

**Advance Policy Questions for Andrew Weber**  
**Nominee for the Position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense**  
**for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs**

**Defense Reforms**

The Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 and the Special Operations reforms have strengthened the war fighting readiness of our Armed Forces. They have enhanced civilian control and the chain of command by clearly delineating the combatant commanders' responsibilities and authorities and the role of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. These reforms have also vastly improved cooperation between the services and the combatant commanders, among other things, in joint training and education and in the execution of military operations.

**Do you see a need for modifications of any Goldwater-Nichols Act provisions?**

At this point I do not. However, if confirmed I will remain sensitive to the goals that Goldwater-Nichols set forth to facilitate jointness in operations, command and control, and acquisition.

**If so, what areas do you believe might be appropriate to address in these modifications?**

If confirmed and in the exercise of my duties I became convinced of the desirability of a modification of a Goldwater-Nichols Act provision, I would consult closely with the Department of Defense leadership and Congress.

**Duties**

**What is your understanding of the duties and functions of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs (ATSD(NCB)) advises the Secretary of Defense on nuclear and radiological matters and chemical and biological defense, to support strategic direction, oversight, and integration of DoD Countering WMD activities, and to ensure that resources and the development of Countering WMD operational capabilities are aligned with national policy, strategy and the requirements of Combatant Commanders.

**The primary function of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear**

**Chemical and Biological Defense Programs is to ensure that the nuclear stockpile remains safe, secure, and reliable.**

**If confirmed, what steps will you take to ensure that the Secretary receives full and complete technical advice on the nuclear stockpile?**

If confirmed, I will place a very high priority on working closely with the Secretary and the Members of the Nuclear Weapons Council in overseeing the nation's nuclear stockpile and ensuring the Secretary receives comprehensive, excellent quality technical advice on all aspects of the stockpile.

**The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs serves as the Executive Director of the Nuclear Weapons Council.**

**If confirmed what steps will you take to ensure that the Nuclear Weapons Council duties are effectively executed?**

At this time, it would be premature to identify specific steps. If confirmed, I intend to work energetically with the Nuclear Weapons Council to ensure that it effectively carries out its statutorily mandated duties. Reporting to and consulting closely with Congress is an important component of the execution of the Board's duties.

**Assuming you are confirmed, what additional duties and functions do you expect that the Secretary of Defense would prescribe for you?**

If confirmed, I expect the Secretary to direct me to support his emphasis on re-establishing the professionalism, dedication, and attention to detail necessary to maintain the Department's nuclear weapons in a safe and secure manner. In addition, I expect he will ask me to oversee The Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, the Chemical Weapons Demilitarization Program, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

## **Relationships**

**If confirmed, how will you work with the following officials in carrying out your duties:**

**The Secretary of Defense**

If confirmed, I expect to report directly to the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), and through him and the Deputy Secretary and Secretary. On matters directly affecting my technical responsibilities (safety, security, and

reliability of the stockpile), I expect to have direct access to the Secretary as needed.

### **The Deputy Secretary of Defense**

If confirmed, I would report through the USD(AT&L) to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. I would also have direct access to the Deputy Secretary in my role as the Executive Secretary of the NSPD-28 Committee of Principals, which the Deputy Secretary chairs.

### **The Under Secretaries of Defense**

If confirmed, I would report directly to the USD(AT&L). I would also work closely with USD(P) to insure the Secretary's nuclear, chemical and biological defense policies, both home and abroad, are understood and implemented. I would work closely with the USD(C) and USD(P&R) to insure nuclear, chemical and biological defense, and chemical demilitarization programs are adequately resourced and staffed.

### **The Service Secretaries**

If confirmed, I will work with the service secretaries to insure that nuclear, chemical and biological defense, and chemical demilitarization programs are given the high priority they deserve.

### **The Commanders of the Combatant Commands, particularly U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and U.S. Northern Command**

If confirmed, I would work closely with the Combatant Commanders to ensure that they have the appropriate systems needed to execute their chemical, nuclear and biological defense mission.

