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Reference: ODNI Cases DF-2022-00104

Ms. Lewis:

This responds to your request dated 10 January 2022, received in the Information Management Office of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence on 11 January 2022 (Enclosure 1). Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, you requested *all email communications (including email messages, email attachments, and complete email chains) sent by the officials listed below that contain any key terms listed below. ...*

*All text messages (including complete text message threads or conversations) sent or received by the officials listed below and containing any of the key terms listed below. ...*

*Specified Officials:*

*a. John Ratcliffe, Director of National Intelligence; b. Anyone serving in the role of Chief of Staff to DNI Ratcliffe, including, but not limited to, Dustin Carmack; c. Anyone serving in the role of External Affairs Director or Communications Director; d. Anyone serving in the role of White House Liaison*

*Key Terms:*

*I. Dominion; II. Smartmatic; III. Poulos; IV. Coomer; V. Fox; VI. Newsmax; VII. OANN; VIII. OAN; IX. Oltmann; X. "One America News"; XI. "Gateway Pundit"; XII. MyPillow; XIII. "My pillow"; XIV. Lindell; XV. Murdoch*

*For both items of this request, please provide all responsive records from November 1, 2020, through January 20, 2021.*

Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our databases located nine documents responsive to your request (Enclosures 2-10). They are being granted to you in part with the following exemptions:

- (b)(1), which applies to information that is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 (c).
- (b)(3), which applies to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are:

# Enclosure 1

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**From:** FOIA <foia@americanoversight.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 1:34 PM  
**To:** DNI-FOIA  
**Subject:** FOIA Request (ODNI-22-0029)  
**Attachments:** ODNI-22-0029.pdf

Dear FOIA Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Wishingrad  
Pronouns: she/her  
Paralegal  
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## Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following records within twenty business days:

1. All email communications (including email messages, email attachments, and complete email chains) sent by the officials listed below that contain any key terms listed below.

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited item 1 of its request to emails sent by the specified officials. To be clear, however, American Oversight still requests that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages. This means, for example, that both a specified official's response to an email from containing a key term and the initial received message are responsive to this request and should be produced.

Please note that American Oversight does not seek, and that this request specifically excludes, records in which a key term only appears in a news clip or news story.

2. All text messages (including complete text message threads or conversations) sent or received by the officials listed below and containing any of the key terms listed below.

To be clear, American Oversight requests that full text message threads/conversations be produced. For example, if a specified official sent or received a text message containing any of the key terms listed above, the complete thread/conversation for 24 hours before/after the key term appeared should be produced, and not just the message containing the key term.

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### Key Terms:

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- ii. Smartmatic
- iii. Poulos
- iv. Coomer
- v. Fox
- vi. Newsmax

also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.<sup>6</sup>

American Oversight has also demonstrated its commitment to the public disclosure of documents and creation of editorial content through regular substantive analyses posted to its website.<sup>7</sup> Examples reflecting this commitment to the public disclosure of documents and the creation of editorial content include the posting of records related to the Trump Administration's contacts with Ukraine and analyses of those contacts;<sup>8</sup> posting records and editorial content about the federal government's response to the Coronavirus pandemic;<sup>9</sup> posting records received as part of American Oversight's "Audit the Wall" project to gather and analyze information related to the administration's proposed construction of a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, and analyses of what those records reveal;<sup>10</sup> the posting of records related to an ethics waiver received by a senior Department of Justice attorney and an analysis of what those records demonstrated regarding the Department's process for issuing such waivers;<sup>11</sup> and posting records and analysis of federal officials' use of taxpayer dollars to charter private aircraft or use government planes for unofficial business.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> American Oversight currently has approximately 15,600 page likes on Facebook and 109,200 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Dec. 7, 2021); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Dec. 7, 2021).

<sup>7</sup> See generally *News*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/blog>.

<sup>8</sup> *Trump Administration's Contacts with Ukraine*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/the-trump-administrations-contacts-with-ukraine>.

<sup>9</sup> See generally *The Trump Administration's Response to Coronavirus*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/the-trump-administrations-response-to-coronavirus>; see, e.g., *CDC Calendars from 2018 and 2019: Pandemic-Related Briefings and Meetings*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/cdc-calendars-from-2018-and-2019-pandemic-related-briefings-and-meetings>.

