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Chris,  
I am re-sending so you have this towards the top of your queue for awareness.

Blake

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**From:** Bowman Thomas B NRO USA GOV  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** Scolese Christopher J NRO USA GOV [Redacted] Meink Troy E NRO USA GOV [Redacted]  
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Sirs,  
~~(S//NF)~~ As I was listed as the NRO POC for efforts tied to the DoD's Unidentified Areal Phenomena (UAPs) Task Force, I am providing you with an update to NRO UAP-related activities. There are three efforts to bring to your attention:

1. The final version of the UAP Task Force Report to Congress is out for coordination and due 10 June (tomorrow); NRO's contribution is four paragraphs tied to collection efforts (details follow)
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3. The DoD IG interviewed several MID officers on NRO's UAP efforts as part of their work to determine DoD's response to the UAP topic; NRO IG officers were present for the entire meeting (details follow)

The documents attached to this note provide details on each topic in case you wish to delve further into any of the three topics, (b)(3) this note provides a summary of the substantive details.

Further details:

- 1) ~~(S//NF)~~ Comments from the NRO on the final version of the UAP TF Congressional Report (b)(3) are due June 10. NRO/ES assigned D/MID as the final NRO coordination signature and I provided my coordination signature today. Here is NRO's input:

~~(TS//TK//NF)~~ The NRO performs R&D, acquires, launches, and operates sensors and communications systems on satellites on behalf of national security and thus our input and coordination is limited to our sensor performance, processing, and exploitation (tool) capabilities allowing intelligence community analysts to fully exploit, assess, and report their findings. An NRO officer on the UAP TF Advisory Panel provided feedback on NRO platforms, (b)(1)  
sensors, data processing and information exploitation, (b)(3)  
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collection tasking would need to come from NGA for GEOINT or NSA for SIGINT. Once actual or hypothetical observables or activity are codified, the NRO can work with our mission partners to not only optimize collection (b)(1)  
but possibly enhance processing and exploitation to capture and characterize these events. (b)(3)



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3) ~~(S//NF)~~ The DoD/IG started a project [Redacted] to assess the department's efforts to explain UAPs and characterize the threat to national security and risk to flight. [Redacted] staff from the DoD/IG interviewed officers from MID with NRO/IG officers attending. MID was careful to remind the DoD/IG staff of our charter which limits us from tasking satellite collection or performing analysis. MID further shared the inputs we provided the UAP TF and a [Redacted] MID sent a link to [Redacted] NGA product to the DoD IG staff. The DoD IG indicated a data call would be formally tasked to the NRO in about two weeks.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Blake

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