APPENDICES

Appendix A

Terms of Reference

UAV Technologies and Combat Operations

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<u>SUMMARY:</u> The Chief of Staff, recognizing the importance of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to Air Force combat operations, requested the Scientific Advisory Board to investigate advancing electronic and mechanical technologies that might enable Air Force mission roles for UAVs as well as establish the related technology areas in which further advancements are needed.

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: The development, test, and use of unmanned aircraft has spanned many years with little success in integrating UAVs into the combat force. Cost and reliability have been among the chief impediments to effective use. Several developments have now made UAV operations practical: high-reliability components and subsystems, differential GPS for precision waypoint and auto-land flight, lower cost sensor suites, composite structures and skins, high-efficiency engines, etc.

The recent introduction of UAVs into combat operations (e.g., Desert Storm and Bosnia) has demonstrated the value of augmenting manned aircraft with UAVs in high threat areas and for long-endurance flights associated with reconnaissance and surveillance missions. A broader range of missions including attack, special operations, combat search and rescue, and communications must now be considered.

The rapid advancement of high-reliability, low-cost electrical and mechanical components suitable for UAVs has opened a new era, just as reduced cost of air operations has become a more critical need. This study is necessary to review the Air Force position relative to the technical capabilities and technology needs of UAVs and combat operations.

TASKS: The study effort will:

- Review the state-of-the-art in UAV development in the Air Force, other Services, and other Government agencies.
- Assess Air Force roles and missions for which current technologies might enable use of UAVs to accomplish combat tasks at reduced cost or lower risk of human capture or loss of life.
- Identify the new technologies significant to the development of combat UAVs capable of conducting traditional or future and nontraditional Air Force missions.

- Make recommendations for development of those technologies unique to the UAV or for which substantial risk relative to UAV applications is present, so that future UAV missions can be made possible.
- Provide recommendations for the development of UAVs and the associated technologies.

PANELS: The study effort will consist of five panels:

- Platform Panel (Airframe, Propulsion, and Flight Control Systems)
- Mission Systems Panel (Sensors, Processing, and Communications)
- Weapons Panel (Lethal and Non-Lethal Weapons and Attack Systems)
- Human Systems Panel (Ground/Airborne UAV Control, Man-Machine Interfaces, and Training)
- Operations Panel (BM/C4I, Force Integration, Roles and Missions, and New Mission Concepts)

<u>PRODUCT</u>: The products of the study will be a final report and a briefing.

Appendix B

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Appendix C

Abstracts of Panel Reports

Operations Panel Report Abstract

The task of the Operations Panel was to use the range of future Air Force operations to generate a description of the contribution provided by UAVs. Future operations were divided into three groups, representing near-term (1996 to 2005), mid-term (2005 to 2015), and far-term (2015 to 2025). The first step was to generate a list of potential UAV operations. This incorporated 22 different operational mission concepts and tasks, covering a wide range, including attack of fixed and moving targets, cargo transport, humanitarian, and others. All of the operations, including those beyond the 9 published in Volume I are described in Volume II.

In most of the operational concepts, UAVs have applications in the near-term for performing mission-specific ISR. Non-ISR functions begin to be available in most cases in the mid-term (initial operational demonstrations could occur in the near-term). Possible near-term initial operational demonstrations of non-ISR functions include fixed target attack, moving target attack, communications-navigation support, TMD, SEAD, airborne communications node, jamming, and air-to-air. The technological requirements for concepts are discussed for each operation.

It is recommended that development of UAV-based operational concepts be evolutionary, ensuring reliable operational utility before incorporation into the Air Force structure. A phased approach should be utilized to demonstrate UAV flight characteristics and weapon integration before the more complex concepts and missions are started.

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Platform Panel Report Abstract

The objective of the Platform Panel was to identify and specify the air vehicle system and subsystem technology investments most essential or beneficial to the future development of UAVs. To achieve its purpose, the Platform Panel carried out several interrelated activities, some of which are described as follows.

