens and keep them in the dark” and complained about “government overreach”. The claim could very well be an attempt to portray OG as “a disgruntled

serviceman who simply wanted to share dirty state secrets with the American people". This would reinforce the idea that OG was supposedly acting on his own, further covering up the role of US intelligence in the so-called "leak".

The Washington Post report never mentioned OG's real name, but other media later revealed that he was indeed Jack Teixeira. Despite their own claims that he wasn't involved with foreign intelligence, the US propaganda machine, never the ones to let a perfect opportunity for Russophobia to slip by, were quick to blame Russia for the "leak". [Reuters insists that three "anonymous" US officials "confirmed that Russia or pro-Russian groups could be behind the leak"](#). Expectedly, no evidence whatsoever was presented to back up such claims. But then again, why worry? [Who could possibly even contemplate the idea that any US official would ever lie about anything?](#)

[The New York Times also reported extensively on Teixeira's case](#). According to NYT, Airman Teixeira was trained as a cyber transport systems specialist, a job that could also entail keeping his unit's communication networks running. He was assigned to the 102nd Intelligence Wing at Otis Air National Guard Base. NYT report admits that "military officials refused to disclose information on what in Airman Teixeira's duties would necessitate him having access to daily slides about Ukraine, much less the daily deluge of intelligence reports from the CIA, NSA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence".

Some US officials told NYT that Teixeira could also have gained access to "secret docs" through daily emails on a classified computer network, where those emails might've been automatically forwarded to other people. On the other hand, members of the Discord group chat told NYT that the aforementioned documents were "purely informative", but started to get wider attention only when one of the teenage members of "Thug Shaker Central" took them and posted a few dozen "secret documents" to a public online forum where they were picked up by several Russian-language Telegram channels.

In short, the US propaganda machine wants us to believe that a 21-year-old intelligence technician who just graduated and held the rank of airman (equivalent of private in the US Army) was privy to top-secret intelligence on the Kiev regime's offensive plans, Russia, South Korea, China and other global hotspots. NYT itself also reluctantly admitted that "the arrest raised questions about why such a junior enlisted airman had access to such an array of potentially damaging secrets, why adequate safeguards had not been put in place after earlier leaks and why a young man would risk his freedom to share intelligence about the war in Ukraine with a group of friends he knew from a video game social media site".

US media claim that the Pentagon was completely unaware of the "leak" and learned of it only after the documents began surfacing on Telegram and Twitter. Apparently, the Pentagon even tried to hack and delete some of the posts about the documents, "but was ultimately unsuccessful". Again, it's quite bemusing that an institution wasting well over \$850 billion every year is incapable of removing such "crucial information" from several Telegram channels almost exclusively run by civilian enthusiasts with no budget. [The sheer amount of logical disparities](#) indicates that this particular case is highly controversial (at best), [while there's an extremely strong possibility it's all an elaborate counterintelligence operation](#).

Apart from the more obvious geopolitical benefits such as [pressuring countries like Egypt to distance themselves from Russia](#) or further [disrupting Moscow's relations with the](#)

[traditionally pro-Russian Serbia](#)(once again [accused of weapons shipments to Kiev](#)), there is a very strong domestic incentive to push the “leak” narrative. For instance, the infamous CNN argues that “[the leak spotlights major ongoing US intelligence vulnerabilities](#)”, which can hardly be interpreted as anything else but an attempt to strengthen government control in the US. The “leak” could also be used to accelerate the adoption of the truly totalitarian RESTRICT Act that the [disillusioned former Democrat Tulsi Gabbard described as PATRIOT Act 2.0, only worse](#).

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