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Press Release

VeriChip Corporation Appoints Former Secretary of Health & Human Services and Former Governor of Wisconsin Tommy G. Thompson to Its Board of Directors

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DELRAY BEACH, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 7, 2005--VeriChip Corporation, a subsidiary of Applied Digital (NASDAQ:ADTX), announced today that Tommy G. Thompson, former Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary and former Governor of Wisconsin, was appointed to the Company's Board of Directors. With nearly 40 years of his career devoted to public service, Secretary Thompson is recognized as a dedicated advocate for the health and welfare of all Americans. In his role as a member of the Board, Secretary Thompson is expected to help the Company accelerate adoption of the VeriChip for healthcare and security applications.

"We are pleased that we have been able to attract such a highly respected member of the healthcare community," said Scott R. Silverman, Chairman and CEO of Applied Digital. "An important part of our strategy has been to attract key thought and opinion leaders, and Secretary Thompson has played an influential role in shaping this country's healthcare policies. We look forward to him assisting the Company to make the VeriChip an important part of the healthcare landscape." Commenting on his appointment, Secretary Thompson stated, "We are all well aware of the need to enhance Information Technology in healthcare. It is my belief that VeriChip is an important and secure means of accessing medical records and other information. I look forward to working with the company as it continues its growth."

Secretary Thompson has dedicated his professional life to public service, most recently serving as governor of Wisconsin from 1987 through 2000. He made state history when he was reelected to office for a third term in 1994 and a fourth term in 1998. Secretary Thompson began his career in public service in 1966 as a representative in Wisconsin's state Assembly. He was elected assistant Assembly minority leader in 1973 and Assembly minority leader in 1981. Secretary Thompson received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

About VeriChip

VeriChip is a subsidiary of Applied Digital and the only company to provide both implanted and external RFID security solutions for people, their assets, and their environments. From the world's first and only FDA-cleared, human-implantable RFID microchip to the only patented active RFID tag with skin-sensing capabilities, VeriChip leads the way in next-generation RFID technologies. Today, over 3,000 installations worldwide in healthcare, security, industrial, and government markets benefit from both the protection and efficiencies provided by VeriChip systems. For more information on VeriChip, please visit www.verichipcorp.com.

About Applied Digital

Applied Digital develops innovative security products for consumer, commercial, and government sectors worldwide. The Company's unique and often proprietary products provide security for people, animals, the food supply, government/military arena, and commercial assets. Included in this diversified product line are RFID applications, end-to-end food safety systems, GPS/Satellite communications, and telecom and security infrastructure, positioning Applied Digital as the leader of Security Through Innovation. Applied Digital is the owner of a majority position in Digital Angel Corporation (AMEX:DOC).

Statements about the Company's future expectations, including future revenues and earnings, and all other statements

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(<http://www.adxs.com/pressreleases/2005-07-07.html>) Link - Verichip / Applied Digital Solutions

Little chip can track Thompson anywhere, on: 2007/7/5 23:06

Doug Moe: Little chip can track Thompson anywhere

Doug Moe — 7/23/2005 9:37 am

FORMER WISCONSIN Gov. and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson is going to have an RFID -- radio frequency identification device -- inserted under the skin of his right arm.

That's according to a report by CNET News.com posted earlier this week. "Thompson has joined the board of Applied Digital Solutions, which owns VeriChip, the company that specializes in subcutaneous RFID tags for humans and pets," the report stated. "To help promote the concepts behind the technology, Thompson himself will get an RFID tag implanted under his skin."

The announcement comes a week after Thompson was on a panel discussion about the RFID technology, a program produced for CNBC/Dow Jones Business Video.

On that program, Thompson was questioned by CNBC anchor Mark Haines and reporter Becky Quick. Haines asked if Thompson would be comfortable getting one of the devices implanted in himself.

Tommy replied: "You put it in your right arm and it is very small and it doesn't bother you at all."

Becky Quick, realizing Thompson hadn't really answered the question, said, "I am sorry, sir, did you just say you would get one implanted in your arm?"

Thompson said, "Absolutely, without a doubt."

Quick: "No concerns, no concerns at all?"

Thompson: "No."

