

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

October 18, 2013

<u>Via E-Mail</u> David C. Wajsgras Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Raytheon Company 870 Winter Street Waltham, Massachusetts 02451

> Re: Raytheon Company Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012 Filed February 13, 2013 Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2013 Filed April 25, 2013 File No. 001-13699

Dear Mr. Wajsgras:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lyn Shenk

Lyn Shenk Branch Chief