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Add at the end of subtitle D of title XVI the following new section:

SEC. 16. STUDIES BY PRIVATE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP KNOWN AS JASON.

(a) Study on Discrimination Capabilities of the Ballistic Missile Defense System.—

(1) Findings.—Congress finds the following:

(A) Section 237 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2236) required the Secretary of Defense to enter into an arrangement with the private scientific advisory group known as JASON under which JASON carried out a study on the discrimination capabilities and limitations of the ballistic missile defense system of the United States.

(B) Since the completion of this study, rogue nation threats have changed and capabilities of the missile defense system have evolved.
(2) UPDATE.—The Secretary of Defense shall enter into an arrangement with the private scientific advisory group known as JASON under which JASON shall carry out an update to the study conducted pursuant to section 237 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2236) on the discrimination capabilities and limitations of the missile defense system of the United States, including such discrimination capabilities that exist or are planned as of the date of the study.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report containing the study.

(4) FORM.—The report under paragraph (2) may be submitted in classified form, but shall contain an unclassified summary.

(b) REPORT ON JASON.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the private scientific advisory group known as JASON. The report shall include the following:
(1) The status of the contract awarded by the Secretary of Defense to JASON.

(2) Identification of the studies undertaken by JASON during the two fiscal years occurring before the date of the report.

(3) The level of funding required to ensure the continued ability of JASON to provide high-quality technical, scientifically informed advice to the Department of Defense and the broader United States Government.

(4) Whether the Under Secretary is committed to ensuring adequate funding and continued departmental support for JASON.

(5) Any impediments encountered by the Under Secretary in continuing to contract with JASON.