

Threats to Cleared Industry through Cyberspace

OVERALL CLASSIFICATION: **UNCLASSIFIED**



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The Threat

Who is targeting?

- ❖ Foreign state sponsored actors
- ❖ Foreign intelligence entities (FIE)

What is targeted and how do they collect?

- ❖ Target U.S. Department of Defense critical programs – Personnel and Technology
 - ❖ Targeting scope is constantly unfolding
 - ❖ Actors are relentless





Past vs. Future

The adversary controls time, place and means

Cyber attacks occur with or without industry self-reporting

If your next project is aligned with the problems, needs, or desires of the adversary; or if your defenses are weak –

ARE YOU A TARGET?

What do FIE want?

How does DSS preempt FIE?





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When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

– Max Planck (Nobel Physicist)





Using Cyber to our Advantage ?

Landscape:

- ❖ Network Defense is a one part of the strategy
- ❖ Threats begin and end with a human
- ❖ Cyber Intelligence must be presented in a holistic fashion (threat, vulnerability and value)
- ❖ 70% of all Counterintelligence case referrals by DSS involve cyber activity

Anticipatory Analysis:

- ❖ Left of the cyber “boom;” get ahead of the threat
- ❖ The infectious spread? The “spider web” in Cyberspace interconnected
- ❖ Indicators begin with: Cyber Incident and/or Consequence/Value
- ❖ Relies on Cleared Contractor Self-Reporting





Using Cyber to our Advantage (cont) ?

Reporting matters:

- ❖ Identifies the threat to specific technology
- ❖ Develop actionable information
- ❖ Articulating the threat
- ❖ NISP required reporting

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- ❖ Weekly Cyber Activities Brief posted to: <https://HSIN.DHS.GOV>
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