

OPSEC AWARENESS SERIES

OPSEC and Countering the Threat



What is “Threat”?

- Adversary with intent and capability to act against friendly interests.
 - Other countries
 - Economic competitors
 - Criminals
 - Terrorists



What is the Threat?

Desire for world domination



The Chinese word for “China” is Mei Gwo.

It translates literally to “Middle Kingdom” or loosely to “Center of the World”.

Understand the Adversary



Daniel Pearl, 1962-2002



What does this mean to you?

- Understanding the adversary
- Understanding what information to protect
- Understanding what to do



Understand the Adversary

- Understand their objectives
- Understand their tactics
- Deny them information



Collecting Information

- Open Sources!!!
 - Television news
 - Newsletters
 - Internet
 - Trash/Recycle



CNNi
interactive
CNN.com

Understand the Adversary

- They have the time
- They are patient
- They have the resources
- They have the desire



Change Your Mindset

- Use STU IIIs/STEs
- Shred, shred, shred
- Use email cautiously
- Get trained
- Share on “Need to Know” Basis
- Use voice communication protocols



Summary

- Adversary threat
 - Different culture
 - Different behaviors
 - Different political goals
- Understand them, realize their potential
 - Consider the threat at work and home!
 - The threat is 24/7/365!