<sup>10</sup> See generally *Audit the Wall*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/audit-the-wall>; see, e.g., *Border Wall Investigation Report: No Plans, No Funding, No Timeline, No Wall*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/border-wall-investigation-report-no-plans-no-funding-no-timeline-no-wall>.

<sup>11</sup> *DOJ Records Relating to Solicitor General Noel Francisco's Recusal*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/document/doj-civil-division-response-noel-francisco-compliance>; *Francisco & the Travel Ban: What We Learned from the DOJ Documents*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/francisco-the-travel-ban-what-we-learned-from-the-doj-documents>.

<sup>12</sup> See generally *Swamp Airlines: Chartered Jets at Taxpayer Expense*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/swamp-airlines-private-jets-taxpayer-expense>; see, e.g., *New Information on Pompeo's 2017 Trips to His Home State*, American Oversight, <https://www.americanoversight.org/new-information-on-pompeos-2017-trips-to-his-home-state>.

agencies have adopted the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Capstone program, or similar policies. These systems provide options for searching emails and other electronic records in a manner that is reasonably likely to be more complete than just searching individual custodian files. For example, a custodian may have deleted a responsive email from his or her email program, but your agency's archiving tools may capture that email under Capstone. At the same time, custodian searches are still necessary; agencies may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.

- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.
- Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

### **Conclusion**

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact Emma Lewis at [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org) or (202) 919-6303. Also, if American Oversight's request

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Directive," M-12-18 (Aug. 24, 2012), <https://www.archives.gov/files/records-mgmt/m-12-18.pdf>.

# Enclosure 2

**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI- (b)(3)  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: docs  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:08:33 PM  
**Attachments:** updated 90 day plan.docx  
 comms memo for DNI Transition.docx

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[redacted] (b)(3)  
 [redacted] (b)(6)

I gave [redacted] and Matt copies of these documents.

Sincerely,  
 Amanda

**Amanda Schoch**  
 ADNI for Strategic Communications  
*ODNI Strategic Communications*

[redacted] (main line)  
 [redacted] (b)(3)  
 [redacted] (b)(6)

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## First 90 Days Communications Plan for the Director of National Intelligence

### Communications Environment

#### *Setting the Stage*

The women and men of ODNI are dedicated patriots, united in their mission to create a stronger, safer nation. The organization's core values guide them—excellence, courage, respect and integrity—and they are steadfast in their commitment to delivering insights, driving capabilities, and investing in the future. As intelligence professionals, ODNI employees are resilient, accustomed to working in high-pressure situations, considerate teammate in a COVID world, and experienced at keeping their focus on mission regardless of external atmospherics.

#### *Feeling the Effects of Uncertainty and Change*

Results from the 2019 Employee Climate Survey indicate 75% of ODNI employees are satisfied with their work. In 2019, the Partnership for Public Service named the IC as one of the "Best Places to Work," marking the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the IC has earned this distinction.

Despite a positive workforce climate and a culture of resilience, the past 18 months have marked a period of unprecedented turmoil and change for ODNI. The COVID-19 crisis, four DNI-level leadership transitions, the turnover of most Senate-confirmed executives, two reorganizations of the enterprise, and unrelenting media coverage have made the IC's apolitical work a factor in the nation's political debate. These stressors have taken a toll on workforce morale, with a remote and dispersed staff under tremendous personal and professional pressure.

#### *Resetting a Highly Polarized Climate*

The external environment has been described by many as toxic, with political dynamics creating a much more complex and high-profile position for the IC—and ODNI in particular. The persistent narrative about the politicization of intelligence and relentless speculation about the IC's relationships with the White House and Congress have created a perceived high-risk environment for engagement. As a result, the public posture of the DNI has been very limited, with few public speaking engagements and media appearances over the past two years. Workforce communication has not been prioritized and the workforce is craving authentic and

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## Communications Plan Goals

### Internal Goals:

- Leadership reemphasizes the unique and critical mission of the ODNI as a core component of the IC is revalidated.
- Decision making and communications clearly reflect ODNI's core values and the apolitical nature of intelligence.
- High-quality and timely information frequently reaches and engages a remote, dispersed workforce.