The chips have been somewhat controversial. Civil libertarians have voiced loss of privacy concerns, and, according to CNET News.com, "some Christians have said the chips are so evil they fulfill a biblical prophecy about satanic influences."

Thompson and other proponents of the chips, which are described in company literature as being about the size of a grain of rice, say that they can help locate lost children and dementia patients who might wander off, as well as help medical professionals gain fast access to patient medical records in emergency situations.

During the panel discussion, Applied Digital Solutions CEO Scott Silverman was asked how sales of the chips are going, and he replied: "We have sold approximately 7,000 VeriChips across the world right now. We believe that 2,000 of them approximately have been injected across the world either for the medical or security application. In the United States we believe the number to be approximately 40 or 50 at this point." ...

(<http://www.madison.com/tct/news/index.php?ntid47982&ntpid0>) Link - Madison / The Capital Times

Tommy Thompson Enters the Presidential Race, on: 2007/7/5 23:12

Tommy Thompson Enters the Race

Tommy Thompson made it official today, launching his long-shot candidacy with events in his home state of Wisconsin and neighboring Iowa.

Thompson billed himself as a "reliable conservative, one who puts principles into practice." The former four-term governor of Wisconsin and ex-secretary of Health and Human Services in President Bush's administration pledged to apply his experience to help "get America and our party back on track."

Before an audience of about 250 people in Clive, Iowa, a suburb of Des Moines, Thompson said the Republican Party must regroup in the face of electoral defeats. "Republicans went to Washington and we lost our way," he said. "We tried to spend like Democrats and voters saw through us."

Thompson offered a plan for Iraq that includes a vote by the Iraqi government on whether the United States should remain there. He also said he favored giving warring parties "their own piece of Iraq and the incentive to live peacefully within a larger nation."

Thompson was one of the most innovative Republican governors in the nation during the 1990s, particularly in the areas of welfare and education. He called for major reforms in the nation's health care system, including a requirement that all Americans have health insurance.

Thompson has staked his hopes on winning next year's Iowa caucuses and on finishing ahead of his better-known and better-funded rivals in the GOP straw poll, which will be held next August.

-- Dan Balz.

(http://blog.washingtonpost.com/campaign-trail/2007/04/tommy_thompson_enters_the_race.html) Link - Washington Post

Former Bush official to get RFID tag, on: 2007/7/5 23:23

Thompson has joined the board of Applied Digital, which owns VeriChip, the company that specializes in subcutaneous RFID tags for humans and pets.

To help promote the concepts behind the technology, Thompson himself will get an RFID tag implanted under his skin.

Human RFID tags have emerged as one of the more controversial technologies in years. Civil libertarians theorize that the chips will allow governments or corporations to track people's movement and behavior. Some Christians have said the chips are so evil they fulfill a biblical prophecy about satanic influences.

Advocates, on the other hand, say the chips will contain personal information that will help medical professionals and others provide emergency treatment. The chip provides a form of identification that's tough to lose. By clicking the number found on the chip into a password-restricted database, paramedics can get an accident victim's medical history in the field. (One of VeriChip's scientists came up with the idea of using the company's pet RFID tags on people after watching rescue workers struggle to find the missing after the Sept. 11 tragedy.)

Prisons and jails are also experimenting with RFID bracelets and continual tracking to reduce inmate violence.

"We are all well aware of the need to enhance Information Technology in healthcare," Thompson said in a prepared statement. "It is my belief that VeriChip is an important and secure means of accessing medical records and other information. I look forward to working with the company as it continues its growth."

(http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5793685.html) Link - ZD Net

TOMMY THOMPSON: THE "CHIPPER" PRESIDENT?, on: 2007/7/5 23:25

TOMMY THOMPSON: THE "CHIPPER" PRESIDENT?

Election Bid Raises Specter of RFID Implant Threat

Former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson is considering a run for president in 2008, a move that should spark alarm among those familiar with Thompson's calls for widespread RFID chipping of Americans. The authors of "Spychips," Dr. Katherine Albrecht and Liz McIntyre, who closely monitor the RFID industry, caution that his position on the Board of the VeriChip Corporation and his stock options in the company make Thompson one of the most dangerous figures in American politics today.

