

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS EN BLOC #1**

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2569	2	Scott, Austin	ISO	This amendment directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to HASC on opportunities to enhance the State Partnership Program.	EB 1
2578	1	Scott, Austin	ISO	This amendment directs the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command to submit an unclassified report on the gaps in the historical writings of U.S. Special Operations Forces. This language is identical to the historical gaps DRLs enacted in the FY 23 NDAA report.	EB 1
2608	1	Gaetz, Matt	ISO	PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR THE GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER.	EB 1
2656	1	Jackson (TX), Ronny	ISO	Limit funds available for certain communications equipment until a report is submitted detailing issues and the plan for addressing those issues.	EB 1
2714	1	Bergman, Jack	ISO	Briefing on Irregular Warfare Center Location Selection	EB 1
2779	2	Jackson (TX), Ronny	ISO	Briefing regarding BUD/S Training Standards	EB 1
2810	2	Ryan, Patrick	ISO	A GAO study to assess the Department of Defense's ability to mitigate insider threats to classified information.	EB 1
2814	2	Bergman, Jack	ISO	Briefing on Telematics Use as an Intelligence Tool	EB 1
2822	2	Gallego, Ruben	ISO	Would require a briefing on the viability of establishing a US-Nordic Special Operations Forces exchange with Finland, Norway, and Sweden.	EB 1
2832	1	Stefanik, Elise	ISO	Requires a briefing on how USINDOPACOM is utilizing commercially available technology to measure sentiment in their AOR to support information operations throughout USINDOPACOM.	EB 1
2838	1	Wittman, Robert	ISO	Briefing Army Publicly Available Information Collection and Exploitation	EB 1
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3078	3	Horsford, Steven	ISO	Global Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Commercial Capacity Initiative	EB 1
3162	2	Scott, Austin	ISO	Briefing on the modernization plans of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear Response Enterprise.	EB 1
3173	1	Turner, Michael	ISO	Briefing on the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency process for accrediting the defense industrial base (DIB) partners	EB 1
3174	0	Turner, Michael	ISO	Bill language requiring the Secretary to include the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) in quarterly information operations briefings.	EB 1
3182	2	Gallego, Ruben	ISO	Briefing on EUCOM-INDOPACOM Irregular Warfare Coordination	EB 1
3245	1	Gallego, Ruben	ISO	Would require the Secretary of Defense to select a permanent location for the McCain Irregular Warfare Center.	EB 1
3288	0	Turner, Michael	ISO	Bill language directing the Secretary of Defense to establish a mechanism for documenting and reporting to the congressional defense committees regarding the use of consultants, informants, or other human sources.	EB 1
3323	1	Jackson (TX), Ronny	ISO	Requires a report be delivered on actions taken to identify and mitigate rogue base station threats to DOD personnel.	EB 1
3344	2	Strong, Dale W.	ISO	Directs SOCOM to provide a brief on plans complete the upgrade of MQ-1C Gray Eagle UAS with expeditionary C2 and advanced mission processing kits.	EB 1
3364	1	Scott, Austin	ISO	Requires a briefing on the current countermeasures available for internal radionuclide contamination.	EB 1
3494	0	Bacon, Don	ISO	Briefing on Rotary Wing Support to West Coast Navy Special Warfare Units	EB 1
3517	1	Strong, Dale W.	ISO	Requires a briefing on the Department of Defense Biodefense Posture, Capabilities, and Activities	EB 1
3518	2	Moulton, Seth	ISO	Requiring a report on measuring the effectiveness of operations in the information environment towards mission objectives	EB 1

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<b>3589</b>	0	Gaetz, Matt	ISO	Amends section 591 of the ISO mark to define "force structure."	EB 1
<b>3646</b>	4	Luttrell, Morgan	ISO	Required briefing on how expanding the Hyper-Enabled Awareness program would impact the warfighter.	EB 1

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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Department of Defense State Partnership Program

