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Hunt
The publication of this report on December first while done under the Obama administration, I am hopeful, will actually serve to inform, guide, and help lead the incoming administration in the things that they ought to do with respect to cyber.

Alexander
The intent is to look what we’re doing in government, what industry is doing, and how they can work better together, and what are the key facts that we ought to fix within government, and within industry to get our nation prepared to defend itself in cybersecurity.

Hunt
The importance of the cyber environment from a business perspective, from a national security perspective, private sector, entertainment, it doesn’t matter what segment of the economy or what segment of national security or the U.S. government you’re
speaking to, or talking about, fundamentally we have to be able to work together very, very well across the board.

**Alexander**

And so one of things that we can and must do, is have a capability that allows companies within a sector to peer at network speed those things that they see impacting them in cyber space.

**Hunt**

One of the most important issues to come out is a re-look at the regulatory framework. And in fact, that's a critical role that I believe that the U.S. government itself can play, and NIST, you know, the National Institute of Standards, is already playing this critical role by providing its guidance and direction in support of what people ought to do in order to protect themselves.

**Alexander**

And so the key thing from my perspective from the Commission is get the country ready for cyber defense. We will be challenged in this space, we aren’t ready and we should be.