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Talking Paper for the Director

SUBJECT: (U) Senator Reid Visit to Director, DIA, 05 January 2009

1. (U) PURPOSE: To provide LTG Maples with the current status of the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications contract should Senator Reid raise the topic.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) BACKGROUND: Senator Inouye (D-HI) and Senator Reid (D-Nev) sponsored language in the July 2008 Supplemental Appropriation bill for DIA to investigate foreign advanced aerospace weapon threats from the present out to 40 years in the future. Senator Reid has a deep interest in the potential threat posed by unconventional aerospace technologies; that is, technologies that are a radical departure to those used in current advanced aerospace vehicles. In response to this tasking, the Acquisition Support Division (DWO-3) published a request for proposals (RFP) on 18 August 2008. DIA received only one bid, from Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS), in response to the RFP. DIA/AE and DIA/DWO determined that the proposal was responsive and the contract signed on 22 September 2008. Since the Director's meeting with Senator Reid on 13 November 2008, the following items have been completed per the contract.

3. (U) TALKING POINTS:

- (U//~~FOUO~~) **Program Management Plans.** BAASS submitted the 12 technical area program management plans (PMPs) on 21 November 2008.
    - (U//~~FOUO~~) DWO-3 reviewed the PMPs and rated them as very good to excellent. DWO-3 granted BAASS approval to proceed with the technical reports.
    - (U//~~FOUO~~) BAASS will deliver to DIA approximately two detailed reports per technical area. The goal is for DWO to have all reports by the end of July 2009.
- (U//~~FOUO~~) **Facility Clearance.** The Defense Security Service conducted a site inspection on the BAASS facility on 17 December 2008. The inspection was completed satisfactorily and the facility clearance process is expected to be completed shortly.
- (U//~~FOUO~~) **Contract is on track.** The contract is currently proceeding on schedule and within cost. The technical reports will be under subcontract by February 2009 and completed by the end of July 2009.

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