

## **Acronyms and Glossary**

### **Terms from the world of Air Force R&D and the ABL**

ABL – The Airborne Laser. An Air Combat Command (ACC) and Missile Defense Agency (MDA) project to build an aircraft capable of shooting down launching ballistic missiles.

ABL(X) – Airborne Laser (Experimental), a fictional AFRL project for the rapid prototyping of an ABL-type operational anti-ballistic missile laser plane.

AFRL – The Air Force Research Laboratory. A diverse collection of ten USAF technology directorates responsible for government research and development for the USAF and DoD.

A.L.L – Airborne Laser Laboratory. The Air Force Weapons Laboratory's initial airborne laser system, which in the early 1980's shot down air-to-air and drone missiles, demonstrating the laser's anti-missile mission ability

BOGU – Bend over, grease up.

BOGSAT – Bunch of guys/gals sitting around a table talking. Pentagonese for an idea arising in informal group discussion, sometimes a waste, sometimes good enough to have legs. This acronym does occur in official DoD documents.

BOGSAG – Bunch of guys/gals sitting around guessing. Pentagonese for a guessing meeting.

Brady Bond – U.S. dollar-denominated bonds issued by an emerging market, particularly those in Latin America, and collateralized by U.S. Treasury zero-coupon bonds. Named for Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who helped international monetary organizations institute the program of debt-reduction.

CAOC - Combined Air Operations Center

COC– Command Operations Center

ConOps – Concept of Operations. How a military system is to be employed

Chongryon – In Japanese, Chosun Soren. The Association of Koreans in Japan. This Korean Diaspora organization in Japan is pro-north, pro-reunification, and responsible for 90% of the trade between Japan and North Korea, including diverting Pachinko gambling income from gaming parlors across Japan, and exporting gifts and luxury goods for the North Korean elite. Many tens of thousands of Chosun Soren members in Japan have emigrated to North Korea voluntarily—only to find themselves trapped, stripped of possessions, and almost to a person, interred in work and concentration camps. Strangely there is still a strong Chongryon membership in Japan—even knowing the treatment of

their kinsfolk—and it continues to provide North Korea with a vital source of hard currency.

DBST – Deeply Buried Strategic Target

DIA – Defense Intelligence Agency

DPRK – The so-called Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, i.e., North Korea, which oddly is neither democratic, nor a republic, nor particularly concerned about the welfare of its people. It is in the north part of the Korean peninsula, however.

DV’s – Distinguished Visitors, the official designation for the most senior civilian government officials, foreign visitors as well as domestic staff. The scale runs from DV-1 for the highest protocol, to DV-7 at the lowest. While there is no exact correspondence, a full General Officer (3 Stars) is a DV-3, while DV-2 is SecDef or visiting Dignitaries, and DV-1 is Presidential.

Fatherland Liberation War – The North Korean term for the Korean War, so called because Kim Il-Sung, by invading South Korea, felt he was liberating their citizens.

FAWCIT – Fuck around, we’ll call it training. Pentagonese for fooling around, especially, being out and about away from your desk. “We’ll be out doing a FAWCIT on DBST’s.”

FSB – Russian Security Service evolved from the former KGB

GOBI – General Officer Bright Idea. Usually, a referent to a not such a bright idea

Great Patriotic War – The North Korean term for WWII, from the Soviet term.

IMINT — Imagery Intelligence

JSDF – Japan Self Defense Forces – The Japanese army, navy, and air force, named for their constitutional restriction from offensive operations

KCIA – The Korean Central Intelligence Agency. Founded in 1961, it was replaced due to political repression issues by the Agency for National Security Planning (NSP), and then the NIS.

Kempeitai – The Japanese military police, in particular, the military police for the Imperial Japanese Army. The Japanese secret police, the rough equivalent of the Gestapo, were named Tokkou keisatsu (special police). All military police forces in other countries are translated as Kempeitai in Japanese

KFR – Kim Family Regime, the U.S. Military way of referring to the regime of North Korea, based as it is solely on the Kim Il-Sung’s family.

The LAIRCM (Large Aircraft IR Countermeasures) has been developed to protect U.S. large aircraft from IR guided man-portable surface-to-air missiles. It is a derivative of the proven AN/AAQ-24 Nemesis Directional IR Counter Measure (DIRCM) system. LAIRCM uses missile warning system to detect and incoming missile, then the protection system directs a pointer-tracker to the missile's seeker jamming it with a IR laser energy beam.

MASINT — Measurement and Signatures Intelligence — Non-imaging measurements such as acoustic, materials, Electro-optical, Radar, Radio, Nuclear, Materials, Seismic

NIE — National Intelligence Estimate. The weekly highly-classified summary of the INTEL state of the world for the National Security Council and the U.S. President.

NIS – National Intelligence Service. The main intelligence service of South Korea, replacing the Agency for National Security Planning, which had replaced the South Korean CIA (KCIA), the original CIA-like organization in South Korea

NOCONTRACT — Security marking for documents not releasable to contractors or consultants

NRC – National Reconnaissance Center

NRO – National Reconnaissance Organisation

Opstempo – Operations tempo. The busyness rate or activity rhythm of a military organization or operation

MPAF –Ministry of People's Armed Forces – The high command organization for all of the armed forces of North Korea. Also, the building, which is the Pentagon of North Korea.

National Defense Committee – The actual ruling elite, a clique of approximately eight people, who directly control the entire North Korean political structure, armed forces, and economy. It is chaired by the Kim Family Regime civilian leader of North Korea.

Rodong Sinmun – (“Newspaper of the workers”) – the most widely read North Korean newspaper and the official newspaper of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party, published by the Rodong News Agency.

SCIF – Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility, e.g., a Top Secret vault

SBIRS-Low – Space-Based Infrared Satellite – Newer ballistic missile launch warning satellite, meant to be used with SBIRS-High.

SIPRNet – Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, a DoD network for SECRET email and data

SPO – Special Program Office. In the standard acquisition process, a USAF program office set up to centrally manage a large procurement effort such as the F-22 Raptor program or the Airborne Laser following demonstration of technical feasibility and need. This is as apposed to Quick Reaction projects, like ABL(X), which are managed by more agile groups with the ability to bend the MilSTDs, and test and evaluation rules in order to field things quickly.

SRT – Strategic Relocatable Target(s) – Any strategic system (missile) which is not fixed, be it mobile by submarine, rail, or truck

WNINTEL – Warning Notice -- Intelligence Sources & Methods Involved. Not a classification but a warning marking.

YAG laser – Yttrium Aluminum Garnet – a type of crystal, usually made and used in pencil-like rods, which is excellently suited for pumping with light to get laser high energy laser emissions. It is the standard laser for most military range finders and designators.