### External Goals:

- The DNI is established as the trusted voice of the IC.
- External stakeholders are confident in the stability and performance of ODNI during the transition.
- The DNI's leadership of the IC and commitment to the workforce are highlighted through social media and external messaging.
- Individuals and organizations trust and understand the purpose and value of ODNI.
- ODNI activities stimulate a national conversation about the vital and apolitical role of intelligence in national security decision making.

## Assumptions

The scale-up to remote work happened quickly, and ODNI is still implementing tools and resources needed to function effectively during the coronavirus pandemic. Access from remote workplaces to unclassified content, video conference capabilities, and file sharing systems has not yet been standardized and made universally available. In addition, plans to reconstitute the workforce at ODNI facilities are necessarily being adapted to the changing infection rates, and ambiguities remain related to workplace flexibilities and protections that must be addressed to meet the workforce's fundamental concerns with safety and stability. Reaching ODNI's dispersed workforce will likely require heightened engagement across multiple communications platforms for the long-term.

## Key Messages

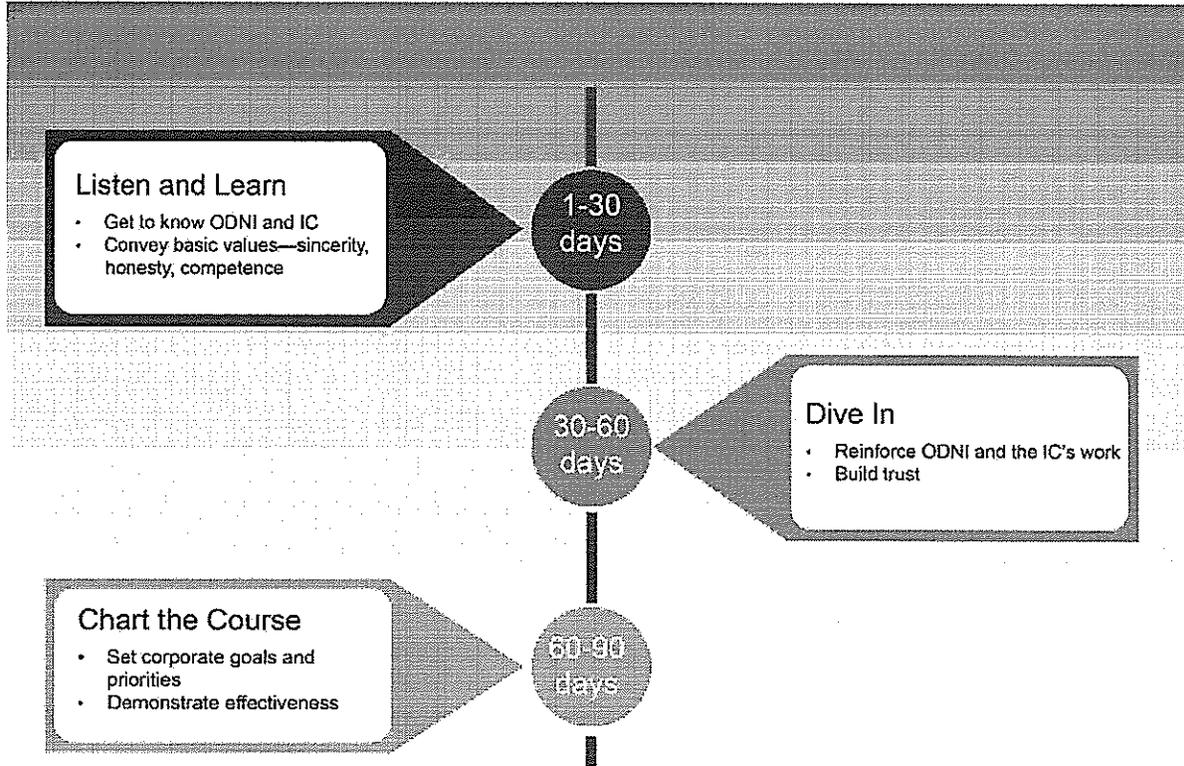
Below are a set of potential key messages that would meet plan goals. Strategic Communications will narrow and tailor them to the new DNI's vision.