### **The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and America's Security**

If confirmed, I would expect work closely with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security to insure that Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense programs and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency meet his requirements.

### **The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs.**

If confirmed, I would work with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs to ensure that the policy requirements for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs are met. I would also expect to work closely on programs to counter WMD, including the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program.

### **The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict and Independent Capabilities**

If confirmed, would work closely with ASD(SOLIC) to insure the Secretary's nuclear, chemical and biological defense policies are consistent, understood by our forces and allies, and are being properly implemented.

#### **The Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency**

If confirmed, the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency would report to me regarding his responsibilities in combat support, the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, counter proliferation, on-site inspection, research and development, and chemical and biological defense programs.

#### **The Secretary of Energy**

If confirmed, I would work with the Secretary of Energy and his staff on issues related to the nuclear stockpile, non-proliferation and counter-terrorism.

#### **The Administrator and Deputy Administrators of the National Nuclear Security Administration**

As partners in the nuclear weapons program, if confirmed, I would work closely with both the Administrator and Deputy Administrator to insure there are sufficient reliable, safe, and secure weapons to support deterrence, and the nation has the capability to maintain them.

#### **Officials in the Department of Homeland Security with responsibilities for nuclear, chemical, and biological homeland defense matters**

ATSD(NCB) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are partners in a number of areas such as nuclear detection, nuclear forensics, chemical and biological defense, and counter proliferation. I will work closely with the DHS to ensure programs in these areas are mutually supportive.

### **Qualifications**

#### **What background and experience do you have that you believe qualifies you for this position?**

I have been privileged to dedicate twenty four years of continuous public service to strengthening U.S. national security and countering the threat of weapons of mass destruction. My experience leading sensitive projects to reduce nuclear, chemical and biological weapons threats will serve me well if I am confirmed in the position of

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

**Do you believe that there are actions you need to take to enhance your ability to perform the duties of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

As with every new position I have taken during my long career in public service, if confirmed I will expend considerable effort studying those areas of the portfolio for which I do not have in depth experience. In addition to extensive briefings and meetings with counterparts and subject matter experts, I would early on visit the facilities where important work on nuclear, chemical and biological defense programs takes place. If confirmed, I would also focus on ensuring that I have the best possible team in place to successfully execute the duties of the office.

### **Major Challenges and Problems**

**In your view, what are the major challenges that will confront the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

First, making sure that a high priority is placed ensuring that Department's nuclear weapons are safe, secure and reliable. Second, to improve our Nation's defensive preparations for an enemy's potential use of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. Third, promoting the rapid and safe demilitarization of our chemical weapons stockpile. Fourth, continuing and expanding the Cooperative Threat Reduction program beyond the Former Soviet Union to help prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

**Assuming you are confirmed, what plans do you have for addressing these challenges?**

To meet the first challenge, I intend to focus on the actions taken to date, review the DTRA conducted inspection reports to ensure the follow-up actions are effective and work with each stakeholder to ensure the proper focus on nuclear policies and procedures.. For the second challenge, I would work with stakeholders to enhance the nation's ability to defend against potential weapons of mass destruction attacks. For the third challenge, I intend to closely monitor the execution of the Chemical Demilitarization Program. For the fourth challenge, I intend to work with OSD Policy and DTRA to ensure that there is strong acquisition oversight of the CTR program as it expands.