The committee acknowledges that the Department of Defense State Partnership Program supports the National Defense Strategy priorities and campaign objectives of the combatant commands through enduring, mutually beneficial relationships. These relationships build partner defense capability and provide persistent engagement with our partners, both of which foster regional security and stability. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2024, on the opportunities to enhance the State Partnership Program that includes:

- (1) A discussion of the feasibility and opportunities to improve the admission of new countries to the program;
- (2) A review of the activities conducted by the State Partnership Program that provide the most effective contributions to meeting U.S. national security objectives;
- (3) An assessment of the funding and other investments required to broaden the pool of partner countries appropriately while ensuring the program remains cost effective;
- (4) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Gaps in Writings on U.S. Special Operations Forces History**

The committee acknowledges that the history of U.S. Special Operations Forces is rich and complex, and that many areas remain to be explored by historians. The committee encourages and supports collaboration between historians and the U.S. Special Operations Command to help preserve its unique history. Therefore, the committee directs the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command to provide an unclassified report to the House Armed Services Committee by March 1, 2024, that lists any identified unclassified gaps in the existing cannon of U.S. Special Operations Forces history to better enable historians' efforts to more holistically document the past.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA**

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR THE GLOBAL**  
2 **ENGAGEMENT CENTER.**

3       None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated  
4 to the Department of Defense or otherwise made available  
5 by this Act may be made available for the Global Engage-  
6 ment Center established pursuant to section 1287 of the  
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017  
8 (22 U.S.C. 2656 note).



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**  
2 **UNTIL DELIVERY OF REPORT ON NEXT GEN-**  
3 **ERATION TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
6 mander of United States Special Operations Command  
7 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
8 port on reported issues with the AN/PRC-163 radio that  
9 includes the following:

10 (1) A history of all issues with the AN/PRC-  
11 163 radio reported 30 days before the date of sub-  
12 mission of such report, and the steps taken by the  
13 Commander and the manufacturer of such radio to  
14 remedy such reported issues.

15 (2) A summary and description of all such re-  
16 ported issues that have not been remedied as of the  
17 date of submission of such report that have been  
18 identified through consultation with users in the

1 field at the tactical level and recently redeployed op-  
2 erators of such radio throughout the Command.

3 (3) A plan, developed in consultation with the  
4 manufacturer of such radio, to address and mitigate  
5 all identified issues with the radio by 2025.

6 (b) LIMITATION OF FUNDS.—Of the funds author-  
7 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made  
8 available for fiscal year 2024 for the United States Special  
9 Operations Command for procurement of Next Generation  
10 Tactical Communications, not more than 75 percent may  
11 be obligated or expended until the Commander of United  
12 States Special Operations Command submits to the con-  
13 gressional defense committees the report require under  
14 subsection (a).





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**Offered by: Mr. Bergman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Briefing on Irregular Warfare Center Location Selection**

The committee is aware that the Department of Defense has established a process to determine a permanent location for the Irregular Warfare Center (Center) established under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) and is working to meet the requirement for a plan on establishing the structure, operations, and administration of the Center as mandated under Section 1204 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The committee encourages the Department to follow the process in place for determining the final location of the Center that enables the intended mission of the Center and maintains the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict active role in exercising policy oversight of the Center, as stated in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263). Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than October 31, 2023, on the progress and findings of the phases of the process for determining a location of the Center, to include the metrics used to make determinations and recommendations.

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**Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Maintaining BUD/S Training Standards

The Navy's Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training is used to find, assess, and on-board candidates into the Navy SEAL community. The committee recognizes the requirement for BUD/S training to be physically and mentally demanding in order to prepare SEAL candidates for the highly challenging environments in which Navy SEALs operate. To ensure that BUD/S training continues to produce highly effective and lethal Navy SEALs, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 17, 2024, on the BUD/S training course. The briefing shall include:

- (1) an overview of the current BUD/S program;
- (2) how the course curriculum and standards are developed and reviewed, and the process for making alterations to the curriculum and standards;
- (3) changes made to the BUD/S training course in the past 10 years;
- (4) the basis for these changes and how they have made the course more effective;
- (5) any special accommodations made on the basis of demographics to lower or decrease BUD/S training standards to enable those who might not otherwise qualify to continue in training; and
- (6) any changes, or planned changes, to medical evaluations and monitoring of candidates throughout the BUD/S program.

