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(U) NATIONAL POLICY GOVERNING USE OF APPROVED SECURITY CONTAINERS IN INFORMATION SECURITY APPLICATIONS

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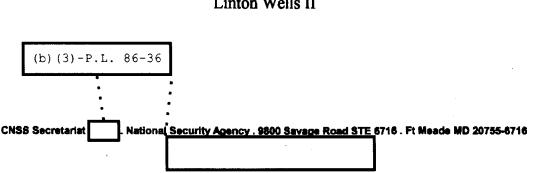
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FOREWORD

1. (U) As part of an ongoing effort to ensure that CNSS issuances are relevant and current, the Policy Review and Compliance Working Group reviewed NSTISSP No. 10 and determined that significant changes were not required. This policy is being issued to revalidate and renumber NSTISSP No. 10, National Policy Governing Use of Approved Security Containers in Information Systems Security Applications, dated 21 July 1999. CNSS Policy No. 10 promulgates national policy for procuring and using security containers for Information Assurance (IA) purposes.

2. (U) Representatives of the Committee on National Security Systems may obtain additional copies of this Policy at the address listed below.

3. (U) U.S. Government contractors and vendors shall contact their appropriate government agency or Contracting Officer Representative regarding distribution of this document.



/s/ Linton Wells II

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SECTION I - (U) POLICY

1. (U) This policy derives from authorities assigned to the Committee on National Security Systems under terms of National Security Directive No. 42, Subject: National Policy for the Security of National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems (U), dated 5 July 1990.

2. (U) Policy pertaining to the procurement and use, by Government elements and Government contractors, of security containers in INFOSEC applications is stated, below:

a. (U) NSA-approved COMSEC security containers¹ that have been drilled for signal, power, and cooling:

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b. (U) GSA-approved Class 5 Information Processing System (IPS) containers that have been drilled for signal, power, and cooling:

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¹ NSA no longer approves COMSEC security containers. Containers procured since 30 June 1999 are not NSA approved.

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<u>SECTION II – (U) DEFINITIONS</u>

3. (U) The terms and language used throughout this document reflect nationally recognized use of terminology, as defined in the current edition of CNSS Instruction No. 4009, National Information Assurance (IA) Glossary.

SECTION III - (U) WAIVERS

4. (U) Waivers to the provisions of this policy may be granted by appropriate authorities within the Government Departments/Agencies/Services.

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