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              DDN SECURITY COORDINATION CENTER OPERATIONAL

1. The Defense Communications Agency has created a facility to help
the DDN community when security-related situations occur.   The
function of the DDN Security Coordination Center (SCC) is to provide a
centralized and coordinated capability for the rapid, reliable, and
secure distribution and coordination of security related information
between DDN users, operations staff, and system maintenance providers.

2. The Defense Data Network Security Coordination Center is now
operational.

3. In the past, the unclassified DoD Internet has seen a rash of
security incidents. Typically, these incidents were due to commonly
known software weaknesses in UNIX-based host products.   In one
instance, the exposure had had a fix published several weeks before it
was exploited by a hacker.   DARPA and other Agencies established
Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) to report security-related
problems to vendors and assist in validating/verifying their fixes.

4. But there was no central clearinghouse in place coordinating and
disseminating security-related fixes to MILNET users.   In the past,
the Network Information Center (NIC) had been pressed into this
service, and the contractor (SRI) has done an excellent job when
called upon.   But the NIC was never intended to handle such a task.
Now DCA has funded SCC to be DDN's clearinghouse for host/user
security problems and fixes and to work with the DDN Network Security
Officer as needed.

5. The SCC is ready to assist you with network-related host security
problems. Call (800) 235-3155 (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) or
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