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	Summer Board Meeting Agenda	
4	Pentagon, Washington, DC	
	July 17th, 2024 Pentagon	
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1	Page 2 APPEARANCES:		Page
2	BOARD MEMBERS	1	have been no significant changes to the meeting's
3	Michael Bloomberg, Board Member	2 3	agenda as it is posted on the Federal Register notice.
4	Marina Theodotou, Executive Director	4	The public was invited to submit
5		5	written comments for the board members to consider
6	Ryan Swann, Board Member	6	and we received three public comments in advance
	Will Roper, Board Member (virtual)	7	of today's meeting, which we will review during
7	Admiral Michael Mullen, Board Member	8	the meeting.
8	Charles Dhilling Decad Mansher	9	As a reminder, these are comments to
9	Charles Phillips, Board Member	10	the Board and not a question-and-answer session.
10	Mac Thornberry, Board Member	11	These comments will be posted to the DIB website,
10	Sue Gordon, Board Member (virtual)	12	Defense Innovation Board, innovation.defense.gov.
11 12		13	And now, I would like to turn it over to the
13	List of Speakers	14	Defense Innovation Board chair, Mr. Mike
14	Alexis Bonnell, CIO and Director of Digital Capabilities Directorate, Air Force Research	15	Bloomberg.
15	Laboratory	16	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you, Marina.
16	MAJ Michael Kanaan, Military Deputy Chief Information Officer, DOD Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence	17	And welcome to everyone watching this meeting
17	Office Office	18	online. Thanks for joining us. Let me start by
18	James Appathurai, NATO Acting Assistant Secretary	19	saying a few words about something that is on
19	General, Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber	20	everyone's minds. I think we're all thankful
20	CAPT Colin Kane, Chief of Staff, Military Deputy,	21	former President Trump survived Sunday's
21	Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell	22	Saturday's assassination attempt, but others at
22		23	the rally were critically injured. And a former
23 24		24	fire chief was killed while shielding his family,
25		25	saving their lives.
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1	* * *	1	I think President Biden said it well
2	PROCEEDINGS	2	on Sunday night: Violence absolutely cannot and
3	* * *	3	must not be a part of America's political life.
4	MS. THEODOTOU: Welcome, everyone,	4	The peaceful resolution of our differences is what
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6	and thank you for joining us today for this	5	our democracy is all about. The job of political
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1	undertake in response to specific challenges the	1	particularly on the startup side. And it can
2	Defense Department is facing. Those reports are	2	be there is also a part of this that the
3	not just sitting on a shelf either. By the end of	3	building, I think, needs to understand much more
4	this year, the Department will have implemented	4	clearly how to actually run a business and get
5	40 percent of the Board's recommendations with, we	5	away from the status quo being "okay."
6	hope, more to follow.	6	We've also certainly seen that there
7	Those recommendations really run the	7	is minimal collaboration across every aspect of
8	gamut. Among other priorities, they will help the	8	what it takes to deliver capability, requirements
9	Department build better long-term relationships	9	acquisition, programmers, budget, contracts,
10	with the private sector, speed up the adoption of	10	contractors, legislators. They're never once at
11	technologies across the military, secure the	11	the same table, and that's a huge challenge in
12	rights to the data they produced together. And,	12	terms of creating the kind of innovation and
13	most importantly, continue to foster and sustain a	13	technology at the speed that we need.
14	culture of innovation.	14	The specific findings in the study
15	Today we'll take a little more time about	15	and I'll just briefly touch on them. First of
16	that culture and talk about it in the	16	all, just avoiding risk, perpetuating complacency,
17	collaboration and prudent risk-taking that helps	17	and preventing speed. The building is very
18	make it possible. We'll do so as we present our	18	risk-adverse, and the requirement is to move very,
19	two newest reports. They are the product of	19	very rapidly, which is going to require
20	dozens of interviews and hundreds of hours of	20	significant increase in the appetite for risk.
21	research.	21	Lacking tap cover top cover,
22	The reports are called "Aligning	22	sorry, and underleveraging the frozen middle. And
23	Incentives to Drive Faster Tech Adoption" and	23	I think leveraging the frozen middle from an
23 24	"Optimizing How We Innovate with Allies and	24	innovation standpoint has great potential, and we
24 25	Partners."	25	need to really focus on that. And too often
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1	Page 7 Admiral Mike Mullen is ready to tell	1	Page rewarding the status quo. Lacking innovation
2	us about the former study, and Charles Phillips	2	an innovation career path, and mismanaging talent,
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3	the last the latter.		particularly of the innovators, often they can't
4	Admiral Mullen will speak first, the	4	get promoted, they can't get the good jobs, and in
5	other board members will have a chance to comment,	5	that frustration, they oftentimes leave. It's not
6	and then we'll ask two guest speakers to share	6	that they're not focused on the mission; they love
7	their insights as well.	7	the mission and they really want to try to make it
8	Admiral Mullen, you're up. Please	8	better.
9	go ahead.	9	A lack of understanding of how
10	ADMIRAL MULLEN: Thanks, Mike.	10	industry worked, I touched on that briefly before.
11	Thanks for your leadership of this board. And to	11	And the detachment of innovation and innovation
12	your point about we hope that these can be	12	requirement from the mission, and in so doing
13	implemented. We certainly hope that this study	13	really, you know, flying blind, we call it.
14	will provide help, in what is a significant	14	So recommendations, briefly embrace
15	challenge with respect to innovation in the	15	risk. Figure out a way to do that in a way that
16	Department. I think you'll find when you read the	16	really takes calculated, understood risks so that
17	report that actually the language is very strong,	17	we can move at speeds to deliver the capability
18	the findings and the recommendations. Words like	18	that we want.
19	"clear and present danger," "risk to winning	19	Leaders have to provide top cover
20	specifically," and "A good chance if we don't do	20	for innovators. I mean, we do that as mentors and
21	this and do it well, China will overtake us."	21	leaders emotionally, but for the quote/unquote,
22	We certainly from the overall	22	mavericks that are amongst us, those that can
23	approach standpoint, it's just they're two	23	really bring innovation, we've got to find a place
24	fundamentally different cultures, both inside DOD	24	for them, promote them, make sure they have a
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future to eventually get into positions of

