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Pentagon leaders Frank Kendall (left), Ash Carter (center) and Bob Work have worked together closely to drive down procurement costs, infuse new technology into systems and get weapons into the field faster. For that, they are Aviation Week's Persons of the Year (page 28). Defense Department photos. Elsewhere in this issue: The future of the A380 (p. 23), aerospace factories of the future (p. 44) and face to face with Raytheon's CEO (p. 48).

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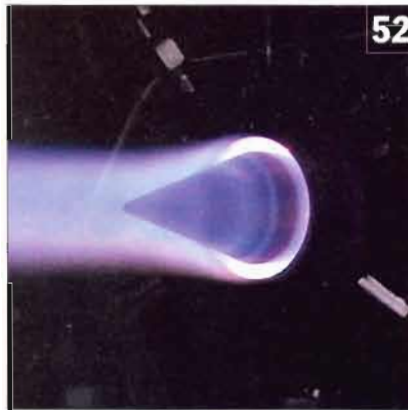
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For our annual feature on who had the most impact on the industries we cover, we talked with Ash Carter, Bob Work and Frank Kendall—the three top U.S. defense officials, whom we named “persons of the year.” Here, Pentagon Editor Lara Seligman and Senior Business Editor Michael Bruno interview Carter, the defense secretary, in his Pentagon office.