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Attached are the materials viewed with the R&D steering committee. The committee is composed of the following individuals:

Paul Miller Tommy Millner Ted Torbeck Scott Blackwell (absent) Steve Jackson Marc Hill

We spent 4 hrs+ (meeting was scheduled for 2 hours) discussing the current R&D plan, staffing issues and process for capturing and prioritizing new opportunities.

As you can see we also put some focus on the future 1911 activity as well as trying to give the Butler Shotgun some visibility. As an FYI the committee did approve the expenditure of \$25,000 to fund the manufacture of 2 prototypes by Mr. Butler (an EET if you will) out of the Etown uncommitted project funds which will be tested and evaluated by etown. If they test successfully we will weigh follow up funding for an additional 8 units for a DAT build.

I also used the forum to frame the CAR release for the MPAS. Of the signatories in the meeting all agreed to sign off contingent on Steve Jackson's review – so I think the activity was valuable and provided them with enough background to respond positively to where we are currently.

Please review and give me any input that you believe would enhance future meetings and agenda's. Initially I have asked for monthly reviews to help us get processes defined and refined. I expect that the frequency wll ultimately go to bi monthly or quarterly based on the quantity of topics that are bought to the table.

Thanks for your help in preparing me for this.

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