Protecting US Military’s Technical Advantage: Assessing the Impact of Compromised Unclassified Controlled Technical Information

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These are Not Cooperative R&D Efforts

China’s J-31

Russia’s A-50

U.S. REAPER

China’s Yilóng-1

U.S. HUMVEE

U.S. E-3C

Russia’s A-50

China’s Dongfeng EQ2050
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Significant DoD Losses

Bulk of DoD technical data resides on unclassified non-DoD networks

- As we moved to a world where data is both developed and conveyed electronically, traditional physical security concepts and constructs are no longer valid.

DIB CS/IA DAMAGE ASSESSMENT NOMINATIONS
- More than 10% assessed as serious

Assessed Risk Summary

DoD has only assessed a small amount of the compromised DIB data

Cyber is not the only exploit....

- Joint Ventures
- Export Violations
- Insider Threats
- Academic Exchanges
- Others

Requires an all source look to fully comprehend the impact
DoD Efforts to Address DIB Cyber Intrusions

• In 2007 DoD launched the Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity/Information Assurance (DIB CS/IA) program
  – Voluntary program enables Government-Industry threat information sharing, industry cyber incident reporting, and damage assessment of information losses
  – Currently 128 partners and ~125,000 threat information products shared
  – DIB Enhanced Cybersecurity Services (DECS) provides additional engagement with commercial service providers

• DFARS 252.204-7012 published Nov 18, 2013 requires mandatory reporting of compromised Unclassified Controlled Technical Information
  – Required reporting within 72 hours of discovery of any reportable cyber incident
  – Reportable cyber incidents include:
    o A cyber incident involving possible exfiltration, manipulation, or other loss or compromise of any unclassified controlled technical information resident on or transiting through Contractor’s, or its subcontractors’, unclassified information systems.

• DFARS 252.204-7012 updated with interim rule on August 26, 2015 to address safeguarding of Covered defense INFORMATION
  – Covered defense INFORMATION includes
    o Controlled Technical Information
    o Critical information (operations security)
    o Export control
  – Enables submission of the malicious software associated with the cyber incident to DoD (if the contractor discovers and is able to isolate)
  – Does NOT enable Government - Industry threat information sharing
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Addressing the Loss of CTI

Risk = $f(\text{threat, vulnerabilities, consequences})$

Goals:

• **Enable information-sharing, collaboration, analysis, and risk management between acquisition and IC, CI, and LE**
  – Connect the dots in the risk function (map blue priorities, overlay red threat activities, warn of consequences)

• **Integrate existing acquisition, IC, CI, and LE information to connect the dots in the risk function - linking blue priorities with adversary targeting and activity**
  – Cyber is a key data source, but many other sources and methods are relevant (e.g., HUMINT, joint ventures, etc.)

• **Focus precious resources**

• **Speed discovery and improve reaction time**

• **Ultimately, evolve to a more proactive posture**
DoD Policy

- **Cyber:** Defense Cyber Strategy, April 23, 2015:
  - “DoD will establish a Joint Acquisition Protection and Exploitation Cell (JAPEC)…”
  - DoD will conduct comprehensive risk and damage assessments of cyber espionage and theft to inform requirements, acquisition, programmatic, and counterintelligence courses of action.

- **Acquisition:** Better Buying Power 3.0, April 9, 2015

- **Intelligence:** Consolidated Intelligence Guidance (FY17-21), June 6, 2015
  - Planning and Programming Guidance for the National Intelligence Program and the Military Intelligence Program

"ASD(R&E) and the Services, with USD(I), Defense Security Service (DSS), CI0, and DIA will develop and demonstrate a process to link counterintelligence, law enforcement, and acquisition activities by establishing a joint analysis capability to improve enterprise protection of classified and unclassified technical information."

-- USD(AT&L), BBP 3.0 Implementation Instructions, April 9, 2015
The Joint Acquisition and Protection Cell (JAPEC) integrates and coordinates analysis to enable Controlled Technology Information (CTI) protection efforts across the DoD enterprise to proactively mitigate future losses, and exploit opportunities to deter, deny, and disrupt adversaries that may threaten US military advantage.
JAPEC: Integrating Analysis Done at the Enterprise-Level

JAPEC

Other Agencies
- AT&L
- OSD CI/LE
- DoD R&D
- USD(I)

Army
- Army PEOs
- Army CI/LE
- Army DAMO
- Army Intel

USAF
- USAF PEOs
- Air Force CI/LE
- USAF DAMO
- AF Intel

Navy
- Navy PEOs
- Navy CI/LE
- Navy DAMO
- Navy R&D
- Navy Intel

Shared Data Repository and Analytics

National Intel (DIA, NSA, CIA)
- Characterize adversary targeting and intent
- Characterize adversary acquisition programs and associated technology gaps
- Characterize indigenous production capability
- Characterize adversary current performance capability

Red Technology
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Red Activity
- Detection and reporting of adversary activity within the supply chain
- Identification of the actions involved
- Forensic analysis to determine the extent of data loss
- Generate suspicious contact reports and intelligence incident reports

Integrated Analysis (DAMO)
- Synchronize activities and correlate results

Blue Technology
- Identification of the critical underlying technologies
- Characterization of the supply chain supporting the critical technologies
- Assessment of the consequence to the mission of compromise
- Identification of additional programs that also use the critical technologies
- Reduction of the cost of technologies being used

COCOMs

National CI/LE (FBI)

OSD
- DAMO

Army
- DAMO

Navy
- DAMO

Air Force
- DAMO

Other Agencies
- AT&L
- OSD CI/LE
- DoD R&D
- USD(I)
Damage Assessment Focus

• **Damage Assessment** focuses on determining the impact of compromised CTI, NOT on the mechanism of cyber intrusion.

  Does this information enable an adversary to:
  - Clone reverse engineer;
  - Counter counter; or
  - Kill defeat US capability?

• **Assessment not possible without access to compromised material:**
  - Addressed in regulatory activities

• **Purpose of resulting assessment:**
  - Trigger action across the linked communities (Acquisition, IC, CI, and LE)
Case Study: Failure to Protect

USS Sturgeon Class

Soviet Victor III

Circumvention of protection schemes enabled parity
Tunable Response Options

• **Acquisition**
  – Contract language
  – Threat education
  – Make program adjustments
    o E.g., accelerate alternative technologies
  – Develop in classified environment

• **CIO / Network Security**
  – Tiered IT security controls (e.g. isolated networks, commercial encryption, etc.)

• **Counterintelligence**
  – Awareness training for programs (DIB and Government Program Offices)
  – Incident investigations
  – Focused CI support to security programs

• **Intelligence Community**
  – Focused collection

• **Requirements Community**
  – Revise requirements based on change in threat

• **Warfighter**
  – Accept greater mission risk
  – Update Tactics/Techniques/Procedures (TTPs)
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DIB Role

• Ensure appropriate action when CTI compromise occurs:
  – Communicate with your stakeholders (e.g. program office, security (physical, network), contracts)

• Provide compromised data to the DoD in an expeditious manner
  – Compromise is not the same as Exfiltration

• Work with DoD to recommend alternate protection measures

• Consider joining the DIB CS program:
  – Enables Government to Industry information sharing
  – Apply to the DIB CS program at http://dibnet.dod.mil/

• Maintain an open dialogue with all the protection stakeholders
  – Counterintelligence, Law Enforcement, Network Security, etc.

The DIB is a critical partner in preventing unauthorized access to precious U.S. intellectual property by adversaries
Questions

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