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**Offered by: Mr. Ryan**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**GAO Study on Protecting Classified Information from Insider Threats within the Department of Defense**

Recent unauthorized disclosure of highly sensitive classified information has once more raised concerns regarding how to protect such information from intentional or unintentional release. The committee acknowledges the steps the Department of Defense has taken to detect and prevent insider threats to classified information and systems, but believes these efforts may require is further improvement. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to assess the Department of Defense's ability to mitigate insider threats and the unauthorized release of classified information and systems including—

- (1) the extent to which the department is taking timely action to address deficiencies identified in its annual Insider Threat reports to the National Insider Threat Task Force;
- (2) the extent to which the department has instituted information system security controls to protect against insider threats (to include but not limited to access control, audit, and configuration management);
- (3) the extent to which the department has instituted controls that limit the ability of individuals who have access to classified information from removing that information from systems or buildings; and
- (4) any other matters the Comptroller General deems appropriate.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to brief the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives on the preliminary observations of the review not later than December 30, 2023 and to provide final results in the form of a report to the committee in a mutually agreed upon format and timeframe.

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**Offered by: Mr. Bergman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Briefing on Telematics Use as an Intelligence Tool**

The committee notes that non-traditional Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) tools are expanding as technology improves. The committee understands there maybe commercially available products that might have intelligence gathering capabilities and should be explored. Telematics is a technology typically used for commercial vehicle fleet management but may have the capability to become a non-traditional ISR asset for the Department of Defense. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Defense Intelligence Enterprise to brief the committee on Armed Service of the House of Representatives, no later than December 1, 2023, on the potential use of telematics as an intelligence tool. The briefing should include any current Defense organization using telematics as an intelligence tool and how it is being employed; how the Department could use the technology as an intelligence tool; the ability to share information using telematics with partners and allies; and an analysis of the risk telematics may pose to the United States as well as our partners and allies.

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**Offered by: Mr. Gallego of Arizona**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

U.S.-Nordic SOF Exchange

The committee is concerned with the growing influence and aggressive behavior of strategic competitors like China and Russia in the High North and the European theater more broadly. The committee recognizes the important role of Finland, Norway, and Sweden in deterring malign activities of competitors and adversaries in the region, particularly in the gray zone. The committee also recognizes the unique capabilities of U.S. and allied special operations forces (SOF) to combat threats to European and Transatlantic security.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2024, on the viability of establishing a U.S.-Nordic SOF exchange with Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The report shall include:

- (1) Existing Department of Defense coordination with Finland, Norway, and Sweden on SOF activities, including exercises and training;
- (2) Opportunities provided by the accession of Finland and the impending accession of Sweden into NATO to expand such activities;
- (3) Appropriate venues, both within and outside of NATO, for strengthening SOF coordination with Finland, Norway, and Sweden; and
- (4) Particular areas of focus for strengthened SOF coordination.

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**Offered by: Ms. Stefanik**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on Requirements for Measuring Regional Sentiment and Leveraging  
Commercially Available Technology to support Information Operations in  
USINDOPACOM

The committee recognizes the importance of maintaining relationships throughout the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) area of responsibility (AOR) with allies and partners and recognizes the need to establish metrics to measure regional sentiment in the information environment to better understand and counter the malign activities and messaging of competitors in the AOR. The committee further recognizes the importance of understanding how attitudes and behaviors may be shaped or manipulated by competitors.

