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From: Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command
To: Executive Secretary, Navy Enlisted Occupational
Classification Board

Subj: PROPOSAL TO DISESTABLISH THE CRYPTOLOGIC TECHNICIAN
(MAINTENANCE) (CTM) RATING

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1223.1B
(b) COMNAVNETWARCOM ltr 1220 Ser N00/287 of 7 Sep 07
(c) COMNAVNETWARCOM ltr 1223 Ser N00/226 of 30 May 08

1. In accordance with reference (a) and further to references (b) and (c), NAVNETWARCOM will no longer pursue disestablishing the CTM rating. While the business case remains sound, it is not executable. To date, forty-three critical comments have been received from associated stakeholders and out of 19 voting members, only nine concurred outright. The primary area of concern is the state of Electronic Technician (ET) manning in the Fleet, which is particularly pronounced in the ET(SS) volunteer ranks. This issue is not correctable in the short term. The other major concern is the Navy's continuing challenge with properly tracking and filling Q-coded billets in the YN and IT ratings following the merger with CTA and CTO. Without resolution, the same problem will likely occur in the assignment of ET's to CT maintenance functions.

2. Therefore, in the best interest of all concerned, NAVNETWARCOM will immediately focus efforts on executing a long-term sustainment plan for the CTM rating. There is no intent to revisit disestablishment of CTM.

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