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and certainly out in the commercial sector,

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1	leadership themselves. And we've got to stop	1	recommendations. Let's start with Alexis Bonnell.
2	rewarding mediocrity. We need to accelerate	2	She is a Google alum, and now she leads research
3	speed, really put ourselves on the clock, and	3	and development for the Air Force as its chief
4	that's challenging given the overall budget cycle,	4	information officer and director of digital
5	we certainly understand that. But we've got to be	5	capabilities.
6	faster in delivering that capability, almost as if	6	Alexis, the floor is yours.
7	we're at war.	7	MS. BONNELL: (Audio glitch.)
8	We need to create a career path for	8	experiences in life, one was spending time with
9	innovators that's challenging, that's within the	9	our troops in our defense mission in places like
10	career paths that exist right now, and to	10	in Iraq and Afghanistan. The second is actually
11	contemplate whether we should create a separate	11	being able to create an innovation lab at the U.S.
12	career path for those who innovate. Track people,	12	agency, for International Development, and to
13	track an individual's innovation readiness levels.	13	serve as its chief innovation officer.
14	There is a technical, academic background on how	14	Then, of course, as was mentioned,
15	to do this, so we don't have to make it up. And	15	my time at Google but I will tell you the reason I
16	looking at the body of work that is focused on	16	came back to DOD and public service was, as I was
17	that, particularly at DAU, the Defense Acquisition	17	working to socialize technologies like artificial
18	University, I think is worthwhile. We need to	18	intelligence and others from my vantage point at
19	align our mission to drive innovation very	19	Google, what I saw was a tremendous amount of fear
20	specifically, and then finally to learn from the	20	in government and in my DOD colleagues. And what
21	best.	21	I realized, fortunately, especially with something
22	There is, you know, a clear	22	like AI, is the number one thing our adversary
23	challenge in what we've certainly found, and this	23	wants, is for us to be scared of our own
24	is new in the lack of flexibility and funding, the	24	technology.
25	damage, quite frankly, that continuing resolutions	25	So coming back in was really a
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1	do year after year when budgets show up	1	commitment to the idea of how do we reduce the
2	late to execute almost halfway through the year,	2	fear and how do we make it easier for people to
3	creating that kind of flexibility. Improving on	3	innovate. So today I'll share a couple of things
4	that would also really, really help. And then	4	that I think have been my observations and hopes.
5	lastly, just every aspect of who should be at the	5	I think the first is technology has
6	table trusting each other to get to the right	6	to be seen as an ally. That's something that
7	answer to support those that are in the field,	7	people navigate a relationship with. Oftentimes
8	that are at sea, that are in the air, and	8	we treat it as this technology and that
9	supporting everything that we do to meet the	9	technology, not understanding that we're asking
10	current very, very challenging national security	10	people to update their identity and to, in
11	requirements that exist globally. And with that,	11	essence, adapt who they are as they make this
12	Mike, that's that kind of covers quickly what	12	journey.
13	we went through.	13	What I think the Department has done
14	And I want to thank the rest of the	14	well is, when you think about that type of
15	team, the team that supported this, as well as the	15	adaptation, there is what people do, what they
16	rest of the members of the DIB who supported this	16	think, and how they feel. What we tend to do well
17	study as well.	17	is address what people do, meaning we make funds
18	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you, Michael.	18	available or roles available, you know, different
19	Would anybody have comment.	19	types of training, and those really matter. But
20	Charles, would you like to say	20	the problem is people it doesn't stick, and
21	anything.	21	they don't believe you until they start to change
22	MR. PHILLIPS: No.	22	how they feel or how they think.
23	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you very much.	23	So particularly, when we think about
24	We have two experts that have joined	24	something like artificial intelligence, one of the
25	us to share their thoughts on the report and our	25	things I focus on is having people have their
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Page 14 Page 16 1 relational progress, meaning their "ta-dah" 1 that. 2 2 moment; working through the "uh-ohs" that they're And so one of the things that I'm 3 concerned about; the "aha" where they realize that 3 really looking at is going back and actually 4 4 saying, how is it -- excuse me -- that we it's relevant to them; and then, finally, that 5 experience, and that I can experience all of the 5 moment I call "ho-hum" when it becomes normal, you 6 know, "Googling it," et cetera. 6 toil, because without taking away all of the 7 7 extra, it becomes very difficult to do something I think one of the things that I've 8 recognized in coming back to this role is that 8 new or novel. 9 9 story also matters. Typically our impression of Another element that I recognize is 10 10 that we tend, when we have a low relationship with risk is because we assume something is going to go 11 badly. So one of the things that I do with my 11 risk, we make people do more things to ensure less 12 risk, and that just simply adds do the toil. And 12 team at AFRL is before we look at using any type 13 of technology, introducing it, embracing it, we 13 quite frankly, it disincentivizes the spirit to 14 actually get together with all of the stakeholders 14 actually go on that journey and be in a discovery 15 15 and we write the press release, not with the or curiosity state. 16 intent to put it out, but with the intent to 16 Another element is that we tend to, 17 17 surface the equities, the concerns, the issues; in a low-risk situation, we tend to give more air 18 but more importantly, to be able to reorient all 18 to critics versus doers. And so in any 19 19 of the players at the table on what "great" would instance -- and this is true societally as well. 20 look like and really have them go in with that 20 If you think about it, we don't watch the news; we 21 21 spirit. watch five people's opinion about the news. We 22 22 The second thing we do is a don't watch sports; we watch three commentators' 23 premortem. Meaning if this ends, when this 23 opinion about sports. And in social media, many 24 ends -- and everything should actually end -- why 24 people get to have many opinions. If you think 25 will that be. Will it be because another 25 about it, as a doer, as an innovator, it becomes Page 17 Page 15 1 technology has overtaken it? Will it be because, 1 very draining knowing that you're going to have, 2 you know, it didn't work? And actually put all of 2 in essence, a critic army that you have to 3 3 those issues on the table as a way of helping navigate, and I think that's really important. 4 4 someone process risk. Another note that I might mention 5 Another thing that has been truly 5 is, what really drove me coming back into DOD is 6 critical -- I'm lucky enough to have had amazing 6 that I truly believe that time is a weapons 7 7 top cover from Ms. Goodwine and others as we've platform. It's our most important weapons 8 8 looked to bring the first generative AI tool, platform, but if we don't treat a minute as 9 9 NIPRGPT. And that top cover that was mentioned important as a missile, then we waste them, and we before is absolutely critical. It is really invest them in the wrong places. One of the other 10 10 11 important not only to be able to have access to 11 challenges is that we are very good at a few 12 12 leaders, but more importantly for, you know, them things, but there is three things I found an 13 13 to actually be partners to us as innovators, and organization has to do well to thrive, and, in our 14 14 I'm so proud of what we've been able to do case, to have national security advantage. 15 together. 15 One is we have to be good at 16 One point that isn't mentioned very 16 starting things. I actually think the work of 17 often but I think is the most important, is the 17 this group and much of the innovation work in 18 18 fact that I've learned that toil eats purpose government is actually really good at starting 19 faster than mission can replace it. And I think 19 things. The majority of our time and attention, 20 one of the ironies I found, as a leader coming 20 though, goes to maintaining things. But the third 21 back in, is how much toil is removed from my 21 thing, and the most important thing, if we truly 22 22 experience. And what that means is that when we want to innovate, is we have to be brave enough to 23 aren't aware of the toil, we're not actually 23 stop things. And I would really challenge people 24 24 cognizant of the true risk, and the true level of to ask, "What are the last things we consciously

