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COMMAND SECURITY CORPORATION
Route 55, Lexington Park
Lagrangeville, New York 12540

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of shareholders of Command Security Corporation to be held on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Stamford Marriott, located at Two Stamford Forum, Stamford, Connecticut. The business to be conducted at the meeting is set forth in the formal notice that follows. In addition, at the meeting, we will review our operations and discuss our plans for the future.

Your vote is important to us. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we ask that you complete, date, sign and return the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided. Please mail your proxy promptly, so it is received by the Company no later than August 26, 2004. If you attend the meeting, you may vote in person if you wish, even if you have previously returned your proxy card.

Sincerely,

William C. Vassell, President
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
To Be Held August 27, 2004
To the shareholders of Command Security Corporation:

The annual meeting of shareholders of Command Security Corporation will be held at the Stamford Marriott, located at Two Stamford Forum, Stamford, Connecticut on August 27, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, Eastern Standard Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect four directors from eight nominees to hold office until the second succeeding annual meeting of the shareholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
2. To ratify the selection of auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Only shareholders of record at the close of business on August 6, 2004, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and at any adjournment thereof. A complete list of shareholders entitled to vote will be available for inspection by shareholders at the executive offices of the Company at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.
William C. Vassell, President

Dated: August 6, 2004
Lagrangeville, New York

IMPORTANT - Please sign the enclosed proxy and mail it promptly in the postpaid return envelope provided, particularly if you do not expect to attend the meeting in person. All proxies must be received by August 26, 2004 to be counted in the voting.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE VOTED IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYS AND THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE COMPANY OF FURTHER SOLICITATION. PLEASE MAIL YOUR PROXY PROMPTLY.

COMMAND SECURITY CORPORATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARHOLDERS

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PROXY STATEMENT

The date of this Proxy Statement is August 6, 2004

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors to be used at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held on August 27, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, eastern standard time, at the Stamford Marriott, located at Two Stamford Forum, Stamford, Connecticut, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of annual meeting of shareholders.

At the annual meeting, the shareholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the following matters:

1. To elect four directors from eight nominees to hold office until the second succeeding annual meeting of the shareholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
2. To ratify the selection of auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

If the enclosed form of proxy is executed and returned, it may nevertheless be revoked at any time before it is exercised, either in person at the annual meeting or by written notice or by a duly executed proxy, bearing a later date, sent to the President of the Company.

The Company anticipates mailing this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy to shareholders on or about August 6, 2004. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, the Company, through its directors, officers and employees, may solicit proxies from shareholders personally or by telephone or other forms of communication. The Company may also require the assistance of certain broker-dealers and/or proxy solicitation agents in

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obtaining completed proxies from shareholders. Such assistance would be in the form of telephonic or written communication by employees of such broker-dealers and/or proxy solicitation agents. No contract or compensation is anticipated at this time in connection with any such solicitation. All expenses of proxy solicitation on behalf of the Company will be borne by the Company.

As of August 6, 2004, (the "Record Date") there were 7,519,878 shares of the Company's common stock issued and outstanding, held by approximately 1,000 beneficial owners and approximately 200 holders of record. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote. Only holders of record of common stock at the close of business on August 6, 2004 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

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Proxies will be received and tabulated by the Company's transfer agent. Votes cast in person at the meeting will be tabulated by election inspectors appointed by the Company. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" are included in the determination of the number of shares present at the meeting. Abstentions are counted in tabulations of the vote cast on proposals presented to the shareholders, whereas broker non-votes are not counted in tabulations of the votes cast. Neither are counted as votes cast "for" a proposal.

If fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposals than required for their approval, the meeting may be adjourned for the purpose of allowing additional time for obtaining additional proxies or votes. At any subsequent reconvening of the meeting, all proxies will be voted on the matter(s) to be considered at the reconvened meeting in the same manner as such proxies would have been voted on the matter at the original convening of the meeting (except for any proxies which have theretofore effectively been revoked or changed), notwithstanding that they may have been effectively voted on the same or any other matter at a previous meeting. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the session of the meeting to be adjourned. A proxy granting authority to vote upon such other business incidental to the conduct of the meeting as may properly come before the meeting will constitute authority to vote in favor of one or more adjournments of the meeting.

None of the Company's executive officers, directors or director nominees have any substantial interest, direct or indirect in any matter to be voted on other than election or appointment to office.

GCM Security Partners, LLC, and Bruce Galloway, one of GCM's principals, collectively own or have the right to vote 47.2% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock and may, therefore, have the ability to control the outcome of all matters submitted before the shareholders for a vote at the annual meeting.

PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company's bylaws provide for its Board of Directors (the "Board") to be divided into two classes. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the shareholders. The Company's by-laws provide that there shall be not

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more than twenty-one nor fewer than three directors of the Company, with the exact number to be determined from time to time by the Board. The Board currently consists of seven members. The members of each class of directors are elected for two (2) year terms and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of Directors to be elected which is four (4).

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There are four (4) directors to be elected and eight (8) nominees for those four (4) positions on the Board. The nominees, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Name	Age	Name	Age
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Robert S. Ellin	39	Peter J. Nekos	76
Bruce R. Galloway	46	Gordon Robinett	68
Thomas P. Kikis	43	William C. Vassell	45
Gregory J. Miller	45	Martin R. Wade, III	55

The Board makes no recommendation to the shareholders as to the nominees.

The vote required for approval, a quorum being present, is the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast.

Each shareholder may vote for a maximum of four (4) directors and no more. If a shareholder votes for more than (4) four directors, none of the votes will be counted for the election of directors. If no voting instructions as to the ratification of the auditors are given on the proxy, the proxy will be voted "for" ratification of the selection of the auditors. If no voting instructions are given and/or votes for more than four (4) directors are indicated on the proxy, it will be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. With respect to any other matters which may properly come before the meeting, it will be voted as herein recommended by the Board of Directors.

It is not anticipated that any of the nominees will become unavailable for any reason, but, if that should occur before the meeting, the Board reserves the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, to substitute another person selected by the Company's Board of Directors as a nominee in place of such nominee.

The Nominees

Robert S. Ellin was submitted to the Board as a nominee by GCM. He is a Managing Member of Trinad Capital LP, a hedge fund dedicated to investing in micro-cap public companies. Prior to joining Trinad Capital LP Mr. Ellin was the founder and President of Atlantis Equities, Inc. a personal investment company. Founded in 1990, Atlantis has actively managed an investment portfolio of small capitalization public companies as well as select private company investments. Mr. Ellin frequently played an active role in Atlantis investee companies including Board representation, management selection, corporate finance and other advisory services. Through Atlantis and related companies Mr. Ellin spearheaded investments into ThQ, Inc., Grand Toys, Forward Industries, Inc. and completed a leveraged buyout of S&S Industries,

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Inc. where he also served as President from 1996 to 1998. Prior to founding Atlantis Equities, Mr. Ellin worked in Institutional Sales at LF Rothschild and prior to that he was Manager of Retail Operations at Lombard Securities. Mr. Ellin has a BA from Pace University. His board memberships include Shells Seafood, Inc.

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Bruce R. Galloway was submitted to the Board as a nominee by GCM Security Partners, LLC ("GCM"). He is currently a Managing Director in the Galloway Division at Burnham Securities, Inc., an investment bank based in New York. He has been employed there since 1993. Prior to joining Burnham, from 1991 to 1993, Mr. Galloway was a Senior Vice President at Oppenheimer & Company, a New York based investment bank, an NASD broker/dealer. Mr. Galloway has a BA in economics from Hobart College, an MBA in finance from the New York University Stern Graduate School of Business. His board memberships include Chairman of International Microcomputer Software, Inc. - 2001 to present, Chairman of DataMetrics Corporation - 2000 to present, Director of Forward Industries, Inc. - 2002 to present, Director of GVI Security Solutions, Inc. - 2004 and Waiter.Com, Inc. - 1999 to present.

Thomas P. Kikis was submitted to the Board as a nominee by GCM. He is the managing member of Arcadia Securities, LLC, a New York based registered broker-dealer which he organized in 1998. He is also the President of Kikis Asset Management, a New York based money management firm he started in 1991. Prior to that, he was vice president in charge of trading and a Portfolio Manager at Deltec Securities, the New York subsidiary of an international investment bank. Previously he was an investor and a director of the Company from October, 1997 to November, 2000. Mr. Kikis has a BA from Princeton University and an Executive MBA in Finance from New York University Stern School of Business.

Gregory James Miller has been a director of the Company since September 1992. He has served on various Committees including as Chair of: Y2k, Independent Directors' and Warrant Committee. He currently serves as a member of the Audit, Warrant and Compensation Committees. He is a principal in Gold Line Connector, Inc., a Connecticut based technology company, which in 2002 was nominated for the Nozko Award (for excellence in Management) and the TEC Award (for Outstanding Technical Achievement). He has a Bachelors Degree from Kalamazoo College and a Juris Doctor Degree from New York Law School. He is admitted to the Bar in New York and Connecticut, and was formerly with the New York office of Benenson & Kates, where he represented clients in the Security Industry.

