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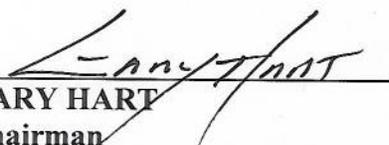
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Twenty-Eighth Plenary

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1. (U) GENERAL INFORMATION. The twenty-eighth meeting of the Department of Defense (DoD) Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) Plenary session convened at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, April 10, 2012.

a. (U) As previously announced in the Federal Register, DoD closed this meeting to the public, in accordance with Section 10(d), Federal Advisory Committee Act, and Public Law 92-463, as amended {5 U.S.C., Appendix, (1982)}. The meeting's subject matter involved Secret and Top Secret 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 TRAC deliberations would have grave impact on U.S. National Security; therefore, all activities were withheld in the public interest. Appendices A and B list the meeting agenda and attendees.

b. (U) The majority of the meeting was conducted at the Secret security classification level, with appropriate restrictions on recording devices and disposition of notes. This report provides the notes and proceedings of the briefings and members' discussion.

2. (U) OPENING REMARKS. Mr. William Hostyn, Designated Federal Officer opened the meeting and Senator (retired) Gary Hart, Chairman of the Committee, thanked the membership for their work leading up to this meeting. Many members have been active in recent weeks working on ASD Weber's "Three Big Issues." Senator Hart stated that TRAC has made great progress towards providing some actionable recommendations and ideas for the Executive Out-Brief scheduled for 11 April 2012. He congratulated the members and again thanked them for their efforts.

a. (U) ASD Weber welcomed Hon Michael Nacht and LTG [Ret] Frank Kearney as TRAC subject matter experts and TRAC member nominees. He also recognized RADM [Ret] Ken Bernard and thanked him for his subject matter expertise on the Georgia and Kazakhstan (GG/KZ) issues. ASD Weber stated he is pleased the TRAC is poised to make this an effective year. According to ASD Weber, the DepSecDef has elevated combating WMD (CWMD) issues, and he believes the TRAC will be beneficial to informing policy by providing impartial ideas and expertise to this problem set. He noted that the Department is looking at the required capabilities to deal with CWMD under a series of robust scenarios. He is hopeful that the TRAC can assist with this venture and efforts of a similar nature.

b. (U) Ambassador Lehman summarized the way forward for this session. He noted that the committee will receive a summary of the completed Georgia and Kazakhstan report on CRLs for deliberations, they will continue their discussions on Syria in the

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context of threat reduction planning, and they will discuss three efforts to look at in the future.

3. (U) SUMMARY: The TRAC members received numerous briefings (See Appendix A for Agenda) briefings. As previously noted these briefings were classified requiring a closed meeting.

a. Georgia and Kazakhstan Outbrief and Deliberations: The members were presented an out-brief on the visits to Georgia and Kazakhstan to evaluate a range of issues related to the establishment of Central Reference Laboratories (CRLs) in both countries. The visiting teams developed a series of lessons learned and best practices that could serve USG cooperative biological engagement goals throughout the region. Specifically, the Review Group was asked to assess contributions of the CRLs and associated Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) activities. Dr. Susan Koch and Dr. Jeffrey Starr presented working group highlights of the two trips. At the conclusion of deliberations, the committee agreed the way forward with respect to Georgia and Kazakhstan is:

- i. Publish this final report without any additions.
- ii. Prepare two letters for ASD Weber to send to the Presidents of Georgia and Kazakhstan thanking them for hosting the trips, and provide each with a respective synopsis of the recommendations. (OASD/NCB action)
- iii. Discuss how best to approach going beyond this on the broader issue of CTR strategy.

b. Threat Reduction Planning Work Group Outbrief and Deliberations: Dr. John Reichart provided an overview of the working group's progress since the last TRAC meeting on threat reduction planning. The proposed recommendations were presented and discussed. Additional invited guests from the Interagency and OSD participated in the classified discussion on how to move forward. At the conclusion of the member's deliberations, it was determined that the members should receive a briefing from CENTCOM or Joint Staff on current planning efforts. This would serve to provide a better understanding and inform the committee's work in the area of WMD elimination.

c. Building Counterproliferation Capabilities Through Multilateral Initiatives: Dr. Koch briefed the members on a white paper that analyzes six multilateral initiatives in terms of their actual and potential role in building counterproliferation capabilities worldwide. The TRAC discussed the issue but no recommendations were identified. This topic requires further discussion.

