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Ryan,

I wanted to say thank you for taking time to present to the Central Montana Defense Alliance (CMDA) October 4, 2010 at the Chamber! We all feel we want to help in what ever way fits within our mission statement and does not jeopardize any future missions at either base. That said, we agree the future lies with RPA's and the potential of Great Falls becoming a center of excellence is even more exciting. We will be meeting with Malmstrom Commander Col Cotton to discuss his philosophy on EUL's and RPA's in hopes there may be an opportunity to get his support in the future should we need it with your project. Additionally, we will be meeting with the manager of the tower at the airport regarding COA's. The gentleman that arrived later in your presentation is the airport director and is part of our team. He and I will be meeting with General Livingston regarding the COA and the potential for his aid in making that become a reality, if he can. You know how it works and we do not want to put any career at risk. Fact finding is where we are headed and we do want to stay close to you and your project to hopefully maintain the unified voice we have been working to achieve in Great Falls. Please let me know when you are planning your next trip to D.C. and if you need anything from our group, or if you would like me to join you.

Thank you again!

To the future!

Respectfully,

David Weissman  
Chair, CMDA