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a comprehensive CI and Security plan for this effort to protect the program from possible Foreign Intelligence Service (FIS) penetrations.

September 2008 – June 2009 – During this time, I created a CI and Security posture for both AAWSAP and AATIP. Furthermore, I attended senior-level debriefings, including one with a former-foreign military member with a General Officer rank, that was arranged by Dr. Lakatski. I was also present for numerous written updates by Dr. Lakatski to the Director of DIA and other Senior DIA officials regarding AAWSAP/AATIP which were well-received. Ample correspondence exists between DIA senior staff and Dr. Lakatski that substantiates DIA leadership was not only supportive, but also in favor of the AAWSAP/AATIP efforts to be expanded. I am personally aware of both meetings and briefings in which AAWSAP and AATIP were discussed, and I was privy to several classified emails that substantiate this fact. Those emails still exist within a specific office at the Pentagon in both electronic and hard copies. **(details and specifics as to this information can be provided separately over a secure means)** It was during this time, we also conducted a review over a draft 10-Month report executed by one of the prime contractors, Bigelow Aerospace. **(details and specifics as to this information can be provided separately over a secure means)**

June 2009 – It was brought to my attention that a request was sent by Former Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid to DoD senior leadership to further protect AATIP by requesting the effort be transitioned into a protected, Special Access Program (SAP). Furthermore, I was informed that key individuals that were associated with AATIP were included/listed as part of the request for SAP protection, my name being one of those individuals. The request was sent from Senator Harry Reid to the Deputy Secretary of Defense through official correspondence channels. **(Attachment 1)**

July 2009 - January 2010 – New leadership at DIA began to create challenges for Dr. Lakatski, despite the previous leadership fully endorsing the efforts. [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] of DIA and began attempts to shut down the effort. As was explained to me by colleagues, there was a religious aversion to the subject matter by certain members of DIA and the OSD staff. In September 2009, I was privy to an internal e-mail between [REDACTED] and OUSD(I) Congressional Affairs, [REDACTED] where both were lamenting the existence of the programs and were attempting to "kill the effort" because it involved "...that crazy UFO topic again". In October 2009, I was asked to attend a meeting within the OUSD(I) SAPCO spaces in which I was told specifically that this effort should be discontinued and that although this topic was real, it had supernatural origins not consistent with certain religious views of specific senior leadership. I reported the results of this meeting to Dr. Lakatski.

February 2010 - April 2010 – Dr. Lakatski indicated to me that he was facing increased pressure by DIA leadership and he would be forced to resign from his duties as the Director of AAWSAP and AATIP, and return to Headquarters, DIA. Dr. Lakatski was in poor spirits at the time because he believed he was being unfairly persecuted for his role in an authorized mission.

April 2010 – Dr. Lakatski approached me and asked if I would consider assuming the role of AAWSAP and AATIP, Director. I reminded Dr. Lakatski that most of my experience concerned the AATIP portfolio and that I only worked AAWSAP from a tangential perspective. Dr. Lakatski's response to me was that he already had my name "floated" as the new Director with leadership, and that it was unanimously agreed by all that I should be the new Director. He also suggested that I manage the effort under my authorities as a member of the OSD staff, and not keep it within DIA due to the hostile environment he was experiencing. After a day of considering his offer, I accepted the responsibility provided that all stakeholders supported this decision. I also informed Dr. Lakatski that I would begin to engage with select OUSD(I) senior staff members to gain additional mission support.

May 2010 – August 2012 – In my new role as Director for AATIP and AAWSAP, I made the decision to begin minimizing existing efforts within the AAWSAP portfolio given the negative attention it was receiving by DIA leadership. It was my observation that key elements within DIA were attempting to hide anything