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Sent: September 6, 2023
To: KC Claffy
Subject: Questions from the SSAC Registrar NS Management Work Party to ICANN org

Dear kc,

Thank you for your [message](#) of 25 July 2023 regarding activities around sacrificial nameservers and hijacked domains. Theresa Swinehart asked me to respond to you and convey information related to your message.

The work underway by you and the SSAC's Registrar NS Management (RNM) work party is an important aspect to maintaining security and stability within the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) ecosystem. In particular, the work on the practices of sacrificial nameservers leading to domain hijacks highlights a need for continued analyses on this topic, as well as the formulation of best practices or standards-based mitigations.

The valuable insights presented in your letter are important considerations that will help inform and influence our strategic approaches moving forward. Requests such as yours are taken seriously and align with our commitment to promoting best security practices. We plan to undertake analyses of this issue and look forward to sharing our findings and learning more about your further analyses from the RNM work party.

We appreciate your offer to continue to engage informally and look forward to collaborating on this topic and others that are important to the stability and security of the Internet.

We also support industry-wide dialogues with other parties (e.g., the Internet Engineering Task Force's (IETF's) Domain Name System Operations (DNSOP) and Registration Protocols Extensions (REGEXT) working groups) that are discussing best practices for sacrificial nameservers.

Thank you again for your message. I believe this dialogue exemplifies the collaborative spirit that fuels progress in the ICANN multistakeholder model.

Sincerely,

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