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- d. Interagency Perspectives:** Sen Hart opened up the session, stating the Committee would be joined by guests from the White House, Department of Energy (DOE), as well as the Department of Homeland Security/Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DHS/DNDO). The individuals were invited to discuss their organization's current efforts and provide an Interagency perspective on C-WMD efforts, in particular Nuclear Security and Smuggling. There was consensus on the need for Interagency collaboration. Many of these issues overlap and many federal agencies share roles and responsibilities; collaboration and coordination help the Interagency partners to move forward on these important cross-functional issues within the Federal Government. In light of recent budget cuts it becomes even harder to work these issues - the problems are not going away so the Interagency needs to work together more efficiently.
- e. Nuclear Accounting – Framing the Issues:** Dr. Mim John presented a briefing to frame the issue and the proposed recommendations to ASD Weber. This was a recommendation from TRAC Plenary 27, held 31 January-1 February 2012. It was determined there needed to be further work in this area from the TRAC. There are efforts underway throughout DoD that the members would benefit from
- f. Senior Leader Out Brief:** Senator Hart welcomed all attendees, especially DepSecDef Carter, USD Kendall, and ASD Weber. He noted that the TRAC was focused on ASD Weber's Three Big Issues: Threat reduction planning in the Middle East and Africa, CRL's in Georgia and Kazakhstan, and Nuclear Security and Accounting Systems. Several members conducted on-site trips to Central Asia in February and SEN Hart, ASD Creedon and ASD Weber participated in the March trip. They visited the CRL in Almaty, Kazakhstan, which is currently under construction, and the CRL in Georgia, which is nearly complete. The group met with senior leaders at the ministerial level in both countries and received great support from the respective senior leaders. The working group highlighted what may seem to be a small achievement as a great success story – a ministerial POC for the Kazakhstan CRL was identified to during our meetings with senior officials. This was a big step forward in their commitment to success. AMB Ron Lehman led the executive out-brief. He presented the slides and recommendations with the Middle East and Africa as the dominant backdrop. Dr. Ash Carter thanked Senator Hart and the TRAC for their time and efforts on the issues in question. He stated he and the Secretary of Defense are grateful. He went on to say that this is how we get after these issues, and we need help with thinking these things through. He stated he got an advanced peek at the materials and was quite intrigued with what the members have been working on.

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Secretary Carter stated this briefing was helpful to him and those around the table. He stated that DoD needs to get to know our partners that will be working this issue. He is still interested in determining how to parse the problem to those things DoD should be most concerned about – because we cannot eliminate it all. Secretary Carter also stated that CTR is a living thing and DoD must look at how to improve it overtime. He completed his remarks by saying “Bravo” on the threat reduction work, it is very discerning. I agree with all of your recommendations. Sen Hart commented that the TRAC’s compensation is having the DepSecDef and all those around the table here at this out-brief. The TRAC believes these are important topics and we would like to help you all work through them.

g. Adjournment.

The Committee adjourned and the Designated Federal Officer closed the meeting at 1500, April 11, 2012.

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Appendix A

28th TRAC PLENARY AGENDA
USD(I) Conference Room
3D958
Pentagon
April 10-11, 2012

Closed Meeting Pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552b(c)(1)

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TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2012

0800	Check In	ALL
0830	Designated Federal Officer begins session and closes meeting	Mr. Bill Hostyn
0845	Chairman's Remarks	Sen. Gary Hart
0900	Out-brief on KZ/GG	Dr. Susan Koch
1030	Deliberations: KZ/GG	TRAC Members
1200	Working Lunch: CWMD Operations Out-brief	Dr. John Reichart
1300	CWMD Operations Roundtable Discussion	USG Officials and Invited Guests
1600	Deliberations: CWMD Operations	TRAC Members
1700	TRAC Discussions	TRAC Members
1730	Depart from Pentagon for No Host Dinner	ALL
1830	No Host Dinner (location TBD)	TRAC Members and Invited Guests

2100 Adjourn for the Day

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0830	Chairman's Remarks	Sen. Gary Hart
0900	Interagency Perspectives	Anne Harrington Warren Stern
1030	Nuclear Accounting – Framing the Issues	Corey Hinderstein
1200	TRAC Deliberations (Working Lunch)	TRAC Members
1400	TRAC Out-brief to Senior Leaders	DoD Senior Leadership
<u>1500</u>	<u>Adjourn Plenary</u>	

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Attendee List

Mr. Clark Adams	Ambassador Robert G. Joseph
Dr. Peter Belk	LTG[Ret] Francis H. Kearney
Mr. Joseph A. Benkert	Hon Mr. Frank Kendall
RADM Keneth Bernard	Dr. Susan J. Koch
Hon Mr. Ashton Carter	Ambassador Ronald F. Lehman, II
Hon Mrs. Madelyn Creedon	Hon Mr. Simon Limage
Dr. Richard A. Falkenrath	Mr. Charles Lutes
COL Ron Fizer	Dr. Ernest J. Moniz
Dr. Carolyn Floyd	Mr. Kenneth Myers
Mr. Shawn Gallagher	Dr. Michael Nacht
Dr. Gigi Gronvall	Mr. Bill O'Donnell
Dr. Gwendolyn M. Hall	Mr. Stephen Polchek
Ambassador Reno L. Harnish	Dr. John F. Reichart
Ms. Anne Harrington	Dr. Jeffrey M. Starr
Senator Gary W. Hart (Ret)	Mr. Warren Stern
Mr. William Hostyn	Dr. Eileen S. Vergino
Dr. Jill M. Hruby	Hon Mr. Andy Weber
Dr. Miriam E. John	