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To: [Giessner, John](#)
Cc: [Yerokun, Jimi](#); [Lew, David](#); [Lorson, Raymond](#); [Pelton, David](#); [McKinley, Raymond](#)
Subject: FW: ***~~OUO-SRI~~*** Limerick Drone Saga
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:15:00 AM

Jack,

FYI – See below for our follow-up on yesterday’s discussion of the drones at Limerick. Well done by Dana.

Blake

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 10:03 AM
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Subject: RE: ***OUO-SRI*** Limerick Drone Saga
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True. Specifically asked the security manager if they were flying as "follow the leader" or "in formation". His response was that they were flying more randomly. Even if they are flying by a program or waypoints, it is my understanding that there is still communication between the drone (UAS) and the control system. This is what they would try to locate. Additionally, there are ways to identify the drone through its communications code if it has been appropriately registered.

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Thanks Dana. Given the behavior of the drones reported (multiple following the same flight path), it wouldn't surprise me if these were not "piloted." Many of these drones can be programmed to traverse a route by programming GPS waypoints.

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