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Reviewing the Navy's Strategic Readiness Review: What's Right, What's Missing

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The Navy's new Strategic Readiness Review lays out a bold program to fix the fleet after a summer of deadly collisions. Commissioned and championed by Navy Secretary Richard Spencer, the SSR (as it's already initialized) will shape the debate in the Pentagon and in Congress for 2018. So we asked submariner-turned-thinktanker Bryan Clark to review the review. Clark, now with the Center for Strategic & Budgetary Assessments, found much to praise, but he had some misgivings. While the review does an excellent job explaining the stress on the Navy and proposing a new "learning organization" to prevent future fatal mishaps, he told us, it assumes away some serious strategic problems and is short on hard data. Clark's five-point analysis follows. Read on! The Editor.