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FROM: Frederick J. Meny, Jr.
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SUBJECT: CYs 2023–2024 Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (CISA)
Evaluation (Project No. 2025-503)

As required by the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA), we are initiating an evaluation of the sharing capabilities used by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Pursuant to CISA requirements, we will assist in creating an interagency report on the actions taken by the executive branch of the federal government to carry out cybersecurity information sharing during calendar years (CYs) 2023–2024.

The joint report will be issued through a committee led by the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Attached is the committee's announcement memorandum, which includes the project objective.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss the objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 793-2938, Dr. Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 793-2957, or Chuck Mitchell, Director for Cybersecurity, at (202) 809-9528.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this evaluation.

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Attachment: Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community memorandum titled *(U) Interagency Joint Report on Compliance with the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (AUD-2025-001)*



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SUBJECT: (U) Interagency Joint Report on Compliance with the
Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (AUD-2025-
001)

(U) On December 18, 2015, Congress enacted the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (6 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq.) (CISA). CISA requires the Inspectors General of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, and Treasury, in consultation with the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (IC IG) and the Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight, to submit to Congress an interagency report on the actions taken over the most recent 2-year period to carry out CISA requirements.

(U) The objective of this project is to provide a joint report on actions taken during the calendar years 2023 and 2024. The report will address the elements required in 6 U.S.C. § 1506(b)(2), including:

- (U) The sufficiency of policies and procedures related to sharing cyber threat indicators within the Federal Government;
- (U) Whether cyber threat indicators and defensive measures were properly classified, and an accounting of the security clearances authorized for the purpose of sharing cyber threat indicators or defensive measures with the private sector;
- (U) Actions taken to use and disseminate cyber threat indicators and defensive measures shared with the Federal Government, including the appropriateness of subsequent uses and disseminations of cyber threat indicators and defense measures, and whether the cyber threat indicators or defense measures were shared in a timely and adequate manner with appropriate entities or the public;

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- (U) Specific aspects of cyber threat indicators or defensive measures that were shared with the Federal Government, including:
 - (U) The number of cyber security threat indicators or defensive measures shared using the capability [Automated Indicator Sharing] implemented by the Department of Homeland Security;
 - (U) Instances in which any federal or non-federal entity shared information that was not directly related to a cybersecurity threat and contained personally identifiable information (PII);
 - (U) The number of times, according to the Attorney General, that information shared under this title was used by a federal entity to prosecute an offense listed in 6 U.S.C.A. § 1504(d)(5)(A);
 - (U) The effect of sharing cyber threat indicators or defensive measures with the Federal Government on privacy and civil liberties of specific persons, including the number of notices that were issued with respect to a failure to remove information not directly related to a cybersecurity threat that contained PII;
 - (U) The adequacy of steps taken by the Federal Government to reduce any adverse effect from activities carried out under this title on privacy and civil liberties of specific persons; and
- (U) Barriers affecting the sharing of cyber threat indicators or defensive measures.

(U) The Inspectors General for the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, and Treasury, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence will prepare the report by December 18, 2025.

(U//FOUO) If you have any questions, please contact IC IG liaisons, Mr. Peter Fisher at 571-204-8008 or peter.j.fisher@odni.gov, or Mr. Ryan Kenny at 571-204-8056 or ryan.m.kenny@odni.gov.

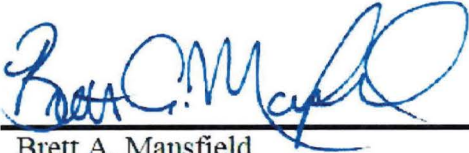
(U) Thank you for your continued support and cooperation on this effort.

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