TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

A. Official Designation:

Technology and Privacy Advisory Committee (TAPAC)

B. Objective and Scope of Activity:

Advise the Secretary of Defense concerning the legal and policy considerations implicated by: a) the application of pattern queries/data correlation technology to counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence missions, and, b) other DOD activities related to the war on terrorism.

C. Period of Time Required

The Committee will be established for a period of one year but may be terminated sooner if it completes its work.

D. Officials or Sponsoring Proponents to Whom the Committee Reports:

The Committee will report to the Secretary of Defense.

E. Support Agency

The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) will designate an Executive Director for the Committee who will serve as the Designated Federal Official. Administrative and support services requirements will be furnished by the office of the USD(AT&L) and the Director, Washington Headquarters Services.

F. Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee’s primary duty will be to prepare a report to advise the Secretary of Defense concerning the use of advanced information technologies to help identify terrorists before they act. This advice should include answers to the following questions:

What safeguards should be developed to ensure that the application of this or any like technology developed within DOD is carried out in accordance with U.S. law and American values related to privacy?

Should the Total Information Awareness (TIA) program’s goal of developing technologies that may help identify terrorists before they act be pursued?

How should the government ensure that the application of these technologies to global databases respects international and foreign domestic law and policy?

Which public policy goals are implicated by TIA and what steps should be taken to ensure that TIA does not frustrate those goals?
Other duties may be assigned by the Secretary of Defense.

G. Membership

Membership shall consist of 7-14 individuals.

H. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Work Years

It is estimated that total cost for travel, per diem, consultant fees, and contractor support will not exceed $200,000; and three FTEs will support the Commission.

I. Number of Meetings

The Committee will meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities within the one year time frame.

J. Termination Date

Thirty days after submission of the report of the Committee to the Secretary of Defense.

K. Date Charter is Filed:

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