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White House under fire as emails lost – comment from inboxx

The IT department at the White House has come under fire this week after a Congressional report (<http://fas.org/sqp/congress/2008/022608supp.pdf>) detailed how an IT blunder resulted in the loss of thousand of emails required to be archived under federal law.

The White House automated archiving solution came asunder in 2002 when the newly appointed Bush administration changed email providers from Lotus Notes to Microsoft Outlook. However, incompatibility issues with the new system meant that archiving was left in the hands of staff – leading to the omission of thousands of emails.

Juergen Obermann, CEO of archiving specialist GFT inboxx, has said the following of the news:

“Given the technological advancements of today’s society, it seems a little archaic to leave the archiving of potentially sensitive and highly classified information in the hands of the end user – particularly for an organisation so firmly in the public spotlight.

Whilst this most certainly throws up some serious concerns over internal policy – more worrying is that by failing to archive all correspondence, the very body supposed to be upholding the law is clearly in violation of it.

With more and more regulations flooding the market place it is essential that organisations, at the very least, put a rigorous and automated archiving system in place – removing the burden from the end-user and ensuring that ALL correspondence is properly recorded, no matter what the email provider. This is the only way to guarantee a consistent approach to organisation-wide document management.”

About GFT inboxx

As a leading European provider of solutions for email archiving, GFT inboxx GmbH combines extensive experience in the archiving sector with in-depth know-how of the regulatory requirements and compliance. GFT inboxx has more than 20 years experience in the archiving sector and can already look back on more than 1500 successful installations worldwide.

The company offers its customers a best-in-class service from the European development and service centre in Hamburg. The company, with its headquarters in Hamburg, was founded in 1980 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GFT Technologies AG, an internationally leading IT service provider with

sales of more than 247 million euro (2007). Via the parent company, GFT inboxx GmbH has access to a worldwide network of locations and around 1200 IT experts.

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