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stopped doing?"

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effort our people have to take in order to do

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1	To that effect, one of the things	1	internally or, again, being response to the new
2	that I shared with the Board and the committee was	2	generation of service members for answers. Those
3	that we actually introduced a kill bonus. That	3	answers, they're still tragically hard to come by,
4	sounds much sexier than it is. What it really is	4	because we should be able to alleviate or satiate
5	is actually encouraging my people, where I will	5	what is, at its core, a passionate, altruistic,
6	actually write them a monetary bonus for bringing	6	and authentic, and when spoken aloud, courageous
7	me something we can stop doing. Because there is	7	inquiry about the state of digital technology.
8	only so many resources, only so much treasure	8	And for the most part, these are not technical
9	whether that is emotional, intent, talent, et	9	questions. They're human. Their organizational
10	cetera and if we are not if we are not as	10	design they're clearly on call for prioritization
11	heroic about being brave enough to stop things, we	11	and a contemporary acknowledgment of the times,
12	have nothing left to truly start things or	12	that they are a changing. It's about commitment
13	continue them.	13	to the word spoken on every panel or public
	MR. BLOOMBERG: Any comments from	14	speaking event alike, that technology, no matter
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15	the panel?		the type, is a human endeavor, and people are at
16	(No response.)	16	the core of what we do, that's the challenge.
17	MR. BLOOMBERG: Alexis, thank you.	17	And with that backdrop in my
18	MS. BONNELL: Thank you.	18	personal view, I'd like to endeavor with the
19	Now, deputy chief information	19	characterization of issues and subsequent
20	officer at the Pentagon's Chief Digital and	20	takeaways that certainly will not wholesale solve
21	Artificial Intelligence Office, Michael Kanaan,	21	the underlying problem, but might materially help.
22	over to you.	22	So here it goes. And almost, without fail, every
23	MR. KANAAN: Thanks so much. And	23	conversation on the topic of technical talent
24	thank you to the staff and evidence members who	24	centers on new hiring strategy, and those are
25	have logged in within and outside the Pentagon's	25	important. But what about the people we have?
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Page 22 Page 24 1 resources specialist, or a fighter pilot, the 1 computer vision or a large language file. The 2 evaluation form is uniform. First takeaway, I 2 usual inquiry in the Pentagon discussion, well, 3 recommend reconsidering what is measured, and 3 I'll tell you, it goes something like this: "Is 4 making at least some component unique to career 4 this a 3,400 Operations and Maintenance 5 fields and dynamically updatable, at least in an 5 requirement, or a 3,600 Research, Test and 6 add-on capacity to the foundation of what we 6 Evaluation requirement?" Colors of money. 7 otherwise measure with mostly standardized 7 Upon which the response for anything 8 depictions of, quote, leading people, or improving 8 emergent, especially AI, generally leans to 3,600. 9 9 the unit. However, I think this binary distinction misses 10 10 Now, caveat, I'm not saying these the point because as an example, AI activities 11 aren't absolutely vital to a well-functioning 11 themselves inherently and definitionally span both military. Leadership matters. I'm just saying 12 12 categories. That's to say, give me a requirement 13 that, perhaps, there could be something more. But 13 statement, and I'll coherently argue that it's a 14 14 for one to measure what matters, we also need to research function, and operations function. Not 15 be continuously informed about the evergreen, 15 in the monolithic spirit of the requirement, but 16 ever-changing technological landscape. Bottom 16 rather it's stages of the process, like 17 line, education matters. But it too struggles for 17 benchmarking versus training on operational 18 priority in the budgeting process, which I think 18 data -- the third takeaway. 19 19 reveals the underlying difficulty of quantifying, The DOD requires bold and clear 20 communicating continuous learnings ROI in a 20 recognition that AI encompasses both O&M and 21 21 form -- fashion that resonates, whether that's RTD&E. And moreover, there is a noticeable 22 22 with lawmakers or military budgets. disconnect when the DOD advocates for commercial 23 Now, initiatives like Digital 23 technology. Yet, when it comes to brass tacks 24 24 University and the Air Force MIT Accelerator proposals, contracts, and acquisition strategies, 25 25 Phantom internship program, these exemplify the the stance doesn't always materialize. So the Page 23 Page 25 1 value of such investments, and they, along with 1 question is why -- the fourth take away. 2 other nascent efforts you can find throughout the 2 The DOD should rigorously reassess 3 3 DOD, warrant further expansion. all rationale behind opting for traditional 4 4 As I often like to say, you can't procurement methods over those encouraging partial 5 5 solutions. For example, in parts 10 and 12, and hack the bureaucracy unless you understand the 6 bureaucracy, and an educated workforce must be the 6 to get really legalese for a moment, in accordance 7 7 ones to build an environment that supports the with 10 U.S. Code 2377, there is a mandate for 8 8 adoption of technology. ongoing market research and preference for 9 9 The second takeaway, prioritize and commercial items across free solicitation, fund education. Which brings me to acquisitions 10 10 solicitation, and task order phase of delivery. 11 concerning -- you can insert AI -- quantum, 11 The justification and tools to 12 12 automation, or whatever digital expression change exist, and hence a refreshed enterprise 13 13 technology might choose, for we are squarely in a wide directed review of its adherence, since 14 14 world in which the data writes the software. We commercial capabilities have changed so quickly, I 15 like to call it AI, but at its core that's all 15 think might be an effective ends -- means to an 16 we're talking about. Math. And sure, perhaps, 16 end for modular and commercially friendly 17 that seems like an oversimplification, but it's a 17 strategies that should be taking place more often. 18 18 profound change if you take a moment to sit back And I know that was a lot of 19 19 with it. acquisition nerd-like speak, but truly the 20 So in acquisitions concerning data, 20 tactical choices today are the strategic decisions 21 software, and chiefly AI-enabled capabilities, 21 for tomorrow. And with all of that said, everyone 22 22 again, this era of data writes the software. It's will tell you that everything needs to change; I 23 in my view that the situation might be a little 23 just did it. But there is a flip side to that 24 24 more straightforward than often perceived. argument that might be more insightful about what