**What do you anticipate will be the most serious problems in the performance of the functions of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

**The most serious problem will be enabling the nuclear enterprise to meet the challenges of an aging stockpile and infrastructure in order to maintain a safe, secure, reliable and credible deterrent.**

**If confirmed, what management actions and time lines would you establish to address these problems?**

**I would consult closely with the Nuclear Weapons Council and Congress regarding the findings of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States and the ongoing Nuclear Posture Review.**

### **Priorities**

**If confirmed, what broad priorities would you establish in terms of issues which must be addressed by the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

**First, placing a high priority on a safe, secure, reliable and credible deterrent. Second, furthering the acceleration of our national capability to respond to new and emerging nuclear, biological and chemical threats. Third, continuing and expanding the CTR program to prevent proliferation of WMD. Fourth, continue to maintain a strong Nuclear Weapons Council.**

### **Reporting Chain**

**Section 142 of title 10, U.S. Code, requires that the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs advise the Secretary of Defense on nuclear energy, nuclear weapons, and chemical and biological defense programs. The responsibilities for chemical and biological defense were added to the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs in 1996. The position was originally created as the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense to ensure direct and timely access to the Secretary of Defense in the event that any matter implicating the safety, security, or reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile needed to be immediately provided to the Secretary.**

**What is your understanding of to whom you would report, if confirmed, within the Department of Defense, and who would report to you?**

**If confirmed, I would report to USD(AT&L), and through him and the Deputy Secretary and Secretary of Defense.**

**If confirmed, would you expect to have direct and timely access to the Secretary of Defense for matters pertaining to the safety, security, and reliability of nuclear weapons?**

**Yes.**

### **Nuclear Weapons Council**

**Section 179 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code designates the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs as the Executive Director of the Nuclear Weapons Council. The chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council is the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.**

**Would it be your expectation, if confirmed, to have direct responsibility, authority, direction, and control of all the assets, resources, and personnel needed to fulfill the responsibilities of Executive Director of the Nuclear Weapons Council?**

**Yes.**

**If confirmed as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, how frequently would you expect the Nuclear Weapons Council to meet and, in your view, would that be sufficient to meet the obligations of the Council?**

**Given the large number of critical issues that are on the agenda of the NWC, I would expect the NWC to meet more frequently than the statutory minimum of four times per year.**

**If confirmed as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, how would you ensure that the Nuclear Weapons Council carries out its statutorily mandated duties?**

**If confirmed, I intend to work personally with each of the member of the Council to ensure it effectively carries out its statutorily mandated duties.**

**Are there any changes that you would recommend to the membership, organization, or structure of the Nuclear Weapons Council?**

**Based on my current knowledge, I do not see the need to recommend structural changes to the Nuclear Weapons Council at this time. If confirmed, I would evaluate this issue.**

**What do you see as the challenges that face the Nuclear Weapons Council in the next 4 years and what would you do to address these challenges?**

The foremost challenges I see are the need to support the Nuclear Posture Review and implement its findings; address mounting concerns in the aging stockpile; and ensure that we have the human capital and resources required to maintain a safe, secure, reliable, and credible stockpile.

### **Organizational Structure of the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary**

**What is your understanding of the organizational structure of the office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

My understanding is that there is currently a Principal Deputy who is also responsible for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Treaty Management, a Nuclear Matters Deputy, a Chemical and Biological Defense Programs and Chem Demil Deputy, and the Director of DTRA, who reports to the ATSD(NCB). In addition, there are supporting staff to enable the functions of the office.

**Do you believe this structure is adequate or would you make any changes if confirmed?**

If confirmed I plan to evaluate the structure and make specific changes as appropriate.

### **Nuclear Weapons and the Stockpile Stewardship Program**

**Do you believe that there are any technical reasons to resume nuclear weapons testing at the present time or at any foreseeable time in the future?**

No.

**Do you support the Stockpile Stewardship Program?**

Yes.

**Do you believe that the Stockpile Stewardship Program is capable for the foreseeable future of supporting the nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear weapons testing?**

Yes.

**What are your views on the current moratorium on nuclear weapons testing?**

I support the moratorium.

**What are your views on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)?**

I support the President's position regarding ratification of the CTBT.

**In your view, are there any additional capabilities that the Stockpile Stewardship program should develop?**

If confirmed I would consult with counterparts to determine what, if any, additional capabilities should be developed to maintain a safe, secure, reliable and credible deterrent.

