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AFA's Mitchell Institute Releases new study US Bomber Force: Sized to Sustain An Asymmetric Advantage for America

ARLINGTON, VA (November 19, 2015) — According to a study released yesterday by the Mitchell Institute— a comprehensive analysis reveals that 100 Long Range Strike Bombers (LRS-B) is a minimal starting point to meet future national security requirements.

US Bomber Force: Sized to Sustain An Asymmetric Advantage for America, is the second in a Mitchell series examining the role long range strike plays in achieving key U.S. national security objectives. Study author Lt Gen Michael R. Moeller, USAF (Ret) examines the LRS-B requirement by paring historic demand trends with numbers necessary to meet present and likely future contingencies. This analysis leads to an acquisition requirement between 150 and 200 combat coded aircraft.

Lt Gen Moeller is a Mitchell Institute non-resident fellow and former air force deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs.

The full text of the paper can be downloaded from the Mitchell Institute website here: <u>http://www.mitchellaerospacepower.org/home</u>

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