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Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth

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Chairwoman Mace, Chairman Grothman, Ranking Members Connolly and Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

I am Matthew Ford, an American journalist, and host of *The Good Trouble Show* podcast. Today, I am introducing damning information regarding the former Director of the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick. I am a patriot who cares deeply about our nation's security, but above all, I care about the truth.

In November of last year, journalists Christopher Sharp, Josh Boswell, and I published a story in *The Daily Mail*, exposing, for the first time, the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology's Office of Global Access and its classified UAP crash recovery program. Last weekend, Christopher Sharp published a follow-up article in *The Liberation Times*, providing further detail on how the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology operates its UAP-related crash recovery and reverse engineering programs through the Office of Global Access and the CIA's Counterproliferation Mission Center (WCPMC).

The head of the Directorate of Science and Technology serves as the primary gatekeeper of the entire UAP deep-legacy program, overseeing operations such as the detection of UAPs through classified platforms, recovery operations, disbursement of recovered craft to government agencies and private defense contractors, and protection of derived off-world technologies. My sources have alleged that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the former head of the Directorate of Science and Technology, is one of these gatekeepers.

Last year, I revealed that Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick, the former Director of AARO, had assembled a secret technical advisory group to counsel AARO. Following my story, Dr. Kirkpatrick confirmed the existence of this committee to members of Congress but

refused to disclose the members' identities. As of two weeks ago, my sources informed me that this classified advisory board continues to advise AARO.

Multiple sources have confirmed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the former head of the Directorate of Science and Technology and gatekeeper of the UAP deep legacy program, was hand-picked by Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick to be on this advisory board. I must emphasize this: The most consequential person involved with the coverup of non-human technology is "advising" the office which Congress has given a mandate to find it. **This is an abomination. This is unconstitutional. This is criminal.**

Furthermore, this revelation is significant because one of AARO's primary missions is to provide a means for government whistleblowers to make protected disclosures on classified UAP Special Access Programs (SAPs) and Controlled Access Programs (CAPs) to AARO and its staff. The fact that Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick chose as one of his primary advisors the very gatekeeper overseeing CIA-controlled UAP access programs raises serious questions about Dr. Kirkpatrick's true motives as the Director of AARO. This reporting indicates that AARO may function as a flypaper operation, intercepting whistleblowers' testimony and feeding their identities back to the CIA.

You have heard that there are whistleblowers who don't trust AARO. My sources have informed me that this is one of the reasons why. If the CIA intercepts their testimony before it reaches Congress, whistleblowers are in grave danger.

Therefore, I implore you to wield your subpoena powers against hostile witnesses such as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the former head of the CIA's Office of Global Access, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Dozens of whistleblowers are depending on you.

Thank you for your leadership and for your attention to this urgent matter.