**What are your views on the feasibility and certifiability (without nuclear testing) of the Reliable Replacement Warhead?**

My understanding is the RRW was technically feasible within existing policy.

**What role would you play in establishing requirements to ensure security of nuclear weapons in the custody of the military services?**

If confirmed, I intend to review the current program and make any necessary changes or recommendations to ensure the security of our nuclear weapons.

**If confirmed, how quickly and under what circumstances would you inform Congress in the event there is ever any problem with any nuclear warhead?**

As quickly as possible, and in accordance with statutory requirements.

**If confirmed, what role, if any, do you anticipate you will play in reviewing the size and makeup of the nuclear weapons stockpile?**

If confirmed, I would expect to be a major voice in recommending to the Secretary the size and makeup of the nuclear weapons stockpile.

**If confirmed, what role, if any do you anticipate you will play in the annual certification process?**

I would expect to support the annual certification process in my role as Executive Director for the NWC.

**Do you believe the annual certification process is adequate or would you recommend any changes?**

At this time, I have no reason to doubt the adequacy of the current process. It would be

premature to recommend any changes.

### **Security of the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile**

**If you are confirmed, what role would you have and do you believe the Nuclear Weapons Council should have in developing, implementing, and overseeing implementation of nuclear security orders and regulations?**

Both the ATSD(NCB) and the NWC have responsibilities to insure that our nuclear weapons are secure. Monitoring security operations and implementation policies, reviewing inspection reports, and insuring sufficient funding for Service security programs are some of those responsibilities.

**If confirmed what role would you play in nuclear security and nuclear operational inspections?**

If confirmed, I would expect to review all DTRA conducted inspections. Additionally, I would expect to review all Service conducted inspections and of the results of the Mighty Guardian Force on Force exercises.

### **Degradation in Nuclear Expertise, Technical Rigor, and Compliance with Regulations, Rules, and Orders**

Over the course of the last 18 months there have been a number of instances within DOD of inattention, sloppiness, and intentional disregard for nuclear rules, orders and regulations. The reviews that have been conducted as a result of these incidents have identified degradation in the attention to nuclear matters as one of the root causes of the many incidents.

**If confirmed, what role would you anticipate you would play and the Nuclear Weapons Council would play in restoring discipline and credibility in the nuclear enterprise within the Department of Defense and Military Services?**

If confirmed, I expect to personally work with the Secretary, Service Secretaries, and the NWC continuing to restore discipline and credibility of the nuclear enterprise and continue to implement necessary reforms to ensure the highest standards for safeguarding our nation's nuclear weapons.

### **Implementation of the Admiral Donald Report**

**If confirmed, what role, if any, would you expect to play in implementing corrective actions recommended by Admiral Donald in his report on the security of nuclear**

**weapons in the Air Force?**

I have not been briefed on the Admiral Donald Report, and it would not be appropriate to comment on it at this time. If confirmed, I will review it carefully and evaluate the progress on implementation of its recommendations.

**Are there any aspects of the report with which you disagree?**

I have not been briefed on the report and cannot comment at this time.

### **Implementation of the Defense Science Board Report**

**At the end of 2008, the Defense Science Board also completed a review of the nuclear enterprise in the DOD and made recommendations. If confirmed, what role, if any, would you expect to play in implementing corrective actions recommended by the Defense Science Board?**

I have not had the opportunity to meet with this DSB task force and be briefed on their findings. If confirmed, I expect to work with the Secretary and the NWC on any necessary corrective actions identified in the Defense Science Board review.

**Are there any aspects of the report with which you disagree?**

As stated above, I have not yet read the report. If confirmed, I intend to work with the Secretary and the NWC in overseeing implementation of appropriate recommendations.

