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SUBJECT: The Definition of "Cyberspace"

Consistent with the definition of "cyberspace" provided in National Security Presidential Directive-54 / Homeland Security Presidential Directive-23 (Cybersecurity Policy (U)), January 8, 2008, the Department of Defense will use the following definition of "cyberspace" until further notice.

***cyberspace:** a global domain within the information environment consisting of the interdependent network of information technology infrastructures, including the Internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers.*

Because all Combatant Commands, Military Departments, and other Defense Components need the ability to operate unhindered in cyberspace, the domain does not fall within the purview of any one particular Department or Component. This definition will serve as the foundation upon which the Department will further mature this warfighting domain.

In order to man, train and equip the forces, and mature our capabilities to operate in cyberspace, a further clarifying definition of what constitutes operations in cyberspace is needed. OUSD(Policy) and Joint Staff will lead an effort to define operations in cyberspace and provide the office a recommendation within 60 days.



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