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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review Michael Hopmeier's request from Eglin Air Force Base. There are three responses to this communication. The first is that our Initiative is a multi-university consortium, with first responder components; the Department of Justice components; the Institute for Defense Analyses components; and, the Department of Health component. This consortium is not a defense agency activity. By contrast, the Eglin operation has excellence in the areas that they have described and is a military facility. The two Initiatives, therefore, are complimentary and non-conflicting. As they are complimentary, it would serve both entities well to interact in the homeland defense arena. The second item refers to their point number three: they have great tools, but no budget to execute the mission.

As you are aware, all of the funds have already been committed for the identified deliverables. In this regard, the university consortium will be pleased to assist the Eglin team in writing an independent proposal, permitting them to do work that is complimentary to those projects identified in our project. The final point is to reiterate that our consortium believes it is essential to interface with all relevant service facilities involved in biological-chemical warfare defense Initiative.

As always, Admiral Zumwalt, thank you for all of your support and encouragement.

With warm regards,

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Director