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UNCLAS PERSONAL FOR COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND OFFICERS IN
CHARGE FROM RADM BROWN

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SUBJ/COMMANDERS ATTENTION IN COMPUTER NETWORKS//

REF/A/GENADMIN/JTF-CNO/131404ZMAY2002/-/NOTAL//

REF/B/GENDAMIN/NCTF-CND/010002ZMAR2002//

REF/C/DOC/ASD (C3I)/25NOV1998//

NARR/REFERENCE (A) IS SAME SUBJECT. REFERENCE (B) IS ALCND 013/20,
JTF-CNO COMMANDERS NETWORK VULNERABILITY ALERT 02-01, SEE

HTTPS://INFOSEC.NAVY.MIL/PUB/CSAWEB/0294.HTML. REFERENCE (C) IS
ASD(C3I) WEB SITE ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SEE

HTTP://NEDS.NEBT.DAPS.MIL/DIRECTIVES/DOD_WEB_POLICY_12071998.PDF.//

RMKS/1. COMMANDER JOINT TASK FORCE - COMPUTER NETWORK OPERATIONS
(JTF-CNO), MGEN. JAMES BRYAN USA, HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT

COMMANDERS ARE TAKING INSUFFICIENT PERSONAL INTEREST IN ENSURING THE
INTEGRITY OF THEIR INFORMATION SYSTEMS. HIS MESSAGE, REFERENCE (A),

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IS QUOTED BELOW. I SHARE HIS OBSERVATIONS AND HIS CONCERNS.

2. EVERY COMMANDER, COMMANDING OFFICER, AND OFFICER IN CHARGE IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING HIS OR HER NETWORKS ARE PROTECTED FROM
ATTACKS. WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN WEB-ENABLING NAVY
BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES, AND MOVING OUR OPERATIONAL
FORCES FORWARD IN REALIZING THE ADVANTAGES OF NETWORK CENTRIC
WARFARE. HOWEVER, WE PLACE THESE ADVANCES IN JEOPARDY BY OUR
INATTENTION TO BASIC SECURITY MEASURES. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY
OF INTRUSIONS INTO NAVY INFORMATION NETWORKS ARE THE RESULT OF
FAILURES TO INSTALL PATCHES THAT WERE DIRECTED BY INFORMATION
ASSURANCE VULNERABILITY ALERT MESSAGES, FAILURES TO SET UP STRONG
PASSWORDS, AND FAILURES TO SET UP SOFTWARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECURITY CONFIGURATION GUIDES APPROVED BY NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
AND/OR SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS COMMAND.

3. COMMANDER JTF-CNO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR THE DISTURBING TREND
IN COMPUTER NETWORK INCIDENTS IN FEBRUARY, WHICH NAVY COMPONENT TASK
FORCE - COMPUTER NETWORK DEFENSE (NCTF-CND) FORWARDED IN REFERENCE
(B) ALONG WITH NAVY OBSERVATIONS. IN THE INTERVENING TEN WEEKS, THE
TREND HAS CONTINUED.

4. YOU ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF
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YOUR INFORMATION SYSTEMS, EVERY BIT AS MUCH AS YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF YOUR SHIPS AND BASES, AND FOR THE

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SAFETY OF YOUR PEOPLE. WHILE OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS RUN OUR NETWORKS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, THE COMMANDER, COMMANDING OFFICER, OR OFFICER IN CHARGE MUST TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THEIR WORK AND GIVE THEM THE TRAINING, TOOLS, AND OVERSIGHT TO DO THE JOB RIGHT. THIS RESPONSIBILITY EXTENDS TO NAVY WEB SITES DESIGNED, DEVELOPED, PROCURED, OR MANAGED CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS, AS IS MADE CLEAR IN REFERENCE (C), PARAGRAPH 2.1 AND 5.5.6.

5. WE NEED TO "TAKE A ROUND TURN" AND GET THIS PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL NOW. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL BRING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO BEAR. RADM N.E. BROWN, USN.

QUOTE:

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FM JTF-CNO WASHINGTON DC

TO [CINCS, SERVICES & AGENCIES ... ORIGINAL ADDRESSEE LIST DELETED]

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SUBJ: COMMANDERS' INTEREST IN COMPUTER NETWORKS (U)

REF A. DIRNSA 241203Z APR 02

REF B. JTF-CNO DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT, 24 APR 02

REF C. CJCSI 6510.01C

REF D. CTO 02-03; AWARENESS AND PREPARATION FOR POTENTIAL CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST DOD NETWORKS, 250308Z APR 02

1. (U) DOD HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING A SERIES OF INTRUSIONS THAT HAVE SET AN ALARMING TREND. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EACH INTRUSION WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD DOD, CJCS, SERVICE POLICIES, JAVA'S AND JTF-CNO CTO'S BEEN IN PLACE. ALL INTRUSIONS WERE PREVENTABLE!

2. (U) IT IS IMPERATIVE COMMANDERS TAKE PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE DEFENSE AND PROTECTION OF THEIR COMPUTER NETWORKS. THESE ARE THE NETWORKS UPON WHICH ALMOST ALL OF YOUR DAILY OPERATIONS ARE DEPENDENT. AN INTRUSION INTO ONE OF THESE NETWORKS CAUSES INFORMATION DELAYS AND INEFFICIENCIES WITHIN YOUR OWN ORGANIZATIONS AND WASTES RESOURCES YOU COULD PUT TO BETTER USE. THIS IS NOT A COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ISSUE BUT AN OPERATIONAL ISSUE, BECAUSE IT EFFECTS YOUR COMMAND'S PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES.

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3. (U) DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INTRUSION, A SIMPLE ACCESS TO AN UNCLASSIFIED NETWORK COULD PLACE OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM AT RISK. WE HAVE VOLUMES OF DATA SHOWING HOW ONE SIMPLE INTRUSION HAS SPREAD TO MULTIPLE NETWORKS AFFECTING SEVERAL COMMANDS. WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE THAT NONE OF THESE INTRUSIONS HAS MOVED BEYOND OUR UNCLASSIFIED NETWORKS. JTF-CNO NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SECURE DOD NETWORKS. FULL COOPERATION AT ALL LEVELS IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A LAYERED AND SOLID DEFENSE.

4. (U) **ALL COMMANDERS/DIRECTORS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE AND PROTECT THEIR NETWORKS FROM**

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ATTACKS. COMPUTER SECURITY IS CRITICAL TO SMOOTH AND CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS.

5. (U) PLEASE ENSURE FULL DISSEMINATION THROUGH YOUR COMMANDERS / DIRECTORS.

6. (U) POINT OF CONTACT: JOINT TASK FORCE WATCH OFFICER

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