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Office of Research Security Newsletter

April 2, 2018

April 4 Export Control Training

At Chan Auditorium, 10 am. It will count for BOTH Export Control & Refresher Security Trainings.

The FBI, CIA and NSA say American citizens shouldn't use Huawei phones

U.S. intelligence agencies have issued a stern warning to Americans: Do not buy smartphones made by Chinese tech companies Huawei or ZTE. Top officials from the CIA, NSA, FBI and the Defense Intelligence

Agency testified in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee on Tuesday that the Chinese smartphone makers posed a security threat to American customers. Republican Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas asked the group to raise their hands if they would recommend private American citizens use products or services made by Apple competitor Huawei or smartphone maker ZTE. None of them did.

FBI Director Chris Wray explained why it is an issue for companies and local governments to use Huawei or ZTE products and services.

“There is a risk of letting any company "beholden to foreign governments" inside the country's telecommunications infrastructure, he said. Huawei is a global leader in networking equipment, and the government has previously blocked it from selling technology to some federal agencies.”

To read full article - <http://a.msn.com/00/en-us/BBJ8L3d?ocid=se>

Upcoming Training for 2018

Bob Jones Auditorium, Redstone Arsenal:

- May 15, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI
- August 7, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI
- October 3, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI

Upcoming Training for 2018

Cramer Hall (NSSTC), (Additional Details Coming):

- April 23, 2018 – 9 am, Threat Awareness CI
- April 23, 2018 – 1 pm, Threat Awareness CI





Report: China Intensifying Oversight of U.S. Student Groups

An investigation by *Foreign Policy* examines the links between the Chinese Embassy and consulates and campus chapters of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, which have long hosted cultural and social events and provided support for Chinese students at U.S. universities. *Foreign Policy* reported that campus chapters of CSSA regularly accept funds from Chinese consulates and that many describe themselves as being under the embassy's "guidance" or "leadership." The article cites "numerous CSSA members, including two current chapter presidents," who "say that they are uncomfortable with what they felt was growing ideological pressure from the embassy and consulates."

The *Foreign Policy* investigation found that embassy and consulate officials are regularly in contact with CSSA presidents, with whom they share information related to safety and "the occasional political directive." Consulate officials have asked CSSA leaders to share articles spouting a Chinese Communist Party line and last fall encouraged CSSAs to hold events tied to the 19th Communist Party Congress. In addition, the Chinese government has worked through CSSAs to organize welcoming parties for visiting Chinese leaders and pay students -- in one case, \$20 each -- for their participation.

Foreign Policy also reported that a "few CSSAs explicitly vet their members along ideological lines, excluding those whose views do not align with Communist Party core interests." The Chinese embassy did not respond to *Foreign Policy's* requests for comment.

Read Full Article - <http://foreignpolicy.com/2018/03/07/chinas-long-arm-reaches-into-american-campuses-chinese-students-scholars-association-university-communist-party/>