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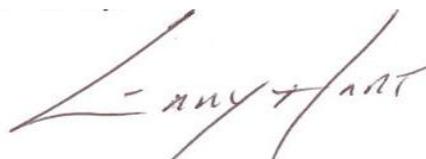
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**National Geospatial – Intelligence Agency
Springfield, VA**

January 29, 2014

**CENTRA Technologies
Arlington, VA**

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APPROVED:

GARY HART
Chairman
Threat Reduction Advisory Committee

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The thirty-first meeting of the Department of Defense (DoD) Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) convened January 28, Springfield, VA and January 29, 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 TRAC deliberations would have grave impact on United States (U.S.) National Security; therefore, all activities were withheld in the public interest and was announced in the Federal Register. Appendices A and B list the meeting agenda and attendees.

The majority of the meeting was conducted at a classified level, with appropriate restrictions on recording devices and disposition of notes. This report provides the unclassified notes and proceedings of the briefings as well as members’ discussions.

Committee members attended the keynote addresses of the Global Synchronization Conference (GSC) on Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) that preceded the TRAC #31 Plenary session. Speakers included Admiral (ADM) Cecil Haney, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Ms. Rebecca Hersman, Deputy Assistant Secretary CWMD, Mr. Kenneth Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction and Standing Joint Force Headquarters – Elimination (DTRA/SCC-WMD SJFHQ-E), and Ms. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall from the National Security Staff. The highlights of these addresses were the importance of the work being done in the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) realm, especially considering current events and evolving global threats. Immediately following the opening session, the Committee, gathered for an informal discussion with Lieutenant General (LTG) John Johnson, Director Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) to discuss potential opportunities for the TRAC to support JIEDDO.

Sen. (Ret) Hart opened the TRAC #31 Plenary, welcoming the members and ADM Haney. ADM Haney welcomed the TRAC and extended his gratitude for the efforts of the TRAC. He extended an invitation to the committee to hold their next meeting at USSTRATCOM. Following the opening remarks, the members provided ADM Haney and the group updates on some of their current efforts such as: Nuclear Strategic Stability, the Future of the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program, and Strategic Indications and Warning.

Honorable (HON) Joseph Benkert outlined the focus and goals of their initial review on Nuclear Strategic Stability. They will focus on looking at a compilation of what will make up a stockpile with fewer weapons. In addition, the cost and timeline associated with the U.S.

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strategic posture. The research will look at the impact that budget decisions will have on these stockpiles and strategic posture. HON Benkert highlighted the necessity to reach out to USSTRATCOM staff for additional information on the topic.

Ms. Jill Hruby provided an update on the Future of the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program. The focus of the study is to conduct an independent assessment of the U.S. Government's Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program. The review will take into account the changing environment of CTR, including the evolving threat environment, the retirement of Senator Richard Lugar, and the impact of the fiscal environment. The scope should include such topics as: current CTR programs, both within the former Soviet Union and beyond; the application of CTR efforts to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats; the legislative framework for CTR; the roles and responsibilities of U.S. Departments and Agencies; the intersection of public health and biosecurity; and engagement with partner nations and international organizations.

Dr. Gigi Gronvall provided an update on the status of the Committee's work on Strategic Indications and Warning (I&W). The Committee has focused on evaluating capability to monitor global status of WMD-related materials, equipment, and people. An emphasis has been on assessing the Global CWMD Awareness System (GCAS) and the Global Knowledge Management Capability (GKMC) to understand priorities, related programs, interagency engagement, and program implementation.

Following the brief summaries, the dialogue shifted to a discussion on cyber and nuclear forces. The group expressed concern on the growing emphasis on cyber efforts and not putting sufficient resources towards other threats. There was also concern regarding maintaining and growing nuclear competence at the National Labs. The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of this discussion.