As head of Health and Human Services, Thompson oversaw the scandal-ridden FDA when it approved the VeriChip as a medical device. Shortly after leaving his cabinet post, he joined the board of the VeriChip Corporation and wasted no time in using his clout to promote the company's glass encapsulated RFID tags. These tags are injected into human flesh to uniquely number and identify people.

In public appearances, Thompson has suggested implanting the microchips into Americans to link to their electronic medical records. "It's very beneficial and it's going to be extremely helpful and it's a giant step forward to getting what we call an electronic medical record for all Americans," he told CBS MarketWatch in July 2005. He also suggested implanting military personnel with the chips to replace dog tags.

Thompson's desire to run for president is not mere speculation. Media outlets in his home state of Wisconsin, where he served four terms as governor, have confirmed Thompson is laying the foundation for a presidential bid. His wife Sue Ann has told reporters that the family has discussed his candidacy and that "He should give it a try. He's got a lot of good ideas." Thompson himself has stated, "There's no question I'm interested."

Thompson is considered a long-shot for the Republican nomination, but his influence shouldn't be discounted, says McIntyre. "Despite his folksy manner, he's a savvy politician whose Washington connections run deep, and he's got a vested interest in chipping America." She points out that Thompson has an option on more than 150,000 shares of VeriChip stock.

Right now those options aren't worth much. Security flaws and public squeamishness have hurt the company's sales, resulting in losses of millions of dollars.

"It will take a considerable shift in public perception to chip enough Americans to turn all that red ink to black," Albrecht observes. "It concerns us that Thompson would have a financial interest in having people roll up their sleeves while aiming for such an influential office."

Ironically, Thompson himself has not yet received a microchip implant despite what must be extraordinary pressure from the VeriChip Corporation. He made a promise to do so on national television over a year ago.

"Given the unpopularity of the VeriChip and people's concern it could be abused, Thompson has been wise to avoid getting chipped himself," says Albrecht. "Getting chipped would be political suicide for any politician. Even if he remains chip-free as we hope, the American people should still be wary of him."

(<http://www.spychips.com/press-releases/tommy-thompson-pres-bid.html>) Link - www.Spychips.com

Re: Pres. Tommy Thompson? Election Bid Raises Specter of RFID Implant Threat, on: 2007/7/7 0:30

Tommy Thompson and the Council on National Policy

Corporate Connections

"The former Wisconsin governor was forced to sell his stock in drugmakers Merck and Abbott Laboratories once he was confirmed as health and human services secretary. But he reportedly kept the \$15,000 to \$50,000 worth of stock he owned in AOL Time Warner and General Electric because they weren't considered a conflict of interest. Thompson also raised some eyebrows over his close relationship with Philip Morris. He sold his stock in the tobacco giant (worth between \$15,000 and \$50,000), but as governor, he accepted more than \$72,000 in campaign donations from the company, according to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. Philip Morris also subsidized a number of Thompson's international trips to promote free trade. Thompson was appointed to the board of Amtrak by former Presidents Bush and Clinton. Amtrak regularly fights for increased government funding, despite Congress' request that the railroad wean itself from governm

ent subsidies." Source: OpenSecrets.org.

Profiles

"Former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson is a member of the Council for National Policy, a secretive right-wing group that meets to set strategy for their movement. CNP's membership roster includes prominent politicians like Senate Majority leader Trent Lott as well as Religious Right leaders Gary Bauer, James Dobson, Jerry Falwell, Ralph Reed, and Pat Robertson." --People for the American Way.

http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Tommy_G._Thompson#Controversy

The Council for National Policy is a secretive forum that was formed in 1981 by Tim LaHaye as a networking tool for leading US conservative political leaders, financiers and religious right activist leaders. The group, which meets three times a year, promotes "Educational conferences for national leaders in the fields of business, government, religion and academia to explore national policy alternatives. Weekly newsletters are distributed to all members to keep them apprised of member activities and public policy issues. A semi-annual journal is produced from membership meeting speeches,"

According to ABC News, "The CNP describes itself as a counterweight against liberal domination of the American agenda." The "far right's answer to the Council on Foreign Relations" (Washington Babylon)

Others are not so kind to the organization and its motives. Mark Crispin Miller states that the CNP is a "highly secretive... a theocratic organization -- what they want is basically religious rule."

