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Title: THREAT MONITORING UNIT
E-GUARDIAN PROGRAM MATTERS

Synopsis: To document eGuardian presentation and eGuardian beta demonstration provided to elements from Department of Defense Talon Termination and Transition Group (T3G).

Details: The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs has formed the Talon Termination and Transition Group (T3G) to manage the decommissioning of the DoD's Talon program. U.S. Army Colonel Kevin Palgutt, of the DoD Anti-terrorism/Force Protection entity, has been charged with leading the 23 member T3G's review and assessment of Talon's replacement.

On October 31, 2007 the FBI and DoD conducted an eGuardian presentation and software beta demonstration for the T3G [REDACTED]

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Among the FBIHQ attendees were [REDACTED]

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DoD representation included [REDACTED]

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And lastly, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security furnished representatives for the meeting.

The administrative issues consisted of a brief introduction of the attendees followed by an overview of Guardian/eGuardian and an explanation of the differences and capabilities between the two systems. Subsequent to the introduction, the proposed eGuardian beta software was demonstrated for the attendees. Several issues were discussed during the demonstration including the following:

- That eGuardian is not a 28 CFR part 23 system (which only applies to criminal intelligence systems that receive funding from the Justice Department) was discussed by FBI OGC counsel Elizabeth Withnell.
- That each individual agency contributing information to eGuardian will retain ownership of that information was discussed by FBI UC Gerald Rogero.
- That DoD needs to consider revising their business practices to make utilizing eGuardian for threat management feasible discussed by Colonel Palgutt.
- That DoD would prefer to not own the threat management system they would eventually utilize due to civil liberties perceptions.
- That DoD would prefer to utilize a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) product.

Other topics of discussion included a Q&A session during which several issues, including the following paraphrased items, were asked and answered:

Q: Can eGuardian query other systems?

A: The capability is there but not built into the system at present time.

Q: Will eGuardian allow translation of different terms utilized by varying contributing agencies?

A: eGuardian will incorporate schema translation which will allow translation of differing subjects, terms, etc.

Q: What is the eGuardian time-line for deployment?

A: TMU is endeavoring toward delivering a working form of the product in first quarter 2008.

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Finally, Colonel [] advised that based on the information he had received thus far, his assessment of eGuardian was very favorable. He explained that he would like to move the process forward and, upon concurrence from his senior authorities, would like to explore implementation of a pilot testing program to further assess the utility of eGuardian as a DoD threat management system.

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