doesn't need to change in an effort to preserve

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Consider any AI-related requirement, be it

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1	maneuver space in an uncertain future.	1	that as not a tangible thing, but the end-state
2	Think of it akin or analogous to the	2	expression of an IT journey for which foundations
3	foresight of the 1900s, President Woodrow Wilson	3	matter first.
4	establishing the national parks to preserve green	4	How do we align incentives? What
5	space for likely industrial onslaught then. There	5	does the future look like? Who predicted
6	exists a prevailing human bias for action and	6	generative AI? It'd be hubris to say we have all
7	novelty, particularly related to AI for more	7	of the answers. But I do know that too many
8	change, more policy that leads to misconceptions	8	people, too many places, are having "too hard a
9	like the need for entirely new cyber risk	9	time" air quotes here, installing it. And that's
10	frameworks or rhetoric to completely overhaul the	10	the essential spirit and of the problem you
11	rules of engagement for warfare, which is usually	11	address. The cultural norms of risk aversion and
12	spurred on by the overestimation of AI	12	cost schedule performance exist because we allow
13	capabilities, or just simply sci-fi imaginations.	13	them to. It's the supposed way we are good
14	In practical reality, and hear this	14	stewards of the taxpayer dollar. Obligated,
15	now, the most profound AI impacts will inevitably	15	exercise and paying it up front. We got it all
16	be whether professionals from all walks of	16	right. It will go exactly as envisioned. But I
17	business are sooner or later in the back-office	17	leave you with this: The question is not whether
18	functions, at least in the short term. But it's	18	we are risk adverse, but whether is that a
19	an area overlooked for its lack of glamour	19	euphemism for "risk blind." Shift the narrative
20	compared to war-fighting applications. And these	20	to one about blindness, and not what might be lost
21	tasks that clutter the mission offer a lower	21	by the operative word here, trade-off, but instead
22	barrier to entry and present less risk.	22	what is lost because we haven't made the
23	For instance, using AI to detect	23	trade-off.
24	anomalies in staffing projections is technically	24	Accelerating the adoption of digital
25	the same pipeline development process and	25	technologies means some things will have to come
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1	deployment or at least should be, ideally as in	1	to their overdue end, and if that's going to
2	identifying gaps in intelligence.	2	happen, well, change what people are measured by.
3	Precisely speaking, what does that	3	And with that, I thank you so much for this
4	entail? Personnel generating floor templates;	4	opportunity.
5	intelligence analysts doing language translation;	5	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you. Any
6	pilots scheduling sorties; load justicians; depot	6	comments from the panel?
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1	maintenance, and review; auto form; budget;	7	
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1	MR. MULLEN: Aye.	1	changed. So one way to respond to that is if we
2	MR. BLOOMBERG: A virtual	2	collectively work with our partners, we can
3	participant, Will Roper?	3	recreate that scale a different way.
4	MR. ROPER: Aye. And the speakers	4	So what does that mean? It means
5	were great.	5	shared systems and equipment, but also shared
6	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you. And	6	data. There's plenty of reason to do that.
7	virtual participant Sue Gordon?	7	So number one, it creates a much
8	MS. GORDON: Aye.	8	larger, addressable market. We need more private
9	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you. It	9	companies and vendors to view this market as
10	passes. That concludes the first study. We'll	10	something worth investing in, build a capacity.
11	now turn to Charles Phillips to tell us about the	11	We don't do that for smaller units. If you have a
12	Allies and Partner Study, and then he'll be	12	lot of units, you'd have to look at the market.
13	followed by two more guests.	13	Their ROIs are different. They've told us that
14	Charles, the floor is yours.	14	many different times. And so an adjustable market
15	MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you,	15	is changed if you have common equipment.
16	Mr. Chairman. The Allies and Partners Study was	16	Two, there is federated innovation
17	an effort to recalibrate and relook at how we work	17	around all of our partners. We used to think we
18	with other countries. So fellow board members	18	were the only ones innovating; that's the wrong
19	that worked on this program was Mary Meeker, the	19	way to think about it now.
20	Honorable Sue Gordon, and Dr. Will Roper, who are	20	In recent years, especially the last
21	online.	21	year, we've gotten equipment from Norway, to help
22	We also had a lot of help from Jacob	22	with 155 rounds. We work with Israel. Lots of
23	Savitt and Elliott Silverberg, Jacob and Elliott	23	different examples they told us about. We need to
24	are on the staff. So we talked to a lot of	24	be aware of what our partners are doing and then,
25	different organizations to get the sense of how	25	where possible, let's coordinate our research and
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1	it's working today; other countries Norway, UK,	1	engineering.
2	Ukraine, even, are our allies in many different	2	Number three, foreign military sales
3	areas many different areas of the DOD,	3	in the U.S. is an \$81 billion market of what we
4	different agencies, the State Department, the	4	export there to increase jobs here.
5	Commerce Department, and then some startups trying	5	And then fourth is our supply chain
6	to work with the DOD from outside of the U.S. and	6	resiliency. There's a finite number of repair
7	finding out how to work with us.	7	parts and suppliers. When we get into a war, we
8	So the number one issue we found is	8	need to replenish that. They have limited
9	that there is no pathway for working with the DOD	9	capacity. If we had more partners working with us
10	if they're coming from another country. No one	10	and more distributive ways to manufacture it, we'd
11	knows how it works. It's too fragmented, and	11	be more resilient longer term.
12	there is a lot of different certifications that	12	We're too reliant on some of our
13	are required. I'll get to that in just one	13	adversaries for some of the components as well,
14	second. The important reason why it's important	14	such as lithium coming from China and Russia. So
15	to rethink how we're doing this now is the context	15	we need to rethink the supply chain; our partners
16	of where we're operating. So if you look at	16	can help with that.
17	China this is all in the report as well: 37 of	17	The good news is, we do have an
18	the 44 critical technologies identified by a	18	example where it's starting to work well. There
19 20	third-party research organization, China is	19	is a program called AUKUS. So AUKUS is a
20	leading.	20	combination of UK, U.S., and Australia to build a
21	If you look at high-end systems	21	nuclear-power submarine. But it has two pillars;
22	adoption they're moving 6X faster. They're now	22	that's pillar 1. Pillar 2 is longer term, you
23	coordinating with Russia, North Korea. The three	23	learn how to coordinate on development and
24	of them collectively have 1.6 billion citizens.	24	research around eight different areas such as
25	And so the rate and skill of their investment has	25	cyber, AI, quantum for instance. And so that part

