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Docket No. 090420688-9689-01

Ms. Fiona M. Alexander, Associate Administrator  
Office of International Affairs  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
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Dear Ms. Alexander:

I am making this comment as an individual to the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration agency in response to a Notice of Inquiry, being Docket No. 090420688-9689-01, on the Assessment of the Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System. Please confirm receipt. I generally agree and support the comments made to the NTIA on this matter by Colonel William Duesbury, U.S. Army (Retired) and feel you should extend the JPA (Joint Project Agreement) with ICANN.

However I will further state that under President Obama's new cybersecurity and infrastructure strategy it is time to consider giving ICANN the pink slip and nationalizing the United States root system.

At this time there are 183 root servers in operation world wide. Forty eight of these root servers (twenty six percent) are physically located in the United States. Of these only three (just under two percent) are operated directly by United States government agencies. The rest of the servers in the U.S. are either under contract to ICANN or provided by volunteers.

Over seventy four percent or one hundred and thirty five root servers are located outside the U.S.

It only takes one disgruntled rogue root operator to cause havoc to U.S. infrastructure. I have proven this experimentally on more then one occasion that it only takes one root to cause world wide havoc in resolution.

regards  
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