Gordon Robinett was submitted to the Board as a nominee by William C. Vassell. He was hired as of April 5, 2004 as the Company's interim CFO following the voluntary resignation of former CFO Graeme Halder. From July 1999 until his April 2004 employment with the Company, Mr. Robinett was retired and living in Arizona. Mr. Robinett formerly served the Company as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Treasurer until August 1, 1996 when Mr. Robinett and the Company agreed to mutually terminate his employment. In August 1997, Mr. Robinett was engaged again by the Company as Acting Treasurer until he resigned on July 1, 1999, in conjunction with the Board's approval of a then-new Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President. Prior to his initial service to the Company, Mr. Robinett was an employee of Uniforce Temporary Personnel, Inc., a publicly held national temporary personnel agency from 1968 to April 1989, initially as Controller

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and thereafter as Vice President of Finance, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Robinett is currently a director of Comforce Corporation which acquired Uniforce in 1996.

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Peter J. Nekos has been a director of the Company since March 1991. Mr. Nekos is a certified public accountant and began his career with Arthur Andersen & Co. in New York City. He has degrees in Economics and in Accounting from Michigan State University. His corporate experience includes: Controller for the East River Savings Bank, Controller for two divisions of Burns International, Inc., and Vice President and Treasurer for Meyers Parking, Inc. From July 1984 to June 1986 he was a partner of Nekos & Kilduff, an accounting firm located in New Rochelle, New York. He operated his own accounting firm in Mamaroneck, New York from July 1986 until September 1996. He is Chair of the Company's Audit Committee.

William C. Vassell is the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Mr. Vassell had been Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 1983, when the Company repurchased the remaining 50% of its then-outstanding common stock (he became a 50% owner of the Company in 1980). In connection with the Company's acquisition of United Security Group Inc. ("United"), Mr. Vassell resigned from the offices of President and Chief Executive Officer on February 24, 1995, and retained his position as Chairman of the Board. He has been a director of the Company since 1980, and has been a member of the Executive Committee since March 1995. He was reappointed as President and Chief Executive Officer on November 13, 2000. Mr. Vassell is active in various industry and trade associations. He twice was Chairman of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security (the nationally recognized security association), and he is a Certified Protection Professional within the Society. He is also a director of the Associated Licensed Detectives of New York State and a member of the Committee of National Security Companies.

Martin R. Wade, III was submitted to the Board as a nominee by GCM. He has been the Chief Executive Officer and a director of International Microcomputer Software, Inc. since 2001. Prior to joining IMSI, Mr. Wade served from 1998 to 2000 as a merger and acquisition banker at Prudential Securities and from 1996 to 1998 as a managing director in mergers and acquisitions at Salomon Brothers. From 1991 to 1996, Mr. Wade was National Head of Investment Banking at C.J. Lawrence, Morgan Grenfell, where he was a member of the Board of Directors. Prior to this, Mr. Wade was the National Head of investment banking for Price Waterhouse. Mr. Wade also spent six years in the mergers and acquisitions department at Bankers Trust and eight years at Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb. Mr. Wade is credited with participating in over 200 merger and acquisition transactions involving various clients such as, Nike, Cornerstone National Gas Company, Handmark Graphics and Redken Laboratories, Inc. Mr. Wade has a BS in business administration from West Virginia University, an MBA in Finance from the University of Wyoming. His board memberships include Director, and Member of the Audit Committee, DiMon, Inc. - 1999 to the present, Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of NexMed, Inc. - 2003 to the present and Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Energy Transfer Group - 1999 to the present.

Messrs. Galloway and Kikis and Trinad Capital LP (by Robert S. Ellin) have each filed Forms 3 with the Securities & Exchange Commission indicating that they are equity participants in GCM Security Partners, LLC ("GCM"). As described in greater detail below, GCM engaged in a change of control transaction in 2004.

On June 22, 2004 GCM submitted a demand on the Company's board of directors for the nomination of specified designees to the Board. (The June 22, 2004 letter included GCM's June 8, 2004 memorandum to the Board, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit "A" to GCM's Schedule 13D, Amendment 3, dated June 8, 2004.) In response to the demands of GCM, the Board resolved to nominate Messrs. Galloway, Ellin, Wade and Kikis. The Board also discussed the nominations of Messrs. Vassell, Miller and Nekos and after consideration of their rights as shareholders to nominate themselves as directors, the Board approved them simultaneously with the GCM nominees. Mr. Robinett was subsequently submitted to the Board as a nominee by Mr. Vassell.

Change of Control and Legal Proceedings

On May 21, 2004, GCM Securities Partners, LLC ("GCM") purchased from Reliance Security Group, plc ("Reliance") the following securities: (i) 1,617,339 shares of the Company's common stock, (ii) 12,325.35 shares of the Company's Series A Preferred Stock (which are convertible into 1,232,535 shares of the Company's common stock, (iii) a warrant to acquire 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$1.03125 per share and (iv) a warrant to acquire 2,298,092 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$1.25 per share.