The Center for Religion, Ethics and Social Policy at Cornell University considers the Council for National Policy a leading force in the Dominionist movement. TheocracyWatch, a CRESP project, describes it as "an umbrella organization of right-wing leaders who gather regularly to plot strategy, share ideas and fund causes and candidates to advance the theocratic agenda." Southeastern Louisiana University philosophy professor Barbara Forrest says of the Council for National Policy "The CNP membership also includes a sizeable segment of Christian Reconstructionists: 'Reconstructionists espouse a radical theology that calls for trashing the U.S. Constitution and replacing it with the harsh legal code of the Old Testament. They advocate the death penalty for adulterers, blasphemers, incorrigible teen-agers, gay people, 'witches' and those who worship 'false gods'."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_for_National_Policy

The Council for National Policy (CNP) was founded in 1981 when Timothy LaHaye (author of the Left Behind series) became the organization's first president. LaHaye is credited with the idea of the organization. The CNP has been cloaked in secrecy since its inception. The organization holds three meetings each year to plan the strategy for implementing its agenda. The activists meet with their financial backers who put up the money to execute the agenda of the institution. The membership list and any speeches made to the members are kept in strict secrecy. White House officials have appeared before the group, including President Bush, but their remarks have been held in secrecy. The Yurica Report obtained a list of members from several years prior that reveal the heavy weights in the Christian and hard right dominionist movement. Here is a sample: Gary Bauer, Pat Boone, Grover Norquist, Dr. Gary North and R. J. Rushdoony, (North's father-in-law, the founder of the Christian Reconstructionist and Dominionist movement), Lt. Col. Oliver North, Pat Robertson, James Robinson, Howard J. Ruff, Nelson Bunker Hunt, Howard Ahmanson, Jr., Phyllis Schlafly, Bob Jones, III, Jack Kemp, Alan Keyes, Dr. James Kennedy, Beverly LaHaye, Tim LaHaye, Marlin Maddoux, Peter Marshall, Jr., Dr. James Dobson, Jeffrey Coors, Joseph Coors, Bill Bright, Major General John K. Singlaub, Lt. General Gordon Sumner, Jerry Falwell, Father Charles Fiore, Alan Gottlieb, Lt. General Daniel O. Graham, Edwin Meese, Paul Weyrich, John W. Whitehead, Rev. Donald Wildmon, Pierre du Pont, Ann Drexel, Arnaud de Borchgrave, Richard DeVos, Terry Dolan, Sen. William Dannemeyer, Jesse Helms, etc.

<http://www.yuricareport.com/Dominionism/TheDespoilingOfAmerica.htm#anchor698689>

CNP members are found in Christian organizations encompassing James Dobson's Focus on the Family, Bill Bright's Campus Crusade for Christ and its many branches, Robert Weiner's Maranatha shepherding group, Gideons, Youth for Christ, World Vision, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Billy Graham Evangelical Assoc., Intercessors for America, International Charismatic Bible Ministries, National Evangelical Assoc., National Religious Broadcasters Assoc., Promise Keepers and many more.

Secret Society - 6 pages

<http://www.alternet.org/story/21372/>

The Council on National Policy

Should Christian Leaders Be Involved?

By Al Cronkrite

The Covenant News ~

<http://www.covenantnews.com/cronkrite050113.htm>

Re:, on: 2007/7/7 0:50

Corey, you said you're pondering on the other thread, well you're pondering up the right tree.

I found two sites this week, one is from your homeland.

Since we share the interest in Technology & utter stuff, I thought I'd throw 'em at ya.

Thanks for being a good brother to us!

At least you 'care' enough about us to investigate things that may deceive folks and all.

About what I posted just above, I just read that at the "Left Behind Conference" they endorsed getting the chip. Put that together with what I posted above about the CNP and who founded it. :-(

What our neighbors are saying ...

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=region®ionId=1>

Technology and the utter stuff.

Featuring Rev. Reggie Jackson (was he in baseball or football ? Ha, I don't know much about Sports, but the man's preaching against the chip for Biblical reasons. :)

<https://prisonplanet.tv/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=634337b23ffc7824a1b6ec3a0f2df879&board=9.0>

Hold on to your hat or head or right hand. Ha.

