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Exhibit R-2, RDT&E Budget Item Justification: FY 2018 Air Force										Date: May 2017		
Appropriation/Budget Activity 3600: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force I BA 6: RDT&E Management Support					R-1 Program Element (Number/Name) PE 0605101F I RAND Project Air Force							
COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 Base	FY 2018 OCO	FY 2018 Total	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	-	33.943	34.641	34.346	0.000	34.346	34.874	35.523	36.141	36.881	Continuing	Continuing
661110: Project Air Force	-	33.943	34.641	34.346	0.000	34.346	34.874	35.523	36.141	36.881	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

This program provides for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns. The Project AIR FORCE (PAF) research agenda is focused primarily on mid to long-term problems; in addition, PAF provides quick response assistance for senior Air Force officials on high priority, near term issues. Within these areas, PAF addresses difficult and complex, far-reaching and inter-related questions linked to future strategies, approaches and policies, in order to enhance Air Force senior leadership's deliberations and decisionmaking on major issues. The Air Force Steering Group, chaired by the Vice Chief of Staff, reviews, monitors, and approves PAF annual research efforts. Each project is initiated, processed, and approved in accordance with PAF Sponsoring Agreement which requires General Officer (or SES equivalent) sponsorship and involvement on a continuing basis.

PAF is organized in four primary research program areas: strategy and doctrine; force modernization employment; manpower, personnel and training; and resource management. Integrative research projects are also conducted at the division level with direct support provided through the most applicable program. Research programs address organizational crosscutting issues as defined by specific research themes approved by the Air Force Steering Group. These research themes encompass a wide spectrum of topics including external challenges to national security; terrorism and homeland defense; joint and coalition operations; integrated roadmap for ISR capabilities; enhancing, tailoring and reducing infrastructure to meet new force requirements; potential changes to the Active/Reserve/National Guard/Civilian/Contractor manpower mix; and improved weapon system costing.

The research program will continue to build upon research foundations, examining the evolving security environment, emerging threats, national and military strategy, transformation approaches including investment strategies to provide capabilities within changing Defense budgets, operational concepts to meet evolving and increasingly joint missions, exploiting advanced technologies, increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of combat support, and developing the total force (Active/Reserve/National Guard/Civilian/Contractor). These efforts will continue to inform and support the senior Air Force leadership regarding personnel management and training; improving logistical efficiencies and force sustainment; ongoing conflicts and joint operations; force structure capabilities, limitations, and operational concepts; and making force structure tradeoffs within resource constraints to meet future national security and Air Force needs.

Future research will build upon earlier work to continue to help the Air Force to rapidly and appropriately adapt to the changing world environment and emerging threats; continue to modernize and employ its force structure to provide capabilities within changing DoD budgets; assess lessons learned from recent and ongoing conflicts; develop and utilize its total force; and enhance the support of our aerospace forces, ranging from sustainment of the force structure to agile combat support.

PAF research spans functional and organizational boundaries and is managed in a manner to facilitate independence and freedom from organizational bias thereby providing perspectives and insights to senior Air Force leaders free from parochial influences not necessarily in the best interest of the Air Force at large. Benefits of

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independent non-Department of Defense analysis of complex present day and emerging issues are shared beyond the immediacy of the Air Force. PAF study results are given wide dissemination within the DOD on a routine basis and are deposited with the Defense Technical Information Center available to a broad range of qualified government and commercial-sector individuals and activities.						
This program is in Budget Activity 6, RDT&E Management Support because this budget activity includes research, development, test and evaluation efforts and funds to sustain and/or modernize the installations or operations required for general research, development, test and evaluation.						
B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 Base	FY 2018 OCO	FY 2018 Total
Previous President's Budget		34.918	34.641	34.247	0.000	34.247
Current President's Budget		33.943	34.641	34.346	0.000	34.346
Total Adjustments		-0.975	0.000	0.099	0.000	0.099
• Congressional General Reductions		0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Directed Reductions		0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Rescissions		0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Adds		0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Directed Transfers		0.000	0.000			
• Reprogrammings		0.000	0.000			
• SBIR/STTR Transfer		0.000	0.000			
• Other Adjustments		-0.975	0.000	0.099	0.000	0.099
C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)				FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Title: Strategy & Doctrine				7.290	8.232	8.160
Description: Provides for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--strategy and doctrine.						
FY 2016 Accomplishments: Provided for analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--strategy and doctrine.						
FY 2017 Plans: Provides for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--strategy and doctrine.						
FY 2018 Plans: Will provide for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--strategy and doctrine.						
Title: Force Development				8.265	8.232	8.162

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C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Description: Provides analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--force development employment. FY 2016 Accomplishments: Provided for analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--force development employment. FY 2017 Plans: Provides for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--force development employment. FY 2018 Plans: Will provide for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--force development employment.				
Title: Manpower, Personnel & Training Description: Provides analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--manpower, personnel and training. FY 2016 Accomplishments: Conducted analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--manpower, personnel and training. FY 2017 Plans: Conducting continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--manpower, personnel and training. FY 2018 Plans: Will conduct continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--manpower, personnel and training.		8.265	8.232	8.162
Title: Resource Management Description: Provides analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--resource management. FY 2016 Accomplishments: Conducting analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--integrative research/direct support. FY 2017 Plans:		8.265	8.232	8.162

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C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Will conduct continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--manpower, personnel and training. FY 2018 Plans: Will conduct continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--manpower, personnel and training.				
Title: Integrative Research/Direct Support Description: Provides for continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--integrative research/direct support. FY 2016 Accomplishments: Conducting analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--integrative research/direct support. FY 2017 Plans: Will conduct continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--integrative research/direct support. FY 2018 Plans: Will conduct continuing analytical research across a broad spectrum of aerospace issues and concerns--integrative research/direct support.		1.858	1.713	1.700
Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals		33.943	34.641	34.346
D. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions) N/A				
Remarks				
E. Acquisition Strategy N/A				
F. Performance Metrics Please refer to the Performance Base Budget Overview Book for information on how Air Force resources are applied and how those resources are contributing to Air Force performance goals and most importantly, how they contribute to our mission.				