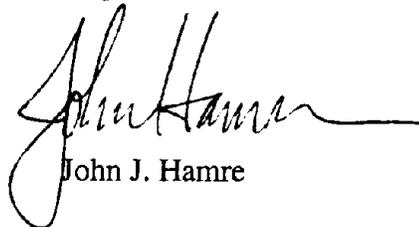


In order to identify the DoD PKI requirements, ensure interoperability with the PKI efforts of today, and to avoid stovepipe development activities, I have requested DISA to obtain input from each of you. The result of this survey, the long-term direction of the DoD PKI, and an interim DoD PKI solution will be the topic of a PKI and Digital Signature Symposium jointly hosted by DISA and NSA during the next few months. This symposium will be directed at the Principal Staff Assistants or designated Program Managers at the O6 level.

DISA's solicitation of your input will begin within the next couple of weeks. Please provide your full cooperation and prompt response. We value your input and expect the results to assist our efforts in protecting the Department's infrastructure, systems and data.

In approximately two weeks from the date of this memorandum, I will have my secretary arrange for a meeting with DISA to obtain a status report on how this effort is proceeding.



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Attachments