GCM has presented the Series A Preferred Stock for conversion and has received a judgment (described in more detail below) authorizing the conversion of these shares. Consequently, GCM's common stock holdings post-conversion total 2,849,874 shares or 37.9%. Assuming the exercise of the warrants reference above, these securities represent approximately 53.1% of the outstanding shares of common stock in Command.

None of the warrants have been presented for exercise to date.

As reported by GCM Managing Member Bruce Galloway in a 13D/A filed June 8, 2004, these securities were purchased for a total payment of \$2,850,000 in immediately available funds from working capital of GCM.

At the time of the purchase by GCM, Command President and CEO, William C. Vassell, had already initiated legal action in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (Case No. 04 CIV. 2657 (CM) ECF CASE) seeking a determination that Mr. Vassell's right of first refusal under the Shareholders Agreement between Reliance, Mr. Vassell and Command (filed as Exhibit 99.19 of the form 8-K filed September 2000 and incorporated herein by reference) was violated by Reliance in its offering (and subsequent sale) of the securities to GCM. On June 18, 2004, the United States District Court Judge rejected all of Mr. Vassell's claims, awarded summary judgment declaring GCM the lawful owner of the Command securities purchased from Reliance and ordered that Mr. Vassell and Command be preliminarily and permanently restrained from interfering with the registration of the securities in GCM's name or the exercise by GCM of any rights as the new owner of the securities. Mr. Vassell has filed an appeal in the above-litigation matter and his counsel has informed the Company that it is

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his belief that the appeal decision will be decided by mid-August 2004. In the meantime, both Mr. Vassell and Command are required to honor the Court's decision.

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On June 25, 2004 GCM submitted the Preferred Stock for conversion into 1,232,535 shares of the Company's Common Stock. The Board determined, based on the advice of independent outside counsel, that the better view was that the conversion of the Preferred Stock into common should be construed as a violation of Section 912 of the New York Business Corporation Law ("NY BCL 912").

Accordingly, Command's Board unanimously determined not to issue the common upon the conversion of the Preferred. Shortly thereafter, GCM brought a motion before the same United States District Court asking the court to clarify, enforce or supplement the Court's prior order and direct the Company to issue the common stock upon conversion of the Preferred. On July 29, 2004 the court issued an opinion finding that Command's own anti-takeover language contained in Article Ninth of its Certificate of Incorporation constituted an express election by Command not to be governed by NY BCL 912. The court did not perform a thorough analysis as to whether NY BCL 912 applied to conversions of preferred stock but assumed for the sake of argument that they do.

This decision enjoins Command from preventing the issuance of the 1,232,535 common stock to GCM in conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock. Accordingly, Command will direct the company's transfer agent to issue the common shares on Command's books effective as of June 25, 2004. GCM will therefore be the record owner of an additional 1,232,535 shares of common stock by the record date for the upcoming annual meeting.

It is expected that Messrs. French, Simon and Halder will resign from the Board at or shortly following the shareholders meeting. In accordance with the Company's bylaws, the Board will vote for their replacements who will serve the balance of their respective terms which expire at the shareholders annual meeting in 2005. The selection of directors to fill the vacancies created by such resignations is uncertain at this time.

PROPOSAL 2 SELECTION OF AUDITORS

D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP audited the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 and has been selected by the Board upon recommendation of the Audit Committee to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. Representatives of D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP are not expected to be present at the meeting and therefore are not expected to be available to make a statement or to respond to questions. At the meeting, the shareholders will be asked to ratify this selection.

The Board recommends that the shareholders vote FOR this proposal.

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Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, were \$95,000. The fees charged in connection with the reviews of the interim statements for the periods ended June 30, 2003 through December 31, 2003 were \$59,357.

Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation Fees

The Company's auditors did not provide any services in connection with and were not paid any fees in connection with financial information systems design and implementation.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the Company's auditors for tax return preparation was \$16,872.

All Other Fees

The aggregate fees for services rendered by the Company's auditors other than services referenced above, for the most recent fiscal year, totaled \$10,283. The Audit Committee has concluded that the services rendered by its auditors are compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

The Company's Board met seven times during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. In addition, the Board met informally, by telephone, on several occasions.

The Company had the following standing committees during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004: Compensation, Stock Option and Audit. All committee meetings were attended by at least 75% of the directors comprising each committee.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is comprised of Messrs. Vassell, Miller and French. Mr. French replaced Mr. Allison on this committee. Its purpose is to advise the Board on compensation-related issues with respect to the Company's executive officers. The Committee did not meet formally during the fiscal

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year ended March 31, 2004. A report of the Compensation Committee has not been provided. The committee took no action with respect to compensation. All such action was considered by the entire board.

