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Mr. Rob Rosenberger  
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Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

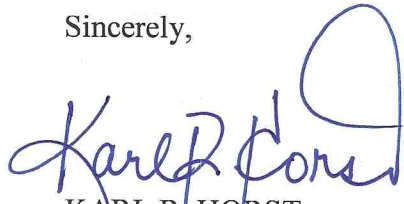
This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requesting a copy of a CENTCOM's Chief of Staff Memorandum dated September 28, 2011, titled "Commander's Program to Eliminate Network Security Violations."

A thorough and good-faith search for information was conducted and one responsive document was located. After conducting a thorough review of the document, I am partially releasing the information to you. The information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority, by withholding this information, I am partially denying your request. Fees were not assessed for your request. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 12-0132, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact USCENTCOM Requester Service Center at (813) 529-6683, [foiaoffice@centcom.mil](mailto:foiaoffice@centcom.mil), and refer to FOIA case #12-0132.

Sincerely,

  
KARL R. HORST  
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Enclosure:

1. Commanders Program to Eliminate Network Security Violations



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To: USCENTCOM Component and JTF Commanders

Subject: Commanders Program to eliminate network security violations

1. **PURPOSE.** To implement a Commander's program to eliminate network security violations represented by Negligent Discharges of Classified Information (NDCIs) and Cross Domain Violations (CDVs).

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy applies to all Service Component and JTF Commands in the USCENTCOM AOR.

3. **POLICY.**

**A. DEFINITION.** Network security violations include a broad-category of events that include, but are not limited to:

- The mishandling or exposure of classified information on lower classified networks
- Improper or unauthorized data transfers between systems or networks reported as Cross Domain Violations (CDVs)
- Attempts to use or attach equipment or devices not authorized for connection to DoD or USCENTCOM networks
- Unauthorized attempts to access, collect or harvest data for which an individual is not cleared
- Any deliberate attempts to circumvent network access controls designed to protect sensitive or classified information

**B. BACKGROUND.** Our security is being compromised by an increasing number of network security violations which indicates a command-wide lack of understanding of the threats associated with improper handling of classified information on computer systems. The exposure of our sensitive and classified information puts the mission at risk and interrupts the continuity and capability of our networks. In addition to mission risk, countless man-hours are diverted for investigations and mitigation efforts. This is unnecessary risk and an unacceptable loss of service that is completely avoidable.

**C. TRAINING.** Effective immediately, commands will develop and implement a more rigorous training program that outlines the threats, risks, mission impacts, and costs associated with the various types of network security violations. For each violation, the offender, and the chain of command up to the O-6 level, will be required to take the course of instruction. The supervisor will reply by endorsement when the training has

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