To better understand how USINDOPACOM can leverage commercially available technology to measure regional sentiment and shape the information environment, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, in coordination with the Commander, USINDOPACOM, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2024, on current requirements for measuring regional sentiment in the information environment in the USINDOPACOM AOR. The briefing shall include:

- (1) an overview of the processes and techniques used by USINDOPACOM to measure regional sentiment in the information environment;
- (2) information on technologies and platforms used by USINDOPACOM to measure regional sentiment and understand the information environment in the AOR;
- (3) a summary of commercially available technologies and crowdsourced data services available to USINDOPACOM that can be leveraged to better understand the information environment in the AOR; and
- (4) any additional requirements for understanding the information environment and improving effectiveness of information operations in the USINDOPACOM AOR.

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**Offered by: Mr. Wittman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Army Publicly Available Information Collection and Exploitation**

The committee is aware of a pilot program underway within the Army's Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Task Force (ISR-TF) to develop a deep-sensing capability that collects and exploits hard-to-access foreign publicly available information (PAI) within denied adversary environments as a complement to traditional ISR methods. The committee supports the Army's efforts to experiment with and develop new capabilities relevant to strategic competition. The committee encourages the Army to quickly integrate publicly available information collection and exploitation into multi-domain operations to enable decision advantage and information dominance. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by December 1, 2023, on the results of the pilot program, and efforts to establish requirements to support the development of enduring publicly available information exploitation capabilities to support multi-domain operations.

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**Offered by: Mr. Waltz**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Intelligence Sharing with Allies and Partners**

The committee notes that strengthening integrated deterrence with allies and partners is a key objective of the 2022 National Defense Strategy, which names mutually beneficial alliances and partnerships as an enduring strength of the United States. Sharing of intelligence with allies and partners is critical to achieving this key national security objective. Over-classification of intelligence limits the sharing of critical information and the ability to build alliances and partnerships that are foundational to our national security.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2023, on the policy and guidance of classification of documents within the Department of Defense. The briefing shall include efforts on declassifying information at the lowest level possible, encourage intelligence sharing with allies and partners, ensure a uniform approach on releasability, and steps being taken to ensure proper use of dissemination control measures whenever possible instead of classification.



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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Force Protection Readiness to Weapons of Mass Destruction**

The committee is concerned with the presence of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) and the U.S. Indo-Pacific (USINDOPACOM) areas of responsibility. operation. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2024, on the adequacy of prepositioned of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives (CBRNE) force protection equipment to respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction events in the USEUCOM and USINDOPACOM areas of responsibility. The briefing shall include efforts to stockpile personal protective equipment, sensors, decontamination supplies and Chemical Indicator Disclosure Spray (CIDAS) for use by conventional forces. This briefing should also include the cost, scope, and schedule for equipment fielding. for fiscal years 2023 to 2028.

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### **Offered by: Mr. Horsford**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Global Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Commercial Capacity Initiative**

The committee notes that Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems fill critical roles in support of military operations around the globe. The demand for ISR support, including processing, exploitation, and dissemination, to address the continued proliferation of increasingly complex and lethal threats is enormous, and consistently exceeds the capacity of available service-owned and operated assets in support of the Geographic Combatant Commands (GCC). The committee believes additional capacity provided by contracted-owned and contractor-operated (COCO) ISR could assist the GCCs to meet their intelligence requirements.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, to brief the House Committee on Armed Services no later February 1, 2024, on the following, :

(1) A comprehensive plan on how the Department of Defense prioritizes ISR activities to quickly address long-standing and emergent ISR shortfalls that exceed Service capacity in support of the GCCs

(2) identifies how those shortfalls could be addressed using high-performing COCO platforms to meet validated mission requirements;

(3) assesses the need to establish a formal “Global ISR Commercial Capacity Initiative” or other potential program of record to address long-term Department of Defense requirements for these assets, using the COCO model as a viable solution to complement Service-Owned capabilities;

(4) identifies funding and commercial assets required to ensure surge capacity requirements are met to the maximum extent possible; and

(5) any other matters the Secretary determines to be relevant.

