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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS FULLY CAPABLE OF COMPLETING COMPLEX STUDIES IN SIX MONTHS

- 1) Bob Work, US Deputy Secretary of Defense, 3-month review of DOD's Military Health System, October 2014, "The three-month examination of more than 50 hospitals and 600 clinics run by or for the Pentagon largely found that quality of military healthcare was equal to private care but that treatment clearly fell short in some cases", <http://lat.ms/1upEQxT>
- 2) Retired General James Welch, Former Top Nuclear Commander, 6-month review of US nuclear program, June 2014, Chuck Hagel ordered the review in January of 2014 and it was completed in June of 2014, <http://bit.ly/1BkZIOl>
- 3) Col. Steve Warren, US Army, Director, Defense Press operations, 6-month review of whether to continue daily Pentagon media clipping service, November 2013, "The decision to shutter the Early Bird wasn't an easy one, said Warren, who noted his six-month review of the issue led him to conclude that the costs to the department's integrity and organizational energy were just too high to continue publication", <http://1.usa.gov/1PrWlqk>
- 4) Dr. Peter Lavoy, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asia Pacific Security Affairs, 6-month assessment of whether or not to continue support for Afghan military beyond 2014, July 2013, "The 181-page report is a 6-month assessment covering October 2012 to March 2013, detailing the current progress of security and stability of the conflict in Afghanistan", <http://bit.ly/1wk2Ign>
- 5) Wayne Chappelle, Air Force Psychologist, 6-month study of drone operators in US Air Force, December 2011, "'There's just not enough people,' says Wayne Chappelle, an Air Force psychologist who helped conduct a six-month study of drone operators from 2010 to 2011", <http://usat.ly/1x19Zhx>
- 6) Retired Maj. Gen. Richard O'Lear, Former Assistant Chief of Staff of US Air Force Intelligence, 6-month study of US Intelligence Operations in Afghanistan, May 2011, "The stinging critique comes from a six-month study by a task force of the Defense Science Board, a federal group that provides independent advice to the secretary of defense", <http://1.usa.gov/1AK6MZW>
- 7) Vernon Clark, Former US Army Secretary and Togo West, Former US Navy Admiral, 2-month review of the Fort Hood shootings in order to prevent a similar future occurrence, January 2010, "Yet the leaders of the two-month Pentagon review, former Army Secretary Togo West and the Navy's onetime top admiral, Vernon Clark, told reporters last week that they didn't drill down into Hasan's motives", <http://ti.me/1x17pYY>

8) Kevin D. Freeman, Financial Analyst, 6-month assessment of the impact of financial terrorism on the US economy, June 2009, “But perhaps what is even more disturbing than the information itself is the release date of the report. Entitled, 'Economic Warfare: Risks and Responses,' the report was issued in 2009 after a six month study of the evidence”, <http://exm.nr/1womJCK>

9) Lt. Col. Paul Damphousse, US Marine Corps, National Security Space Office, 6-month review of whether or not to utilize space-based solar power, October 2007, “Speaking at a press conference held here Oct. 10 to unveil the report, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Paul Damphousse of the National Space Security Space Office said the six-month study, while "done on the cheap," produced some very positive findings about the feasibility of space-based solar power and its potential to strengthen U.S. national security”, <http://bit.ly/1B0wpZg>

10) Binh Q. Nguyen, Computational and Information Sciences Directorate, Army Research Laboratory, 6-month study of information assurance requirements for safeguarding distributed electronic records archives among National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administrators and researchers, April 2003, “This document reports the findings of a 6-month study focused on the initial information assurance (IA) requirements for safeguarding distributed electronic records archives in network environments capable of providing speedy communications and swift transfer of electronic records and software tools among NARA administrators and researchers”, <http://1.usa.gov/1pz3lac>

11) Nancy Duff Campbell, Center Co-Director, National Women’s Law Center, 6-month study of how to improve the US national child care system, May 2000, “The 40-page document, based on a six-month study, calls the program a model for national child care reform and highlights lessons that policymakers, advocates and others can use to improve civilian child care”, <http://1.usa.gov/21HzLLC>

12) Maj. Gen. Richard W. Tragemann, Aberdeen Commander, 6-month study of whether or not storage of lethal mustard agent near Maryland airstrip requires improvement of safety measures, February 1995, “After a six-month study, the Army said it is not necessary to take more costly and sensitive safety measures, such as closing Weide Army Airfield at Aberdeen Proving Ground, moving the stockpile or enclosing it in concrete bunkers”, <http://bit.ly/17XFcS5>

13) Les Aspin, US Defense Secretary, 6-month study of how to remodel the US Military Force based on current national security threats, September 1993, “The six-month study of U.S. military needs, dubbed the "Bottom-Up Review," puts the Navy and the Marine Corps at the forefront of the nation's overseas presence while significantly reducing active Army divisions and Air Force wings”, <http://trib.in/1udlWu1>

14) Gen. Robert T. Herres, US Air Force, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 6-month review of whether or not women should be assigned to combat positions, November 1992, “The nonbinding recommendations of the nine-man, six-woman panel, which has spent six months and \$4 million on fact-finding trips and hearings around the country, are to be passed on to the President and the Pentagon, which are expected to take up the issue next year”, <http://nyti.ms/1GbkVrt>