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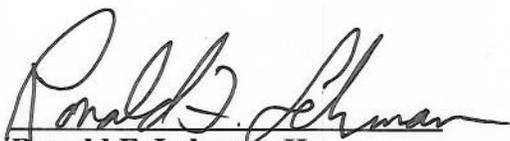
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Thirty-Fourth meeting of the Department of Defense (DoD) Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) convened April 21-22 in Arlington, VA.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.155, it was determined that this meeting of the TRAC concerned classified information and matters covered by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) and as such, the meeting was closed to the public. The meeting subject matter involved classified information directly related to national security issues. Access to such information is limited to personnel with appropriate security clearances and a specific “need to know.” Disclosure of the DoD Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) deliberations would have a grave impact on United States (U.S.) National Security; therefore, all activities were withheld in the public interest and were announced in the Federal Register. Appendices A and B list the meeting agenda and attendees.

TRAC Chair, Ambassador Ronald Lehman, opened the Thirty-Fourth TRAC Plenary by welcoming committee members, senior leaders, and guests. Ambassador Lehman’s opening remarks welcomed three new TRAC members and focused on successful recommendations previously developed by the Committee. He elaborated that the TRAC’s success was due in part to early coordination with key U.S. Government leaders on areas of concern before they became significant problems. The Chair also commended the Committee for the in-depth and critical research done across the U.S. Government as a whole. These key elements enables the TRAC to provide timely recommendations involving some of DoD’s most challenging issues.

The Chair emphasized the need for the Committee to continue to provide timely recommendations of significance to the Department in the coming year despite not operating at full capacity for membership. Ambassador Lehman closed his remarks with an update on the tasks discussed at the Thirty-Third Plenary.

Following Ambassador Lehman, the Principal Deputy Performing the Duties of the ASD(NCB), Dr. Arthur T. Hopkins, provided comments to the TRAC on the status of Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L) and current issues for DoD. The discussion focused on the nuclear enterprise and the high level of attention being paid to the future of the enterprise from both DoD and the Department of Energy. Dr. Hopkins went on to discuss senior leader concern about the state of the nuclear career field in the military and provided the TRAC with thoughts on the root causes of the problem and posited possible solutions. He stressed the need for sustained, high level attention and follow-up on issues pertaining to the



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nuclear enterprise. With respect to biological threats, Dr. Hopkins commended the work of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) in Africa and credited the deliberate strategy to engage early in building partner capacity to helping in the recent response to Ebola. He closed with the call for the TRAC to continue its important, forward thinking approach with an eye toward identifying what gaps in capabilities exist in the WMD mission space. Lastly, Dr. Hopkins asked for assistance from the Committee on how to integrate the Secretary of Defense's concept on Better Buying Power into the challenges facing the Department.

The TRAC then received an intelligence brief from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) that covered an in depth review of Russia and an overview of global WMD threats.

Honorable Michael Nacht and Ms. Eileen Vergino, preparatory group leads for the review on North Korea, followed the intelligence brief by sharing information on a new TRAC focus area. The preparatory group met once prior to the Plenary to chart a way forward. The co-leads provided the Committee with a brief overview of the study, which will focus on North Korea from the WMD perspective, along with an examination of the role of allies and other actors in the region.

Dr. Gigi Gronvall, TRAC member and lead for the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) preparatory group, provided an overview of the study. At the request of the Sponsor, the GHSA group examined how DoD priorities are aligned with GHSA objectives and assessed the role of DoD within GHSA for the future. The group also examined technology gaps in the Department's ability to contribute to GHSA. During the course of the effort, Operation United Assistance-Ebola was stood-up and the preparatory group looked at the DoD and U.S. Government response to the Ebola outbreak as a case study for DoD's strategic role in health security. Dr. Gronvall reported on the observations and findings of the group and highlighted the numerous meetings conducted across the U.S Government, academia, and non-governmental organizations to support the research effort. The Committee discussed the observations and in particular how DoD is organized to support GHSA during both steady state and in response to an outbreak. The members also discussed the need for improved modeling of casualty estimates going forward. The GHSA group discussed the need to codify certain policies, procedures, and line of effort responses to ensure the Department is better prepared for the next outbreak. Dr. Gronvall closed with praise for the DoD response but cautioned that next time the disease may be more difficult to contain.

Honorable Joseph Benkert, Nuclear Strategic Stability (NSS) preparatory group lead, shared information from the group's research on NSS issues and, in particular, important revelations from the group's recent trip to gather information during meetings with senior leaders at U.S. European Command and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The group is currently researching



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regional crisis/conflict effects and what requirements exist for regional strategic stability, extended deterrence, and assurance of Allies. Going forward, the NSS group is expanding its research to include current acquisition plans and additional issues relevant to the NSS purview as outlined by DoD leadership after discussions with U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) and representatives from AT&L.

