

ally thereafter until December 31, 2026, the head of the Office established under subsection (a) shall provide to the congressional committees specified in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (D) of subsection (1)(1) classified briefings on unidentified aerial phenomena.

(2) First briefing

The first briefing provided under paragraph (1) shall include all incidents involving unidentified aerial phenomena that were reported to the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force or to the Office established under subsection (a) after June 24, 2021, regardless of the date of occurrence of the incident.

(3) Subsequent briefings

Each briefing provided subsequent to the first briefing described in paragraph (2) shall include, at a minimum, all events relating to unidentified aerial phenomena that occurred during the previous 180 days, and events relating to unidentified aerial phenomena that were not included in an earlier briefing.

(4) Instances in which data was not shared

For each briefing period, the head of the Office established under subsection (a) shall jointly provide to the chairman and the ranking minority member or vice chairman of the congressional committees specified in subparagraphs (A) and (D) of subsection (k)(1) an enumeration of any instances in which data relating to unidentified aerial phenomena was not provided to the Office because of classification restrictions on that data or for any other reason.

(j) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Office established under subsection (a), including with respect to—

- (1) general intelligence gathering and intelligence analysis; and
- (2) strategic defense, space defense, defense of controlled air space, defense of ground, air, or naval assets, and related purposes.

(k) Task Force termination

Not later than the date on which the Secretary establishes the Office under subsection (a), the Secretary shall terminate the Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Task Force.

(l) Definitions

In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(A) The Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(B) The Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(C) The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(D) The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(2) The term “intelligence community” has the meaning given such term in section 3003 of this title.

(3) The term “line organization” means, with respect to a department or agency of the Federal Government, an organization that executes programs and activities to directly advance the core functions and missions of the department or agency to which the organization is subordinate, but, with respect to the Department of Defense, does not include a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

(4) The term “transmedium objects or devices” means objects or devices that are observed to transition between space and the atmosphere, or between the atmosphere and bodies of water, that are not immediately identifiable.

(5) The term “unidentified aerial phenomena” means—

(A) airborne objects that are not immediately identifiable;

(B) transmedium objects or devices; and

(C) submerged objects or devices that are not immediately identifiable and that display behavior or performance characteristics suggesting that the objects or devices may be related to the objects or devices described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVI, § 1683, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2118.)

SUBCHAPTER V—MANAGEMENT OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

§ 3381. Coordination of counterintelligence activities

(a) Establishment of Counterintelligence Policy Board

There is established within the executive branch of Government a National Counterintelligence Policy Board (in this section referred to as the “Board”). The Board shall report to the President through the National Security Council.

(b) Chairperson

The Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center appointed under section 902 of the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002 (50 U.S.C. 3382) shall serve as the chairperson of the Board.

(c) Membership

The membership of the National Counterintelligence Policy Board shall consist of the following:

(1) The Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

(2) Senior personnel of departments and elements of the United States Government, appointed by the head of the department or element concerned, as follows:

(A) The Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(B) The Department of Defense, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(C) The Department of State.

(D) The Department of Energy.

(E) The Central Intelligence Agency.

(F) Any other department, agency, or element of the United States Government specified by the President.

(d) Functions and discharge of functions

(1) The Board shall—

(A) serve as the principal mechanism for—

(i) developing policies and procedures for the approval of the President to govern the conduct of counterintelligence activities; and

(ii) upon the direction of the President, resolving conflicts that arise between elements of the Government conducting such activities; and

(B) act as an interagency working group to—

(i) ensure the discussion and review of matters relating to the implementation of the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002; and

(ii) provide advice to the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center on priorities in the implementation of the National Counterintelligence Strategy produced pursuant to section 904(d)(2) of that Act (50 U.S.C. 3383(d)(2)).

(2) The Board may, for purposes of carrying out its functions under this section, establish such interagency boards and working groups as the Board considers appropriate.

(e) Coordination of counterintelligence matters with Federal Bureau of Investigation

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the head of each department or agency within the executive branch shall ensure that—

(A) the Federal Bureau of Investigation is advised immediately of any information, regardless of its origin, which indicates that classified information is being, or may have been, disclosed in an unauthorized manner to a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power;

(B) following a report made pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Federal Bureau of Investigation is consulted with respect to all subsequent actions which may be undertaken by the department or agency concerned to determine the source of such loss or compromise; and

(C) where, after appropriate consultation with the department or agency concerned, the Federal Bureau of Investigation undertakes investigative activities to determine the source of the loss or compromise, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is given complete and timely access to the employees and records of the department or agency concerned for purposes of such investigative activities.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall ensure that espionage information obtained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to the personnel, operations, or information of departments or agencies of the executive branch, is provided through appropriate channels in a timely manner to the department or agency concerned, and that such departments or agencies are consulted in a timely manner with respect to espionage investigations undertaken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which involve the personnel, operations, or information of such department or agency.

(3)(A) The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to the head of the department or agency concerned a written assess-

ment of the potential impact of the actions of the department or agency on a counterintelligence investigation.

(B) The head of the department or agency concerned shall—

(i) use an assessment under subparagraph (A) as an aid in determining whether, and under what circumstances, the subject of an investigation under paragraph (1) should be left in place for investigative purposes; and

(ii) notify in writing the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of such determination.