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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear Response Enterprise**

The committee is concerned with the Department's investment plans to modernize mission essential equipment for the set of forces sourced to respond rapidly to Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear and high yield explosives (CBRNE) incidents. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense by March 1, 2024, to provide a brief to the House Committee on Armed Services on modernization plans for Mass Casualty Decontamination Systems, CBRN reconnaissance items, and Personal Protective Equipment for National Guard Civil Support Teams, CBRN Enhanced Response Force Packages, and Homeland Response Forces as well as Title 10 Task Force Operations. This briefing should also include the cost, scope and schedule for the fielding of this mission essential equipment for fiscal years 2023 to 2028.

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**Offered by: Mr. Turner**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency Reporting and Establishing  
Defense Industrial Base Accreditation Efficiency**

The committee recognizes that as the defense industrial base (DIB) moves to cloud-based solutions, it is imperative that the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) has the appropriate resources and capability to enable the accreditation of industry in a timely manner.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services no later than December 1, 2023 outlining the process the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency currently uses and future potential modifications to include using a cloud-based system to keep pace accrediting the growing numbers of the DIB partners.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO**

At the appropriate place in title XVI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16\_\_ . INCLUSION OF PERMANENT SELECT COM-**  
2 **MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE OF THE HOUSE**  
3 **OF REPRESENTATIVES AS RECIPIENT OF**  
4 **QUARTERLY INFORMATION OPERATIONS**  
5 **BRIEFINGS.**

6 Section 1631(d)(1) of the National Defense Author-  
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133  
8 Stat. 1742; 10 U.S.C. 397 note) is amended by inserting  
9 “and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of  
10 the House of Representatives” after “congressional de-  
11 fense committees”.



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#### **Offered by: Mr. Gallego of Arizona**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

##### **Briefing on EUCOM-INDOPACOM Irregular Warfare Coordination**

The committee recognizes the growing inclination of competitors to combine kinetic tools with non-lethal means, including spreading disinformation, engaging in cyber warfare and covert operations, and utilizing proxy forces in order to achieve strategic objectives. The committee also recognizes the important role of irregular warfare in this era of strategic competition.

The committee believes that there are lessons in conducting irregular warfare to draw and share across multiple combatant commands, including U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM). The committee believes that the Department of Defense could better leverage the experience and expertise of European allies and partners, including the Baltic states, to inform future irregular warfare best practices and how they could apply to USINDOPACOM.

To better understand irregular warfare best practices, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, in coordination with the Commander USSOCOM, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2024. The briefing shall include:

- (1) an analysis of current irregular warfare operations in the European and Indo-Pacific theaters of operation and their ability to combat competitors;
- (2) a description of lessons learned and new initiatives that could be implemented within the Department of Defense and the Defense Intelligence Enterprise;
- (3) a description of how irregular warfare efforts in USEUCOM can help inform efforts in USINDOPACOM; and
- (4) any additional matters the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict determines relevant.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGO OF ARIZONA**

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

**1 SEC. [\_\_\_]. DETERMINATION OF LOCATION FOR MCCAIN**  
**2 IRREGULAR WARFARE CENTER.**

**3 (a) IN GENERAL.**—The “John S. McCain III Center  
**4 for Security Studies in Irregular Warfare Center”,** authorized by section 1299L of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
**5 2021 (10 U.S.C. 342 note)** and by the amendments made  
**6 to section 345 of title 10, United States Code, by section**  
**7 1204 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-**  
**8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023,** shall be established at a  
**9 location determined suitable pursuant to subsection (b).**

**10 (b) LOCATION CRITERIA.**—The Secretary shall select  
**11 a permanent location based on established criteria, which**  
**12 should include that the location—**

**13 (1) is an academic institution that studies secu-**  
**14 rity implications with respect to irregular warfare**  
**15 and the full spectrum of competition and conflict;**

**16 (2) has an established record in interdisciplinary**  
**17 nary studies relevant to irregular warfare;**

- 1 (3) has a demonstrated network of foreign aca-
- 2 demic and government partners;
- 3 (4) has availability of facility space and staff;
- 4 and
- 5 (5) has the ability to provide immediate support
- 6 for full operational capability.





