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(U) Chairman Gallagher, Ranking Member Krishnamoorthi, distinguished members of the Committee; I am honored to represent the men and women of U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency as my time as the Commander and Director draws to a close. Thank you for this opportunity to reflect on the considerable changes I have witnessed in the technological and operational environments over my five and a half year tenure, and to hear your concerns.

(U) The People's Republic of China (PRC) poses a challenge unlike any our Nation and allies have faced before, competing fiercely in the information domain. PRC cyber actors are prepositioning in our U.S. critical infrastructure and it is not acceptable. Defending against this activity is our top priority.

(U) The men and women of USCYBERCOM and NSA continue to maintain our strategic advantage by contesting the threats posed by the PRC in cyberspace by using the full scope of our authorities and the full spectrum of our capabilities to impose costs, deny benefits, and encourage restraint on part of the adversary. We will continue to strengthen partnerships across the U.S. Government, foreign partners, and private industry so that we may operate anywhere we are needed. We are ready, and postured to contest PRC malicious activities, at home and abroad.

(U) While cyberspace threats have increased, our force to counter these threats are stronger and more capable. USCYBERCOM and NSA are using our capabilities and partnerships to deny the PRC opportunities, frustrate their strategic efforts, and systematically eradicate intrusions.

(U) One significant contribution in our ability to counter these threats is our relationship with the private sector. USCYBERCOM and NSA's partnerships with industry have underpinned the U.S. Government's ability to track, detect, and mitigate PRC's activity against U.S. infrastructure at scale. One example of the impact of these strong relationships was demonstrated in our May 2023 Cybersecurity Advisory, which was the first documented PRC activity against U.S. Critical Infrastructure, referred to publically as VOLTTYPHOON. For the first time ever, 11 different industry partners co-sealed the NSA advisory along with our interagency partners. Additionally, other industry partners contributed behind the scenes in partnership with the Cybersecurity Collaboration Center.

(U) Lastly, I would like to reiterate my appreciation for the opportunity to speak with you this afternoon; and recognize the Committee's continued efforts to bring attention to this critically important issue which impacts our national security and the lives and livelihoods of the American people. I look forward to our conversation.