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Hey that is great news. [REDACTED] is an NSA senior, one of the few seniors that remained analytically focused, so having him on board is a big deal.

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I think it speaks exactly to what has been on my mind but what was left out of the mainline IC assessment. I think it looks very good!

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Good to know. I've heard a few other similar comments from some analysts in CIA, though not in the main China office. Maybe this will draw them out of the woodwork.

Here's a version of the paper. I sent this to and earlier, but wanted to make sure your team had a chance to take a look.

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2020 10:48 AM

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Thanks. Just for your awareness, as that last COI meeting was going on, everyone around the table at NSA had thoughts similar to what I shared at the meeting. I think many were reticent to express them to the group because FBI and CIA seemed so adamant about their stances. I'm happy to see that we can have the alternative view point. :)

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks to you too for sharing your thoughts in the last COI meeting. It sounded to me like your take on this is at least somewhat similar to ours. I felt like jumping in to agree with you, but I've burned enough political capital arguing with CIA and FBI about this that I thought it might be more productive for me to sit the discussion out. The positions are not really that far apart, so I'm not sure why so many in the community want to close down the possibility that China might have done or be doing *something.* But, hopefully this piece sparks some more thought and discussion.

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Hello everyone,

As I'm sure many of you have gathered through coord comments, COI discussions, or other conversations, NIO Cyber and I have a somewhat different take on the China/election story than what has appeared in production so far. Rather than continue to argue about this and drive you all nuts, we are opting to publish an alternative analysis NIC memo. We think this is the best way for us to put our perspective on the record while not getting in the way of what the rest of the community wants to say. The lead, in short non-compartmented form, is that we assess that Beijing has taken some low-level, exploratory steps to denigrate the President and shape voter perceptions ahead of the election.

We have really appreciated everyone's efforts to community coord all election-related production, and in that spirit I'd like to offer you all the chance to comment on this piece. However: we are clearly labeling this as alternative analysis and highlighting that it is the perspective of NIO Cyber and myself **only**. Which means that we will most likely not be taking comments on board; we already know most of you disagree. But fear not. We are including a large text box laying out the mainline view. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have helped us craft this, but we would very much appreciate your input on it to make sure that we're capturing your views accurately. The intention is to show an honest analytic difference, not to set up a straw man version of the IC line to knock down.

Like most of the China/election production, this piece uses [REDACTED]. The IC Mainline Analysis text box uses [REDACTED]. Though mostly [REDACTED] If you have at least [REDACTED] and would like to coordinate on this box, please let me know. We are looking for input by **COB Wednesday 7 Oct.**

The full piece uses [REDACTED]. I'm still fixing some formatting issues, but can work with you to get you some version of the paper.

Thank you all—we look forward to continuing conversation on this topic.

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