

Questions for the Record for The Honorable William Evanina, submitted by Mr. Issa of California

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1. To clarify your testimony at the hearing, is it your understanding that when the Biden Administration announced the end of the China Initiative, it did not immediately terminate any active investigations or prosecutions of Chinese malign activity and those were allowed to continue?
2. According to Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen, the China Initiative was ended in favor of a “broader approach” that also addressed Russia, Iran, North Korea, and potentially other nations due to the “current threat landscape.” Do you agree that the “threat landscape” changed between 2018 and 2022 such that China’s malign activity no longer warranted particular focus the way it did when the China Initiative was begun in 2018?
3. Do you believe that Chinese malign activity with respect to intellectual property presents greater, lesser, or the same threat to the United States as Russia, Iran, and North Korea?
4. Based on your experience, how did the Chinese Communist Party likely view the Biden Administration’s announcement that the China Initiative was being ended and that there would no longer be a dedicated counterintelligence and law enforcement effort focused specifically on Chinese malign activity? Were they more likely to have been encouraged or discouraged to continue or expand their activities? Did the announcement project strength or weakness on our part from the perspective of the Chinese Communist Party?
5. Do you believe that a dedicated counterintelligence and law enforcement effort focused specifically on Chinese malign activity would improve the ability of the U.S. government to protect American interests with respect to intellectual property?