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The Honorable Peter M. Thomson
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Dear Inspector General:

I am writing concerning troubling reports involving election software and hardware with foreign connections that were used during the 2020 General Election. Many of our nation's leading experts in mathematics, computer science and statistics are already finding anomalies when analyzing the data from states who used this software and hardware. These anomalies coincide with reports of votes being switched or deleted entirely that some state officials have described only as "glitches" or clerical errors.¹

The states in question concerning these software anomalies used Dominion Voting Systems ("Dominion"). According to *The Washington Times*, the election software used in Dominion equipment has corporate origins that can be traced back to Smartmatic Corporation.²

My understanding is that the origins of Smartmatic began in Venezuela under the regime of Hugo Chavez. The election software was used for the presidential elections that President Hugo Chavez and Nicolás Maduro won. In each of those elections, opposition parties claimed that fraud occurred. In fact a 2013 U.S. Department of State country report on Venezuela states in the executive summary that "...authorities announced that Nicolas Maduro had won the presidency [April 14, 2013] by a 1.49 percent margin, amid allegations of pre- and post-election fraud based on a number of irregularities, including government interference, the use of state resources by the ruling party, and *voter manipulation*."³ (emphasis added).

Furthermore, in a recent sworn affidavit filed with a Georgia election lawsuit, a key witness describes firsthand accounts of how Hugo Chavez asked Smartmatic to design a new election

¹ See. <https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/11/06/antrim-county-results-election-2020/6185031002/> Last accessed on December 10, 2020

² See. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/nov/15/trumps-legal-team-claims-issues-with-dominion-voti/> Last accessed on December 10, 2020

³ See. <https://2009-2017.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2013/wha/220479.htm> Last accessed on December 10, 2020

system for Venezuela and **“was most insistent that Smartmatic design the system in a way that the system could change the vote of each voter without being detected.”**⁴ I understand that Smartmatic went on to participate in every Venezuelan election until 2018. The witness goes on to state that in the 2013 election, the **“...Smartmatic Electoral Management System was used to manipulate and change the results for the person to succeed Hugo Chavez.”**⁵

It is concerning that the creation of such a system could have circumvented the will of the Venezuelan people, and contributed to keeping Hugo Chavez and Nicolás Maduro in power while their people suffered greatly.

Another software program used for reporting election results is Scytl’s Clarity Elections’ Election Night Reporting system. Clarity is used by the news media for vote counting and reporting results. According to Scytl’s website, the Clarity service is provided for 28 states. In 2019 there were reports of alleged anomalies of Clarity’s reporting during the gubernatorial race in Kentucky. During a CNN broadcast of the race, there appeared to be a decrease of 560 votes for the Republican candidate and an increase of 560 votes in favor of the Democratic candidate. It’s just one example identified of votes decreasing for the Republican candidate using that system.

It is also worth noting that the corporate headquarters for both companies are located outside the United States – Dominion Voting Systems is located in Toronto, Canada, and Scytl’s headquarters is located in Barcelona, Spain.

Our nation’s elections system should not be dependent on software and voting machines supplied from foreign companies. This arrangement does little to reassure the American people about foreign interference in our elections, and we should make it a priority to demand that American votes be counted using equipment made by American companies.

Knowing of the origins of Smartmatic software, was the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) aware of its use in Dominion equipment during previous U.S. elections and the 2020 General Election? If so, did the CIA report the vulnerabilities of this software to other federal agencies or states? Has the Inspector General’s office conducted a national security investigation on the CIA’s connection (if any) with Smartmatic, Scytl or any other company associated with election software or hardware? Did foreign actors interfere in our election in states that used this questionable software? And finally, please provide all relevant documents that deal with the questions above.

The citizens of the United States need assurance that a free and fair election occurred. Without a legitimate investigation by the CIA and Inspector General, the outcome of the election results will be questioned by many Americans. Therefore, I urge you to fully investigate the CIA’s role involving these election companies.

⁴ (L. Lin Wood, Jr. v. Brad Raffensperger, 2020)

⁵ *Id.*

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The best way to ensure confidence in our elections is through greater transparency. To instill such confidence, the CIA and Inspector General must fully investigate all allegations of widespread and systemic election fraud within their areas of jurisdiction. Are you currently conducting any such investigations? If so, when can Congress expect a report on such investigations? With such a closely divided nation, Americans need to be assured that their government is listening to their concerns and places a high priority on ensuring transparent and fair elections.

Thank you for your attention to my request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Posey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Posey
Member of Congress

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