Stock Option Committee

The Stock Option Committee includes Messrs. Miller and Nekos. There is one vacancy on the committee. The purpose of the committee is to administer the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan. The committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 and no stock options were granted under the plan.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee was comprised of Messrs. French, Miller and Nekos as of March 31, 2004. Messrs. French, Miller and Nekos are independent directors (as defined in Rule 4200(a)(15) of the National Association of Securities Dealers listing standards) and it is believed that Mr. Nekos' credentials satisfy the requirements of a financial expert.

The Audit Committee oversees the fulfillment by management of its financial reporting and disclosure responsibilities and its maintenance of an appropriate internal control system. It recommends the selection of the Company's independent auditors. An Audit Committee Charter was adopted by the Committee on August 21, 2000. The Charter was amended on January 8, 2001, to permit the Audit Committee to fulfill its oversight role, relying on data and reports provided by the Company's independent auditors. The committee met formally four times during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with management and the independent accountants the Company's March 31, 2004 audited financial statements, and the June, September and December 2003 quarterly reports. In addition, the Committee has discussed with the independent accountants the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, "Communication with Audit Committees".

The Audit Committee has received from the independent accountants written disclosures and a letter concerning the independent accountant's independence from the Company, as required by the Independent Standards Board Standard No. 1, "Independent Discussions with Audit Committees." These disclosures have been reviewed by the Committee and discussed with the independent accountants.

Based on its review and discussions, the Committee has recommended to the Board that the Audited Financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2004 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing report is believed by the undersigned members of the Audit Committee as of February 24, 2004 to fairly represent the prior Audit Committee actions.

Peter J. Nekos, Gregory J. Miller, Neil French

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Company does not have a standing Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors performs the functions of a nominating committee. Until May of 2004, the Company's two largest shareholders, William C. Vassell, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, and Reliance Security plc ("Reliance") each selected three nominees to the Board in accordance with a Shareholder Agreement dated September 12, 2000. Reliance and Mr. Vassell selected a seventh nominee to the Board. As of May of 2004, it is believed that the Shareholder Agreement terminated as the result of sale of Reliance's interests in the Company to GCM Security Partners, LLC ("GCM").

Following the transfer of Reliance's interest to GCM, GCM submitted the names of four nominees to the Company's Board of Directors in connection with the upcoming meeting. The Board determined to nominate the four (4) directors proposed by GCM: Bruce R. Galloway, Robert S. Ellin, Martin R. Wade, III and Thomas P. Kikis. The Board also nominated the three current directors whose terms are expiring: William C. Vassell (President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman), Gregory J. Miller and Peter J. Nekos. At the written request of Mr. Vassell, and in accordance with the Company's Bylaws, the Board agreed to include Mr. Gordon Robinett as a nominee. Mr. Carl E. Painter is not standing for reelection. The Board approved the nominations based on a review of the respective nominees' business experience and/or financial interest in the Company.

Since the Board does not have a Nominating Committee it has no Nominating Charter.

Messrs. Nekos, Miller, French, Simon and Painter are independent directors (as defined in Rule 4200(a)(15) of the National Association of Securities Dealers Listing Standards). The Board reviews information concerning each nominee as described in further detail below. Based on that information, it considers the individual's business experience, areas of expertise and ability to contribute to a well-rounded Board. The Board does not have a policy with regard to the consideration of director candidates recommended by security holders. The Board's view is that such a policy should be adopted in the event it is presented with such nominations in the future. However, the Company's Bylaws provide that a shareholder may make nominations in writing provided they are received by the Corporation not less than one hundred twenty (120) days and not more than one hundred fifty (150) days in advance of the mailing of the Corporation's proxy statement in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. The Bylaws further provide that if the date of the current year's annual meeting is changed by more than thirty (30) days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, as is the case for the August 27th meeting, such proposal must be received by the Corporation at a reasonable time before the Corporation solicits proxies for the election of directors. Proposing shareholders are also required to provide information with regard to the nominees including their full names and residence and business addresses; business experience for the most recent five years; the number of shares of the Corporation's stock owned by the proposed nominees and a description of legal proceedings during the past five years.

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DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Company's by-laws require that the Board of Directors be divided into two classes. The first class consists of directors Neil French, Jeremy Simon and Graeme R. Halder. The terms of the directors in this class will expire at the annual meeting next succeeding the August 27, 2004 (upcoming) annual meeting of the shareholders. As of April, 2004, Jeremy Simon replaced Mr. Kenneth Allison as a member of the first class of directors following Mr. Allison's voluntary resignation.

