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To: [REDACTED] -DNI-; [REDACTED] -DNI-
Subject: RE: (U) Note to Election Threat 45 day ICA China Section Drafting Team
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[REDACTED]

You have brought this to my and [REDACTED] attention and we see an opportunity to prevent an analytic objectivity mistake from happening.

Who would be the decision maker here to reconnect the thread on election security to what is about to go out?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chief of Solutions Group ODNI/DMI/MPAC

Executive Secretary, National Intelligence Analysis Board and National Intelligence Collection Board

IC Analytic Ombudsman

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From: [REDACTED] -DNI- [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 12:55 PM
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I think I mentioned to you before that there is some pending, [REDACTED] that makes it clear China has been caught conducting election influence. At least that's how it was described to us. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] But as you scroll up, note that NSA is "deliberately massaged our one pending PDB to avoid any direct links to the election."

While this is important for your report I'm sure, it also has the potential to be a near-term issue we will need to draw attention to. This is a really good example, but far from the only one, of what I've been raising since the summer—that the IC is deliberately avoiding mentioning a connection to elections for non-substantive reasons.

Obviously since the [REDACTED] isn't released yet—they're holding it until next week—there isn't a PDB so maybe it won't end up being an issue. But this is a highly irregular way to do things, especially as someone trying to raise tradecraft and substantive objections to the mainline analysis and isn't getting our work incorporated or even mentioned.

[REDACTED]
National Intelligence Officer - Cyber
ODNI/National Intelligence Council

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"The spice must flow."

From: [REDACTED] -DNI- [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 10:48 AM

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Small update from NSA below. Their PDB isn't going to tie to the election? The mind boggles.

Director, Election Threat Analysis
National Intelligence Council/DNI Election Threat Executive

From: [REDACTED]-DNI-
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 10:02 AM
To: [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]@nsa [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED]
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GOV [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]
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Thanks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I haven't heard from the China drafting group yet either. My impression is that they've been waiting for the new [REDACTED]/PDB to update the story before feeding that into the ICA. I don't want to preempt what the reports or PDB will say, but with the ICA in mind, I really think we need to comment on how the new information relates to the election story or not—customers will want and expect that from us. NIO Cyber and I think the new info is highly relevant, though I realize we're in the minority there. I understand you're trying to navigate various perspectives on this, so just fyi. Happy to discuss further.

As far as downgrades/crossposting for ICA purposes—like [REDACTED] said, as long as we can get to the [REDACTED] level we're good. NSA has been fantastic about making election-relevant [REDACTED] usable, and we really appreciate your commitment to that.

[REDACTED]
Director, Election Threat Analysis
National Intelligence Council/DNI Election Threat Executive

From: [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 9:20 AM
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USA GOV [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
OK, thx. Regarding cross-posting into various [REDACTED] or downgrading to [REDACTED] for the 45 day piece, if you make sure there are [REDACTED] versions, we're good.

[REDACTED]
CNIO for Cyber and Elections

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Information & Intelligence Analysis [REDACTED]
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Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 8:22 AM
To: [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]
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All,

[REDACTED] has heard/received nothing.

We have deliberately massaged our one pending PDB to avoid any direct links to the election. The massive report we have been waiting on has been chopped up into 13 reports that likely will not get out until late next week. Many/all of them will be cross-posted into [REDACTED] or downgraded to [REDACTED] so that can be more readily incorporated into the 45-day piece, if needed.

---(U [REDACTED])---

[REDACTED]
Strategic Intelligence Analyst
[REDACTED] China & North Korea Strategic Assessments

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From: [REDACTED] NSA [REDACTED] USA GOV [REDACTED]@nsa [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:25 PM
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[redacted]@nsa [redacted]

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Hello All,

Greetings...just wanted to touch base to see if anyone has contacted you about this and/or if you are doing any work on this product yet. Thanks in advance.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

CNIO for Cyber and Elections

Cryptologic National Intelligence Officer Council [redacted]

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From: [redacted] NSA [redacted] USA GOV [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 12:58 PM

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Cc: [redacted]@nsa [redacted]

[REDACTED]@nsa [REDACTED]

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All,

Greetings, hope all is well. I just wanted to send you a note with a few thoughts on this coming project. First, thanks in advance for your work on this product. Second, when you begin communicating with co-drafters across the community, please cc those on the cc line so we can maintain visibility on progress, provide assistance where needed, and help alleviate any potential problems. I also wanted to let you know that we optimally would like to keep [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let us know if you have any questions. Thx!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cryptologic National Intelligence Officer (CNIO) for Cyber and Election Threats & Security

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