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Letter to Editor

As always, I enjoyed the March edition of the *Air Force Magazine*. What a great publication to keep us all informed of the news and issues concerning the world's greatest Air Force.

With anticipation, I read the article by Dr. Rebecca Grant, "The Cyber Menace," because cyberspace is a critical domain to our US military, and as you know, the United States Strategic Command is the combatant command charged with the defense of our .mil and .smil domains.

There was one item in the article that did not accurately portray the recent changes to the two components that support USSTRATCOM and our nation's military networks. The article stated that, "the NSA director is in charge of US Strategic Command's Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations. In fact, the commander of USSTRATCOM's Joint Functional Component Command-Network Warfare (who also is dual-hatted as NSA's director) is in charge of USSTRATCOM's Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations. While a subtle nuance, this reflects the broad capacity of STRATCOM to better integrate its mission areas, both network warfare and defense of the global information grid under a single commander.

The changes that better align the NW and GNO relationships will, in the long run, help USSTRATCOM better execute the defense and offense activities to protect our military's networks.

Thanks for your help in clarifying this important fact. Keep up the great work keeping our nation informed about some very vital issues.

Sincerely,

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