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SUBJECT: Establishment of the Protecting Critical Technology Task Force

I am committed to protecting the Department's critical technology. Each year, it is estimated that American industry loses more than \$600 billion dollars to theft and expropriation. Far worse, the loss of classified and controlled unclassified information is putting the Department's investments at risk and eroding the lethality and survivability of our forces.

Solving this problem will require an integrated effort across the Department. Because of the cross-cutting nature of the problem, I am establishing the Protecting Critical Technology Task Force (PCTTF). This cross-functional task force will report to the Deputy Secretary of Defense (DSD) and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (VCJCS). The DSD will select the Director and Deputy Director of PCTTF and provide guidance, as necessary. Until a Director is appointed, Major General Thomas Murphy, U.S. Air Force, will serve as the Director.

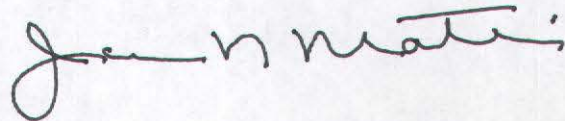
The Director of the PCTTF will draw a small, dedicated staff from the Secretaries of the Military Departments; CJCS; Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)); Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment; Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation; Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense; Commandant of the Marine Corps; Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Director, Defense Security Service; U.S. Army Counter Intelligence; Naval Criminal Investigative Service; Air Force Office of



Special Investigations; and any other representatives as deemed necessary by the Director. The Office of the General Counsel will provide a dedicated representative to support the task force, as needed. The Office of the USD(R&E) will function as the Executive Secretary.

Effective immediately, the Director of the PCTTF will report to DSD and the VCJCS on task force progress, recommendations, and needs. DSD will assign resources to the task force and the DoD enterprise will share all necessary data, regardless of classification. The need for concrete action is critical. To this end, the PCTTF will start with two sprints: 30 and 90 days, to address a number of basic problems. While the sprints are underway, the PCTTF will also address broader systemic issues, and to this end, leverage the previous work done by the Maintaining DoD Technology Advantage Cross Functional Team, which is now dissolved.

Working with our partners in the defense industry and research enterprise, we must ensure the integrity and security of our classified information, controlled unclassified information, and key data. The impacts of the loss of intellectual property and data cannot be overstated – we must move out to protect our resources and our forces.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Matis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "M".