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- **Innovative:** The IC must continue to expand and strengthen partnerships outside its fence line to leverage the talent and unique skills that exist beyond the federal government.

### Communications Plan Phase



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Timeframe	Event	Key Audience	Details
First 30 Days	Week One ODNI virtual town hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ODNI/IC workforce</li> </ul>	Informal setting (not behind desk) with thought starters (vice script). Set leadership tone – being visible, willing to listen and learn, pragmatically optimistic, invested in the workforce. Affirm challenges a geographically dispersed workforce presents for mission and connectedness. Solicit and answer workforce questions.
First 30 Days	Week One/Two Social Media Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General public, media</li> </ul>	Week One/Two congratulations and welcome to DNI video montage of taking oath, walking hallways, meeting employees.
First 30 Days	Introductory Social Media Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General public, media</li> </ul>	Social media posts throughout first month to FB and Twitter highlighting excerpts from DNI bio and messaging documents to demonstrate experience, aptitude and mindset.
First 30 Days	First Week Reflections Email to ODNI Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal/ODNI workforce</li> </ul>	At end of first week, workforce message emphasizing commitment to listening and learning, conveying basic values, reinforcing getting to know ODNI, providing observations from the first week.

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Timeframe	Event	Key Audience	Details
First 30 Days	Launch of #DNI@Home on Facebook Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External/General public and media</li> </ul>	First Facebook Live segment, targeted to general public and remote/dispersed workforce. Offer rare glimpse into DNI in authentic and genuine environment, hosted by special guests (key thought leaders).
First 30 Days	ODNI Virtual Listening Sessions or In-Person Walkabouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal/ODNI workforce</li> </ul>	Virtual sessions or walkabouts at LX-1, LX-2, ICCB, Reston to get to know officers at all levels; provide visibility and reassurance during time of transition.
Days 30-60	Virtual Media Engagement with Three Print Outlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External/media</li> </ul>	Off the record with three lead national print correspondents from WSJ, NYT, WaPo. Demonstrate bonafides of qualifications, deliver message of seriousness, make case to depoliticize intel.
Days 30-60	Virtual Media Engagement with Three Broadcast/radio Outlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External/media</li> </ul>	Off the record with three lead national broadcast/radio correspondents from CBS, FOX, NPR. Demonstrate bonafides of qualifications, deliver message of seriousness, make case to depoliticize intel.
Days 30-60	Conference Call with Formers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External/Former officials</li> </ul>	Conference call with former DNIs/senior officials to inform and discuss relevant issues, convey key messages, align perspectives.

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Timeframe	Event	Key Audience	Details
Day 30-60	First Public Speaking Engagement		Publicly share your commitment and vision. Reassure key stakeholders and the public of ODNI's relevance and focus on being stewards of the community you are entrusted to lead, establish the DNI as the leadership voice of the IC.
Days 60-90	Third episode of #DNI@Home on Facebook Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External/general public and media</li> </ul>	Third Facebook Live segment, reaching general public and remote/dispersed workforce. Offer rare glimpse into DNI, hosted by special guests (key thought leaders), discuss strategic direction.
Days 60-90	ODNI Dispatch—Third DNI Column	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal/ODNI workforce</li> </ul>	Third installment of DNI column in ODNI Dispatch.
Days 60-90	Virtual Editorial Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External/media</li> </ul>	Off the record engagement with top editors from 10-15 leading outlets, with goal of prepping media environment for external event announcing Vision/Strategic Direction.
Days 60-90	Internal Announcement of Vision, Strategic Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal/ODNI and IC workforce</li> </ul>	Announce vision, set strategic direction, share priorities (culmination of listening, learning, and quick wins in days 1-60)

