



## JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM

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Dear Major General de Zeeuw,

In response to your request for clarification on the timing for Block 3 Operation Test (OT), I can confirm that the preparatory phase (spin up) for Block 3 IOT&E will start in February 2013. The formal Block 3 IOT&E activities will start in August 2013 with completion by May 2014. This will be followed by a period of analysis of results.

I hope this solidifies your understanding of OT timing. Please let me know if you need any further program information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David R. Heinz".

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