On Day Two, January 29, 2014, Senator (Ret) Hart opened the meeting and stated that they will follow-up on the dialogue with ADM Haney from the previous day. The Committee will explore opportunities to hold a future meeting at USSTRATCOM. The Committee then received a classified intelligence briefing from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Following that, Major General Jay Santee provided the group with a classified briefing on updates on the WMD-Elimination efforts in the Levant Region.

After the morning session, Senator (Ret) Hart provided a brief summary from the Senior Leader lunch that he and AMB Lehman attended during the GSC. The underlying focus during the lunch concentrated on the growing concern in South East Asia and continued concern regarding North Korea and Pakistan.

Mr. Andy Weber, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, addressed the committee. It will be important for the Department to focus on lessons learned from what evolved in Syria. The Department could benefit from the expertise of the TRAC and the USSTRATCOM Senior Advisory Group (SAG). He asked the Committee to discuss this area and determine if they can provide any assistance. Another focus area that could benefit from advice and recommendations from the TRAC is U.S./Russia Relations.

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Following the conversation with the Assistant Secretary, the focus shifted to the team leads and possible paths forward in their information gathering. Mr. Weber wanted to ensure that there was a focus on South East Asia in the Nuclear Strategic Stability work. HON Benkert emphasized that South East Asia is included in their effort. CTR was the next summary addressed with the emphasis on improving engagements with India and Pakistan. The meeting concluded with a classified discussion on areas of increased concern in Asia.

Sen. (Ret) Hart adjourned the meeting at 1600.

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APPENDIX A

**31st TRAC PLENARY
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Agenda

TUESDAY, January 28, 2014

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| 1300 | Designated Federal Officer Remarks
<i>Discussion will be at the Unclassified level</i> | Mr. Bill Hostyn |
| 1330 | Opening Remarks
<i>Discussion will be at the Secret level</i> | Sen Gary Hart, Chairman |
| 1400 | STRATCOM Commanders Brief
<i>Discussion will be at the Top Secret level</i> | Admiral Cecil Haney |
| 1600 | Adjourn for the Day | |

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WEDNESDAY, January 29, 2014

- 0830 Chairman's Remarks Sen. Gary Hart
Discussion will be at the Secret level
- 0900 Intelligence Update Mr. Conner Norris
Discussion will be at the Top Secret/ Sensitive Compartmented Information level
- 1030 **BREAK**
- 1045 TRAC Deliberations - WMD-Elimination LTG Frank Kearney
(ret)
Discussion will be at the Secret level
- 1130 **LUNCH**
- 1300 TRAC Deliberations - Cooperative Threat Reduction Ms. Hruby/Ms. Vergino
Discussion will be at the Secret level
- 1400 **BREAK**
- 1415 TRAC Deliberations - Strategic CWMD Indications & Warnings Dr. Mim John
Discussion will be at the Secret level
- 1500 Securing Special Nuclear Materials HON Joe Benkert
Discussion will be at the Secret level
- 1500 TRAC Way Ahead TRAC Members Only
Discussion will be at the Secret level
- 1600 **Adjourn**

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APPENDIX B

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Attendee List

TRAC Members

Mr. Joseph A. Benkert
RADM Kenneth Bernard (Ret)
Dr. Richard A. Falkenrath
Dr. Gigi Gronvall
Dr. Gwendolyn M. Hall
Senator Gary W. Hart (Ret)
Dr. Siegfried Hecker
Dr. Jill M. Hruby
Dr. Robert Kadlec
LTG Frank Kearney (Ret)
Dr. Susan J. Koch
Ambassador Ronald F. Lehman, II
Dr. Michael Nacht
Dr. John Reichart
Dr. Jeffrey Starr
Ms. Eileen Vergino

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Attendee List

Guests

Mr. Paul Bernstein

Mr. Mark Cromer

ADM Cecil Haney

LTG Robert Hinson (Ret)

LTG John Johnson

SgtMaj Howard Long

Mr. Ken Myers

MG Lucas Polakowski

Maj Gen Jay Santee

Mr. Bob Servant

Mr. Andrew Weber

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