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Timeframe	Event	Key Audience	Details
Days 60-90	Day 90 Social Media Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Public, media</li> </ul>	"Bookend" to the Week One/Two video, captures first 90 days, reinforces core values, highlights quick wins and strategic direction, generates excitement for new era
Days 60-90	Day 90 Public Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Public, media</li> </ul>	Press release/report to the public on the first 90 days, delivered action on promises, successfully built understanding and trust, expanded dialogue, ready for the challenges of the future
Days 60-90	Virtual ODNI All Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal/ODNI workforce</li> </ul>	"Bookend" to the first virtual ODNI Town Hall, opportunity to celebrate, inspire, and expand reach
Days 60-90	Virtual ODNI Distinguished Speakers Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal/ODNI workforce</li> </ul>	Relaunch the series, demonstrate non-partisan, "got the chops" for this job with high-profile/influential guest(s)
Days 60-90	Virtual IC Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IC workforce</li> </ul>	Provide IC workforce with your vision and direction for the community, share your insights from first 90 days, highlight mission accomplishments that showcase the importance of integration.

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decisionmakers, activists and diverse experts to discuss approaches and solutions to real-world problems.

Past speakers include Vice President Joe Biden; Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats; Director of National Intelligence James Clapper; Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; former Prime Minister Tony Blair; CBS News Correspondent John Dickerson; Actor and Thorn Co-Founder Ashton Kutcher; Secretary of Defense James Mattis; National Security Advisor Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster; CIA Director Mike Pompeo; CEOs from GE, Chevron, Walmart-USA, Fedex, Freeport McMoRan and Hewlett Packard; and presidents, prime ministers, foreign ministers, experts and civil society leaders from around the world.

### **Aspen Security Forum** – August 2021, Aspen, Colorado

The Aspen Security Forum is an invitation-only annual three-day conference in Aspen, CO, presented by the Aspen Strategy Group. For the past 10 years, this forum has provided a non-partisan public venue for global leaders to discuss the key national security issues of the day.

2020 speakers: Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State; John Bolton, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Mark Esper, U.S. Secretary of Defense; Tom Donilon, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Stephen Hadley, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Antony Blinken, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State; Mark Warner, Ranking Member, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Julianne Smith, former Deputy National Security Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden; and Michèle Flournoy, former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

In July 2017, Avril Haines participated in the “Tour d’Horizon” panel alongside Michael Chertoff, Michael Hayden, Nick Rasmussen, and moderated by Michael Isikoff. In July 2018, participants included then-DNI Dan Coats, IARPA’s Stacey Dixon, and NCTC’s Mike Nagata.

Previous years videos: <https://www.aspensecurityforum.org/attend>

### **AFCEA/INSA Intelligence and National Security Summit** – Sept. 13-14, 2021 at the Gaylord Resort in National Harbor, Oxon Hill, MD

Brings senior Intelligence Community leaders together to advance collaborative solutions to critical intelligence and national security challenges. This high caliber virtual program features five plenaries and five breakout sessions that will examine "ripped from the headlines" issues such as information warfare, U.S.-China relationship, use of AI, intelligence policy and workforce readiness.

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# Enclosure 4



## Proposed Communication Priorities for DNI Transition

### Background:

The ODNI has seen a nearly two year period of turmoil and change that has been driven by the COVID-19 crisis, four DNI-level leadership transitions, the turnover of most Senate-confirmed executives, two large scale reorganizations, and unrelenting media coverage that has made the IC's apolitical work a factor in the nation's political debate. This uncertainty is undermining employee morale, exacerbating entrenched parochial views, and fragmenting ODNI and IC priorities. The new DNI can change this environment by creating opportunities very early in her tenure to rebuild confidence in the role of the DNI and the ODNI, reassure the workforce, articulate her vision, and begin building momentum and support for its implementation.

### Recommended Priorities:

- Immediately execute DNI plan for consistent and frequent communications with the ODNI workforce, the IC, and the public. (attached)
- Establish the DNI as the lead and trusted voice of and for the IC through strategic public engagements early in the new DNI's tenure.
- Rebuild bridges with IC elements through intentional and consistent engagement.
- Unveil new communications platforms to reach public audiences in new ways
  - ODNI Instagram account to launch with the swearing in of the new DNI
  - ODNI Spokesperson account modeled after DOJ and State Department to allow for rapid response and less formal behind the scenes content.
- Direct, empower, and support ODNI leaders to be advocates for the DNI's vision and priorities with internal and external audiences.

