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**"Solar Winds Hack Was Wider Than Thought, " Dustin Vole, WSJ, Feb 24, 2021, A4**

**Suspected Russian Hacking more severe than initially assessed.**

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021 senior technology executives advised the Senate that the suspected Russian cyber attack, called the Solar Winds cyber attack, was "likely wider, more complex and harder to trace than had previously known." Solar Winds is the data security company that distributes a software system called Orion that is used to manage computer networks, and Orion is used throughout our government and many American enterprises, including major corporations including Microsoft, Intel and Cisco.

At least nine (9) federal agencies and 100 private companies were penetrated, and more victims are being surfaced. Banks have been silent about the intrusion, but the computer networks of banks also need network management software, so it is very likely that our banks and financial institutions have also been violated and valuable financial information stolen. If true, everyone who has money in banks and financial institutions should be concerned. To date, use of he piflgered data for negative reasons has not been detected.

Intelligence Committee Chairman Mark Warner warned that these successful hacks are a national security matter, as gaining access to this vast amount of government and commercial data, is extremely dangerous in the control of any entity wanting to harm any major corporation or America.

It was suggested by several senators that a national data breach law. Private sectors were strongly encouraged to share more cyber threat information with the government.

This Solar Wind Incident will be followed in future Cathay Dispatchs.