The second class consists of William C. Vassell (President, CEO and Chairman), Gregory J. Miller, Peter J. Nekos and Carl E. Painter. Mr. Painter has advised the Board that he does not intend to stand for reelection. The terms of the directors in the second class will expire at the upcoming annual meeting of shareholders. Each director's term is intended to run until the second annual meeting of shareholders following election. A classified board makes it more difficult for shareholders to change the majority of directors. Depending on the number of people in each class it could take two (2) annual meetings to replace a majority of the Board.

The following table provides information concerning each person who was an executive officer or director of the Company as of August 6, 2004.

Name -----	Age --	Title -----
Martin Blake	50	Vice President Aviation Services
Neil French	53	Director
Graeme R. Halder	41	Director
Gregory J. Miller	45	Director
Peter J. Nekos	76	Director
Carl E. Painter	58	Director
Gordon Robinett	68	Chief Financial Officer
Jeremy P. Simon	48	Director
William C. Vassell	45	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

The biographical information for Messrs. Vassell, Miller, Nekos and Robinett is located herein at the Section entitled "The Nominees" at pages 8 and 9.

Martin C. Blake, Jr. has over twenty-eight years of experience in aviation security services. Prior to joining the company in 1995, Mr. Blake retired as

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a Major in the United States Air Force, where he served in a variety of senior management positions. Mr. Blake's last assignment was as the Program Manager for Electronic Security Systems, Electronic Systems Division. In this capacity he managed a \$20 million annual program responsible for global marketing, procurement, and deployment of electronic security systems. He was responsible for integrating security systems and programs at international airports in Germany, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Previously, Mr. Blake was the Director of Security at the Department of Defense's largest classified air flight facility, incorporating over 1,200 square miles of restricted air space. Establishing aviation security programs for major aircraft defense contractors was an integral responsibility of his position. Mr. Blake also served as the Security Program Manager for Air Force space programs, including security for the Space Shuttle and expendable space launch vehicles. He also led the effort to integrate a shared automated entry control system for use at Cape Canaveral, Kennedy Space Center, and the Johnson Space Center.

Neil French was appointed as a director to replace and finish the term of Geoffrey P. Haslehurst who voluntarily resigned in January 2003. Neil French was appointed Group Finance Director of Reliance Security Group plc in April 2001. A graduate of Edinburgh University and a Chartered Accountant, he is an experienced public company finance director having held that position with Perry Group plc and APV plc. Prior to that, he held several senior finance positions with Lex Service plc. He is a member of the Company's Audit Committee.

Graeme R. Halder has been a director of the Company since January 2001 and served as its Chief Financial Officer from January 2001 until April 2004 when he voluntarily resigned from that office. Mr. Halder is qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the United Kingdom and worked from 1987 to 1988 with Touche Ross at their London office. In 1988, he moved to the corporate head office of Granada Group plc where he worked for eight years culminating in a position as Finance Director of Granada Hospitality which had \$2 billion of revenue and \$3 billion in assets. Granada was involved in retail, hotels and catering. His final role at Granada Group plc was to spearhead the integration of the accounting systems of several companies following the \$6 billion acquisition of Forte plc in 1996. He moved to Reliance Security Group plc in 1996 as Finance Director of Reliance Security Services Limited before moving to the United States to take up the position of Chief Financial Officer of Command.

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Carl E. Painter has been a director of the Company since April 2001. Mr. Painter was most recently Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of BICC Cables Corporation which was a leading manufacturer of electrical cables in the United States and Canada with revenues in excess of \$750 million. BICC Cables was a subsidiary of the London based BICC Group. In 1984, Mr. Painter was a co-founder of Cablec Corporation, a company formed to complete the management buy-out of the power cable business of the Phelps Dodge Cable & Wire Company. At the time of the MBO, revenues were \$50 million. By 1989, revenues had increased to over \$500 million as a result of internal growth and several acquisitions and the company was acquired by the BICC Group. During his time with the company, Mr. Painter held positions in manufacturing, sales, marketing and general management and led a number of acquisitions and the integration process following the acquisitions. He served as a director on the main board of the BICC Group and was a director

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on the board of Phillips Cables, Ltd., a Canadian subsidiary. He was also a director for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the trade association for the U.S. electrical industry. Mr. Painter received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh University in 1968 and an MBA degree from the Harvard Business School in 1975. He served four years as a Flight Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Jeremy P. Simon was appointed as a director to replace and finish the term of Kenneth Allison who voluntarily resigned in April 2004. Mr. Simon has been Group Legal Counsel and Company Secretary of Reliance Security Group plc since January 2002. Prior to his position with Reliance, Mr. Simon worked for over 4 years as the Corporate Services Director and Company Secretary of Prism Rail PLC, a UK publicly quoted provider of passenger railway services. Mr. Simon has been a corporate attorney for nearly 25 years and for much of his career was a partner in a substantial UK law firm where he specialized in corporate finance and other business-related fields.