(C) The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the head of the department or agency concerned shall continue to consult, as appropriate, to review the status of an investigation covered by this paragraph, and to reassess, as appropriate, a determination of the head of the department or agency concerned to leave a subject in place for investigative purposes.

(4)(A) The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall notify appropriate officials within the executive branch, including the head of the department or agency concerned, of the commencement of a full field espionage investigation with respect to an employee within the executive branch.

(B) A department or agency may not conduct a polygraph examination, interrogate, or otherwise take any action that is likely to alert an employee covered by a notice under subparagraph (A) of an investigation described in that subparagraph without prior coordination and consultation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(5) Where essential to meet extraordinary circumstances affecting vital national security interests of the United States, the President may on a case-by-case basis waive the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), or (3), as they apply to the head of a particular department or agency, or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Such waiver shall be in writing and shall fully state the justification for such waiver. Within thirty days, the President shall notify the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives that such waiver has been issued, and at that time or as soon as national security considerations permit, provide these committees with a complete explanation of the circumstances which necessitated such waiver.

(6) Nothing in this section may be construed to alter the existing jurisdictional arrangements between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Defense with respect to investigations of persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, nor to impose additional reporting requirements upon the Department of Defense with respect to such investigations beyond those required by existing law and executive branch policy.

(7) As used in this section, the terms “foreign power” and “agent of a foreign power” have the same meanings as set forth in sections¹ 1801(a) and (b), respectively, of this title.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section”.

(Pub. L. 103-359, title VIII, § 811, Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3455; Pub. L. 106-120, title VI, § 602, Dec. 3, 1999, 113 Stat. 1620; Pub. L. 106-567, title VI, § 605, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2853; Pub. L. 107-306, title VIII, § 811(b)(5)(B), title IX, § 903, Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2424, 2433; Pub. L. 108-177, title III, § 361(g), Dec. 13, 2003, 117 Stat. 2625; Pub. L. 108-458, title I, § 1071(g)(1), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3691; Pub. L. 115-31, div. N, title IV, § 401(f), May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 819.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(B), is title IX of Pub. L. 107-306, Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2432. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 402a of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section. Some section numbers of this title referenced in amendment notes below reflect the classification of such sections prior to their editorial reclassification.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-31, § 401(f)(1), substituted “Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center appointed under section 902 of the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002 (50 U.S.C. 3382)” for “National Counterintelligence Executive under section 902 of the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 115-31, § 401(f)(2), substituted “Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.” for “National Counterintelligence Executive.”

Subsec. (d)(1)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 115-31, § 401(f)(3), substituted “Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center” for “National Counterintelligence Executive” and “pursuant to section 904(d)(2) of that Act (50 U.S.C. 3383(d)(2))” for “by the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive under section 904(e)(2) of that Act”.

2004—Subsec. (c)(6)(C). Pub. L. 108-458, which directed amendment of subsec. (c)(6)(C) by substituting “Director of National Intelligence” for “Director of Central Intelligence”, could not be executed because of the amendments by Pub. L. 107-306, § 903(a)(2), and Pub. L. 108-177. See 2002 and 2003 Amendment notes below.

2003—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 108-177, which directed the amendment of subsec. (c) by redesignating pars. (7) and (8) as (6) and (7), respectively, and striking out former par. (6), was executed by making the amendment to subsec. (e) to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the redesignation of subsec. (c) as (e) by Pub. L. 107-306, § 903(a)(2), see below. Prior to amendment, par. (6) read as follows:

“(6)(A) Not later each year than the date provided in section 415b of this title, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees (as defined in section 401a of this title) a report with respect to compliance with paragraphs (1) and (2) during the previous calendar year.

“(B) Not later than February 1 each year, the Director shall, in accordance with applicable security procedures, submit to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives a report with respect to compliance with paragraphs (1) and (2) during the previous calendar year.

“(C) The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit each report under this paragraph in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense.”

2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-306, § 903(a)(1), (3), added subsec. (b) and struck out heading and text of former

subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “The Board shall serve as the principal mechanism for—

“(1) developing policies and procedures for the approval of the President to govern the conduct of counterintelligence activities; and

“(2) resolving conflicts, as directed by the President, which may arise between elements of the Government which carry out such activities.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-306, § 903(b), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 107-306, § 811(b)(5)(B), amended par. (6) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (6) read as follows: “The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall, in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense, report annually, beginning on February 1, 1995, and continuing each year thereafter, to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and, in accordance with applicable security procedures, the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate with respect to compliance with paragraphs (1) and (2) during the previous calendar year.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-306, § 903(c), added subsec. (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-306, § 903(a)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (e).

2000—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 106-567, § 605(a)(1), substituted “paragraph (5)” for “paragraph (3)”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 106-567, § 605(a)(1), (b), substituted “paragraph (5)” for “paragraph (3)” and inserted “in a timely manner” after “through appropriate channels” and “are consulted”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 106-567, § 605(a)(3), added par. (3). Former par. (3) redesignated (5).

