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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY  
AND LOGISTICS  
DIRECTOR, COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NETWORK  
INTEGRATION AND INFORMATION/CHIEF INFORMATION  
OFFICER

SUBJECT: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Networks Integration and Information  
Disestablishment

In December 2010, I tentatively agreed to a conceptual approach that involves transferring significant responsibility for the operation of the DoD information network from Networks Integration and Information (NII)/Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) to CYBERCOM. However, after reviewing the Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) memorandum dated February 11, 2011, I recognize there are a number of significant policy, operational and practical concerns with shifting DISA to CYBERCOM that no longer make it a viable approach.

To this end, I believe the best course for the Department is to return to the original goal of disestablishing NII into a smaller and more focused and strengthened Chief Information Officer (CIO) office that has a strong relationship between DISA and CYBERCOM and achieves savings from eliminating functions that are duplicative or no longer necessary. As such, I approve Option 1 of your February 11, 2011, memorandum.

In light of my decision, I direct the CIO, in coordination with CAPE, develop an implementation plan for the disestablishment of NII by September 30, 2011, to include the following:

- Greater efficiencies through the elimination and consolidation of functions;
- The transfer of a portion of NII's Deputate for Command, Control, Communications, Space, and Spectrum, which is responsible for Netcentricity, Command and Control, and Major Automated Information System Acquisition Oversight, to the Office of the Under Secretary of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics as referenced in TAB B of CAPE's February 11, 2011, memorandum as well as the associated efficiencies that will result;
- A CIO Directive that has been revised as necessary to ensure compliance with my decision; and,
- A stronger relationship and clearer delineation of responsibilities between CIO, DISA, and CYBERCOM, consistent with my decision to retain responsibility for DISA within CIO.

cc:  
Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