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1	has not yet been figured out. This is still very	1	can slow innovation. And sometimes it's not
2	new, but we can come up with the process as to how	2	available, the capacity is simply not there.
3	to share data. Maybe we can build around that.	3	There is an exception process to that, but that
4	So what are the barriers the	4	takes years as well.
5	barriers that we're seeing? One of us is culture	5	In addition, we want to align export
6	because we're used to building our own technology,	6	networks. The commerce department, for instance,
7	not invented here syndrome. Foreign technology is	7	is investing in manufacturing segments. Some of
8	viewed with suspicion. We work more easily with	8	that could be dual-use technology if DOD knew
9	people with common languages so what's called	9	about it, let's connect those two networks. And
10	the five I's, and certainly we had not looked as	10	then we want to create international defense
11	broadly as we could have. And now the situation	11	innovation, a community of experts that we can
12	has changed. We have partners like Germany and	12	collaborate and talk to each other. We have some
13	Japan that want to work with us given what's going	13	live suggestions on how to reform ITAR and how to
14	on in the world.	14	reform CNC to meet security standards. There are
15	Two, we make it hard to work well,	15	third-party assessments that are done by
16	with the DOD, the compliance standards, things	16	consultants in the U.S. to certify that they're
17	like CNC and ITAR, export controls, even for U.S.	17	complying with those standards. Those third
18	companies, it sometimes takes years to get	18	parties need to exist internationally as well. So
19	approvals. And so we'll get to that in just a	19	with that, those are our recommendations.
20	second our recommendations on that.	20	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you, Charles.
21	Classifications, we automatically classify	21	Any recommendations from the panel?
22	information as no foreign no foreign	22	MR. THORNBERRY: Like the last
23	dissemination without any analysis beyond that.	23	study, I think this study highlights an area of
24	So looking at all of those issues,	24	innovation that has not gotten a lot of attention
25	we've come up with a couple of recommendations.	25	and is a very accurate, but also stark description
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1	In 2018, we split U.S the undersecretary for	1	of the problem. It's hard to be a friend to the
2	acquisitions technology, and logistics into two	2	United States, as Charles has laid out.
3	different organizations. One is acquisitions and	3	The only point I want to make, as he
4	sustainment; the other one is research and	4	mentioned, one of his recommendations is to
5	engineering. We'd like to recombine those for the	5	reverse a decision Congress made a few years ago
6	undersecretary of industrial and international	6	regarding the organizational structure, within the
7	cooperation. The reason is we need innovative	7	Office the Secretary of Defense. I participated
8	designs, we need innovative manufacturing capacity	8	in that decision, and I've got qualms on going
9	around the world. It's hard to do that in	9	back because I know the arguments back and forth
10	separate organizations.	10	and came to a different conclusion.
11	And, secondly, they need a single	11	Having said that, I think the study
12	point of contact, who can make decisions, what are	12	is absolutely on the right track in all other
13	we building and how do we plan to design it, and	13	areas, should be supported, and again, highlights
14	who is working on what research is happening.	14	a very important issue not a lot of studies have.
15	And trying to do that right now is far too	15	MR. BLOOMBERG: Mac, thank you very
16	difficult for partners. It's actually difficult	16	much for those comments. And you were there, and
17	internally as well.	17	we can hold you responsible.
18	We have some smaller recommendations	18	
19		19	Next speaker is we're fortunate to have join us is a longtime anybody of the
	as well. Justifications for non-exploitability.		
20	When we say something can't be exploited, let's	20	NATO team. He now serves as the acting assistant
21	make sure that that's indeed the case.	21	secretary general for Innovation, Hybrid, and
22	We have a program called Buy	22	Cyber. James Appathurai, thanks for taking the
23	American. With good reasons, people want to	23	time. Over to you.
24	compare parts, granular repair parts and	24	MR. APPATHURAI: So thank you very
25	components built in the U.S., but sometimes that	25	much for the invitation to speak to this very

