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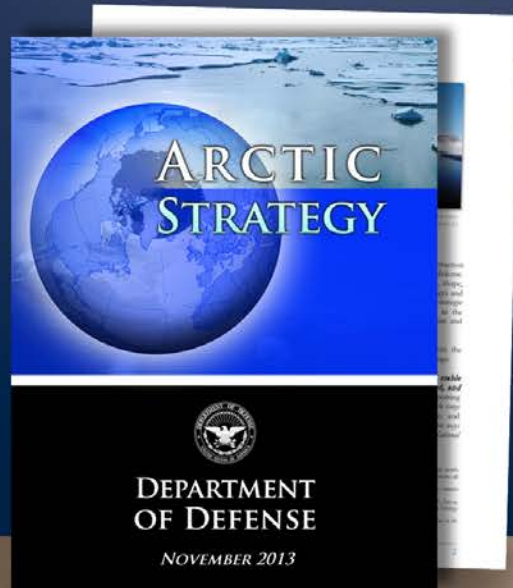
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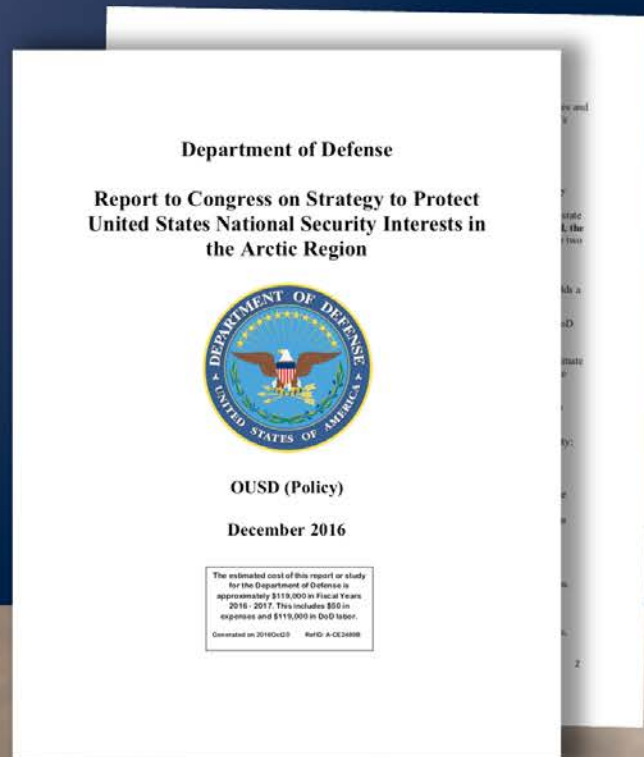
