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COMMENTS: Gentlemen: I have the privilege of conveying to you the attached Open Letter to President Clinton signed by forty-three of the Nation's most eminent retired flag officers on the subject of Administration policy toward space control. The signatories and I would be grateful if you could ensure that this missive is brought to the attention of the President at the earliest possible moment. Frank P.S. This issue is the subject of a High-Level Roundtable Discussion being sponsored today by our Center. The letter will be publicly released at this occasion. While Administration representatives are expected to be in attendance, I will forward a summary of the proceedings as soon as it is available.	

January 15, 1998

Hon. William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, the congressionally mandated National Defense Panel has just issued its report entitled *Transforming Defense: National Security in the 21st Century*. This blue-ribbon commission (whose members included several of our most distinguished fellow retired flag officers) sought to address what it considered to be "the greatest danger": "an unwillingness or an inability to change our security posture in time to meet the challenges of the next century."

We can think of few challenges likely to pose a greater danger to our future security posture than that of adversaries seeking to make hostile use of space -- or to deny us the ability to dominate that theater of operations.

The stakes in this area were already clear six years ago. In Operation Desert Storm, Coalition forces enjoyed the uncontested use of space-based assets. As a result, they had a unique capability to assess and prevail on the battlefield. If the enemy had the benefit of similar capabilities (or the means to deny us some or all of these assets) that objective would have been achieved, if at all, with far greater loss of American lives.

What was true in 1991 will be even more so in the years ahead. Our experience tells us that the contribution made to U.S. national security in the future by space-based reconnaissance, communications, navigation and other systems will only continue to grow. We agree wholeheartedly, moreover, with the National Defense Panel in their conclusion that the decades to come will see great advances in the abilities of potential adversaries to exploit space for aggressive purposes and to interfere with our operations in outer space.

Against this backdrop, we are deeply concerned about your recent line-item veto of three technology development programs that will bear directly upon our military's future ability to exercise control of space in wartime. The Clementine II, Kinetic-Kill Anti-Satellite and Military Space Plane programs are the technological seed corn for such crucial capabilities as space-based missile defenses, neutralizing enemy satellites and having prompt, reliable and inexpensive access to and use of space. In our judgment, these are missions the United States military must be prepared to perform.

It is especially worrying if, as some press reports suggest, your decision was prompted by the prospect that our equities in space could be protected through an arms control agreement with the Russians (and/or others). Even assuming one could craft a verifiable ban, for example, on anti-satellite weapons (which appears altogether unlikely), if such an accord rendered the United States unable to neutralize hostile spacecraft in time of war, it would not be consistent with our national security requirements.

For these reasons, we urge you to heed the recommendations of the National Defense Panel with respect to assuring an American capability to "deny our enemies the use of space." Your leadership will be essential in assuring the means necessary to provide space dominance and in rejecting budgetary and arms control arrangements that would jeopardize that required capability.

Sincerely,

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From: Bell, Robert G.
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 1998 3:57 PM
To: Rubin, Eric S.
Cc: @DEFENSE - Defense Policy; @PRESS - Public Affairs
Subject: RE: Inside the Pentagon Request [UNCLASSIFIED]

Done. (on background). I reiterated the press guidance we (Jim) prepared last week in the wake of the Gaffney-gram. [Jim: where are we & who has the con in replying to the 43 retired admirals/generals letter? This is what I'd like to do: draft a letter from ME to EACH of them (on behalf of POTUS) that basically tracks the press guidance; i.e., (a) we AGREE that US must as a matter of policy be able to exploit and, if required, control space; (b) alternatives exist for the programs line-item vetoed; and (c) we are not/not negotiating an ASAT ban with Russia.]

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Bob:

Keith Costa of *Inside the Pentagon* asked to speak to you on background on space militarization issues following the open letter to the President released at Gaffney's conference last week. One possible question is whether the U.S. is committed to maintaining "leadership or dominance" in space, and do we over-emphasize arms control in space. His number is 703-416-8534. His deadline is noon Weds. (tomorrow). Thanks.

Retired Flag Officers Letter on Space Control Policies

- The President's 1997 National Security Strategy Report, *A National Security Strategy for a New Century* (May 1997), stressed our commitment to maintaining American leadership in space. It pointed out that "uninhibited access to and use of space is essential for preserving peace and protecting U.S. national security as well as civil and commercial interests." Further, the strategy report noted that "our space policy objectives include deterring threats to our interest in space and defeating hostile efforts against U.S. space assets if deterrence fails."
- In the April 1997 *Annual Report to the President and the Congress*, Secretary Cohen noted that "space system negation to counter the ground- or space-based elements of an adversary's space systems or its data linkages could be accomplished by various methods." Similarly, last October when the President exercised his line item veto authority on the Clementine II, KE-ASAT and Military Space Plane, Robert Bell (Special Assistant to the President and NSC Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control) noted our confidence that "alternatives [to the programs cancelled] exist to negate or disrupt" efforts by "potential adversaries such as North Korea or Iraq which could try to employ space-based assets against our forces in a possible war."
- Finally, the suggestion in the letter that the United States has agreed to negotiating a ban on ASAT weapons is false.

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