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Re: Paper requirement

This letter is to confirm that Mr. Alejandro Mera whom I am co-advising with Prof. Long Lu has met the PhD paper requirement set forth by the Cybersecurity PhD program. The paper, titled DICE: Automatic Emulation of DMA Input Channels for Dynamic Firmware Analysis, has been accepted in the 42nd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy. This a very well-known, highly-regarded conference with an acceptance rate 12%. Alejandro is the lead author of the paper and conducted most of the work with some support from another Ph.D. student. This work introduces a novel method that automatically identifies and emulates DMA input channels for firmware analysis.

Sincerely,

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