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Dear Mr.Greenewald,

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 23, 2022 that you submitted to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) requesting a copy of records (which includes videos/photos), electronic or otherwise, of the following document: Technology Trends: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology, published 18 September 2009. I apologize for the delay in responding to your request as DIA continues its efforts to eliminate the large backlog of pending requests.

A search of DIA's systems of records located one document (3 pages) responsive to your request.

Upon review, while considering the foreseeable harm standard, I have determined that some portions of the document must be withheld in part from disclosure pursuant to the FOIA. The withheld portions are exempt from release pursuant to Exemptions 1 and 3 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption 1 applies to information properly classified under the criteria of Executive Order 13526. Exemption 3 applies to information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding. The applicable statutes are 10 U.S.C. § 424 and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i). Statute 10 U.S.C. § 424 protects the identity of DIA employees, the organizational structure of the agency, and any function of DIA. Statute 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i) protects intelligence sources and methods. DIA has not withheld any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the records.

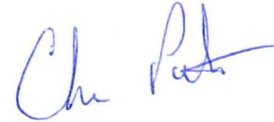
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Sincerely,



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Cheryl Cross-Davison
Chief, Records and Open Government



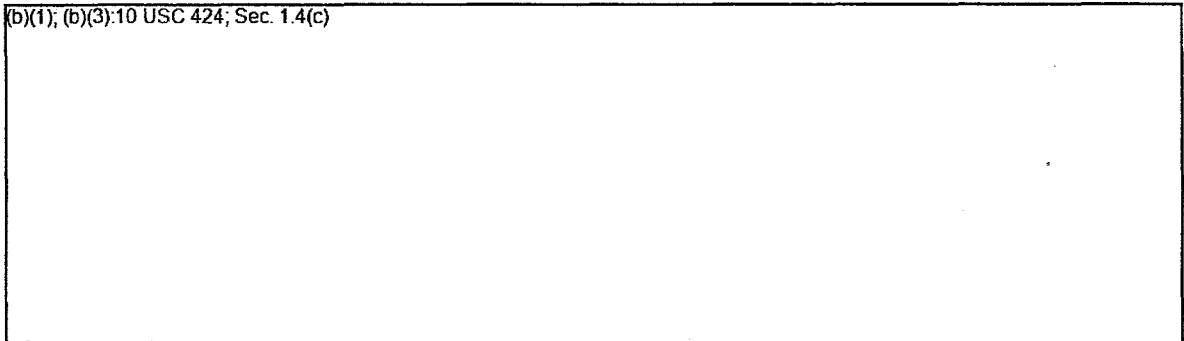
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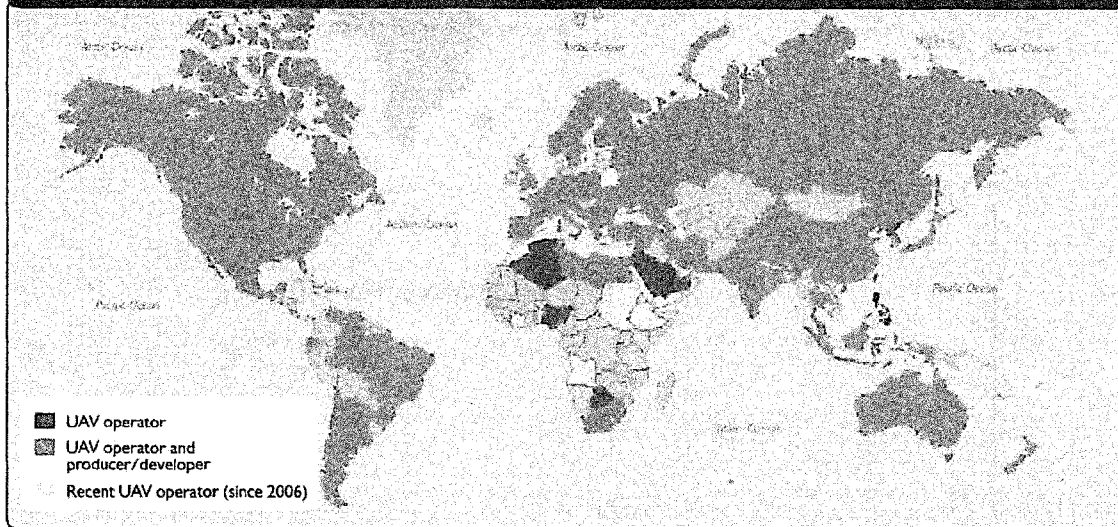
(U) Technology Forecast: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology

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(U) Worldwide UAV Producers, Developers, and Operators



Graphic: DID Graphics

(U) The diagram above indicates known producers, developers, and operators of UAV technology. Numerous nations have expressed interest in acquiring UAVs for military purposes.

(U) UAVs have revolutionized the force structure and employment of modern air forces. Unmanned vehicles are particularly attractive as force multipliers, having longer endurance and a lower cost than typical manned aircraft.

- > (U) UAVs with long endurance and ability to extend the sensor horizon of an operator pose the most serious threats to operational surprise.

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Derived from: (b)(3):10 USC 424

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- > (U) Unknown numbers of UAVs are now being weaponized for surface strike, a concept touted in industry as an economical, low-crew-risk alternative to manned strike aircraft (for example, the Chinese Caihong-3). Strike-capable UAVs pose a viable threat to surface-based units and installations and provide a legitimate alternative for nations or nonstate actors unwilling or unable to field modern manned strike aircraft.

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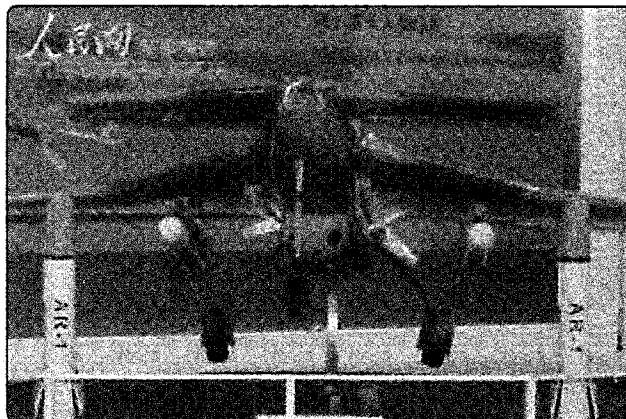


Image: Open Source Center

(U) **Chinese Caihong-3 UAV.** The industry is touting UAVs such as the Caihong-3 as alternatives to manned strike aircraft that are more economical and less dangerous to crewmembers.

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