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Nome City Clerks & Ms. Nguyễn,

Ms. Nguyễn, thank you very much for taking the time to speak with me today in reference to the upcoming visit of Mr. Greg Pollack from the Arctic & Global Resilience office in Washington D.C.

As mentioned, Mr. Pollack is interested in visiting Nome to meet with local officials and discuss items of importance within the area as well as the new National Strategy for the Arctic Region. He would like to meet with the Mayor, City Council, and Port Authorities as well as any representatives from the local tribes/corporations that would be interested. I must emphasize that this meeting is NOT a formal tribal consultation. It is a sharing of knowledge between local leaders and a representative from the relevant and corresponding office in Washington D.C.

I ask that the below information as well as my introduction be included in the upcoming Council Meeting agenda for consideration. Mr. Pollack plans to visit Nome on 1 August 2024 and will dedicate the whole day to meeting with interested parties. We at the Ted Stevens Center are facilitating these meetings on his behalf and look forward to confirming timing and attendance as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and to set up an agenda for the day soonest. Thank you so very much for your time and I look forward to speaking with you soon!

Memorandum for Principal Deputy to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) Arctic & Global Resilience (PD DASD AGR) Mr. Greg Pollock.

From: Director, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies (TSC)

Subject: DRAFT Department of Defense (DoD) Arctic Strategy Engagement Strawman

The following **DRAFT** strawman is provided to PD DASD AGR to respond to proposed Alaskan/U.S. Arctic Region engagement in support of DoD Arctic Strategy roll-out and onward implementation.

Overall construct: Conduct a number of community level roundtable discussions across Alaska where there are important local defense interests, inclusive and with particular attention to Alaskan Natives in order to provide orientation of the pending release of the updated DoD Arctic Strategy.

Recommendations are as follows:

Format: In-person roundtable with option for call-in for regionally invited participants. Recommended size should be approximately 20-30 participants. Each roundtable should be approximately 2/2.5 hours, in order to provide a briefing of the key points of the strategy and a chance for questions and discussion. Additional individual meeting opportunities may be coordinated with local and regional community leaders.

Desired outcomes include community engagement and open a dialogue on the updated DoD Arctic strategy with invited guests. This includes listening and learning about localized defense concerns.

Key themes to highlight include:

1. The updated DoD Arctic strategy is a national level plan, but oriented and constructed to **internally guide** DoD's military departments and Combatant Commands.
2. The DoD Arctic Strategy nests under the National Security Strategy (NSS), National Defense Strategy (NDS) and supports the security pillar of the National Strategy for the Arctic Region (NSAR).
3. The Strategy is oriented to address U.S. national security interests across the pan-Arctic region, inclusive of the U.S. Arctic.
4. As an internally oriented department strategy, the document has been developed and coordinated for associated internal action within DoD. However, informing Alaskan communities with key defense interests is considered needed and helpful for onward implementation.

Very Respectfully,

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