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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am pleased to appear before you this afternoon to address my decision to expand my normal oversight role temporarily to oversee selected Air Force programs beyond the normal Category 1D to the Category 1C.

This temporary change is necessary given the vacancies in the Air Force and the timing to restore the management structure. This action is meant to assist the new Acting Air Force Secretary by overseeing and providing advice on important Air Force programs during a time of transition.

I will now be the milestone decision authority for at least 21 Major Defense Acquisition programs that were previously overseen by the Air Force Acquisition Executive. I have asked the Air Force to provide, by this Saturday, April 9, a list of all significant programs and milestone decisions expected in the next six months for these programs.

To a large extent, I plan to rely on the existing reporting process, such as the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary, or DAES. In this process, I already review on a quarterly basis all of the nearly 90 Major Defense Acquisition Programs — both those for which I have always been the decision authority, as well as those for which the Service Acquisition Executives are normally the decision authority.

I have always reviewed these programs in terms of performance, schedule, cost, funding, testing, interoperability, logistics, contracting, management and production. The difference is that now I will also be the milestone decision authority for these programs.

I also plan to rely on the Air Force acquisition corps to continue their high quality efforts on these programs and to provide me with any necessary information for decisions on these programs. After all, they are only one floor above me. I will look to them in particular to provide input on technical, cost and testing issues.

My staff support for this oversight will be Dr. Glenn Lamartin and Mr. John Landon, who support me in the management of the Air Force Major Programs that I currently directly oversee, such as the F/A-22 and the Small Diameter Bomb.

There is no set timeline for this temporary designation. I am working closely with Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael L. Dominguez and the Air Force acquisition workforce.

I have advised him and the Service leadership that I will not be spending their resources without their direct involvement, and that I plan to return oversight of these 21 programs to the Air Force when the Air Force's acquisition leadership is properly staffed such that it provides adequate checks and balances to guarantee the integrity of the system.

Again, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the opportunity to testify before you. I would be happy to answer your questions.

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