William Dunn voluntarily resigned as Secretary and General Counsel for Command Security Corporation in August 2003. No replacement has been identified for either position.

OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the number and percentage of common stock (being the Company's only voting securities) beneficially owned by (i) each person who owns of record (or is known by the Company to own beneficially) 5% or more of the Company's common stock or as to which he has the right to acquire within sixty (60) days of August 6, 2004, (ii) each director, nominee and executive officer and (iii) said directors, nominees and executive officers, as a group, as of August 6, 2004. Except as indicated below, the address for each director and executive officer is the Company's principal office at Lexington Park, Route 55, Lagrangeville, New York 12540.

Other than as set forth in the following table, the Company is not aware of any person (including any "group" as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) who owns more than 5% of the common stock of the Company. It should be noted however, that action taken by the Court of Appeals in the William Vassell litigation (see Item 3 - Legal Proceedings) could alter the ownership of the stock identified below as being owned by GCM Securities Partners LLC.

Name -----	Amount and Nature Of Beneficial Ownership(1) -----	Percent of Class(2) -----
Certain Beneficial Owners		
GCM Security Partners LLC c/o Galloway Capital Management, LLC 1325 Avenue of the Americas 26th Floor	5,297,966 (2), (9)	53.1% (2)

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New York, NY 10019

Trinad Capital LP	5,297,966 (2), (10)	53.1% (2)
153 East 53rd Street		
48th Floor		
New York, NY 10022		

Management

Named Executive Officers

Martin C. Blake, Jr.	50,000 (8)	(12)
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Directors and Nominees

Robert S. Ellin	5,297,966 (13)	53.1% (13)
153 East 53rd Street		
48th Floor		
New York, NY 10022		

Bruce Galloway	5,997,266 (2,9)	60.2%
c/o Galloway Capital Management, LLC		
1325 Avenue of the Americas		
26th Floor		
New York, NY 10019		

Thomas P. Kikis	5,297,966 (13)	53.1% (14)
c/o Galloway Capital Management, LLC		
1325 Avenue of the Americas		
26th Floor		
New York, NY 10019		

Gregory J. Miller	10,000 (5)	(12)
c/o Goldine Connectors, Inc.		
Box 500, 400 Great Pasture Road		
West Redding, CT 06896		

Peter J. Nekos	12,500 (4)	(12)
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Carl E. Painter	10,000 (6)	(12)
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Gordon Robinett	100	(12)
c/o Command Security Corporation		
Route 55, Lagrangeville,		
NY 12540		

William C. Vassell	1,020,785 (3)	13.2% (2)
c/o Command Security Corporation		
Route 55, Lagrangeville,		
NY 12540		

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Martin R. Wade III	0	0
All Officers and Directors (including Nominees) as a Group (8 Persons)	7,100,651 (2-8, 11)	69.3% (11)

(1) The Company has been advised that all individuals listed have the sole power to vote and dispose of the number of shares set forth opposite their names except as indicated.

(2) Percent of class for each shareholder is calculated as if all shares underlying Preferred Stock, options and warrants included in the table for such shareholder are outstanding. The number of outstanding shares of common stock is currently 7,519,878. The percent of class for all executive officers and directors as a group is calculated as if all shares underlying Preferred Stock, options and warrants held by any shareholders included in the group are outstanding.

(3) The shares included under the beneficial ownership of Mr. Vassell include 204,485 shares at an exercise price of \$1.25 per share, covered by a warrant that became exercisable November 12, 2001 but then only to the extent of the exercise by GCM Security Partners, LLC of a warrant GCM holds. Mr. Vassell also shares voting and dispositive power over 16,300 shares with his wife. Mr. Vassell previously held a warrant covering 1,012,159 shares at an exercise price of \$1.25 per share. It was exercisable only to the following extent: (i) with respect to one-third of the warrant shares if the Company's earnings had satisfied certain "Confidential Performance Targets" (defined below under Item 11 "Employment Agreements and Warrants and Termination of Employment and Change of Control Agreement - William C. Vassell") for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002; (ii) with respect to two-thirds of the warrant shares if the Company's earnings were satisfied the Confidential Performance Targets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003; and (iii) with respect to all of the warrant shares if the Company's earnings had satisfied the Confidential Performance Targets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. These targets were not met and the warrant is now void.

(4) Includes 10,000 shares covered by a warrant issued March 1, 2002 that is exercisable at \$.82 per share and expires on February 28, 2005.

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(5) Includes 10,000 shares covered by a warrant issued March 1, 2002 that is exercisable at \$.82 per share and expires on February 28, 2005.

