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SUBJECT: Use of Apple iPhone

Several months ago the OCIO Cyber Security organization banned the use of the Apple iPhone at USDA. Although the mobile data device is very advanced, it had several security vulnerabilities in the operating software.

The vendor has since corrected the security vulnerabilities on the new G3 iPhone, and this version is now approved for use at USDA.