### **Chemical and Biological Defense Program**

**Section 142 of Title 10, U.S. Code, states that the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs shall advise the Secretary of Defense on chemical and biological defense, as well as on nuclear matters. Your background is primarily in biological threat reduction and related issues.**

**If confirmed, how would you plan to become familiar with the issues and technology associated with chemical and biological defense matters?**

I am familiar with the issues and technology associated with chemical and biological defense matters based upon my prior experience in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. If confirmed, I will increase my knowledge of the current programs and issues in the NCB portfolio. I believe that to fully understand the NCB Defense Programs for which I would have oversight I will engage the elements of the Chemical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP), the CDP, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at their locations. I will visit early on the demilitarization sites and the CBDP research

laboratories.

### **Chemical and Biological Defense Matters**

**If you are confirmed, what do you expect your roles and responsibilities would be with respect to chemical and biological defense matters?**

The ATSD(NCB) is the principal staff advisor to the Secretary on Chemical and Biological Defense matters. The ATSD(NCB) is responsible for oversight, coordination, and integration of the Chemical and Biological Defense Program. If confirmed, I would expect to work closely with the Services, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, and DTRA to meet those responsibilities.

**If confirmed, would you review the chemical and biological defense program and make any needed recommendations to Congress for improving the program?**

**Yes.**

**What are your general priorities with respect to the Chemical and Biological Defense Program?**

The general priorities for the Chemical and Biological Defense Program are: contamination avoidance, protection, and enhancing the Department's ability to respond to emerging biological and chemical threats.

### **Interaction with other Federal Agencies on Chemical and Biological Matters**

The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Health and Human Services play important roles in planning and implementing U.S. policy and programs for protecting the United States against biological and chemical threats, including the development and stockpiling of vaccines and therapeutic products.

**If confirmed, how would you work with these agencies to ensure the effective coordination and collaboration of efforts to improve U.S. security against biological and chemical threats?**

If confirmed I would work with each of these Agencies to insure that programs are mutually supportive, avoid duplication, and share results.

### **WMD Commission View on Biological Threats**

The Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism concluded that "terrorists are more likely to be able to obtain and use a biological weapon than a

nuclear weapon,” and also that “the U.S. government needs to move more aggressively to limit the proliferation of biological weapons and reduce the prospect of a bioterror attack.”

**If confirmed, what approach would you take to reducing the risks and consequences of a biological terror attack against the United States?**

I would continue the current Departmental emphasis to protect military forces from current and/or emerging biological threats through aggressive research and development, and proactive coordination and integration with the Departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services. I would also work to strengthen the Department’s Nunn-Lugar Biological Threat Reduction Program to prevent such threats.

### **Transformational Medical Technology Initiative**

The Department of Defense has undertaken a Transformational Medical Technology Initiative (TMTI) for chemical and biological defense. The purpose of this initiative is to pursue broad spectrum approaches to protecting our military forces against a wide variety of threats, including genetically engineered biological threats. One of the objectives of the program is to develop advanced means of rapid and affordable vaccine production.

**What are your views on the value of this initiative, and would you support it if confirmed?**

Yes, I would support Transformational Medical Technology Initiative (TMTI) as a high value initiative within the Department. I understand it has developed a preliminary end-to-end capability for response to emerging and engineered biological threats. I am aware TMTI is a vital part of the National Biodefense Strategy and the Integrated National Biodefense Medical Countermeasures Portfolio, which is coordinated with Executive Office of the President, the DoD, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Vaccine Development and Acquisition**

**What role would you expect to play, if confirmed, in ensuring that vaccines and therapeutic products needed to ensure protection and medical treatment of military and civilian employees of the Department of Defense are developed and acquired in a timely and effective manner?**

If confirmed I would work closely with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Health Affairs to ensure medical treatment and protection of deployed U.S. Service members and civilian employees are developed and acquired. As the ATSD(NCB) I will work through our Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense which is responsible for the development, procurement, fielding, and sustaining of

premier medical protection and treatment capabilities against chemical and biological warfare agents.

### **Chemical Demilitarization Issues**

**Since 2001, responsibility and oversight for the chemical demilitarization program within the Department of Defense have been under the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.**

**If confirmed, would responsibility for and oversight of the chemical demilitarization program remain within your office?**

Yes.