Thanks again for caring.

Re:, on: 2007/7/7 4:01

Quote:

-----you said you're pondering on the other thread, well you're pondering up the right tree.

It keeps me up at night >:')

"Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries." (DAN 11:34)

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (REV 12:17)

Quote:

-----At least you 'care' enough about us to investigate things that may deceive folks and all.

It baffles my mind that everyone, including churchgoes, is utterly oblivious to the net closing in around us. And every time I talk about it, no one takes me seriously (being an unchurched ex-bartender and all).

Quote:

-----About what I posted just above, I just read that at the "Left Behind Conference" they endorsed getting the chip.

I'm not surprised in the least the the "Churchian Industrial Complex" is involved. Thanks for the info.

Quote:

-----Hold on to your hat or head or right hand. Ha.

How's about we hold on to the "Arm of the Lord"?

Thanks for the kind words.

As Mohatma Gandhi once said, "Even if you're a minority of one, the truth is still the truth."

Re:, on: 2007/7/7 15:30

Ex-bartenders unite!

So that's what's wrong with us ?

I should have known by some of the comments I get too about Researching ... they sound so much like what I used to hear after a customer had three too many.

I can't help but see the delusion or 'the blinding' as a sort of drunken state.

Reckon that is Scriptural after all. But at least a drunk could sober up much more easily ... it didn't take persecution or worse to straighten them up.

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; *because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

2Th 2:11 *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe THE lie:*

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2Pe 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior:

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

2Pe 3:5 *For this they willingly are ignorant of*, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

As it was in the days of Noah ... he tried telling them for 120 years, so who are two ex-bartenders to complain.

Thanks brother. Rev. 20:4-6 See you then.

Re: not everyone, on: 2007/7/8 10:53

Quote:

-----It baffles my mind that everyone, including churchgoers, is utterly oblivious to the net closing in around us.

I have been watching the CNP for years now, especially when Ted Haggard was "outed", and this unholy union between the very politically powerful "religious right" pastors and republican party, who have used the church for years now as a "base"....that's Karl Rove's own words...the "base". They string together a few hot button issues that they know will rile the average american churchgoer, get their candidate to nod "yes and amen", and then they turn out the "base"...and what do you get?

revival, holiness, righteousness?

no.

You get a bunch of power hungry ideologues trying to wrap Jesus in the American Flag, and I say "watch out". Why do you think these foul jihadists call us "crusaders"? They remember history, they remember how Rome did the exact same thing.

isn't it something, man killing man, in the "name of god"?

But not to worry, Christ FREED us from the bonds of death, they kill your body, so what? There's a Heavenly Jerusalem that awaits. Fear not, fear is THEIR weapon, we embrace Faith, Hope in what we cannot see. Jesus.

Re:, on: 2007/7/8 11:15

LORD Bless you W4Christ - not just for this post on this thread, but others I've been watching you on.

You have much to share, but I found it's best to stay on threads where one can agree ---- 'that' becomes good fellowship and mutually benefitting.

You have much to share, but will be stonemined on threads where there is discord on belief issues.

Let him use you while we still have time to exhort & warn & minister to HIS Saints.

Just an exhortation, not a command from a woman.

His Love.

sister annie

Re: Pres. Tommy Thompson? Election Bid Raises Specter of RFID Implant Threat, on: 2007/7/8 12:18

I will only post this one post (I won't reply, I promise)

Has it been confirmed by the Holy Spirit that this Verichip is the actual mark of the beast that is depicted in Revelation? Or is it still mere speculation? And if confirmed, can you give sources from reputable men and/or women?

I am not mocking, I am asking questions.

Re:, on: 2007/7/8 12:23

Hi Compliments, if you don't believe in a coming anti-Christ, how can we answer you ?

I can only reply as I did to you on the other Chip thread about the "Data-bank" article I posted.

The chip will have all of your data in it ... medical, etc, etc, besides being trackable through GPS.

I don't know what else to say, as I've said, if you don't believe in "that man of perdition" that I posted about on this previous page.

PEACE.
annie

Edit: P.S. WHEN it is the only means by which a man can "buy & sell" will you then maybe change your view. I'm praying for you that you will. With His Love.