First, the opinions and ideas of insightful experts from inside and outside the UAV community were gathered during a series of field trips and meetings. Second, the most compelling UAV mission tasks and the minimum number of candidate air vehicle concepts needed to accomplish these tasks were identified, starting from the national military needs. Third, vehicle point designs were generated so that sensitivities to proposed technology advances could be determined. Fourth, conclusions were summarized in the form of roadmaps for critical enabling technologies and for UAV systems development and deployment. Throughout, the work was closely coordinated with the Operations, Human Systems, Mission Systems, and Weapons Panels to ensure that the study results were integrated to maximize the chances of success for UAVs.

The report concludes with a short but comprehensive list of final recommendations that includes precise descriptions of the next steps to be performed in order to capitalize on the great promise of UAVs to perform vital missions of the Air Force.

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Mission Systems Panel Report Abstract

The Mission Systems Panel evaluated the electronics required onboard UAVs to perform the operational tasks that are the basics of this study and assessed the availability of technologies to implement the selected system concepts. The Panel charter covers sensors of all types— communications, navigation and geolocation, electronic warfare, fire control, and information processing. The report deals first with the mission systems of each operational task and then with summaries of the key technology areas.

In general, the Panel found that enabling technologies for basic UAV operational concepts are available or in advanced stages of development. Thus, UAV systems that add significant operational capability can be demonstrated and fielded in the near-term. For the mid- and far-terms, specific high-leverage technologies that will make feasible UAVs with greatly enhanced performance and availability have been identified and recommended for focused technology development efforts. In particular, the technologies forming the mathematical and computing basis for higher levels of autonomous payload operation, including automated evaluation of sensor inputs, have great potential.

The Panel developed the avionics content of a point design for a UAV SEAD platform, which is a major outcome of the study as a whole. The Panel's recommendations highlight the importance of an improved BM/C⁴I architecture to allow UAVs to be used with maximum effectiveness. Other recommendations include near-term demonstration of UAV platforms to deal with shortfalls in communications and navigation in the battlespace, with urgent operational needs to replace manned jamming platforms and with high-precision target location to support weapons such as JDAM and JSOW. Technology recommendations deal with critical components and with technologies that enhance affordability.

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Weapons Panel Report Abstract

UAVs are under consideration for a number of Air Force missions and tasks. Some will require weapons to effectively kill difficult targets. Long endurance and other unique attributes of the UAV enable it to deliver weapons more effectively in some of these tasks. These include CW/BW neutralization, SEAD, boost phase intercept of tactical ballistic missiles, and interdiction of some hard targets.

Analysis of elements of these tasks, evaluation of the threat, examination of parametric design data, and review of available technology led to the selection of a family of three small weapons capable of employing a family of new modular warheads. One of the weapons is on the shelf. The others employ some existing subsystems. The family of weapons/warheads provides UAVs with near-term capability to very effectively conduct the spectrum of mission/tasks identified above, as well as some collateral air-to-air missions. In addition, the weapons are candidate for delivery by manned aircraft.

The technology necessary to develop these weapons is basically in hand. To facilitate their development, it is recommended that advanced flying plate and incendiary warhead technology—the enabler of high lethality in a very small volume—be quantified (hydrocode analysis and tests) beyond the demonstrations that have already taken place.

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Human Systems Panel Report Abstract

The task of the Human Systems Panel was to identify significant human-system issues in the development and deployment of UAVs for various missions identified by the Operations Panel and to recommend technical requirements, research needs, or process changes necessary to assure effective integration of the human. The role of the human, human systems interface technology, command and control, and maintenance and personnel training issues are addressed.

Determining the degree of autonomy and functions of the human is a vital front end concern that drives design. Simulations of various types, including man-in-the-loop "gaming" simulation, are effective methods of supporting function allocation and these simulations should be performed early in concept development. Research in how to promote situation awareness is required. Designing methods to keep the human in the loop will be a challenge to display format designers if the system is relatively autonomous.

The ACTD process has largely ignored manpower, personnel, and training requirements and a systematic and timely method of addressing these needs must be implemented.

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