(b) Intelligence community reporting

(1) In general

Not less frequently than once every 6 months, each covered official shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees a report on investigations of unauthorized public disclosures of classified information.

(2) Elements

Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to the preceding 6-month period, the following:

- (A) The number of investigations opened by the covered official regarding an unauthorized public disclosure of classified information.
- (B) The number of investigations completed by the covered official regarding an unauthorized public disclosure of classified information.
- (C) Of the number of such completed investigations identified under subparagraph (B), the number referred to the Attorney General for criminal investigation.

(c) Department of Justice reporting

(1) In general

Not less frequently than once every 6 months, the Assistant Attorney General for National Security of the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report on the status of each referral made to the Department of Justice from any element of the intelligence community regarding an unauthorized disclosure of classified information made during the most recent 365-day period or any referral that has not yet been closed, regardless of the date the referral was made.

(2) Contents

Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include, for each referral covered by the report, at a minimum, the following:

- (A) The date the referral was received.
- (B) A statement indicating whether the alleged unauthorized disclosure described in the referral was substantiated by the Department of Justice.
- (C) A statement indicating the highest level of classification of the information that was revealed in the unauthorized disclosure
- (D) A statement indicating whether an open criminal investigation related to the referral is active.
- (E) A statement indicating whether any criminal charges have been filed related to the referral.
- (F) A statement indicating whether the Department of Justice has been able to attribute the unauthorized disclosure to a particular entity or individual.

(d) Form of reports

Each report submitted under this section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may have a classified annex. (July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title XI, §1105, as added Pub. L. 116-92, div. E, title LXVII, §6718(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2228.)

§3236. Inspector General external review panel

(a) Request for review

An individual with a claim described in subsection (b) may submit to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community a request for a review of such claim by an external review panel convened under subsection (c).

(b) Claims and individuals described

- A claim described in this subsection is any—(1) claim by an individual—
 - (A) that the individual has been subjected to a personnel action that is prohibited under section 3234 of this title; and
 - (B) who has exhausted the applicable review process for the claim pursuant to enforcement of such section; or
 - (2) claim by an individual—
 - (A) that he or she has been subjected to a reprisal prohibited by paragraph (1) of section 3341(j) of this title; and
 - (B) who received a decision on an appeal regarding that claim under paragraph (4) of such section.

(c) External review panel convened

(1) Discretion to convene

Upon receipt of a request under subsection (a) regarding a claim, the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community may, at the discretion of the Inspector General, convene an external review panel under this subsection to review the claim.

(2) Membership

(A) Composition

An external review panel convened under this subsection shall be composed of three members as follows:

- (i) The Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.
- (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), two members selected by the Inspector General as the Inspector General considers appropriate on a case-by-case basis from among inspectors general of the following:
 - (I) The Department of Defense.
 - (II) The Department of Energy.
 - (III) The Department of Homeland Security.
 - (IV) The Department of Justice.
 - (V) The Department of State.
 - (VI) The Department of the Treasury.
 - (VIII) The Central Intelligence Agency.
 - (VIII) The Defense Intelligence Agency.
 - (IX) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.
 - (X) The National Reconnaissance Office
 - (XI) The National Security Agency.

(B) Limitation

An inspector general of an agency may not be selected to sit on the panel under sub-paragraph (A)(ii) to review any matter relating to a decision made by such agency.

(C) Chairperson

(i) In general

Except as provided in clause (ii), the chairperson of any panel convened under this subsection shall be the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

(ii) Conflicts of interest

If the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community finds cause to recuse himself or herself from a panel convened under this subsection, the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community shall—

(I) select a chairperson from inspectors general of the elements listed under subparagraph (A)(ii) whom the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community considers appropriate; and

(II) notify the congressional intelligence committees of such selection.

(3) Period of review

Each external review panel convened under this subsection to review a claim shall complete review of the claim no later than 270 days after the date on which the Inspector General convenes the external review panel.

(d) Remedies

(1) Panel recommendations

If an external review panel convened under subsection (c) determines, pursuant to a review of a claim submitted by an individual under subsection (a), that the individual was the subject of a personnel action prohibited under section 3234 of this title or was subjected to a reprisal prohibited by section 3341(j)(1) of this title, the panel may recommend that the agency head take corrective action—

- (A) in the case of an employee or former employee— $\,$
 - (i) to return the employee or former employee, as nearly as practicable and reasonable, to the position such employee or former employee would have held had the reprisal not occurred; or
 - (ii) reconsider the employee's or former employee's eligibility for access to classified information consistent with national security; or
- (B) in any other case, such other action as the external review panel considers appropriate.

(2) Agency action

(A) In general

Not later than 90 days after the date on which the head of an agency receives a recommendation from an external review panel under paragraph (1), the head shall—

- (i) give full consideration to such recommendation; and
- (ii) inform the panel and the Director of National Intelligence of what action the head has taken with respect to the recommendation.

(B) Failure to inform

The Director shall notify the President of any failures to comply with subparagraph (A)(ii).

(e) Annual reports

(1) In general

Not less frequently than once each year, the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees and the Director of National Intelligence a report on the activities under this section during the previous year.

(2) Contents

Subject to such limitations as the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community considers necessary to protect the privacy of an individual who has made a claim described in subsection (b), each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include, for the period covered by the report, the following:

- (A) The determinations and recommendations made by the external review panels convened under this section.
- (B) The responses of the heads of agencies that received recommendations from the external review panels.

(July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title XI, \$1106, as added Pub. L. 116–92, div. E, title LIII, \$5332(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2137.)

§ 3237. Annual reports on influence operations and campaigns in the United States by the Chinese Communist Party

(a) Requirement

On an annual basis, consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the influence operations and campaigns in the United States conducted by the Chinese Communist Party.

(b) Contents

Each report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the organization of the United Front Work Department of the People's Republic of China, or the successors of the United Front Work Department, and the links between the United Front Work Department and the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.
- (2) An assessment of the degree to which organizations that are associated with or receive funding from the United Front Work Department, particularly such entities operating in the United States, are formally tasked by the Chinese Communist Party or the Government of China
- (3) A description of the efforts by the United Front Work Department and subsidiary organizations of the United Front Work Department to target, coerce, and influence foreign populations, particularly those of ethnic Chinese descent.
- (4) An assessment of attempts by the Chinese Embassy, consulates, and organizations affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party (including, at a minimum, the United Front Work Department) to influence the United