

NSA report on family #404-141-30030. Embedded agents have completed the 2013 surveillance. We listened to hundreds of phone calls (most of which were automatic reminders about something - this family must be rather forgetful). We have read thousands of emails and text messages (most of which were unnecessary). We ran a full decoding analysis on every picture that appeared on snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, and other social media sites (most of which were either selfies, food, cats, or a disturbing combination of all three). We are now ready to present our report to the director. The five principal suspects continue to operate in plain sight as a "normal family." Some of them think this means they are a pre-compact family of continuous functions but we have come to expect weak obligatory math jokes. Despite all outward appearances of disorganized bumbling naïveté, these people are clearly a risk to national security. They continue to self-educate by traveling internationally and reading books. At some point, they may have saved enough to buy a clue, and then who knows what could happen? The NSA team of embedded agents, disguised as ordinary house pets, recommends that we remain under cover, at least until all the holiday pet treats have been fully digested. Our final executive summary on the family activities is included below, masquerading as the

2013 Lefton-Steinbart Holiday Letter

Hannah, is a junior at UGA and majoring in Political Science and International Affairs. She moved to a new house, and is living with two other girls. Hannah's on the UGA Mock Trial leadership, and her team has performed well in competitions around the country. She's still thinking about joining the Peace Corps in Africa after graduation, and then coming back to the States to attend law school. She went back for a second summer to San Antonio to work as a counselor for a Duke TIP program, which reminded her how entertaining middle school drama is when you're not in middle school. Lew's sisters and cousins visited her while she was there.

Hannah's dog Ralph is doing fine, and he's just so happy to be there. He's actually happy to be anywhere, but we're working on that. He is still completing his rookie NSA embedded pet agent training. Ralph spent a month in Atlanta (due to car problem #6), and Madison and Bo ran the ritual hazing of "see if you can eat 4.5 lbs of Costco milk chocolate." Ralph lived up to his name, and the family now has a complete map of all 24 hour laundromats with large capacity machines. Best phone call came from Natalie who was the first on the scene: "<screaming on the phone> There's dog vomit EVERYWHERE! I can't even step into the house, it's literally all over the floor in every room.... EWWW, on the couch, the stairs!, the dining room table?!"

Monica and Natalie are both seniors, and college applications have dominated the past year. They no longer drive our old Mazda (car problem #1), but they're now learning to drive a 5 speed manual transmission using our new-to-us (200K + miles) Volvo. They turned 18 this year and are frustrated that, as legal adults, they can't sign themselves out of school. Their school-wide "senior tea" was held on their birthday so they tacitly assumed it was just a thinly veiled party for themselves. "You're going to the senior tea? No gifts please." The embedded NSA pet agents have calculated that 63% of what the twins say is sarcasm. This realization helps explain many text messages. They are both still involved with honor society, key club, church youth group and girl scouts. They're very independent, but neither escaped the car virus that infected our family this year (car problems #2 and #3). They both visited New York last spring with the DHS band. We all went on numerous college visits including stops to see Ellen Steinbart and Dan Possumato in Pittsburgh and Neal Steinbart and Kay Pashos in Indianapolis.

Natalie's applied to six schools (UGA, Georgia Tech, U. Chicago, Northwestern, UNC Chapel Hill, and Washington U. in St. Louis) and has already been accepted early action to UGA. She's interested in chemistry and science, and she worked as a camp counselor at "Camp Invention" over the summer. She's also a lab assistant for the AP Chemistry class at DHS. She still plays oboe in concert band and marches mellophone in marching band. She made a trip to visit her friend Lizbeth Herger in Puerto Rico this summer and got a chance to show off her national award winning Spanish skills. Natalie played JV soccer in the spring and club soccer in the fall. We took an overnight trip to Savannah to watch her team play.

Monica also applied to six schools (UGA, Emory, Kenyon College, U. Richmond, GA College and State U., and Mercer U.). She has already been accepted early action to UGA, Mercer, and GCSU. Monica's undecided as to

her major, but she is interested in Liberal Arts, Humanities, English, Journalism, Writing, etc. She's now an editor for the Carpe Diem (DHS magazine), and she's attended several NSPA gatherings including trips to Boston and Athens (GA). Over the summer she learned a lot about Otis Redding at a communications camp in Macon. She also spent a week of her summer at the Heifer Ranch in Arkansas including time in their "Global Village." Monica continues to play both piccolo and flute and is the social chair for the band. She plays varsity lacrosse, performs improv, and is still working on her self-defined goal of reading every published work written by Agatha Christie. <mysterious voice> Or is she?

Lew's sister Irene visited for Thanksgiving, and Enid and Lew attended a Jones reunion in Hampton, Nebraska in August (shortly after car problem #4). We all converged on Port Aransas, Texas at the end of December along with Lew's sisters Linda, Charna and Irene and also with Hal Lefton and his family. It was great to see everyone, make sure all the buttons still work, and answer the age-old riddle: "How many Leftons does it take to consume a fifth of Maker's Mark?" We also enjoyed seeing friends and family who passed through Atlanta this year including Sylvia and Dick Rortvedt, and Ellen Bernstein.

Enid and Lew celebrated their 25th anniversary year with a trip to Italy in March. It was just the two of them and they had a wonderful time in Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Isle of Capri, Tuscany, Florence, and Venice. They ate incredible food, enjoyed great art and rich history, and even drove through wine country (car problem #7). Natalie and Monica did a fine job on their own (two 17 year old girls home alone for almost two weeks, what could possibly go wrong?) under the watchful eyes of our neighborhood "village".

Enid ran four 5K races this year to achieve the "Decatur Grand Slam". She is still on the Georgia Tech faculty and, as the advisor for undergraduate math majors, her experience with the college admissions process is suddenly valuable to the twins. Natalie also relies on her for help with calculus. Enid is still very actively involved as a community volunteer, and she attended almost all of the "Decatur 101" class series (some were pre-empted by car problem #5). She took a business trip to Washington DC to visit the NSA. We were concerned that we had blown our pet agent cover, but she was just there to learn about opportunities for math majors.

Lew taught a project based course last fall which explores the use of data analytics on humor (nice fit, eh?). He continues to be a geek/technology consultant for the upper administration at Georgia Tech, but it looks better on the business card to say IT Director for the College of Sciences and the School of Math. Lew still performs stand up and improv comedy, and he's still supporting the robotics program in Decatur. He traveled to St. Louis when the DHS robotics team competed in the world championship there. A lot of Lew's volunteer efforts have been working to establish a local makerspace (see decaturmakers.org), and he's still working with several local organizations like the Decatur Education Foundation and the Decatur Arts Alliance.

Throughout this letter we have been referring to car problems. In fact, given that no one was seriously hurt in any of these incidents, the problems are all pretty minor. Sure, we may have totaled a car. Sure, we may have enabled all the employees at the local body shop to retire early by providing them with steady business from us and four other clients. Sure, we may have had been pulled over for multiple traffic tickets on multiple continents. Sure, we may have purchased two new vehicles in less than a month. Sure, insurance premiums aren't the worst place to invest your life savings. Sure.

We would love to see you in 2014! The Lefton Steinbart family continues to be an NSA "family of interest," but that doesn't mean your privacy will be violated if you come and visit them. After all, the information is being collected by agents who like to go outside and are easily distracted by snacks.

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May you and your loved ones have a new year full of happiness, health and peace.
Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!