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Reid, Donald R

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From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 8:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Donovan, Patrick D
Subject: FW: Recap - Meeting re: Blackberries

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

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[redacted]...the coordination and planning for yesterday's meeting did not anticipate the need for S/EX representation...this discussion with Cheryl Mills that was prompted by NSA has raised a host of related issues...mostly in the category of what has S and her staff been briefed on with respect to travel and technology vulnerabilities?...

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DS intends to follow-up on this particular

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More generally on the issue of Blackberries in the Mahogany Row, we will be working with NSA on a set of possible options to meet S and others requirements...there certainly will be costs associated with anything that get implemented...

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 4:01 PM
To: Ashbery, Wayne; Dinger, John R; Boswell, Eric J; [redacted] Reid, Donald R; Starr, Greg; [redacted]
Donovan, Patrick D; Wisecarver, Charles D; Stanley, Gary A;
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ACTION:

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SUMMARY:

-Premeeeting: at the premeeting, attendees determined that not enough specifics were known about the requirement to jump right in with a discussion and that Ms. Mills should be invited to describe the requirement for the group at the start of the meeting. In addition, it was agreed that this was not a decision meeting; rather, a discussion and information gathering meeting to enable everyone to a) better understand the requirement, b) better understand some of the vulnerabilities, mitigations, costs (in terms of functionality lost, time needed to develop solutions, etc.) associated with the requirement, and c) determine how to move forward.

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-Meeting: Ms. Mills described the requirement as chiefly driven by Secretary Clinton, who does not use standard computer equipment but relies exclusively on her Blackberry for e-mailing and remaining in contact on her schedule, etc. Ideally all members of her suite would be allowed to use Blackberries for communication in the SCIF; [redacted]

[redacted] was not the primary driver, but if possible would be a plus.

When the vulnerabilities were described, Ms. Mills quickly focused on the main obstacle to using Blackberries in SCIFs

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Further discussion indicated that some mitigations, [redacted] would remove the very functionality desired [redacted] while others might take time to develop. Ms. Mills has witnessed use of Blackberries in other sensitive (but perhaps not SCIFed) spaces; she asked some excellent questions

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about what might be possible and prudent. She also asked about precedent; former Secretary Rice had received waivers for her staff; however, use expanded to an unmanageable number of users from a security perspective, so those waivers were phased out and Blackberry use was not allowed in her Suite.

Ms. Mills asked about the President's Blackberry and whether the information about that was compartmented; she understands that she cannot be given information about the specifics.

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I left out many details – I invite any of you to share your perspective, your key takeaways, your different take on the meeting – or to ask any questions – important thing is that everyone agree that I captured the action and deliverable accurately, and that everyone now know what the requirement really is – if I have failed in either of those regards, PLEASE do NOT hesitate to correct or question!

All the best, and thanks again to all who participated in what I believe was a very productive and useful meeting of the minds.

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Attendees:

STATE DEPARTMENT:

- Cheryl Mills, Chief of Staff to S
- John Dinger, Acting A/S for INR
- [Redacted] Chief Information Officer
- Charlie Wisecarver, Chief Technology Officer
- Pat Donovan, DAS for DS/Countermeasures
- Don Reid, Assistant Director for DS/Security Infrastructure
- Wayne Ashbery, Director, Office of Security Technology
- [Redacted] Director, Office of Information Security

NSA:

- [Redacted] Chief, Vulnerability Analysis and Op
- [Redacted] Chief Systems Engineer, Systems Security
- [Redacted] Chief, Systems and Network Analysis Center
- [Redacted] SNAC/Network Infrastructure
- [Redacted] Senior NSA Liaison Rep to State Dept

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