FOR: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FROM: Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition)


- TAB A forwards for your concurrence, the Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force Report on Science and Technology Issues of Early Intercept Ballistic Missile Defense Feasibility. This study was sponsored by USD(AT&L), the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Commander, U.S. STRATCOM, to examine the feasibility of achieving Early Intercept (EI) of regional-level adversary ballistic missiles.

- The DSB Task Force found that "EI is not fundamental as an attribute of effective ballistic missile defense." The Task Force also found that "...the basic components of our inventory today, namely Aegis ships with radars and long-range interceptor missiles, is well suited as a foundation for the planned regional defense mission outlines in the Phased Adaptive Approach." The Task Force's recommendations provide general guidance and refrain from listing program-specific requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: Respectfully request you concur with the TAB A Study by signing below:

Concur:  
Non-concur: 

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