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SUBJ/OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DATA BREACH//

RMKS/1. In the Spring of 2015, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) became aware of unprecedented compromises to government employee personal data. While the full scope of the data breaches is unknown, at a minimum these breaches impact current and former federal employees including Department of the Navy (DON) personnel. OPM, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are continuing to investigate the extent of these intrusions. As the investigation moves forward, it is likely that the list of those individuals affected could grow to include a significant number of current and former military members. While the spectrum of risk to individuals affected is also not fully known, it is reasonable to assume it includes identity theft at a minimum. Timely and accurate information will be posted as it becomes available at the following website: http://www.secnav.navy.mil/OPMBreachDON. DON leaders will also communicate with you through a variety of channels.

- 2. OPM is the agency responsible for providing notification, via government email addresses and the United States Postal Service. Affected personnel are being provided free resources including identity theft insurance and credit monitoring. Updates on resources available and links to those resources are also available at http://www.secnav.navy.mil/OPMBreachDON.
- 3. These data breaches are serious and may have long-term effects on us all. Despite the loss of this data, I urge you to remain vigilant in safeguarding personal information concerning yourself, your families, and your shipmates. As always, report any suspicious activity to your Commanders, Security Managers, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service.
- 4. Released by Mr. Thomas W. Hicks, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Navy.//

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