Dr. Miriam John and Ambassador Robert Joseph then provided a brief overview of another new TRAC focus area. This new topic will review emerging issues for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency & USSTRATCOM Center for Combating WMD & Standing Joint Force Headquarters-Elimination. The group has not had any information gathering session to date, but has had a discussion with the Sponsor on the specifics of the tasking and an initial discussion with the Agency being studied. Upon completion of the overview with the TRAC members, the first day of the Plenary concluded.

The second day opened with comments from the Chair who briefly summarized the previous day and outlined the events moving forward. Following the Chair's remarks, Ambassador Linton Brooks provided the TRAC with an overview of U.S. – Russia relations. Ambassador Brooks spoke of the importance of continued dialogue with Russia, despite current tensions. He also emphasized the importance of NATO and the need for the organization to maintain awareness of relations with Russia and begin planning for multiple contingencies. The TRAC members and Ambassador Brooks had a thoughtful dialogue on the current relations and related it back to events in the Cold War; much of the dialogue was classified.

Following Ambassador Brooks, Ms. Anita Friedt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Strategic Policy at the U.S. Department of State, discussed the U.S. role in arms control efforts contributing to the safety and security of the U.S. She discussed the future of arms control and the importance of maintaining U.S. dedication to existing treaties and conventions. Ms. Friedt concluded by highlighting the strong partnership she has with her colleagues in DoD, especially on the topic of reassuring allies and partners. Ambassador Lehman thanked Ms. Friedt for her detailed remarks and asked for comments from the Committee.

Opening the senior leader outbrief at the Pentagon, USD Kendall, thanked the TRAC members for their service to the Department of Defense and welcomed the three new TRAC members to the Committee. His opening remarks focused on the TRAC's critical role in the Department's ability to effectively and efficiently address these threats – especially important given the Department's budget environment.



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The TRAC then presented final recommendations that were derived from multiple preparatory sessions and deliberated upon by the Committee. USD(AT&L), ASD(NCB), OSD Policy, and DTRA-SCC/WMD senior leaders were in attendance. The information the TRAC presented was focused on the previously discussed topics of Global Health Security Agenda and Nuclear Strategic Stability. USD Kendall and Committee members discussed the observations and findings of the groups at length. The meeting concluded with a conversation on the aforementioned two new focus areas previously discussed.

USD Kendall thanked the TRAC for the thought provoking discussion, stating he looks forward to senior leaders in DoD learning more about the current TRAC efforts and the potential for improvements in the Department.

Ambassador Lehman adjourned the meeting at 1415 on April 22, 2015.



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APPENDIX A
MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 22, 2015

0900	Designated Federal Officer Remarks	Mr. Hostyn/TRAC
0930	Chairman's Remarks	AMB Lehman
1000	Intelligence Update	DIA/CIA
1200	Working Lunch North Korea Discussion	HON Nacht/Ms. Vergino
1230	Global Health Security Agenda Update	Dr. Gronvall
1300	Nuclear Strategic Stability	HON Benkert
1400	DTRA/SCC-WMD Discussion	Dr. John/AMB Joseph
1500	Future Focus Areas	AMB Lehman
1600	TRAC Deliberations	TRAC Only
1630	ADJOURN	

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

0830	Opening Remarks	AMB Lehman
0900	Russia Overview	AMB Brooks
1015	BREAK	
1030	Future of Arms Control	Ms. Friedt



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1200	Working Lunch Preparations for Senior Leader Outbrief	ALL
1300	Transport to Pentagon	
1330	Arrive at Pentagon - begin Senior Official Discussions	
1345	Senior Leader Outbrief	ALL
1415	ADJOURN	



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APPENDIX B

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Attendee List

TRAC Members

Honorable Joseph A. Benkert	Lieutenant General Francis H. Kearney, III,
Rear Admiral Kenneth W. Bernard, USPHS (Ret.)	USA (Ret.)
Dr. Gigi Gronvall	Honorable Susan J. Koch
Vice Admiral Robert S. Harward, USN (Ret.)	Ambassador Ronald F. Lehman, II
Ms. Mary Alice Hayward	Honorable Michael Nacht
Ms. Jill M. Hruby	Ms. Joan B. Rohlfling
Dr. Miriam E. John	Dr. John Reichart
Ambassador Robert G. Joseph	Dr. Jeffrey M. Starr
	Ms. Eileen Vergino

Guests

Mr. Thomas Atkin	Dr. Arthur T. Hopkins
Ambassador Linton Brooks	Major General John Horner
Dr. Julia Brown	Mr. Wayne Hudson
Mr. Doug Bruder	Mr. Frank Kendall
Ms. Elaine Bunn	Mr. Hunter Lutinski
Major Matthew Camel	Mr. Kenneth Myers
Colonel Linwood Clark	Colonel Scott Robinson
Mr. Michael Dumont	Lieutenant Karlee Scheimreif
Mr. James Finch	Dr. Michael S. Smith
Ms. Anita Friedt	Dr. Thomas Troyano
Dr. Elizabeth George	Dr. Vahid Majidi
Dr. Chris Hassel	Colonel Andrew Werner

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