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Strategic Materials

“The strategic materials required to build the weapons systems and defense capabilities utilized by the U.S. military are resourced from across the globe. The free market has not failed to meet U.S. demand, but the U.S. may have become over-reliant on less than reliable trading partners for many strategic materials. A sudden change in supply or demand could result in market disruption and immediate shortages or exponential price increases” (Eisenhower Industry Study, 2017).

Dr. Shaw is the new Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs of the National Defense University. The Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs serves as the principle educational advocate and senior advisor to the NDU Provost on academic governance, teaching and learning, research, accreditation, and faculty management. In addition, he is responsible for the NDU Library system, the Center for Applied Strategic Learning, the Ethics Department of NDU, the Health and Wellness Program and the Office of institutional Research and Registrar.

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