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TALKING POINTS

DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY-WIDE POSITION ON THE THREAT TO US COMPUTER SECURITY

Background

- o Multitude of USG and non-USG organizations actively pursuing the "threat" aspect of computer security. No single, unified, coordinated position or set of information.

- o 31 January 1984, DDCI memorandum endorsing IC requirement, under COMPUSEC Project tasking, for development of Community-coordinated pointpaper "as NFIB assessment. . .to brief Congressional staffs during their review of FY 85 NFIP budget. Due date: 15 February 1984.

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- o First draft of threat point paper [redacted] dated 28 Feb., briefed to COMPUSEC ESG, 28 February 1984.(Issue 2)

- o Issue 2 also stated that the IHC should participate, with SECOM, in continuing update of COMPUSEC/COMSEC threat point paper.

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- o D/ICS asked IHC Staff to assist COMPUSEC Project Director in paper's refinement. [redacted] is principal IHC POC.

Near Term Actions

- o Get most authoritative, up-to-date information for point paper, coordinate informally in Community, get D/ICS and DD/ICS approval.

- o Send out under DDCI's signature to Community principals for coordination, comments.

- o Send Community Coordinated threat point paper to DCI for approval/signature and issuance to Community as official DCI Community position on threat to US computer security, to be used in preparation of briefings and reports, thus making for consistent set of data throughout the Community

Longer Term Actions

- o For the present, responsibility to lead in Community vulnerabilities and threat work will continue to rest with the ICS IHC.

- o IHC also responsible for obtaining latest information on threat and a current and historical library of computer security theat documents/briefings produced by various elements of the Intelligence Community.

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