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From: President, Naval Postgraduate School
To: Dr. Yakimenko, Oleg, NPS Distinguished Professor and Department Chair

Subj: DESIGNATION AS AIRCRAFT REPORTING CUSTODIAN AND DELEGATION OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRFORINST 3710.9
(b) SECNAV M-5216.5
(c) NPSINST 3700.1C
(d) NAVAIRINST 13034.1
(e) OPNAVINST 3770.2L NAATSEA (OPNAV N980A) dated 9 Jan 2020

1. Per reference (a), you are hereby designated as the Aircraft Reporting Custodian (ARC) for the Naval Postgraduate School Group 1 and 2 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program. You are responsible for the duties and responsibilities outlined in reference (c).

2. Per reference (b), you are hereby delegated to sign official correspondence "By direction" for routine matters pertaining to the NPS UAS program. As ARC, you shall approve UAS testing activities and air vehicle operator designations. You may formally designate the duties assigned to you in paragraphs 3-6 “By direction”.

3. Per reference (c), you are hereby designated as the Director of UAS Activities (UASD). You are responsible for the duties and responsibilities outlined therein.

4. Per reference (d), you are the primary point of contact for all UAS and/or CYBERSAFE airworthiness matters and authorized to submit flight clearance requests certifications for all Department of the Navy (DON) Public Aircraft Operations.

5. Per reference (d), you are the NPS representative assigned to assist in the evaluation of proposed waivers of the prohibition against flying commercial UAS.

6. Per reference (e), You authorized online access to the Federal Aviation Administration's COA Application Processing System (CAPS) and granted the authority to apply for COAs and will serve as the Naval Postgraduate School's primary point of contact for all COA-related matters.

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