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# Enclosure 5

**From:** [redacted] (b)(3)  
**To:** DNI-Media (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Maria Bartiromo next week  
**Date:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:00:00 PM

Sue – can you decline OAN and Martha?

**From:** [redacted] (b)(3)  
[redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** [redacted] Amanda J Schoch [redacted]  
[redacted] (b)(3)  
[redacted] (b)(6)  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Maria Bartiromo next week

Thanks! Yes, let's decline all requests for now.

**From:** [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(6)  
**Date:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 10:15:13 AM  
**To:** "Amanda J Schoch" [redacted]  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Maria Bartiromo next week

In addition to Maria, we have two other new TV requests:

Hello!

It's Peyton Drew from One America News Network. I was reaching out to see if Director Ratcliffe had availability tomorrow or Friday for an interview on our show 'Real America' with Dan Ball. Time would be anywhere between 2:30pmEST and 4pmEST, if he has time! Thank you!

Kind Regards,

Peyton Drew  
Talent Booker | Producer  
Real America With Dan Ball  
One America News Network  
[redacted] (b)(6)

**From:** Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 6:51 PM  
**To:** Susan Meisner [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov> (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Martha MacCallum interview request

message and its attachments that does not relate to the official business of Fox News or Fox Business must not be taken to have been sent or endorsed by either of them. No representation is made that this email or its attachments are without defect.

# Enclosure 6

**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI- (b)(3)  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: (U) Multiple Requests for Unclass TPs on COVID Origin  
**Date:** Friday, December 4, 2020 2:27:35 PM

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Classified By: [redacted] (b)(3)  
Derived From: ODNI CG (b)(6)  
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This is great thanks. Any sense of timing of the clearance? He is going to be on Fox Business on Sunday morning and I believe talking about China so he's probably be more than happy to have them. But if not he has more than enough to keep him busy on the show.

**Amanda Schoch**

ADNI for Strategic Communications

*ODNI Strategic Communications*

[redacted]

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(b)(6)

**From:** [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2020 2:24 PM (b)(6)  
**To:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-[redacted] (b)(3)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (U) Multiple Requests for Unclass TPs on COVID Origin

Classification: ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~ (b)(3)  
(b)(6)

Classified By: [redacted] IC COVID Coordinator  
Derived From: ODNI CG  
Declassify On: 20451231  
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Amanda,

(U) FYSA.

~~(S//NF)~~ The NIC has been working on an update to the COVID Origin. Separately, the NIC received requests from State and the NSC (as well as DNI) on unclassified TPs on the origin question [redacted]

(b)(1)  
(b)(3)

~~(U//FOUO)~~ The NIC put together the below information as a draft. I just submitted this language for formal clearance for unclassified TPs. These build off the 30 April statement with the new language in the last paragraph based off B&A.

(U) The Intelligence Community does not know exactly where, when, or how the

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(b)(6)

**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-  
**To:** [redacted] Monica Tullos-DNI-; [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Matthew J. Lahr-DNI-; [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: 7 Dec synch with ODNI strat comms NSC China issues  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 12:25:17 PM  
**Attachments:** imace001.png

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Classified By: [redacted] (b)(3)  
Derived From: ODNI CG (b)(6)  
Declassify On: 20451231  
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[redacted] (b)(3)  
[redacted] (b)(6)

Monica will be out for a bit. I'm looping in my broader PA team.

The DNI will be on Fox News at 8 pm tonight talking the China threat again.

Sincerely  
Amanda

**Amanda Schoch**  
ADNI for Strategic Communications  
*ODNI Strategic Communications*

[redacted] (b)(3)  
[redacted] (b)(6)

**From:** [redacted] (b)(3)  
[redacted] (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** [redacted] Matthew J. Lahr-DNI- [redacted] Amanda  
J. Schoch-DNI- [redacted]  
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**Subject:** 7 Dec synch with ODNI strat comms NSC China issues

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Hi Monica –

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Understood. That makes sense. As for flagging potential issues, anything like what you propose enhances SC monitoring, messaging, and news analysis requirements. Appreciate you,

