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June 2008 - While assigned as a Chief, to the Information Sharing and Foreign Intelligence Relationships (ISFIR) Office, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I), I was approached by representatives from the Advanced Aerospace Weapon Systems Applications Program (AAWSAP) to provide Counterintelligence (CI) and Security expertise to their office. The two individuals whom I engaged with were identified as both being part of the AAWSAP effort: Mr. Jay Stratton, and [REDACTED]. Both these individuals were an integral part of the AAWSAP effort. Our initial meeting occurred in my office at [REDACTED].

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For approximately two weeks, three meetings were held at my office. During the meetings, it was revealed to me that AAWSAP was in need of specific CI and Security support and that my background as a credentialed CI Special Agent was a necessary skill set. Furthermore, they indicated they required expertise in specific aerospace technology. At the time, neither Mr. Stratton nor [REDACTED] elaborated on the purpose or mission of AAWSAP, but they indicated that upon a successful evaluation, I would be referred to the Director of the program for further vetting and consideration.

July 2008 - After several personal meetings in my office space, Mr. Stratton and [REDACTED] invited me to meet with the AAWSAP Director, Dr. James Lakatski. I was subsequently provided directions to an undisclosed Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) facility in the Rosslyn area. (classified details can be provided over a secure means and with a demonstrated "need-to-know") During the meeting, I met with Dr. Lakatski, and I was asked to address him as "Jim". Dr. Lakatski introduced himself as an expert in missile technology and as the Director for the AAWSAP program. It was during this meeting that Dr. Lakatski provided me the full name of the AAWSAP portfolio and the focus of the mission. Dr. Lakatski explained to me that my background in the CI career field, along with my experience working with advanced aviation technology from a "tech-protect" perspective, made me uniquely qualified to support him. He further explained that AAWSAP was part of a very sensitive effort that was sponsored by very senior-level individuals at both the Legislative and Executive branches. He further indicated to me that all personnel were "hand selected". During our discussion, Dr. Lakatski asked me what I "think about UFOs". My response was sincere in that "I don't think about UFOs", not because I don't believe in them, but because I simply do not have the luxury to think about them given my mission OPTEMPO and mission focus.

July 2008 - After one additional follow-on meeting with Dr. Lakatski at his office space in Rosslyn, I was officially asked by Dr. Lakatski to assume the role of AAWSAP's Chief of CI and Security. He explained to me that this effort was fully endorsed by senior DIA leadership and he had already received approval by the program's sponsors, Former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senator Ted Stevens, and Senator Daniel Inouye.

August 2008 - While supporting the AAWSAP effort, I was informed by Dr. Lakatski and other AAWSAP personnel about a specific effort within the portfolio known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) and that most of my efforts would be focused on that aspect of the project. I was informed that this effort involved collecting data and evidence from military personnel who came into contact with Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP), a term that was then explained to me as the Government nomenclature for Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)s. Furthermore, I was asked to develop