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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Information Management (IM) Policy 25-08, Information Assurance Vulnerability Alert (IAVA)

1. REFERENCE. Message, DA Washington DC//DACS-ZB//, 151830Z MAR 00, subject: Information Assurance Vulnerability Alert (IAVA) Compliance.

2. PURPOSE. To insure installation compliance with Army Computer Emergency Response Team (ACERT) issued IAVA requirements for securing systems and networks.

3. SCOPE. This policy applies to all organizations and units located on or supported by Fort Sam Houston (FSH), Camp Bullis, and Camp Stanley, and that have connectivity to the installation network managed by the Information Technology Business Center (ITBC). This policy applies to both government owned and leased automation equipment.

4. BACKGROUND. During a cyber war between Chinese and U.S. hackers in the first two weeks of May 2001, Defense networks were scanned (the net equivalent of a recon patrol) more than two million times. Over 50 Army web pages were defaced by this automated attack. Fortunately, the payload on this "worm" was relatively benign, but next time it could be much more destructive. All these recent defacements were successful because published fixes identified in IAVA were not in place on the hacked machines.

5. POLICY. I have charged the ITBC with tracking the compliance of IAVA messages on FSH. Commanders who cannot comply with ACERT issued IAVA requirements for securing their systems or networks will disconnect from all networks and operate in stand-alone mode or shut down the vulnerable systems and networks until corrective actions have been applied.

6. This policy will be reviewed 1 year from the implementation date.

7. The point of contact is Mr. Ralph Coogan, Information Assurance Manager, ITBC, at 221-8639, or email address Ralph.Coogan@us.army.mil.

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