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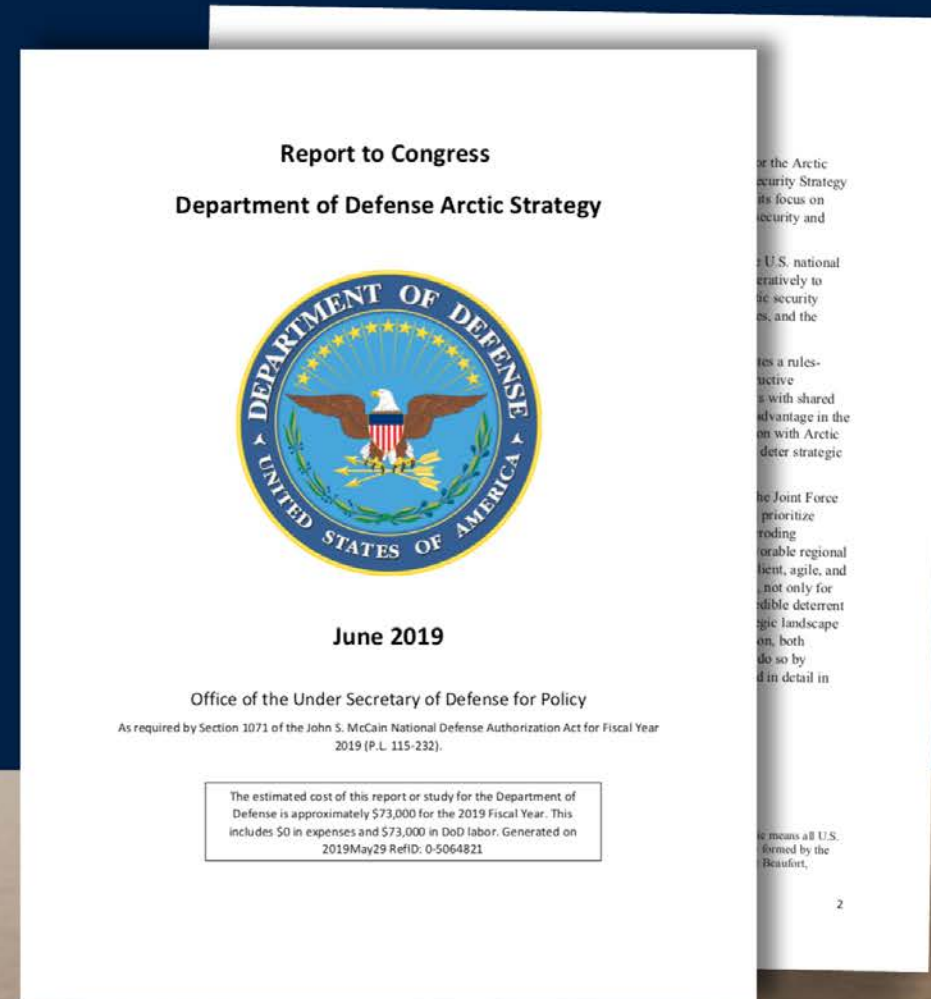
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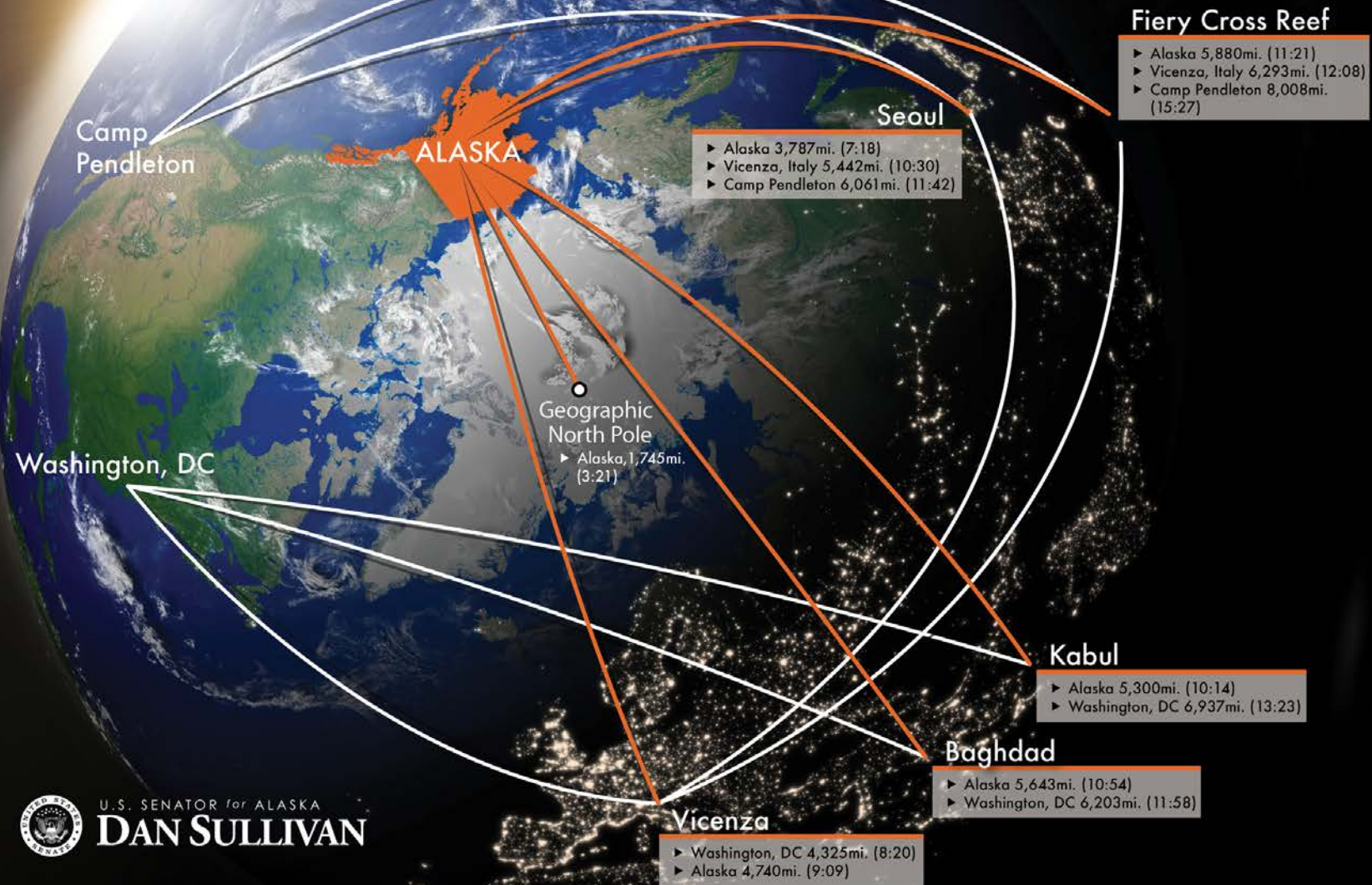


