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AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CENTER
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TO: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Attn: Mr. Stephen Kent

FROM: AFLCMC/AZS
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SUBJECT: Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 Order No. 13 “Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More Than 10 People” dated 23 March 2020

1. Pursuant to the Order referenced above, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, directs most businesses with a facility in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to cease operations while this order is in effect. In addition, the Order directs that all persons residing within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must shelter at their place of residence, and limits travel within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2. The Order also details exemptions to the directions provided therein. Specifically, these are as follows:

Defense Industrial Base: Workers who support the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal government and U.S. Military...Personnel working for companies, and their subcontractors, who perform under contract to the Department of Defense providing materials and services to the Department of Defense, and government-owned/contractor-operated and government-owned/government-operated facilities.

3. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) considers our Defense Industrial Base (DIB) part of nation’s critical infrastructure. In the *President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America*, he states “If you work in a Critical Infrastructure Industry, as defined by DHS...you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule”. Continuation of designated essential DIB contractor services is vital to our critical national security, notwithstanding the unprecedented public health crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. In addition, Ms. Ellen Lord, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (A&S) issued the following guidance: “...If your contract or subcontract supports the

development, production, testing, fielding, or sustainment of our weapon systems/software systems, or the infrastructure to support those activities, are considered Essential Critical Infrastructure. If your efforts support manning, training, equipping, deploying, or supporting our military forces, your work is considered Essential Critical Infrastructure...”

5. As the Chief of Contracting for the Strategic Services Division, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center, Department of the Air Force, I am the government official authorized to determine whether your activities under Contract No. FA8702-15-D-0001, located at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts constitute a mission essential function critical to the national security of the United States.

6. After reviewing the contract referenced above, I attest that your activities on this contract within The Commonwealth of Massachusetts are a mission essential function. The mission essential function consists of ongoing research and development efforts that contribute to the uninterrupted continuation of programs of national security significance. As such, the successful performance of these activities are critical to the national security of the United States. Under the terms of the Order, you and your employees have authority to continue performing and carrying out this mission essential function.

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