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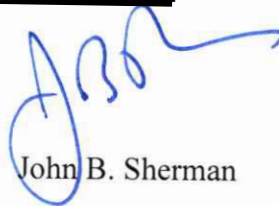
SUBJECT: Unauthorized Disclosure Due to Typographical Errors

The Department of Defense (DoD) has been encountering typographical errors that mistake the .ml domain for the .mil domain. Such errors could result in the misdirection of emails intended for a DoD (.mil) recipient to an unintended recipient on Mali's sovereign ".ml" domain. More important, such unintended misdirection of email could result in unauthorized disclosure of Controlled Unclassified Information. While this type of unauthorized disclosure is different from intentional and illegal disclosure of classified materials, the Department still takes very seriously all kinds of unauthorized disclosures of Classified National Security Information or Controlled Unclassified Information.

The DoD therefore requests that all U.S. departments and agencies, international allies and partners, and members of the defense industrial base exercise vigilance and take policy and technical measures to prevent typographical errors that could result in unauthorized disclosures. For its part, the Department implemented technical controls to block emails originating from the DoD network to the entire .ml domain, while retaining the ability to allow, by exception, legitimate emails to the .ml domain.

We value your partnership in support of the Department's missions and thank you for your continued efforts to safeguard our military and national information.

The point of contact for this matter is Mr. David W. McKeown, the DoD's Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, and Chief Information Security Officer. He can be reached at [REDACTED]


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