(6) Includes 10,000 shares covered by a warrant issued March 1, 2002 that is exercisable at \$.82 per share and expires on February 28, 2005.

(7) Intentionally omitted.

(8) Includes 50,000 shares covered by a warrant issued pursuant to the Company's 2000 Stock Option Plan that became exercisable May 1, 2004.

(9) Based upon information contained in the Schedule 13D Amendments number 2

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and 6 filed by Mr. Galloway on May 26, 2004 and July 12, 2004 respectively. Includes i) Mr. Galloway's beneficial ownership of 212,000 shares of Common Stock pursuant to a Proxy, dated July 1, 2004, from Europa International Inc. ("Europa") pursuant to which Mr. Galloway was appointed the proxy of Europa, with full power and sole discretion to vote the shares of Common Stock held by Europa for a period of one year; ii) Mr. Galloway's beneficial ownership of 239,500 shares of Common Stock pursuant to a Proxy, dated July 7, 2004, from Sandra Pessin pursuant to which Mr. Galloway was appointed the proxy of Ms. Pessin, with full power and sole discretion to vote the shares of Common Stock held by Ms. Pessin for a period of one year; iii) Mr. Galloway's beneficial ownership of 75,300 shares of Common Stock pursuant to a Proxy, dated July 1, 2004, from Edwin and Carol Levy pursuant to which Mr. Galloway was appointed the proxy of Mr. and Mrs. Levy, with full power and sole discretion to vote the shares of Common Stock held by Mr. and Mrs. Levy for a period of one year; (iv) 172,500 shares of Common Stock over which Mr. Galloway has full dispositive power; and (v) the shares beneficially owned by Mr. Galloway through GCM Security Partners, LLC, a limited liability company of which Mr. Galloway is a managing Member (see, footnote 10 below).

(10) Based upon information contained in the Schedule 13D Amendments number 2 and 5 filed by Managing Member Bruce Galloway on May 26, 2004 and July 9, 2004 respectively. The shares included under the beneficial ownership for GCM Security Partners, LLC include 2,849,874 shares of common stock, a currently exercisable warrant for 150,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.03125 per share and a warrant covering 2,298,092 shares, at an exercise price of \$1.25 per share which became exercisable on November 12, 2001.

(11) The denominator for the group calculation is 10,252,455.

(12) Less than 1 percent of class.

(13) Based upon the information contained in the Form 3 filed by Trinad Capital LP and signed by Robert Ellin on May 21, 2004. Mr. Ellin is the managing member of Trinad according to the biographical information he has provided to the Company. This number includes the shares beneficially owned through GCM Security Partners, LLC (see, footnote 10 above).

(14) Based upon information contained in the Form 3 filed by Mr. Kikis on May 21, 2004. This number includes the shares beneficially owned by Mr. Kikis through GCM Security Partners, LLC (see, footnote 10 above).

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Board Report on Executive Compensation

The purpose of the Company's Compensation Committee is to advise the Board on matters related to the compensation of executive officers and was, as of March 31, 2004, comprised of William C. Vassell, Gregory J. Miller and Neil French. The Company's policy for determining compensation for management personnel is based on its understanding of the market rate for similar positions in an effort to attract and retain qualified personnel. Raises are granted based on performance which is measured in terms of a wide range of factors including the Company's earnings, revenue, period to period performance, cost savings, length of service, creativity and financing.

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During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Committee reviewed recommendations from Management as to a new employment agreement for Martin Blake, VP of Aviation, an amendment to Mr. Blake's Employment Agreement, termination benefits for Graeme Halder (formerly CFO) and an employment agreement for Mr. Robinett (CFO). Pursuant to Corporate Policy, these matters were then referred to the full Board for decisions as to Executive Compensation. In making determinations with respect to compensation for its executive officers, the Board generally reviewed the compensation paid to similarly situated officers at other security guard companies with which the Board was familiar. The base salary selected for Mr. Vassell was at the low to median range of the comparison companies.

The foregoing report is believed by the undersigned members of the Compensation Committee as of March 15, 2003, to fairly represent the prior Compensation Committee's and Board of Director's actions.

William C. Vassell, Neil French and Gregory J. Miller

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The following table sets forth for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, all plan and non-plan compensation paid to, earned by, or awarded to William C. Vassell, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Graeme R. Halder, Chief Financial Officer (until his voluntary resignation on April 4, 2004) and Martin C. Blake, Jr., Vice-President - Aviation. No other executive officer of the Company received total annual salary and bonus in excess of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 and, therefore, compensation for such other executive officers is not disclosed.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended March 31	Annual Compensation			Long-Term Compensation Under Warrant Grant
		Annual Salary	Other Annual Salary Compensation	Bonus	
William C. Vassell	2004	\$250,000			