Trump’s cyber workforce order gets bipartisan praise

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— Declassified documents detail the evolution of CYBERCOM's Cyber Mission Force, shedding light on the little-known processes linking broad doctrine and strategy to tactical operations.

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A PEEK INSIDE CYBERCOM — The National Security Archive released a trove of documents today that give fresh insight into the Cyber Command's Cyber Mission Force. The documents, acquired by FOIA declassification, reveal the development of the military's offensive cyber force, delineate mission essential tasks, and examine how government shutdowns affected the CYBERCOM training process.

The documents offer details on CYBERCOM's standard operating procedures for offensive cyber under each mission essential task and operational process. They also indicate how the military selects and prioritizes targets, as well as what goes into a Cyberspace Strike Package, the product submitted to a commander before deciding whether to execute a mission in cyberspace. Plus, a November 2015 DoD inspector general report identifies several weaknesses in its unified strategy and approach for developing capabilities, including a lack of “appropriate authorities to effectively oversee and direct offensive capability development.”

That's all for today.

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