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Alaska's STRATEGIC LOCATION

“Whoever holds Alaska will
hold the world.”

GEN. BILLY MITCHELL
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STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE ARCTIC

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DOD Strategic Seaports



We need to have a strategic Arctic port up in Alaska. We need to be doing FONOPs in the northwest – in the northern passage... peace through presence with a submarine is a little tough.

FMR. NAVY SECRETARY

**RICHARD
SPENCER**



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PRIORITIES



Prioritizing Threats in Europe and Asia – Alaska Heavily Leans Into BOTH Regions

Alaska's strategic location and world-class training allow DoD to quickly project ready-forces deep into both the Indo-Pacific and Europe; increased investments in Alaska allow the U.S. to counter multiple threats from a single location.



Enhanced Marine Corps Presence and Basing

With more coastline than the entire continental U.S. combined, Alaska is the ideal location for the full spectrum of USMC large-scale, live-fire training – ranging from amphibious landings to air-to-ground integration to mechanized operations.



Increased Focus on the Arctic – Alaska's Leading Role

With increased interest from China and Russia – two of America's most-capable potential adversaries – DoD must plan and invest in capabilities and presence today for the Arctic it seeks to secure in the future.



Continue to Grow and Modernize Missile Defense

Given that an integrated and layered missile defense is critical to any U.S. warfighting strategy, building out Alaska's existing homeland defenses and leveraging regional capabilities ensure that the U.S. homeland, deployed forces, and allies are appropriated protected.



JPARC Modernization and Expanded Utilization

Due to its sheer size and its lack of urban encroachment, the JPARC is already the "crown jewel" of training ranges; however, additional investments must be made to upgrade this range for 5th Generation operations and training against near-peer adversaries.



Alaska's Advocacy for KC-46A Basing

Due to its proximity to major threats, Alaska will soon be home to over 100 combat-coded 5th Generation fighters; pairing this impressive amount of combat airpower with the next-generation air-refueling tanker – the KC-46A – will give Alaska's fighters "extreme strategic reach."

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