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MEMORANDUM FOR DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER, DEFENSE INNOVATION BOARD

SUBJECT: Determination to Close a Portion of the Defense Innovation Board Meeting to the Public on July 17, 2024

I have determined that the Defense Innovation Board (DIB) will participate in a closed session on July 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. This closed portion of the meeting will be held at the Pentagon. During this time, the DIB will receive and discuss sensitive matters related to disruptive technologies, innovation, and national defense. Specifically, the meeting will include discussions around unmanned systems both for attack and counterattack; matters relating to scaling innovative processes and procedures; issues relating to innovating with our Allies and Partners and approaches to strengthen how the Department engages with Industry to drive faster tech adoption.

In accordance with section 1009(d) of title 5, U.S. Code and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.155, it is hereby determined that a portion of the DIB meeting concerns sensitive information and matters covered by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be partially closed to the public. This determination is based on the consideration that the discussions will involve matters to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or foreign policy. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meeting. To permit this portion of the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DIB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

As required by 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.155, the DIB Designated Federal Officer (DFO) shall ensure that a copy of this determination is made available to the public upon request. In light of this determination, the DIB DFO shall also comply with all requirements for reporting closed meetings as specified in DoD Instruction 5105.04. If you have any questions concerning this determination, please contact the DIB DFO, Dr. Marina Theodotou at (703) 693-2839 or marina.theodotou.civ@mail.mil.

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