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REFER TO:

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15 October 2001

Epic.org
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Washington, DC 20009
ATTN: Roia Shefayee

RE: FOIA 01-162

Dear Ms. Shefayee:

The enclosed information is provided pursuant to Section 10 (b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. For convenience, it is provided directly rather than making it available for copying.

The press release from BNA that formed the basis of your request for information was partly in error. There was no representative from the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) at the press conference and the committee has taken no position on any specific piece of legislation. The committee has however addressed possible impediments to information sharing related to critical infrastructure.

Provided herein are copies of all documents submitted to the NSTAC for the previous two meetings of the committee, May 2000 and June 2001. Also provided are copies of letters from NSTAC to the President dated August 7, 2000 and June 28, 2001.

For your information, the NSTAC maintains a website at www.ncs.gov.nstac/nstac.htm.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Robin M. Berger, FOIA Officer, on (703) 607-6515.

Sincerely,

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ROBIN M. BERGER
DISA FOIA CONTROL OFFICER

Enclosure



NATIONAL SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 7, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) met on May 16, 2000. We addressed national security and emergency preparedness issues for our nation's telecommunications infrastructure and related information systems. Your attention is requested to effect action on one major issue that surfaced.

To properly protect our critical national infrastructure and respond to attacks in a timely manner, private entities must be able to freely exchange critical infrastructure protection information with each other and the government. Real or perceived, barriers to sharing must be removed. Among those barriers are the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and potential legal liabilities.

In this regard, we understand Congressional action is imminent. Therefore, in advance of our meeting report, we urge you to support legislation similar to the Y2K Information and Readiness Disclosure Act that would protect CIP information voluntarily shared with the Government from disclosure under FOIA and limit liability. Your support will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Van B. Honeycutt
Chairman

cc: The Vice-President
Secretary of Defense
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Counter-terrorism
Manager, National Communications System
NSTAC Members
NSTAC Industry Executive Subcommittee Members



NATIONAL SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 28, 2001

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It was a great pleasure for the members of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) to meet with you and Vice President Cheney at the White House on June 6. Your participation in this meeting was a significant signal to the NSTAC of the Administration's commitment to the national security and emergency preparedness of our Nation. Your attention is requested to effect action on one major issue that surfaced.

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Daniel P. Burnham
Chair

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Joseph P. Nacchio
Vice Chair

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