**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO**

At the appropriate place in title XVI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16** \_\_\_\_ . **REPORTING MECHANISM ON USE OF CONSULT-**  
2 **ANTS, INFORMANTS, AND OTHER HUMAN**  
3 **SOURCES TO ACQUIRE INTELLIGENCE IN-**  
4 **FORMATION.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
7 Defense shall establish a mechanism for documenting and  
8 reporting to the congressional defense committees regard-  
9 ing the use of consultants, informants, or other human  
10 sources by any element of the Department of Defense, in-  
11 cluding any military department, to acquire intelligence in-  
12 formation.

13 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The mechanism under subsection  
14 (a) shall include, at a minimum, a requirement that the  
15 Secretary of Defense document and, on a quarterly basis,  
16 notify the congressional defense committees of any activity  
17 (other than an activity subject to regulation under a cov-  
18 ered directive) that—

1 (1) is carried out during that quarter by the  
2 Secretary; and

3 (2) involves the use of a consultant, informant,  
4 or other human source to acquire intelligence infor-  
5 mation.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “covered directive” means the fol-  
8 lowing directives (or any such successor directives):

9 (A) Intelligence Community Directives 304  
10 (relating to human intelligence).

11 (B) Intelligence Community Directive 310  
12 (relating to the coordination of clandestine  
13 human source and human-enabled foreign intel-  
14 ligence collection and counterintelligence activi-  
15 ties outside the United States).

16 (C) Intelligence Community Directive 311  
17 (relating to the coordination of clandestine  
18 human source and human-enabled foreign intel-  
19 ligence collection and counterintelligence activi-  
20 ties inside the United States).

21 (2) The term “informant” means any individual  
22 who furnishes information to the Department of De-  
23 fense in the course of a confidential relationship with

1 the Department under which the identity of such in-  
2 dividual is protected from public disclosure.



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### **Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Addressing the Cellular Intercept Threat**

The Committee is concerned about the ability of United States adversaries and criminal elements' abilities to intercept cellular information both domestically and internationally by deploying "Rogue Base Stations" as cellular intercept devices and the capability of the Department of Defense to effectively identify and mitigate any potential threats to personnel affiliated with the Department. The Committee believes the capability to counter the potential threat from rogue base stations should be explored by the Department. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than April 1, 2024, on the actions being taken by the Department to identify and mitigate rogue base station threats to Department of Defense personnel. The briefing shall include the following:

- (1) an evaluation of the Department's current effort to identify and mitigate rogue base stations;
- (2) plans to develop tactics, techniques, and procedures to properly identify rogue base station threats;
- (3) the Department's use of existing commercially available capabilities to identify the use of rogue base stations;
- (4) an analysis of the challenges facing the Department in terms of developing and implementing strategies to effectively identify and mitigate rogue base station threats, including funding limitations, required policy changes, or barriers in utilizing commercially available technology for collection; and
- (5) any other relevant matters the Secretary of Defense deems appropriate.

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**Offered by: Mr. Strong**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**USSOCOM Unmanned ISR Command and Control**

The committee acknowledges the importance of robust command and control (C2) for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and U.S. Special Operations Command's urgent need for an expeditionary and modern Ground Control Station (GCS) for UAS. Legacy GCS have a large logistical footprint, greatly increasing the cost and schedule required to deploy the system into theater. Therefore, the committee directs the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than November 23, 2023, on plans to complete upgrades of the MQ-1C Gray Eagle UAS inventory with expeditionary command and control stations and advanced mission processing kits.

