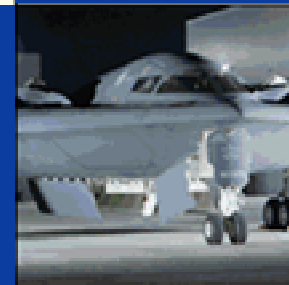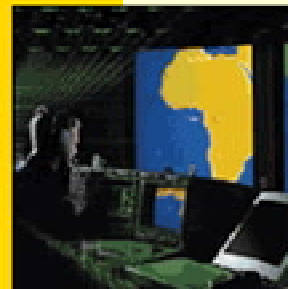NORTHROP GRUMMAN
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Smart Card Integration
into
Physical Access Control Systems

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- **Summary**
  - What is a Physical Access Control System?
  - Why Integrate Smart Cards into Physical Access Control Systems?
  - Physical Access Control System Security Considerations
  - Smart Card Technology Choices
  - Biometrics, PINs, and Smart Cards
  - Key Questions to be Considered in Planning the Integration of Smart Card Technology
  - Example Integration Scenarios
  - Conclusion

- **What is a Physical Access Control System?**
  - A physical access control system is a coordinated network of identification tokens (magnetic stripe cards, proximity cards, key fobs, smart cards, etc.), electronic door readers, control panels, specialized databases, software and computers designed to monitor and control traffic through access control points.

- # Sample Physical Access Control System Network

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- **Why Integrate Smart Cards into Physical Access Control Systems?**
  - Improve security
  - Add PIN and/or biometrics
  - Implement more efficient identification processes
  - Reduce the number of ID cards carried
  - Add new applications

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