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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Assignment of Service Lead for Operation of the Predator
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

The Air Force is designated as the lead Service for operating and maintaining the Predator UAV at the conclusion of the Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration, as recommended in JROC Memo 151-95. United States Atlantic Command will be the Combatant Command and the Navy Service Acquisition Executive will have responsibility for system development and procurement.

The Predator has proved its ability to provide a significant and urgently needed reconnaissance capability in many mission areas and the continued participation of each Service must be maintained.

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