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AY 2018-2019 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

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Aerospace Warning (Detection, Tracking, Identification) of Advanced Missile Threats
Aerospace threats continue to evolve with increased capabilities that challenge our current systems. Research would investigate potential surveillance technologies.
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Adversary threat missile capabilities continue to advance, especially in the aspects of: radar cross section (or size), range (longer ranges), speed (hypersonic technology as an example), and maneuverability (not solely ballistic missile profiles). These capability advancements challenge our legacy systems in providing accurate, reliable, and unambiguous threat warning. For the purposes of this topic nomination, "missile threats" refer to missiles of sufficient size to launch their payloads into space with varying levels of capability upon re-entry: ballistic re-entry, maneuverable re-entry, and hypersonic glide re-entry vehicle technologies.
Conduct research to determine if there are current systems and/or emerging systems that provide increased capability against current and emerging missile threats.
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COMMENTS	There are various efforts currently in progress that could potentially inform this research: The USSTRATCOM-led Global Threat Characterization & Assessment (GTCA) Report, December 2017; and the USSTRATCOM and USNORTHCOM sponsored Missile Warning/Missile Defense Situational Awareness Joint Emergent Operational Need (JEON ST-0010) currently in progress.
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