Page 38 Page 40 1 respected group of people. And it's a topic 1 elements -- this challenge. One is to ensure that 2 that's really close to our hearts here, so let me 2 the EDTs that are fielded in innovation 3 just give you maybe three, four minutes on how 3 initiatives, like DIANA and the Fund, actually 4 we're approaching these issues. And then I'll be 4 make it into the hands of operators when they need 5 very open to any questions or comments you might 5 them and before they are obsolete. And I can tell 6 6 you if you followed every NATO procedure perfectly 7 7 So a few years ago, what we took was for some emerging technologies, they'd be obsolete 8 a couple of our decisions to help foster the 8 by the time they made it through the process. So 9 9 pipeline of innovation and get startups, in we have to fix that. 10 10 particular, through the Death Valley for which Second, to ensure that the startups 11 you're all familiar. One was to set up something 11 in the small and medium size enterprises 12 we call DIANA, which is a little bit like a 12 developing battlefield decisive EDTs are actually 13 transatlantic DARPA. The United States is 13 included in our procurement mechanisms, which have 14 14 participating in that where we're working with traditionally focused on the big primes. 15 startups, bringing them through test centers and 15 And, third, to create the linkages 16 accelerator sites, providing them funding so that 16 between the capability shortfalls that we've 17 they can have dual-use technologies available for 17 identified and the EDT solutions that can fill 18 18 those requirements at times to bridge until a us. 19 19 heavy metal solution that takes a while -- maybe Second is a 1 billion Euro deep tech 20 innovation fund so patient capital to look for 20 two, three, four years to come to market, we can 21 21 cutting edge technological solutions. Canada is use EDTs to bridge to those solutions. And that 22 22 about to join. The United States I know is will, of course, offer to the startups that have 23 considering this in congress, and we're looking 23 gone through our processes an actual market. 24 24 very much forward to the United States joining as Because it's really important for us that we 25 well. And we'll get to France when they have a 25 don't, as I say, stock the shelves, but in the Page 41 Page 39 1 slightly more settled political situation, but 1 end, no one is buying. The message will get out 2 we're getting there. We have 24 countries in this 2 quickly to the startup community that our 3 3 now. But this is about stocking the shelves. initiatives actually don't lead to actual 4 What we are now turning our focus on is someone 4 procurement. So we need to avoid that also for 5 buying what's on the shelves at the speed of 5 the success of our other -- our other initiatives. 6 relevance, and we're quite concerned about the 6 So what are we doing? We will focus 7 7 speed of relevance. the plan on two main elements; one is the 8 8 I've been speaking to some startups political. We want out of the next year's summit 9 9 that are supporting Ukraine. In fact, just to provide to our heads of state and government, 10 recently at the Washington summit when I 10 which they can then agree at give direction on, 11 participated in the industry forum, and they were 11 clear messaging for what we need to accomplish. 12 12 saying that there is a two-week innovation cycle We believe that there needs to be clear top down 13 13 for software in Ukraine. So they're putting a from the very top messaging about what is the 14 certain amount of software into drones. It's 14 speed of relevance and what everybody needs to do 15 being neutralized by the Russians in two weeks, 15 to actually adapt their own procedures across the 16 and then they have to come up with a new 16 NATO enterprise and as an offer to allies to 17 innovation and new technology. So that's the 17 adapt. 18 18 speed of the war, and we certainly need to Second, to actually establish and 19 19 accelerate at NATO. tailor adoption pathways for NATO and allies to 20 So we are now turning our attention 20 address -- to address novel solutions at the speed 21 to that. We got a tasker or out of NATO summit in 21 of relevance. For example, by finding new ways to 22 22 Washington to develop a rapid adoption strategy in include startups in our acquisition processes as I 23 time for the next Summit in The Hague, and that's 23 mentioned. Second, creating avenues to better 24 24 what we -- my division and my colleagues -- are understand how EDTs can fill existing capability

requirements and developing improved processes for

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turning to do. And this basically has three

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1	concept develop, testing and experimentation, and	1	(Audio glitch) show up show up at that place to
2	developing clear procurement outcomes from the	2	test, have we?
3	testing and evaluation.	3	MR. APPATHURAI: Niels Bohr
4	Final point, just to say, we're	4	Institute in Copenhagen?
5	really grateful to see that this is a priority for	5	MR. THORNBERRY: Yes, have we taken
6	you, your board, and we are looking forward to	6	advantage of it from a U.S. perspective?
7	your forthcoming studies for example, on	7	MR. APPATHURAI: Sorry, no, only
8	aligning incentives to driver faster tech	8	because DIANA I'd say two things. One is DIANA
9	adoption. And on optimizing how we innovate with	9	or DARPA has only now issued its second set of
10	allies and partners, exactly what you're	10	challenges. It got 1,300 startups applying, which
11	discussing here.	11	we were quite gratified to see that they chose 44,
12	U.S. leadership for us is crucial,	12	and they're now in their first six-month contracts
13	A, because you've done a lot of the thinking, and	13	from DIANA. And so they're only now being moved
14	we've modeled a lot of our work on DIU and DIUX.	14	into the testing centers, and a new set of
15	But of course, because the U.S. is so far ahead of	15	challenges was just issued last week. So now they
16	many other allies when it comes to public-private	16	have to filter through all of the applications to
17	partnerships, we're looking for really strong U.S.	17	come up with them.
18	engagement in our processes as we move to the next	18	So it will happen, and it is open to
19	summit.	19	all U.S. startups in this space. But it's the
20	So we would hope to keep a line open	20	baby's just starting to walk.
21	to you. And if there is anything that you could	21	MR. BLOOMBERG: James, Michael's
22	offer to us, we'd be very grateful for that.	22	question was: Do the American innovators and
23	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you for those	23	entrepreneurs participate?
24	insightful comments.	24	MR. APPATHURAI: Yes, it is open to
25	Any comments from the panel?	25	them, absolutely. And there are U.S. test centers
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1	MR. THORNBERRY: James, just for	1	and U.S. accelerator sites as well. So the U.S.
2	clarification, what's an EDT?	2	is a fully participating member.
3	MR. APPATHURAI: Sorry. Emerging	3	MR. BLOOMBERG: Thank you very much.
4	and sorry, I'm too into my acronyms. Emerging	4	And our next speaker is Navy Captain Colin Kane.
5	and disruptive technology. So we have identified	5	He serves in the Pentagon's Joint Rapid
6	here at NATO seven, which we consider to be, kind	6	Acquisition Cell, which moves quickly to meet
7	of game-changing to artifical intelligence to	7	secret service members' most urgent technological
8	autonomy to quantum, and we've just set a	8	needs.
9	transatlantic quantum community in which the U.S.	9	Captain Kane, please go ahead.
10	has taken a leadership role as well to try to	10	MR. KANE: Thank you, sir. My name
11	foster transatlantic cooperation in these	11	is Captain Colin Kane. I work in the Joint Rapid
12	technologies and these areas. And we have, for	12	Acquisition Cell. I'm the chief of staff there.
13	example, a test center in the Netherlands, the	13	I work for Major General Edward Vaughn. What we
14	Niels Bohr Institute, which is probably the world	14	do is accelerate the fielding of urgent needs for
15	leader. And so startups can there from anywhere	15	combatant commanders, and we also manage the
16	around and alliance, including the U.S.	16	senior integration group process for the
17	If you've got young folks that have	17	Department of Defense.
18	an interest in quantum technology that they need	18	So we also manage the joint urgent
19	to test, they can bring it there and the scientist	19	operational needs, which are the critical
20	there will test it and help them improve it, and	20	requirements that the combatant commanders are
21	then they can take it to an accelerator site and	21	identifying and say that they, you know, need that
22	help spin that up into a business.	22	most urgently to address immediate battlefield
23	So that's kind of the way we're	23	problems. I think one of the challenges there is
24	trying to orient ourselves.	24	that innovation is also slow. And so we're
25	MR. THORNBERRY: Show up James?	25	supposed to field solutions within two years to

