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**From:** Clark, James, Col, AF/CVAZ  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2000 9:53 AM  
**To:** Johns, Kenneth, Lt Col, AF/CVAZ  
**Subject:** FW: Predator Weaponization and INF Treaty

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**From:** Clark, James, Col, AF/CVAZ  
**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2000 9:24 AM  
**To:** Begert, Bill, LtGen, AF/CVA  
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Sir we need help! Please see the atch e-mail, if we want this to move we will need SECAF/CSAF push please advise VR Snake

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2000 2:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] SAF/AQIJ  
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**Subject:** Predator Weaponization and INF Treaty

Sir: Need to get this to our leadership ASAP. Predator Weaponization is basically stopped until OSD can get reversal of the current State Department position that the weaponized Predator aircraft is interpreted as a cruise missile for INF treaty purposes.

AQI had a meeting today with [REDACTED] OUSD/AT&L. He informed us that it is unlikely that Dr. Gansler will unilaterally proceed with the Weaponization of Predator until the DOD General Counsel can reverse the Department of State General Council's ruling that Predator fits in the cruise missile weapon category as far as the INF treaty is concerned.

Continuing our weaponization work could put the Predator weapon system in a tenuous situation if the DOS ruling stands. We will not be allowed to move into the next development phase until the issue is resolved. It is unlikely that it will be resolved until October. As we are in a day for day slip starting 11 Sep 00, it will not be possible to complete the demonstration goal of a Hellfire off a weaponized Predator in late October as currently planned.

Predator program office should take steps to minimize the impact on the weaponization effort and funding, and restructure the program to permit a restart as early as October, but more likely even later. AT&L is working to get us a estimate date as to when the ruling may be reversed.

This is a serious setback, and effects not only the Predator Weaponization Demonstration Program, but any futureUCAV efforts pending in the USAF.

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