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JOINT TASK FORCE-COMPUTER NETWORK DEFENSE

Purpose: To provide XOII with an update on the Joint Task Force-Computer Network Defense (JTF-CND), in preparation for HAC-D skull session

Background: The JCS decided in August 1998 to stand up a strong JTF-CND to coordinate and direct DoD defenses against a computer network attack. The JTF-CND reached IOC on 30 December 1998 with a mix of PCS and TDY personnel developing the JTF's tactics, techniques, and procedures. The JTF should be FOC by June 1999.

Discussion

The JTF-CND's primary jurisdiction will be against strategic computer attacks: those attacks that cross CINC/Service/Agency boundaries or have widespread or critical effects. Per AF insistence, the JTF will have a full-time staff judge advocate and full-time law enforcement/counterintelligence personnel.

The AFFOR-CND will be the AF Computer Emergency Response Team (AFCERT) with the Commander, AF Information Warfare Center (AFIWC/CC) as COMAFFOR-CND. On 28 Jan 99, XOI released a message to the field announcing this and tasking COMAFFOR-CND to develop a CONOP NLT 16 Apr 99 for how AF will conduct CND. The CONOP must be coordinated with Air Staff and MAJCOMs.

The JTF-CND is located at DISA and currently reports to SECDEF. However, CJCS has released a personal message for CINCs and Service Chiefs assigning the JTF-CND to USSPACE, effective 1 Oct 99. In Oct 00, the JTF-CND will expand to include computer network attack, and will be known as JTF-Information Support (JTF-IS). USSPACE must submit a JTF-IS implementation plan to CJCS for approval NLT 14 May 99. It is still undecided if the JTF will physically move from DISA when USSPACE takes control.

The JTF-CND Commander is Maj Gen Campbell, who is dual-hatted as Deputy Director for DISA. Additionally, there are four AF O-4 billets in the JTF-CND, with two currently filled. AFCIC/SYNI is working to find the correct person to fill the 33XX position on the JTF.

JTF-CND is small, approximately 25 billets, and is expecting augmentation from DISA and Guard/Reserve forces to be effective against large-scale computer network attacks.

According to the JTF/J2, AIA's CYBERWATCH office is providing excellent intelligence support.

Air Staff Views

The JTF-CND's first steps have been effective, beginning the long process of coordinated tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) for CND. The procedures to work CND

between JTF-CND and Services and Commands may be rough and acrimonious at first, but should work out given time.

Air Force supports the transfer of the JTF-CND to USSPACE.

Other Service Views

Army, Navy, and Marines are supporting JTF-CND. DEPSECDEF Hamre heavily supports the JTF.

Recommendation: None, for information only

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