**The United States is a party to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and, under the terms of the treaty, is obligated to destroy its chemical weapons stockpile by no later than the extended deadline of April 2012.**

**Do you agree that the United States should take all necessary steps to meet its obligations under the CWC?**

Yes.

**If confirmed, what actions would you take to ensure adequate funding is requested to permit the most expeditious destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile, consistent with the legal requirement to protect public health, safety, and the environment?**

If confirmed, I will review the current program to ensure that priorities, funding, and operations are consistent with its objectives. If additional funding is needed, I will support those requests.

**On April 10, 2006, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld notified Congress that the United States would not meet the extended deadline under the CWC for destruction of the United States chemical weapons stockpile, but would “continue working diligently to minimize the time to complete destruction without sacrificing safety and security,” and would also “continue requesting resources needed to complete destruction as close to April 2012 as practicable.”**

**If confirmed, what actions would you take to ensure the full implementation of those commitments?**

If confirmed, I will review the program against those commitments and make any

necessary changes or recommendations needed to ensure full implementation.

### **Consequence Management of CBRNE Incidents**

**The Department of Defense has a mission of providing support to civil authorities for consequence management of domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosive (CBRNE) incidents, if directed by the President or the Secretary of Defense. Since 2002, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs and the Commander of U.S. Northern Command have had responsibilities for planning and executing that mission.**

**If confirmed, how would you expect to work with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs and the Commander of U.S. Northern Command on issues related to the Department's capabilities to provide support to civil authorities for CBRNE consequence management, as well their homeland defense missions related to nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons or materials?**

ATSD(NCB) oversees a number of programs designed to provide DoD CBRNE responders with equipment, training, command and control support, logistical planning, and technical support. If confirmed I will insure that these programs are responsive to the needs of ASD (HD) and COCOM.

**The Department of Homeland Security is the lead federal agency for planning, coordinating, and implementing consequence management of CBRNE incidents in the United States, in conjunction with the States and territories.**

**If confirmed, what relationship would you expect to have with the Department of Homeland Security and its component entities?**

If confirmed I would expect to coordinate closely with the Department of Homeland Security for planning, coordinating, and implementing consequence management of CBRNE incidents.

**What do you believe is the appropriate role for the Department of Defense in providing support to civil authorities for CBRNE consequence management?**

A CBRNE event would most likely constitute a national emergency. DOD's role should be to provide whatever support and assets that the President requested in order to save lives, minimize damage, and facilitate recovery.

**If confirmed, what role would you expect to have in regard to the oversight of Department of Defense capabilities related to consequence management of CBRNE incidents?**

If confirmed, I would expect my role to be a senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense on consequence management capabilities. This would include the states use of Title 32 assets including their Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams and CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Packages.

### **Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs (Nunn-Lugar Programs)**

**Do you support the Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs?**

Yes.

**If confirmed, would you support joint research programs between Russia and the United States in the areas of chemical or biological weapons defense?**

Yes.

**What is your understanding as to your responsibilities with respect to the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs?**

The ATSD(NCB) has oversight responsibility for the implementation of the CTR program.

### **Congressional Oversight**

**In order to exercise its legislative and oversight responsibilities, it is important that this Committee and other appropriate committees of the Congress are able to receive testimony, briefings, and other communications of information.**

**Do you agree, if confirmed for this high position, to appear before this Committee and other appropriate committees of the Congress?**

Yes.

**Do you agree, if confirmed, to appear before this Committee, or designated members of this Committee, and provide information, subject to appropriate and necessary security protection, with respect to your responsibilities as the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs?**

Yes.

**Do you agree to ensure that testimony, briefings and other communications of information are provided to this Committee and its staff and other appropriate**

**Committees?**

**Yes.**

**Do you agree to provide documents, including copies of electronic forms of communication, in a timely manner when requested by a duly constituted Committee, or to consult with the Committee regarding the basis for any good faith delay or denial in providing such documents?**

**Yes.**