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### **Think Tank Warns Against Deferring LRSS Programs**

The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments today released new report on *The Case for Long-Range Strike: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scenarios* by Senior Fellow Barry D. Watts.

The report examines the needs, specifications, rationales and urgency for land-based, penetrating, long-range strike system (LRSS) in light of the security environment confronting the United States in the early twenty-first century.

The analysis suggests that it is unwise to defer fielding a new LRSS until the late 2030s or beyond, as earlier Air Force plans proposed. Watts argues for moving forward as rapidly as possible to field follow-on to the B-2 for long-range strike is based on examining a range of “generic scenarios.” While most of the scenarios are conventional, Watts believes that nuclear scenarios merit consideration and strengthen the case.

Electronic version of the report is available online at [www.csbaonline.org](http://www.csbaonline.org)

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