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Regards,



Monica Young Tullos  
Media Relations Officer  
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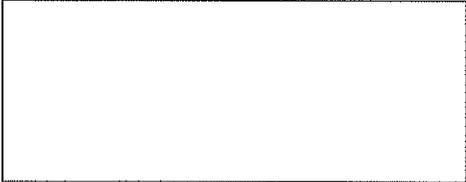
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**Subject:** RE: SC REQUEST: NSC STRATEGIC COMMS/China Communications Synch (b)(3)  
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Thanks Monica. On the unclass front, we probably won't have unclassified things every week (most of our support is to intelligence diplomacy messaging themes and engagements). If you like, we can provide potential issues (classified) to be raised by NSC # Strat comms at your synch based on the engagements we have with NSC # East Asia throughout the previous week.

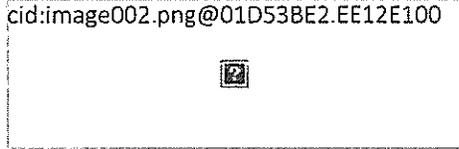
Cheers

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National Intelligence Manager, East Asia



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**From:** Monica Tullos-DNI- (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:45 PM (b)(6)  
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**From:** [Redacted] (b)(3)  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 8:57 AM (b)(3)  
**To:** Monica Tullos-DNI- [Redacted] (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: SC REQUEST: NSC STRATEGIC COMMS/China Communications Synch

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Hi Monica –

We never linked up last week – please let me know a good time to chat.

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Senior Program Mission Manager (b)(6)  
National Intelligence Manager, East Asia

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**From:** Monica Tullos-DNI- [Redacted] (b)(3)  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2020 5:28 PM (b)(3)  
**To:** [Redacted] (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** [Redacted] Monica Tullos-DNI- [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: SC REQUEST: NSC STRATEGIC COMMS/China Communications Synch (b)(3)  
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(b)(6) No problem [Redacted] I understand and would like to request inputs on a regular basis. Submission by **Tuesdays at 0800 hrs.** would be fine. Do you prefer a weekly reminder or is this standing request sufficient?

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Deputy National Intelligence Manager for East Asia  
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**From:** Monica Tullos-DNI- (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2020 12:03 PM (b)(6) (b)(3)  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Monica Tullos-DNI- (b)(6)  
**Subject:** SC REQUEST: NSC STRATEGIC COMMS/China Communications Synch, 1:30 Today

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SC will be joining a weekly communications synch on China messaging led by NSC Strategic Communications at 1:30 today. The meeting's objective is to review the previous week's efforts and provide an overview of the week's planned actions. Public rollouts, announcements and briefs should be identified.

Are there any activities with public implications pertaining to China that are appropriate to identify for the group? If so, please highlight key details.

Regards,

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**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Dustin J. Carmack-DNI-; Michael D. Kaplun-DNI-; Matthew J. Lahr-DNI-  
**Subject:** RE: This Week - press engagements  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:55:33 PM  
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It's looking like it will be in the Secretary of War suite. I will confirm when it is locked.

Thanks!  
 Amanda

**Amanda Schoch**  
 ADNI for Strategic Communications  
 ODNI Strategic Communications

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:28 PM  
**To:** Clifton D. Sims; [redacted] Amanda J. Schoch-DNI- [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Dustin J. Carmack-DNI- [redacted] Michael D. Kaplun-DNI- [redacted] Matthew J. Lahr-DNI- [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: This Week - press engagements

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Good - thanks.

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Executive Assistant to the DNI

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**From:** Clifton D. Sims-DNI- [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:23 PM (b)(6)  
**To:** [redacted]; Amanda J. Schoch-DNI- [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Cc:** [redacted] Dustin J. Carmack-DNI- [redacted] Michael D. Kaplun-DNI- [redacted] Matthew J. Lahr-DNI- [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: This Week - press engagements

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**From:** Clifton D. Sims-DNI-[Redacted] (b)(3)  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:05 PM

**To:** [Redacted] Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-[Redacted]

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**Cc:** Amy M. Heald-DNI-[Redacted]; Dustin J. Carmack-DNI-[Redacted]; Michael D. Kaplun-DNI-[Redacted]; Matthew J. Lahr-DNI-[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: This Week - press engagements (b)(3)  
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Thanks, Amanda. We just chatted through the details on this a little more. Here's what we're thinking:

THURSDAY:

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CBS Interview

Afternoon – 5 interviews with print reporters... 10 mins. each, but will budget 15 mins. each to create a buffer and account for overages. (The DNI's preference is Warren Strobel, Olivia Beavers, Jerry Dunleavy, AP and Reuters. Let's chat about those last two.

