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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Saxby Chambliss  
Vice Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairman and Vice Chairman Chambliss:

(U) The attached information responds to questions submitted following the Committee's 12 March 2013 Worldwide Threat Hearing.

(U) If you have any questions on this matter, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs at (b)(3)

Sincerely,

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*T* Director of Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

(U) Responses to Questions for the Record from 12 March 2013 Hearing

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**Hearing Date: 28 April 2013**  
**Committee: SASC**  
**Member: Senator McCaskill**  
**Witness: Director Clapper**  
**Question: 1**

**Question 1: (U) Director Clapper, recent aggressive behavior from North Korea appears to be following a pattern we came to expect from both Kim Jong Il and Kim Il Sung. However, given Kim Jong Un's recent ascent to power, it might be difficult to predict how the North will respond to actions taken by outside actors, such as the United States, South Korea, and China. What is the Intelligence Community's current assessment of Kim Jong Un's likelihood to react in ways we came to expect from his father and grandfather?**

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**Question 2:** (U) Director Clapper, the drawdown of U.S. and Coalition forces from Afghanistan has the potential to create security gaps that can be exploited by Taliban and other forces. The Taliban's intelligence network has demonstrated the ability to identify targets and exploit opportunities, such as the September 2012 attack on Camp Bastion that resulted in the destruction of a squadron of Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier jets and the death of two U.S. Marines. What is your current assessment of the quality and capability of the Taliban's intelligence network?

**Question 3:** (U) Director Clapper, is the quality and capability of the Taliban's intelligence network degrading or improving?

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**Question: 4**

**Question 4: (U) Director Clapper, it has been reported that at least one of the brothers involved in the Boston Marathon bombing recently travelled to the Russian Caucuses and Chechnya. He was also interviewed by the FBI in 2011 at the request of the Russian Government regarding possible ties to extremist groups. Is there any concern that other individuals or groups that are already in the United States with ties to Chechen terrorists will target Americans as part of a larger threat that we haven't seen here before?**

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**Question: 5**

**Question 5: (U) Director Clapper, since the Russian government has dealt with numerous Chechen terrorist attacks, have they provided any information regarding this attack as well as past plots or future threats against US interests?**

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**Question 6:** (U) Director Clapper, in your written testimony you said: “Iran has been reaching out to Latin America and the Caribbean to decrease its international isolation. President Ahmadi-Nejad traveled to the region twice in 2012. Tehran has cultivated ties to leaders of the Venezuelan-led Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) in Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, and maintains cordial relations with Cuba and Nicaragua.” What does the death of former President Hugo Chavez and the election of President Nicolas Maduro mean for Venezuela’s relationship with Iran?

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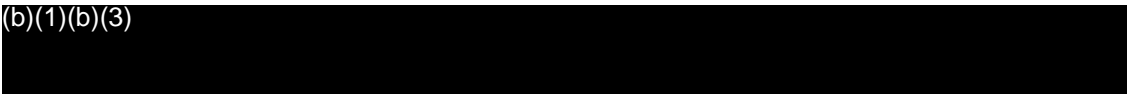
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**Member: Senator Manchin**  
**Witness: Director Clapper**  
**Question: 7**

**Question 7: (U) Director Clapper, the Obama administration has continually stated that cyber security is among its top national security concerns. A February report accused a Chinese military unit of being responsible for a number of hacking attacks here in the United States. During his recent visit to China, however, Secretary Kerry announced a U.S.-China pact on fighting cyber attacks. Given the recent attacks, what are your thoughts on this newly formed partnership with China to increase action on cyber security?**

**Answer: (U//~~FOUO~~)** In our efforts to change China's behavior in cyberspace, we seek to build upon areas in which we have common interests. While we differ on many points, both China and the United States share concerns about the security of our respective communications infrastructures. The newly formed U.S.-China working group on cybersecurity will enable us to address topics of mutual concern, will provide a venue for us to express concern about particular activities, and will support discussions of normative behavior in cyberspace.

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**Witness: Director Clapper**  
**Question: 8**

**Question 8: (U) Director Clapper and General Flynn, former Secretary Gates also said: “The major threat to the U.S. is the dysfunction in America’s political system....the best laws have come from the vital center and usually as a result of compromise....politicians are more concerned with winning elections and scoring political points than protecting our country.” Do you see our political dysfunction as a threat to our national security?**

**Answer: (U//FOUO)** As an American citizen and public servant I have complete confidence in the American political system. That being said, sequestration will certainly have an impact on U.S. national security. As I have said, sequestration, especially if it continues past FY 2013, will have an insidious effect on the Intelligence Community that may not be noticed until we have a failure. Sequestration will jeopardize our ability to warn of threats, and will cause the Intelligence Community to reconsider its priorities.

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Question: 9

**Question 9:** (U) Director Clapper and General Flynn, during the hearing, you, General Flynn, testified that the Pakistan military has cooperated on the border with Afghanistan in addressing threats from terrorist organizations operating in that area. I inquired what role the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI; the Pakistan intelligence agency) has been playing in addressing these threats, and you, Director Clapper, responded that you could address this issue in a closed session. Would you please provide the information on the role of the ISI in addressing terrorist threats along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan?

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**Member: Senator Inhofe**  
**Witness: Director Clapper**  
**Question: 10**

**Question 10: (U) Director Clapper and General Flynn, you noted in your prepared testimony, Director Clapper, that Iranian ballistic missiles are capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction and that Iran has demonstrated an ability to launch small satellites. The Department of Defense continues to assess that Iran could flight-test an ICBM by 2015. Given that Iran has launched satellites into space, why couldn't they be capable of testing an ICBM sooner than 2015?**

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**Member: Senator Inhofe**  
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**Question: 11**

**Question 11: (U) Director Clapper and General Flynn, could the Iranians test an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) capable of reaching Paris or London sooner than 2015?**

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**Question: 12**

**Question 12: (U) Director Clapper and General Flynn, do you believe Iran would want to have the capability to reach the United States and its West European allies with a ballistic missile and, if so, for what purpose?**

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