

will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App II (1982)), it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Transition to and from Hostilities (2004 Summer Study) will meet in closed session on February 20, 2004; March 23, 2004; April 19, 2004; May 7, 2004; June 9, 2004; and July 19, 2004, in Arlington, VA (exact location to be determined).

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will focus on: (1) *Understanding and shaping the environment:* the gathering of long-lead intelligence and effective preparation of the battlefield—in the absence of an immediate threat; (2) *Force protection during transition:* in the transition to the post hostilities phase the forces become much more stationary, which makes them easier targets for residual resistance. What technologies, tactics and procedures can provide force protection in an almost instantaneous transformation from maneuver warfare to a garrison force charged with establishing order; (3) *Disarmament and destruction of munitions stocks:* what capabilities are needed to address disposal, as well as environmental and security issues associated with these unwanted devices; (4) *Intelligence exploitation in the aftermath:* rapid, decisive battlefield victory can produce a rich vein of captured documents, materiel, and human sources, but their

exploitation, today, is personnel-intensive and requires good language skills coupled with substantive and cultural understanding. What approaches can more swiftly and economically process said collection? (5) *Stabilizing the civilian population:* There will be inevitable need to address problems of refugees and displaced persons, mortuary assistance, food supply, housing and health care. DoD will likely be charged with these challenges: what preparation, training and technology can be applied to facilitate these elements of infrastructure? (6) *Re-establishing the rule of law:* One important step in establishing order is the need to reconstitute a constabulary force. Improvements are needed in our methods for vetting applicants, tracking them and their behavior, and avoiding friendly fire incidents between them and our own forces. Improved technologies are desirable for their selection, training, and interoperability with US forces. (7) *Rapid rebuilding of basic infrastructure:* this requires reliable communications and interim power and potable water sources. How rapidly can these be inserted? Might there be opportunity for establishing subsequent monitoring capabilities? In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

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### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Nuclear Weapons Effects Test, Evaluation and Simulation will meet in closed session on March 17-18, 2004; April 7-8, 2004; May 6-7, 2004; June 21-22, 2004; and July 14-15, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review DoD needs and specific

requirements for nuclear weapons effects (NWE) test, evaluation and simulation capabilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Review Intelligence Community, DoD and National Nuclear Security Agency estimates of present and future nuclear weapon outputs for all weapons that are used to define the operational threat; review nuclear threat environments as used across DoD Services and Agencies and assess whether they are being defined and applied to develop credible consistent hardness requirements; assess the current NWE predictive capability to confidently predict the response of nuclear and conventional weapon systems and C4 systems to credible nuclear environments that might be encountered over the next 15 years; assess the extent to which alternatives to testing can be used to offset the need for simulation capability; identify both near-term and far-term NWE test and simulation needs responsive to DoD requirements for nuclear systems, strategic and conventional weapon systems belonging to the new Triad as defined in the Nuclear Posture Review, missile defense systems, and C4I systems required to operate in hostile nuclear environments; assess the current NWE simulation and system survivability evaluation capabilities of the DoD, the Department of Energy, and the commercial sector; produce a comprehensive roadmap of NWE test, evaluation and simulation capabilities that will guide future simulator/simulation technology developments, test planning, investment decisions, model development, facility sustainment planning and responsibilities, and realignment/closure alternatives.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

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