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The Honorable William M. "Mac" Thornberry
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515


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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated October 4, 2018 regarding our development of a legislative proposal for the Space Force. We will work with you and your staff, as well as our other oversight committees, as we build the legislative proposal and undertake the comprehensive task of restructuring our national security space enterprise.

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October 10, 2018

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
FROM: Mr. Robert R. Hood, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
SUBJECT: Coordination for a Legislative Proposal to Establish a Separate Military Department for Space

The letter at TAB A responds to the House Armed Services Committee's letter of October 4, 2018, addressed to both you and General Selva, requesting detailed information on proposed options to best restructure the national security space enterprise. The October 4 letter requested:

- The Administration's legislative proposal to establish a separate military department for space with the President's budget request for FY 2020 along with a discussion of the benefits and challenges of a full range of options.
- All information, plans, and analysis available to the Department and/or Joint Chiefs of Staff on the following four alternatives.
 - The Space Corps model which passed the House in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018 on July 6, 2017, (House Report 115-200)
 - An enhanced version of the Space Corps model integrating Army and Navy space components and the Missile Defense Agency
 - An independent separate military department
 - A model based on Special Operations Command which would provide organize, train, and equip responsibilities for space capabilities and the designation of a senior civilian for oversight
- The Committee requests the information be grouped into four broad categories:
 - Current and future resources
 - Modification of existing or new authorities
 - Clarity on existing relationships
 - Timeline for implementation

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RECOMMENDATION: Sign correspondence at TAB A

COORDINATION: None

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Attachments:

TAB A: Letter to House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry

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Dear Deputy Secretary Shanahan and Vice Chairman Selva:

As Congress and the Administration consider how to best restructure the national security space enterprise and on what timeline, the Committee needs more detailed information on various options that have been proposed.

We look forward to receiving the Administration's legislative proposal to establish a separate military department for space with the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2020, but it is important for us to understand the benefits and challenges of a full range of options.

The four alternative structures to be considered for this information request are: the Space Corps model which passed the House in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 on July 6, 2017 (House Report 115-200); an enhanced version of the Space Corps model integrating Army and Navy space components and the Missile Defense Agency; an independent separate military department; and a model based on Special Operations Command which would provide organize, train, and equip responsibilities for space capabilities and the designation of a senior civilian for oversight.

We request all information, plans, and analysis available to the Department and/or Joint Chiefs of Staff on these alternative structures. Given the comprehensiveness of the request, we have grouped the information into four broad categories:

First, current and future resources. Information about resources should include current and future billets, funding, and infrastructure to support each alternative structure.

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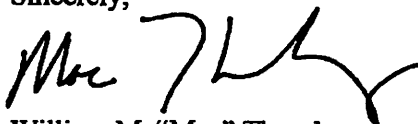
Second, modification of existing or new authorities. Information about authorities should consider any legislation required to authorize changes to requirements and acquisition processes; service-specific organizing, training, and equipping; and joint warfighting operations.

Third, clarity on external relationships. Information about external relationships should include differences in command and control relationships between each alternative structure and the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, other Services, and Defense Agencies.

Fourth, timeline for implementation. Information about the expected timeline for implementation must be provided for each alternative structure and should include an assessment of how to transfer existing resources and programs of record to each alternative structure.

I ask that your responses be provided to the Committee by November 16, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac Thornberry", written in a cursive style.

William M. "Mac" Thornberry
Chairman