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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Nuclear and Radiological Exposure Countermeasures**

The committee notes that the Department of Defense may need to improve its methods of treating personnel with internal radionuclide contamination and heavy metal poisoning. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services by January 31, 2024, on the current countermeasures available for internal radionuclide contamination. The briefing should include information concerning the threat environment related to nuclear and radiological weapons use, available treatments for internal nuclear and radiological exposure, and the plan to develop a shelf-stable, field deployable countermeasure for use in a deployed environment and for use in a domestic nuclear or radiological event.

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### **Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Rotary Wing Support to West Coast Navy Special Warfare Units**

The committee remains concerned about the Navy's recent decision to decommission Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight Five (HSC-85), the last remaining naval aviation unit providing dedicated support to special operations. The committee notes that the House of Representatives included a provision in the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 7600), directing a pause to the Department of the Navy's stated intent to deactivate this squadron without an executable plan to mitigate operational impacts to Navy Special Warfare Command and its four (4) Sea Air Land (SEALs) teams based on the southwest coast of the United States. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, and the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than December 1, 2023, addressing the operational impact of HSC-85 deactivation. This briefing shall include:

- (1) the current status of HSC-85 aircraft, personnel and equipment;
- (2) an impact assessment of the estimated loss of approximately 800 annual rotary wing flight hours supporting west coast Navy Special Warfare Command units;
- (3) an assessment of impacts to Navy Special Warfare operational readiness in the Indo-Pacific Command theater of operations; and
- (4) the Department of Defense's plan to mitigate the operational impact of HSC-85 deactivation.

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**Offered by Mr. Strong**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Biodefense Posture, Capabilities, and Activities Briefing**

The committee is concerned about global biological threats and is aware that the Department is currently undertaking a review of biological threats and its current defense capabilities. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than October 31, 2023, on biodefense posture, capabilities, and activities. The briefing should include the following information: (1) an assessment of Department efforts to address enduring and emerging biological weapons; (2) identification of biodefense priorities, roles and responsibilities within the Department, authorities across Department entities; (3) current prevention, detection, and response capabilities; and (4) updates from the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, National Center for Medical Intelligence, and the Defense Health Agency.



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#### **Offered by: Mr. Moulton**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### Assessment of the Efficacy of U.S. Operations in the Information Environment

The committee notes the continuing emphasis on, and importance of, the Department of Defense's operations in the information environment (OIE). OIE are critical to the Department's ability to influence the decision-making of adversaries and it is therefore incumbent upon the Department to ensure OIE effectively contributes to overall mission objectives. The committee notes that Section 1749 of Public Law 116-283 directed the establishment of "a Department of Defense entity to develop, apply, and continually refine an assessment capability for defining and measuring the impact of Department of Defense information operations".

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with Geographic Combatant Commanders; Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than May 31, 2024, assessing the efficacy of military OIE. The briefing shall include the following elements:

- (1) composition, duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the entity established by section 1749 of Public Law 116-283;
- (2) an assessment by the entity of the effectiveness of OIE for each Combatant Command, including objectives and end states for existing operations with OIE lines of effort, and a description of assessment methodologies used to evaluate impact and effectiveness;
- (3) a description of Department of Defense formal and informal coordination on OIE with the interagency, including coordination with the Department of State's public affairs and public diplomacy specialists; and
- (4) any other matters the Secretary determines relevant.

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**OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subsection (e) of section 591  
[log77389] add the following new paragraph:

1           (4) The term “force structure”, when used with  
2           respect to an organization, means the type of organi-  
3           zation, the mission of the organization, the personnel  
4           required to operate the organization, and the equip-  
5           ment required to execute the mission of the organi-  
6           zation.



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**Offered by: Mr. Luttrell**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Hyper-Enabled Awareness Kit

The committee supports the Department of Defense's efforts to develop a hyper-enabled awareness kit (HEAK) to supplement manual communication systems and to address challenges with primary communications channels. The committee recognizes the Department's need for a secure software messaging platform-based communications system that allows the warfighter to simultaneously communicate and transmit data that is often lost through manual processes. Therefore, the committee directs the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than February 1, 2024, on HEAKs and how future funding would be used within this program.