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SUBJ: SCRUBBING THE WEB FOR PRIVACY AND SENSITIVE INFORMATION

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 2216502 DEC ALCOAST 229/99

B. POLICY ON COAST GUARD USE OF INTERNET/WORLDWIDE WEB, COMDTINST
5230.56

C. THE COAST GUARD FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS MANUAL,
COMDTINST M5260.3 (SERIES)

1. THIS ALCOAST ANNOUNCES IMPLEMENTATION OF A ROBUST FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SEARCH ENGINE, FEDSEARCH, ON 22 SEP 00. THE PRESIDENT'S
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL HAS INITIATED A PROJECT TO DESIGN, BUILD AND
OPERATE FIRSTGOV, A WEB PORTAL THAT WILL CONNECT AND INDEX ALL
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND SERVICES. IT WILL PROVIDE SEARCH
CAPABILITIES USING FEDSEARCH. THE GOAL OF THE FIRSTGOV WEB SITE IS TO
IMPROVE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND SERVICES WHICH ARE
CURRENTLY DISPERSED OVER NUMEROUS FEDERAL WEB SITES. MORE INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.FIRSTGOV.GOV. FEDSEARCH WILL ALLOW EXTENSIVE AND
IN-DEPTH SEARCHES FOR INFORMATION ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITES,
INCLUDING DATABASES AND FILES THAT MAY BE ACCESSED.

2. PRIOR TO LAUNCHING THE FIRSTGOV PORTAL FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, AREA AND
DISTRICT COMMANDERS, COMMANDERS MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMANDS,
COMMANDING OFFICERS OF HEADQUARTERS UNITS, ASSISTANT COMMANDANTS, AND
CHIEFS OF SPECIAL STAFF OFFICES AT HEADQUARTERS SHALL DIRECT
WEBMASTERS AND PRIMARY CONTENT APPROVAL AUTHORITIES (PCAO) TO:

A. ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PRIVACY AND WEB POLICIES IN REFERENCES
(A) AND (B);

B. SCRUB PUBLIC WEB SITES OF ALL PRIVACY OR OTHER SENSITIVE DATA
AS DEFINED IN REFERENCE (C).

3. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

4. RADM VIVIEN S. CREA, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY,
SENDS.

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