

**National Security Decision Making in the Cyber Age**  
**SY403**  
**Fall 2019**

**Assignment Three – Due BEFORE Class on 26 November 2019**

Situation: You're a junior plans officer assigned to the J6 (C3/Cyber) shop at US Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii. Because of your extensive knowledge across both political/military affairs and cyber defense and offense – being a Naval Academy graduate and having taken SY403 – the J6 (a Navy one-star) has assigned you as the liaison to the INDOPACOM Combat Mission Team assigned by US CYBERCOM.

As part of your duties, the Admiral asks you to prepare a short briefing regarding (a) the unfolding situation over disputed islands in the East China Sea; and (b) Chinese views on use of cyber offensive capabilities for strategic and tactical purposes.

The dispute is between Japan and China, each claiming ownership over islands they call Senkaku and Diaoyu, respectively.

Assignment: You are to prepare an **annotated** PowerPoint briefing of no more than five slides ... or a single sheet of Talking Point (bullets) covering the following material:

- Background and History of the Dispute
- Recent Developments, including potential spillover effects from recent South China Sea activities
- Chinese views on use of cyber offense
- How the PACOM cyber posture should change with increasing levels of world tension and US military alert posture, including the role of the PACOM Combat Mission Team

Be sure to cite your sources as you would in a research paper.

**Slide deck or TPs due NLT 1330 on 26 November 2019.**

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