From:	s47F
То:	s47E(d)
Cc:	s47F
Subject:	RE: RFI: Balloon Tracking
Date:	Friday, 17 February 2023 2:57:00 PM

Hey^{s47F}

Thank you very much for this!

Cheers,

s47F

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From: s47E(d)	
Sent: Friday, 17 February 2023 12:25 PM	
To: ^{s47F}	
Cc: s47F	
Subject: RE: RFI: Balloon Tracking [SEE SECTION]	

Hi again s47F

WRT the question in the initial email (below) here are the answers myself and ^{s47E(d)} our liaisons at s47E(d) have been able to aggregate.

FYSA, I know that this RFI (or ones like it) have also been fired through the $a^{s47E(}_{d)}$ in the last 24hrs. I think that those who wish to know will likely receive the official and more technical answers via $a^{s47E(d)}_{d}$ at the same time we do.

The answers are as follows:

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I hope this answers your questions. As we discussed, a lot of similar but different questions have come through us and I tried to distil them into simple questions which might have meaningful answers.

Happy to discuss further and clarify if need be.

Kind Regards,

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From: s47F	
Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2023 3:37 PM	1
To: s47E(d)	
Subject: RE: RFI: Balloon Tracking	-

Hey s47F

Thank you for that, this RFI about balloons has been on and off for the last couple weeks.

The **s47E(d)** is working on a product that encompasses past events, and assessments, so this will definitely help!

Please feel free to come see us at any time!

Kind Regards,

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From: s47E(d)		
Sent: Thursday,	16 February 2023 3:26 PM	
To:s47F		
Subject: RFI: Bal	oon Tracking (929-926727)	
G'day s47F		
s47F	I'm one of the s47E(d)	who
have received a couple of RFIs regarding balloons s33(a)(i) s47E(d has also		
received these s	ame RFIs through their own channels.	
I have been told	that you are the POC for this RFI.	
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The RFI question	s are as follows:	
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At this stage sending this email to open coms lines, to let you know we're working on it and to double check that these are the answers you are seeking.

Additionally, could you please let us know the appropriate classification.

I have cc'd my s47F for s	^{47F} SA.
Hopefully you will hear from us soon	L
Kind Regards,	
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s47E(d)	Canberra ACT 2600

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From:	s47F
Sent:	Monday, 6 March 2023 10:22 AM
To:	s47F
Subject:	FW: AOC Brief - HAB Detection (ACAUST RFI)
Attachments:	230217 - AOC Brief - HAB Detection.docx
Hey mate	
Do you have a preferred	format and submission date re: HAB detection?
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From: Reynolds, Harvey	
Sent: Monday, 6 March 2 To: \$47F	2023 9:43 AM
Cc:s47F	
cc.	
Subject: RE: AOC Brief - I	HAB Detection (ACAUST RFI)
His47F	
Spoke to ACAUST about	this last night. Since we started work on this RFI, CAF had a subsequent discussion with
ACAUST on balloon dete	
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s47F Laste we have CDI	R SPC/2 comments on DDN and this names from \$33(a)(i) places confirm with SOCAT what
	R SRG's comments on DPN and this paper from ^{\$33(a)(i)} Please confirm with SOCAF what iy) and make sure we merge all content into one coherent format.
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Thanks.	
Harvey Reynolds	
AIRCDRE	
A/ACAUST	

RAAF Glenbrook NSW

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From: Goldie, Darren AVM ^{s47F}	
Sent: Sunday, 5 March 2023 12:51 PM	_
To: Reynolds, Harvey AIRCDRE s47F	
Cc: ^{s47F}	
Subject: FW: AOC Brief - HAB Detection (ACAUST RFI)	

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As per our chat on Sunday night, I think this just stops short of answering the question (although it was asked in two parts). I'll leave this one with you

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From: Haly, John AIRCDRE s47F	
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2023 4:46 PM	
To: Goldie, Darren AVM ^{s47F}	
Cc: s47F	
Subject: FW: AOC Brief - HAB Detection (ACAUST RFI)	

Sir,

Great work in the attached and below in response to your RFI. Please let me know if you require any further detail, or if you would like this formulated in a different way for HHQ consumption.

V/r*,* s47F

AIRCDRE **John Haly** DGAIR | DGACOPS s47E(d)

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	Defence FOI 257/23/24 Document 2
To: Haly, John AIRCDRE ^{\$47F}	Document 2
Subject: AOC Brief - HAB Detection (ACAUST RFI)	
Sir,	Et on ost
Following the USA public shoot-downs of four High Altitude Ba	loons (HABs), <mark>s47E(d)</mark>
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In-short:	
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More details in the attached brief.	
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Regards, S47F DAOC

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DETECTION CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT – HIGH ALTITUDE BALLOONS

Introduction

1. PRC High Altitude Balloons (HAB) have been detected likely conducting ISR against US and CAN targets over North America.^{\$33(a)(ii)}

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Brief Cleared by;

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OIC Analysis

17 Feb 2023

ACF Team Chief

17 Feb 2023