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 106-567, § 605(a), (c), added par. (4). Former par. (4) redesignated (6).

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 106-567, § 605(a)(2), (4), redesignated par. (3) as (5) and substituted “paragraph (1), (2), or (3)” for “paragraph (1) or (2)”. Former par. (5) redesignated (7).

Subsec. (c)(6) to (8). Pub. L. 106-567, § 605(a)(2), redesignated pars. (4) to (6) as (6) to (8), respectively.

1999—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 106-120 struck out “after a report has been provided pursuant to paragraph (1)(A)” before period at end.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

For Determination by President that amendment by Pub. L. 108-458 take effect on Apr. 21, 2005, see Memorandum of President of the United States, Apr. 21, 2005, 70 F.R. 23925, set out as a note under section 3001 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-458 effective not later than six months after Dec. 17, 2004, except as otherwise expressly provided, see section 1097(a) of Pub. L. 108-458, set out in an Effective Date of 2004 Amendment; Transition Provisions note under section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-177 effective Dec. 31, 2003, see section 361(n) of Pub. L. 108-177, set out as a note under section 1611 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

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Pub. L. 105-107, title III, § 308, Nov. 20, 1997, 111 Stat. 2253, as amended by Pub. L. 107-306, title VIII, § 811(b)(5)(D), Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2424, related to annual reports to Congress by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on intelligence activities of the People's Republic of China directed against or affecting the interests of the United States, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108-177, title III, § 361(f), Dec. 13, 2003, 117 Stat. 2625.

§ 3382. Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center

(a) Establishment

There shall be a Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (referred to in this section as the “Director”), who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) Mission

The mission of the Director shall be to serve as the head of national counterintelligence for the United States Government.

(c) Duties

Subject to the direction and control of the Director of National Intelligence, the duties of the Director are as follows:

(1) To carry out the mission referred to in subsection (b).

(2) To act as chairperson of the National Counterintelligence Policy Board established under section 3381 of this title.

(3) To act as head of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center established under section 3383 of this title.

(4) To participate as an observer on such boards, committees, and entities of the executive branch as the Director of National Intelligence considers appropriate for the discharge of the mission and functions of the Director and the National Counterintelligence and Security Center under section 3383 of this title.

(Pub. L. 107–306, title IX, §902, Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2432; Pub. L. 108–458, title I, §1072(d)(1)(B), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3693; Pub. L. 114–113, div. M, title IV, §401(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2920; Pub. L. 115–31, div. N, title IV, §401(a)(1), (3), May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 816, 817.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 402b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Pub. L. 115–31, §401(a)(1), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the National Counterintelligence Executive.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–31, §401(a)(3), provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 114–113, §401(a), was deemed to not have taken effect. See 2015 Amendment and Effective Date of 2015 Amendment notes below.

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–113, which directed that subsec. (a) be amended to read as follows:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be a National Counterintelligence Executive who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”

was deemed to not have taken effect by Pub. L. 115–31, §401(a)(3). See 2017 Amendment note above.

2004—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108–458, §1072(d)(1)(B)(i), substituted “Director of National Intelligence” for “President”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108–458, §1072(d)(1)(B), substituted “Director of National Intelligence” for “President” and “Director of the Central Intelligence Agency” for “Director of Central Intelligence”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108–458, §1072(d)(1)(B)(i), substituted “Director of National Intelligence” for “President” in two places.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115–31, div. N, title IV, §401(a)(3), May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 817, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) of section 401 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (division M of Public Law 114–113) [amending this section] shall not take effect, or, if the date of the enactment of this Act [May 5, 2017] is on or after the effective date specified in subsection (b) of such section [Dec. 18, 2016, see note below], such amendment shall be deemed to not have taken effect.”

Pub. L. 114–113, div. M, title IV, §401(b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2921, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 2015].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

For Determination by President that amendment by Pub. L. 108–458 take effect on Apr. 21, 2005, see Memorandum of President of the United States, Apr. 21, 2005, 70 F.R. 23925, set out as a note under section 3001 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–458 effective not later than six months after Dec. 17, 2004, except as otherwise expressly provided, see section 1097(a) of Pub. L. 108–458, set out in an Effective Date of 2004 Amendment; Transition Provisions note under section 3001 of this title.

PURPOSE

Pub. L. 107–306, title IX, §901(b), Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2432, provided that: “The purpose of this title [see Tables for classification] is to facilitate the enhancement of the counterintelligence activities of the United States Government by—

“(1) enabling the counterintelligence community of the United States Government to fulfill better its mission of identifying, assessing, prioritizing, and countering the intelligence threats to the United States;

“(2) ensuring that the counterintelligence community of the United States Government acts in an efficient and effective manner; and

“(3) providing for the integration of all the counterintelligence activities of the United States Government.”

§ 3383. National Counterintelligence and Security Center

(a) Establishment

There shall be a National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

(b) Head of Center

The Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center shall be the head of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

(c) Location of Center

The National Counterintelligence and Security Center shall be located in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

(d) Functions

Subject to the direction and control of the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, the functions of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center shall be as follows:

(1) National threat identification and prioritization assessment

Subject to subsection (e), in consultation with appropriate department and agencies of