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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY CLOSED MEETING REPORT of the DEFENSE POLICY BOARD

Under Section 10 (d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

The Defense Policy Board (DPB) met on June 13-14, 2023, at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. The objective of the meeting was to receive classified briefings and hold classified discussions to understand the long-term impact of potential People's Republic of China coercion across the Taiwan Strait to U.S. regional and global strategic interests, including implications for U.S. alliances in the Indo-Pacific and around the world. The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy addressed the DPB on behalf of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and the Deputy Secretary of Defense attended the outbrief from the Board on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. The Board received briefings from Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Deputy Commander, U.S. Africa Command, the U.S. mission to NATO and from senior leaders from the Defense and Intelligence communities. The meeting was closed to the public pursuant to the provision of Section 552(b)(c)(1), Title 5, United States Code. The determination was based on the consideration that the discussion involved classified information.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members

- 1. The Honorable Janine A. Davidson, PhD., Chair
- Colonel Herman E. Bulls, U.S. Army Reserves (Ret.)
- 3. Dr. Victor Cha. PhD
- 4. Ambassador Eric S. Edelman
- 5. The Honorable Michèle Flournoy
- 6. Mr. Richard Fontaine
- 7. Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
- 8. General John "Jack" Keane, U.S. Army (Ret.)
- 9. Dr. Henry Kissinger, PhD
- 10. Ms. Anja L. Manuel, J.D.
- 11. Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, PhD.
- 12. Mr. Buddie J. Penn
- 13. Mr. Rexon Ryu
- 14. Dr. Kori N. Schake, PhD.
- 15. Mr. H. Patrick Swygert, J.D.
- 16. Dr. Caitlin Talmadge, PhD.

Speakers and Presenters

- 1. General Laura Richardson
- 2. Lieutenant General Kirk Smith
- 3. Ms. Rachel Ellehuus
- 4. Mr. Dale Rielage
- 5. Mr. Thomas Sisk
- 6. Ms. Glenda Jakbowski
- 7. Mr. Richard Phillips
- 8. Mr. Sydney Seiler

Dr. Janine A. Davidson

Chair

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