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1. Submitted by: HQ AFSPA/SPSS, Kirtland AFB NM
2. Operation/event name: Damage to a C-5 Aircraft at Dover AFB, DE, Feb 92
3. Keywords: Security/Damage to A/C
4. Title: Damage to a C-5 Aircraft at Dover AFB
5. Observation: At approximately 0730, 5 Feb 92, a maintenance worker discovered damage to a C-5 aircraft parked in an off-ramp hangar at Dover AFB, DE. The aircraft was last seen intact at approximately 2230, on 4 Feb 92. Damage was limited to two relay switches, one to the Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) system, and one to the on-board public address system. Neither system is flight-critical. Both were capable of being replaced immediately.
6. (FOUO) Discussion: Security patrol checks were increased locally. The security awareness program received significantly increased emphasis. The OSI believes the incident was perpetrated by a person with knowledge of the aircraft's systems. The prime suspect, a maintenance technician (AIC), refused a polygraph. The investigation remains open.
7. Lessons Learned: Discussions at Air Force and DOD levels on the postulated threat were in progress at the time of the incident. This incident illustrated for security policy leaders the importance of including the insider threat in the DOD postulated threat. The newly developed DOD postulated threat (which applies to nuclear security) includes an insider as part of the overall threat scenario.
8. Recommended Action: All units must continue to consider the insider threat.
9. OPR Comments: None