SUNDAY:

Maria B. interview from the Fox studio on Capitol Hill.

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 9:55 AM (b)(3)  
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**To:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-[Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] Dustin J. Carmack-DNI- <CARMACD@dni.ic.gov>; Clifton D. Sims-DNI- <SIMSCLI@dni.ic.gov>; Michael D. Kaplun-DNI-[Redacted]; Matthew J. Lahr-DNI- <LAHRMAT@dni.ic.gov>

**Subject:** RE: This Week - press engagements

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Thanks, Amanda – appreciate the heads up.

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**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-[Redacted] (b)(3) (b)(3)

**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 9:18 AM (b)(6) (b)(6)

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]; Dustin J. Carmack-DNI-[Redacted] Clifton D.

# Enclosure 9

**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-  
**To:** DNI EXECSEC FO WAR  
**Cc:** DNI SC ALL  
**Subject:** SC WAR 1/8/2021  
**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 9:59:12 AM  
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(U) **Space Force Event:** SC has coordinated leadership speeches and a press roll out for today's Space Force announcement. SC is facilitating background calls and providing embargoed information to select outlets in advance of the ceremony. In addition, SC will provide video and photography coverage of today's event and provide visual assets as part of the press roll out associated with the event.

(U//~~FOUO~~) **NCSC Washington Post Live Interview:** On 12 January, NCSC Director Evanina is scheduled to participate in a 25-minute "Washington Post Live" interview with cyber / intelligence correspondent Ellen Nakashima about current and future counterintelligence threats to the nation. The interview will be streamed live from the Washington Post's website.

(U//~~FOUO~~) **NCSC AP Interview:** In the coming days, NCSC Director Evanina is scheduled to provide a phone interview to Eric Tucker of the Associated Press on software supply chain threats.

(U) **IARPA Release:** On January 6, ODNI SC issued a press release on the launch of IARPA's Space-based Machine Automated Recognition Technique (SMART) program. ODNI and IARPA amplified the release across social media. Following the release, Federal News Network submitted an interview request with IARPA to hear more about the program; ODNI SC is working the engagement.

(U//~~FOUO~~) **60 Minutes:** On 17 January, CBS "60 Minutes" is scheduled to broadcast a two-part segment on China's collection of health care / genetic data from America, featuring interviews that were provided in June 2020 by NCSC Director Evanina and FBI special agent Ed You.

(U//~~FOUO~~) **NCSC Yahoo News Article:** NCSC is expecting Yahoo! News national security correspondent Jenna McLaughlin to publish a story, potentially next week, profiling new Deputy NCSC Director Michael Orlando.

(U) **Threats to the Homeland:** NCTC SC coordinated with NCTC leadership and interagency partners to respond to inquiries from Reuters, Fox News, Newsweek, CNN and ABC news channel 7 about potential threats to aviation.

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# Enclosure 10

**From:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-  
**To:** Michael D. Kaplun-DNI-; Matthew J. Lahr-DNI-  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Briefing Kit - DNI Fox Interview  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:29:36 PM

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Let's take the COVID piece out and transfer this to the lowside.

**Amanda Schoch**

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**From:** Michael D. Kaplun-DNI-[Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2021 2:47 PM

**To:** Amanda J. Schoch-DNI-[Redacted] Matthew J. Lahr-DNI-[Redacted]

**Subject:** Draft Briefing Kit - DNI Fox Interview (b)(3)

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Amanda & Matt—

Attached is the briefing package for tomorrow, which includes interview details, background info on Hemmer and relevant interviews, key China threat talking points (including the new covid origins draft statement), and the DNI's op-ed.

I've labeled the classified and kept this on the high side since I wasn't sure if it was okay to bump down the new COVID origins statement.

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Michael

**Michael Kaplun**

Public Affairs Officer

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