Who are the key players in U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) research efforts in long-range acoustic communications, and what are they doing?

The Defense Systems Information Analysis Center (DSIAC) was asked to identify key players in U.S. Department of Defense research efforts in long-range (500–1,000 m) acoustic messaging. DSIAC searched open-source documents and the Defense Technical Information Center’s repository for relevant information, which was compiled into a report and delivered to the inquirer. Key players were organized by government, academia, and industry, followed by a summary of the research being done by each... READ MORE
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As the chief of the TSA Counter-MANPADS Program (CMP), Mr. Polizzi is responsible for C-MANPADS outreach, training, and assessments for all domestic, commercial airports and international airports with flights to the United States. The CMP conducts MANPADS vulnerability assessments, basic training programs, and law enforcement MANPADS recognition training using a proven and worldwide-recognized assessment methodology. The program also deploys C-MANPADS assessment software “Counter-Terrorism and Search Position Ranking and Analysis System” (CTS-PRAS) to all major airports and develops training programs to assist foreign governments in mitigating MANPADS threats.

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**Joint Army-Navy-NASA-Air Force (JANNAF) December Subcommittee Meeting**

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**DoD Focused on Readiness Instead of Intent Behind Chinese Military Exercises**

Media reports have called attention to mock-ups of U.S. aircraft carriers the Chinese have built in the desert, presumably to train their own military for confrontation with the U.S. Navy.

But the Defense Department is, instead, focused on its own preparation and readiness and current Chinese behavior with neighbors in the Indo-Pacific region.

“What we’re concerned about ... is the increasing intimidation and coercive behavior of the Chinese military in the Indo-Pacific and also the coercive tactics they’re using, even using economic tools around the world to bend other nations to their will or to their view of what’s in... **READ MORE**
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