

## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

### **Defense Innovation Board (DIB) Information Session**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

#### **Virtual Session**

**External Participants:** Matt Barchick, Jay Long, Brian Ward, Ryan Connell

**DIB Participants:** Mike Mullen

**DIB Staff:** Marina Theodotou (DFO), Kimberly Hidalgo, Zackariah Crahen, Christina Hilf, Juan Merizalde

**Purpose:** Information Gathering session for "Incentives" DIB report.

#### **Session Summary:**

The session discussed the success of Project Maven, an AI project, and the challenges of data classification. It highlighted the need for efficient data handling processes and talent retention within the Department of Defense (DoD). The Global Information Dominance Experiment was mentioned as a beneficial initiative. The discussion also focused on the acquisition process, the importance of risk tolerance, and the need for continuous development in technology deployment. The importance of upskilling the workforce, breaking down barriers, and understanding current technology was emphasized. Accountability in decision-making, especially in resource allocation, was deemed crucial. The discussion pointed out the “Civil War surgeon problem” and the need to shift focus towards human resources. Lastly, it underscored the need to view digital expertise as a core mission requirement..

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