## NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2003 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

I. Opening of Meeting/ John S. Tritak, Director, Critical Roll Call of Members: Infrastructure Assurance Office

II. Opening Remarks: Richard A. Clarke, Special Advisor to

the President for Cyberspace Security;

Executive Director, NIAC

Richard K. Davidson, Chairman,

President and CEO, Union Pacific Corp.;

Chairman, NIAC

John T. Chambers, President and CEO,

CISCO Systems, Inc.; Vice Chairman, NIAC

III. Presentation of draft Comments on the Mr. Davidson draft of the National Strategy to

IV. Discussion and Adoption of Comments NIAC Members

V. **Discussion of Next Steps/Timeline for** NIAC Members **Publication and Delivery of Document** 

VI. Adjournment

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## **NIAC Members attending via Conference Call:**

Mr. Barrett, Mr. Carty, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conrades, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Gallegos, Ms. Grayson, Mr. Kovacevich, Mr. Martinez, Mr. McGuinn, Mr. Noonan, Mr. Nye, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Webb, Mr. Weidemeyer.

Mr. Berkeley, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Holliday, Ms. Katen, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Rose, and Ms. Ware were not in attendance but had staff monitoring the call.

The meeting was called to order and formally opened by Mr. Tritak in his role as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the NIAC. After introducing himself, Mr. Tritak reminded the members that this meeting was open to the public and any interested party could listen in on the call, including the press. Mr. Tritak asked Mr. Eric Werner of the CIAO to call the roll to identify the NIAC members participating on the conference call. (See list above.) Mr. Tritak set forth the agenda and turned the meeting over to Mr. Clarke, who immediately turned it over to Mr. Davidson.

Mr. Davidson thanked everyone and mentioned that he hoped the NIAC would reach agreement on the document to be sent to President Bush. He personally thanked Ms. Susan Vismor (Mellon) and Mr. Bruce Larson (American Water Works), along with Mr. Rick Holmes (Union Pacific) and Mr. Ken Watson (Cisco) for their work over the holidays compiling and distributing the responses to the NIAC members for their review and comment.

Mr. Davidson expressed the view that the most important comments are found within the first one-and-one-half pages; the remaining pages provide more detail. Mr. Davidson turned the floor over to Mr. Holmes to present the comments and changes that other NIAC members had submitted concerning the previous draft.

The members debated adding "additional regulation" to paragraph #3 in order to address concerns that were raised, and agreed that this simple change would be satisfactory. Also, the members agreed that the Federal government's purchasing power and market forces were strong enough to ensure that vendors did indeed use security testing and validation procedures for information security products that protect critical infrastructure owners' and operators' systems. As a result, the members agreed to delete the word "mandatory" from that section.

Next, the NIAC members discussed the need to include regulation to ensure interoperability requirements. Members expressed the view that use of regulation to force interoperability is difficult and presents a significant burden for small companies. The members decided to recommend that the Federal Government leverage its purchasing power to achieve these results, along with support of "open standards" compliance in the procurement process.

The NIAC moved to adopt the comments, as deliberated upon and modified during the meeting, and, as so modified, the document was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Clarke reminded the members that a meeting with President Bush would be scheduled in late January or February. Discussion was also raised concerning the Internet Protocol question (IPv.6). Mr. Chambers was preparing a strawman document for circulation, which expected to distribute to the NIAC members by week's end.

Mr. Chambers asked Mr. Clarke if there was a way for other topics to be covered in the same meetings. Mr. Clarke explained that there were two issues currently being researched: First, the "responsible disclosure of vulnerabilities" concerning which Mr. Chambers and Mr. Thompson had volunteered to co-chair a subcommittee; and second, "vulnerability assessments of the privately-owned and operated infrastructures." It was decided to hold separate meetings to discuss these issues.

Mr. Clarke stated he would try to schedule a meeting later in January or early in February to discuss at least two of the three potential topics. Mr. Davidson asked the members to provide him with any suggestions they had for additional subjects for examination by the NIAC. He stated that he would circulate a list of such proposed topics to all of the members in advance of the next meeting so that they could be taken up for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes accurately represent the discussion and events that transpired at the meeting held on the date first noted above.

By: /s/ Richard K. Davidson Dated: 4-8-2003

Richard K. Davidson, Chairman