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DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC

The Honorable Jay Clayton
Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F. Street, NE
Washington, D.C., 20549

Chairman Clayton:

(U) In late July, I received the attached letter from Senator Cotton inquiring how the Intelligence Community (IC) can provide greater specificity on threats involving digital currencies and blockchain technologies to inform their decisionmaking regarding regulatory actions to counter them. I am writing to ensure that the IC is responsive to your intelligence needs and to offer additional support, if necessary.

(U//~~FOUO~~) U.S. financial regulatory agencies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), are active consumers of IC products and regular interlocutors. Cleared staff and regulatory leadership, as members of the Financial and Banking Infrastructure Information Committee, are able to receive intelligence information supporting the specific needs identified by those agencies. IC analysts maintain engagements with regulatory agencies regarding threats to the U.S. and global financial systems, and use information provided by regulators in finished IC products. Financial regulatory agencies may also maintain in-house intelligence analysts, host liaison officers from IC agencies, or send liaison officers to IC agencies or interagency task forces.

(U) We are prepared to provide additional, tailored threat briefings and support if you determine that the SEC is in need of greater intelligence support. As such, please do not hesitate to reach out and we will work with your staff to arrange at your convenience.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The ODNI point of contact for this matter is (b)(3), (b)(6) and she may be reached at (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sincerely,



John Ratcliffe

Attachment:

(U) Congressional Letter from Senator Tom Cotton, 30 July 2020 (U)

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