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1	those environments, and it's an extremely	1	terms of being able to bring those capabilities
2	challenging thing to achieve there. And one of	2	and field them faster.
3	the things that we can do as well, and we're	3	The you know, there is not a path
4	seeing in senior integration groups, is the	4	that clearly gets those innovations that are being
5	fielding of items to Ukraine.	5	fielded or developed by our FFRDCs and UARCs to
6	Ukraine is we manage the senior	6	have that feed into the palm process to be able to
7	integration group for Ukraine and delivering those	7	then go into a program of record. And as we
8	capabilities, as we said, that their two-week	8	talked about, there is issues in terms of "not
9	cycle for innovation is a very challenging thing.	9	invented here" kind of syndrome and being able to
10	Russia is innovating extremely quickly, and we are	10	move those items into those programs because we
11	challenged to be able to field things that support	11	are very committed to the programs that we
12	their efforts. And we are continually working to	12	develop, is an observation I would share with you.
13	field capabilities to them, and we're engaging	13	We like them; they mean jobs. There is different
14	with the industry to be able to do that. I think,	14	things with that. But taking, perhaps, a slightly
15	you know, Major General Vaughn spoke at the	15	innovative approach, using some of the
16	defense innovative forum in Poland back in June,	16	technologies that we discussed in terms of AI and
17	and in that environment, he emphasized the need	17	how that can inform using AI and coding, which can
18	for our innovation and ability to field those	18	speed our program instead of a program taking
19	capabilities and to partner with industry to move	19	months.
20	those efforts forward.	20	I mean, we're talking to industry
21	I think just in my naval experience,	21	and they're developing coding and they're fielding
22	we are also challenged from the sharing of	22	code on an hourly basis. That's what Amazon and
23	information. We see that sharing information to	23	Google and some of these other entities are doing.
24	Ukraine may not be relevant to their targeting	24	And if we can't get to that I talked to a guy
25	needs, and being able to have them address a	25	today, he's fielding code in three months. That's
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1	threat that's imposed upon their battle their	1	the fastest I've heard anyone in DOD doing that in
2	members out in the field trying to address that.	2	actuality. And if we can't work with industry,
3	I'm also seeing in terms of my own	3	work with them to also stop making snowflake
4	experience as an acquisition professional that	4	systems in terms of the systems being developed,
5	we're not plugged in, and we're trying to pull	5	not using consistent automated process to load
6	into the industry and the cooperation with the	6	each one of them. This feeds into our programs
7	research and engineering directorate within OSD to	7	like Replicator, which is out there, and, you
8	be able to field urgent needs for the counter	8	know, industry is working quickly to innovate
9	untruth system threat. In that environment, we're	9	things. But if you aren't having an automotive
10	seeing extremely quick innovation, and in	10	process to keep loading those systems so you get
11	partnership with the research and engineering	11	an exact replication of the system that you're
12	directorate, there isn't since we separate OSD	12	building, then you're not going to have an
13	from R&E, we aren't seeing the ability to or	13	effective system; it's not going to work the way
14	effective means of communication to move in that	14	you expect it to.
15	effort. So to your point, sir, earlier, combining	15	I've seen this challenge on Navy
16	those two organizations, there would be benefit.	16	ships, the CANES system. CANES is an example of a
17	And I think unity of effort that moves us in a	17	program that, you know, there's an individual that
18	direction that helps us to make those things more	18	goes onto the ship and loads the program and gets
19	effective and get industry clearly moving, the	19	this and each ship has its own version of
20	things that are being innovated by our FFRDCs and	20	CANES. Because the process isn't automated, it's
20	UARCs into an effort that is more aligned to what	20	a different individual that goes onto the ship and
22	the defense department's requirements are.	22	loads that, as an example.
23	We have got to make sure that we are	23	So we need to be more flexible with
24	basically leading the target, and perhaps right	24	adopting AI, working with our allies and partners
25	now we're shooting to the left of the target in		
43	now we te shooting to the left of the target in	25	to be able to bring them into the fold and share

