

So, you caught Santa in your house! Do you need to report him as a Foreign Contact?

Let's look at what we know and ask some questions:

- You're not close, and only have contact with him annually.
- Is leaving him milk and cookies a form of foreign support?
- Both Canada and Russia lay claim to the North Pole.... Does Santa claim either citizenship?
- Receiving gifts from foreign nationals might need to be reported (whether you've been naughty or nice).

Security Executive Agent Directive 3 – Reporting Requirements for Personnel with Access to Classified Information or Who Hold a Sensitive Position

SEAD 3 (F, 2., b) 1) states all cleared individuals must report *unofficial contact with a known or suspected foreign intelligence agency*.

- **Do we know who Santa works for the other 364 days of the year??**
- **Was he just dropping off presents? Or was he doing other snooping? Should we consider him an Insider Threat?**

SEAD 3 (F, 2., b) 2) continues the requirement for all cleared personnel to report *continuing association with known foreign nationals that involve bonds of affection, personal obligation, or intimate contact; or any contact with a foreign national that involves the exchange of personal information. This reporting requirement is based on the nature of the relationship regardless of how or where the foreign national contact was made or how the relationship is maintained (i.e. via personal contact, telephonic, postal system, internet, etc.). The reporting of limited or casual public contact with foreign nationals is not required absent any other reporting requirement in this directive. Following initial reporting, updates regarding continuing unofficial association with unknown foreign nationals shall occur only if and when there is a significant change in the nature of the contact.*

Santa's Citizenship Status

While Saint Nicholas is of Greek descent, his image was brought over by Dutch Protestants who settled in New York in the 17th century and his image morphed into that of Santa Claus – therefore, Santa Claus was born in the United States and is a U.S. Citizen.

In December 2008, Jason Kenney, Canada's minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, formally awarded Canadian citizenship status to Santa Claus.

We can assume Santa has Dual Citizenship with the U.S. and Canada. Reporting Santa as a Foreign Contact is not required, given your relationship is limited. If this should change in the future, and you really ARE calling Santa every time your kids are bad, go ahead and talk to your FSO.

And if you find Belshnickel, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Sinterklaas, or Krampus in your house, call your FSO!

