



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL on INTEGRITY & EFFICIENCY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL on INTEGRITY & EFFICIENCY



March 21, 2001

Mr. Richard A. Clarke
National Coordinator
Security, Infrastructure Protection and Counter-Terrorism
The White House
Washington DC 20504

Dear Mr. Clarke:

The President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) recently completed Phase I of a four-phase review of Federal agencies' implementation of Presidential Decision Directive (PDD) 63. PDD 63 calls for assuring the security of the nation's critical infrastructures. Under this Directive, the United States is expected to take all necessary measures to swiftly eliminate any significant vulnerability to both physical and cyber attacks on the nation's critical infrastructures.

Our overall objective was to review the adequacy of the Federal Government's critical infrastructure protection program relative to the PDD 63 requirements. In Phase I, we reviewed the planning and assessment activities for cyber-based infrastructures. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), led the review of 21 participating OIGs. All participants either have or will be issuing individual reports to their respective departments or agencies.

In short, the Federal Government can improve its PDD 63 planning and assessment activities for cyber-based critical infrastructures. The OIG reports issued to date present findings that, collectively, question the government's ability to achieve the required full operating capability by May 22, 2003. Key factors impacting the implementation of PDD 63 are listed below and discussed in more detail in the attached report:

- Misunderstanding as to the applicability of PDD 63.
- Imprecise performance measures.
- Untimely identification of critical infrastructures.
- Lack of coordinated management of PDD 63 requirements.
- Failure to advance beyond the planning phase.

We appreciate your consideration of these matters. If you have any questions or comments, please call Russell A. Rau, NASA Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, at (202) 358-4458.

Sincerely,

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Gaston L. Gianni, Jr.
PCIE Vice Chair

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Barry R. Snyder
ECIE Vice Chair