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1	Page 50 the information with them as we do this innovation	1	Page 5. that you've talked about.
2	and being less afraid to do that. And I agree, we	2	MR. KANE: And we also need to
3	are do have a great reluctance to do that.	3	consider adoption of the ability to software
4	I think the other thing is to feed	4	update over the air. The Navy is developing some
5	into the discussions earlier about AI is our	5	processes for doing that, but we need to be more
		6	willing to accept those kinds of things. You
6	program managers don't have the education about	7	know, I think there technology is there to
7	AI, and how it can accelerate their program	8	
8	development. And without that, I mean, we try to		validate that and prevent a threat actor from
9	protect jobs is what I see a lot of, but if we	9	introducing malicious code into the process. And
10	actually were to adopt AI, use that to develop the	10	those kind of things, I think, help us to innovate
11	code that we do, we field the systems much faster,	11	and be able to deliver capability to us while
12	and we actually then can focus on more things	12	we're deployed and be able to enable greater, you
13	because the code is written and it's fielded and	13	know, engagement capability for ships or different
14	is delivered to us. And then we can also share	14	weapon systems we have deployed to address the
15	those systems in a much more rapid pace with our	15	fight, sir.
16	allies and partners to address the needs in the	16	MR. BLOOMBERG: Well, I think you
17	EUCOM AOR, in the CENTCOM AOR, and also in the	17	can really do a service for the country if you
18	INDOPACOM AOR, which is probably our most	18	keep pushing us to do to modernize and do
19	challenging environment given the geographic	19	things that are possible but innovative, and big
20	spread over there.	20	organizations don't do that very well. So I
21	It's those kind of things enabling	21	understand why it takes place, why it takes a
22	that and developing those relationships and taking	22	while to get them in; but if you keep fighting for
23	also the perspective of the allies and partners in	23	it, you'll be doing the country a great service.
24	those regions to inform things because they have a	24	So thank you very much.
25	unique perspective on where how things look	25	Any comments from the rest of the
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1	from their foxhole, we'll say, and how they	1	team?
2	address those things. And it may change how they	2	(No response.)
3	would code something or approach a problem, and	3	MR. BLOOMBERG: Okay. Captain,
4	that's going to feed into us and make our overall	4	thank you. We're now going to vote on the
5	solution to how we fight and win wars in those	5	recommendations. First, Mac Thornberry?
6	regions a much better answer than, you know, kind	6	MR. THORNBERRY: Aye.
7	of going it alone and developing those answers as	7	MR. BLOOMBERG: Gilda Barabino?
8	we've historically done.	8	MS. BARABINO: Aye.
9	So I appreciate your time; hope	9	MR. BLOOMBERG: Ryan Swann?
10	those were a couple of ideas that can help move us	10	MR. SWANN: Aye.
11	in a direction that addresses program management	11	MR. BLOOMBERG: Mary Meeker?
12	and adoption of AI in developing those	12	MS. MEEKER: Aye.
13	relationships with allies and partners. And I	13	MR. BLOOMBERG: Mike Mullen?
14	appreciate your time.	14	MR. MULLEN: Aye.
15	Thank you.	15	MR. BLOOMBERG: Charles Phillips?
16	MR. BLOOMBERG: Captain, thank you.	16	MR. PHILLIPS: Aye.
17	I think your comments regarding the time frame	17	MR. BLOOMBERG: Virtual participant
18	that's taking place between Ukraine and Russia in	18	Will Roper?
19	a couple of weeks when we're talking about years	19	MR. ROPER: Aye.
20	to do the same thing, and the lack of ability to	20	MR. BLOOMBERG: And virtual
21	have somebody come on board and quickly fix	21	participant Sue Gordon?
22	something because you're someplace else in the	22	MS. GORDON: Aye.
23	world, we have in the private sector generally	23	MR. BLOOMBERG: The motion is
24	somebody right next door who can just walk in or	24	carried and that concludes the second study for
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25	do it by video quickly, that's not the environment	25	the day. And now, Marina, would you please share

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1	some of the public comments that we have received.	1	Our next public meeting, you can put
2	MS. THEODOTOU: Thank you, Mr.	2	on your calendar, it will take place sometime in
3	Chair.	3	the winter, and as soon as we get a specific date,
4	Yes, we have received, as we	4	we will announce it.
5	mentioned earlier, received public comments. We	5	So until then, all the best and
6	actually had to welcome comments per the Federal	6	thank you for the members in particular.
7	Advisory Act until 12:00 noon on July 12th. We	7	MS. THEODOTOU: Thank you,
8	received three comments, and I'd like to share one	8	Mr. Chair. Thank you everyone for joining us
9	which is relevant to the study from David	9	today. This meeting is now adjourned.
10	Dudokavich in academia who is asking: How does	10	Thank you.
11	the DOD plan to align incentives to drive faster	11	(At 11:32 a.m., the meeting adjourned.)
12	tech adoption when funds for basic 6.1 and applied	12	
13	6.2 research have been consistently cut?	13	
14	So that's a good question. Thank	14	
15	you to all of the citizens that provide their	15	
16	feedback. We welcome your feedback, and we	16	
17	collate and provide that back to the board for	17	
18	consideration.	18	
19	And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll turn	19	
20	it over back to you to provide us the closing	20	
21	remarks.	21	
22	MR. BLOOMBERG: Well, thank you.	22	
23	Today's final agenda item is to share two topics	23	
24	that the board may tackle next. One of the	24	
25	departments' priorities is to open the door to	25	
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1	more non-traditional companies, the smaller	1	C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E
2	technological companies, as opposed to the big	2	
3	prime contractors. So we'll be thinking about how	3	
4	the department can attract more non-traditional	4	I hereby certify that the foregoing is a
5	companies as partners. And another topic to be	5	true and accurate transcription of the proceeding
6	tackled is a problem getting a lot of coverage in	6	referenced above to the best of my abilities.
7	the press. In many cases, U.Smade drones are	7	
8	failing in the Ukraine as Russia's brutal invasion	8	1.11 C C C C C
9	grinds on.		Harinh Clau
10	And so we're also we'll also be	9	Melissa L. Clark, RPR
11	thinking about how the military can develop more	10	Notary Public and Court Reporter
12	effective and less expensive drones, and how we	11	
13	can spur the market to produce a whole heck of a	12	
14	lot more of them. And we'll be looking forward to	13 14	
15	getting to work on those potential new studies in	15	
16	December.	16	
17	Members, is there anything you would	17	
18	like to add?	18	
19	(No response.)	19	
20	MR. BLOOMBERG: If not, thank you	20	
21	for our public meeting today. And, as always, let	21	
22	me thank Secretary Lloyd Austin, Deputy Secretary	22	
23	Kathleen Hick, Undersecretary Heidi Shyu, and the	23	
24	entire Defense Innovation Board team for guiding	24	

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