

Dear Committee Members:

I would like to nominate the project makers of "The Drone Warrior" for your prestigious journalistic prize. I am from the United States and while I am now an academic, I was once a member of the U.S. government. I will tell you based on my direct experiences that the information in the "Drone Warrior" program does a great service to the public by highlighting the threat posed to the world by ISIS's application of drone technology. This kind of cutting-edge original reporting is of critical importance, especially in a time of disinformation and the panic it can breed. Talking about threats in a manner that is diligently researched is critical. It is for this reason also that the information in the "Drone Warrior" is so vitally impactful. It gives a clear-eyed assessment of the threat posed by ISIS's drone program in general and the activities of Basil Hassan specifically. Should you have any questions about my support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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