(U//FOUO) Upcoming OPSEC Training Opportunities

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(U//FOUO) Hello again from the SID OPSEC world. By now everyone has heard of OPSEC in some shape or form and has even mastered the OPSEC 1301 course. We want to thank everyone involved for taking the time to complete this course and to those who provided their technical expertise and efforts where VuPort was concerned. We would also like to encourage you to continue to learn more about OPSEC.

(U//FOUO) On September 12, 2001, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul D. Wolfowitz challenged each of us with the immediate need to protect sensitive information and the importance of both understanding and applying the process of OPSEC across the Department of Defense. His challenge to the workforce was to:

- Make OPSEC a priority.
- Integrate OPSEC into training and awareness programs.
- Ensure that force protection and operations planners are capable of recognizing the risks associated with compromising critical information and countermeasures needed to mitigate those risks.
- Continually assess your ability to apply appropriate OPSEC practices to your daily mission.

(U//FOUO) Why is it important that we learn about OPSEC??

(U//FOUO) Operations Security is a tool that our adversaries believe in, and one that we as government employees need to understand and integrate into our daily routine. Our work is information, and not all of it is classified. We don't always realize how much we are giving away by our predictable behavior, casual conversations, routines and other Internet information. We must be careful of what we are revealing - failure to do so could provide our adversaries with the information they need to execute additional terrorist acts.

(U//FOUO) The Director of Signals Intelligence expects all civilian, military, and contractor personnel within the Signals Intelligence Directorate stationed at NSA or the field to integrate OPSEC into all daily SID activities. This applies also to support organizations whose activities impact SID operations.

(U//FOUO) Listed below are upcoming training opportunities that could help you to understand more about OPSEC:

- **18-19 February 2004 - OPSEC 2330 - Threat Research for OPSEC**
IOSS (Interagency OPSEC Support Staff), Greenbelt, MD
Registration through NCS

- **1-5 March 2004 - OPSEC 2380 OPSEC Practitioner's Course**
IOSS, Greenbelt, MD
Registration through NCS

- **8-11 March 2004 - OPSEC 2390 - OPSEC Program Manager's Course**
IOSS, Greenbelt, MD
Registration through NCS

- **5 April 2004 - OPSEC 1300 - OPSEC Fundamentals Course**
IOSS, Greenbelt, MD
Registration through NCS

- **14-15 April 2004 - OPSE 2350 OPSEC and Web Vulnerability**
IOSS, Greenbelt, MD
Registration through NCS

- **7-11 June 2004 National OPSEC Conference & Exhibition**
Baltimore, MD
Fee: TBD
Registration: Nieto Engineering, Inc., ███████████

(U//FOUO) For further information on these and other upcoming training opportunities, please see the IOSS web site ("go ioss").

(U//FOUO) If you have any questions, please contact your SID OPSEC Program Managers, ███████████ and ███████████ on ███████████.

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