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August 6, 2001

Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is a copy of the charter establishing the Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group, which is being filed with you in accordance with P.L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

Copies of this charter are also being filed with the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Library of Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard G. Becker", is positioned above the printed name.

Howard G. Becker

DoD Committee Management Officer

Enclosure

Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group Charter

- A. **Official Designation:** This Committee will be officially designated the Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group.
- B. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:** Recognizing that America should advance its position as a strong, secure and persuasive force for freedom and progress in the world, and do so at the lowest nuclear force level consistent with security requirements, the purpose of the Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group is to: 1) examine and elaborate a capabilities-based and adaptive concept for deterrence that is consistent with the lowest nuclear force level compatible with U.S. security requirements; 2) identify the key characteristics of a capabilities-based and adaptive concept for deterrence; 3) identify the roles for non-nuclear, nuclear, and defensive capabilities in a capabilities-based and adaptive concept of deterrence; and 4) identify key outstanding issues that must be addressed in consideration of a capabilities-based and adaptive concept of deterrence. This examination should be advanced in the form of an initial briefing and subsequent report made available to the Secretary of Defense. Two Co-Chairpersons shall oversee the work of the Group. The work of the Group shall be conducted at a classification level of Secret and higher.
- C. **Schedule and Period of Time Required:**
- a. **Phase one-**The Co-Chairpersons shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a briefing on Phase One of the study, not later than August 31, 2001.
 - b. **Phase two-**The Co-Chairpersons shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a report on Phase Two of the study, not later than September 30, 2001.
 - c. **Final report-** The Co-Chairpersons shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a final report on its findings, not later than October 31, 2001.
- D. **Official or Sponsoring Proponent:** The Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy is the Department of Defense Sponsoring Official for the Advisory Group.
- E. **Support Agency:** Administrative and support services requested by the Advisory Group shall be furnished by DoD components as necessary. These support requirements will be administered in conjunction with the Office of the Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy and other DoD officials, as appropriate.
- F. **Duties and responsibilities:** The Advisory Group will consist of no more than eight to ten members who shall provide advice for the Groups' examination of a capabilities-based and adaptive concept of deterrence. In carrying out the study,

the Group members shall advise the Co-Chairpersons on developing specific findings and recommendations in three phases (see Section C).

- G. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:** The Co-Chairpersons and Study Group members portion is estimated at \$30K and .3 FTE.
- H. **Number of Meetings:** The Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group shall meet approximately four times per month during Phases One through Three, but may meet more frequently at the discretion of the Co-Chairpersons.
- I. **Termination Date:** The Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group will terminate not later than 30 days after the submission of its final report or no later than November 30, 2001.
- J. **Filing Date:** 6 AUG 2001