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MEMORANDUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS
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UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE
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FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of BRAC-Related Databases and Information

As you know, the Department has provided to the BRAC Commission and Congress the BRAC-related information required by statute to be delivered within seven days of the delivery of its recommendations to the Commission and Congress on 13 May 2005. All such information was included in Volume 1 of the BRAC report. Additionally, the Department has provided Volumes 2 through 12 of the BRAC report and the 222 recommendation binders to the Commission and the Congress.

As with prior BRAC rounds, we will follow up our initial submissions by providing to the Commission and Congress the remaining BRAC-related information. Different from prior BRAC rounds is the sheer volume, level of detail, and electronic form of data that were collected. Just in terms of volume, it is vastly larger than in any previous BRAC. As in prior rounds, we must review that data to identify any classified information so it may be handled appropriately by the BRAC Commission and the Congress.

At our security review meeting on 24 May 2005, we discussed the need to protect BRAC information that standing alone, or in aggregation, would cause serious damage to national security if known by U.S. adversaries. Because of the difficulty in extracting such classified / sensitive information from the large BRAC databases, I am temporarily classifying all of the subject databases and information contained therein, less the BRAC questions themselves, at the Secret Formerly Restricted Data level. The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Network and Information Integration shall provide additional guidance on information security and network security.

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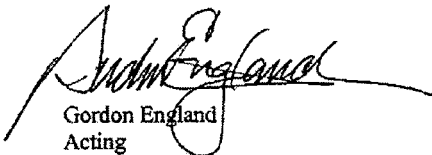


The Department will set up by COB 31 May 2005 in the Polk office building in Crystal City, where the BRAC Commission is located, a secure room in which Commission and Congressional personnel with SECRET clearances can access the BRAC databases. To accomplish this objective, the Military Departments will each provide to Washington Headquarters Services on 27 May five computers, each loaded with their Department's searchable BRAC databases. Databases will remain classified and handled accordingly. The Military Departments shall perform initial set up and provide a point of contact for any subsequent technical support required. Additionally, the Military Department BRAC offices will provide knowledgeable individuals to provide administrative support and to assist the Commission staff in accessing their databases. The computers and components provided shall be returned to the owner when no longer required to support BRAC. Director, Administration and Management, in coordination with the Office of Legislative Affairs, will be prepared to establish secure BRAC reading rooms at the Senate and House of Representatives.

Each of the Military Departments will establish in their BRAC office spaces an OPSEC / Security team to review and assess all BRAC-related information residing in their databases. The review will assess the security and OPSEC implications and segregate out any sensitive or classified information. The National Security Agency (NSA) will provide an OPSEC technical advisor to each Military Department team. After segregating and removing the classified / sensitive information, Military Department Secretaries will certify to the Deputy Secretary of Defense by 3 June 2005 that their residual BRAC database is unclassified and does not pose any OPSEC vulnerabilities.

The Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review (OFOISR), Washington Headquarters Service, and the BRAC clearing house will continue to be the central release authority for all BRAC information, including those releases to the BRAC Commission and Congress.

The Director of Administration and Management will make available resources necessary to support this effort within existing but unobligated funds allocated for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.


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