

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

AUG 29 2017

The Honorable Devin Nunes  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nunes and Ranking Member Schiff:

This letter responds to congressional direction in the classified annex to accompany the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, Division C, Department of Defense Appropriations Act* (P.L. 115-31), which requires the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to report on the transmission of guidance on reprogrammings, transfers, and new starts to intelligence community (IC) employees.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) has made continued progress to educate IC employees on legal requirements and policies regarding reprogramming and transfer actions. In addition to discussions with IC Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) through teleconferences and meetings, ODNI staff recently conducted a series of classroom courses covering the guidelines in the updated reprogramming and transfer instruction to include the specific classified annex direction. In total, over 150 IC personnel from 16 defense and non-defense agencies and organizations attended the training representing the following categories of employees: Budget Analyst, Legal, Legislative, Management, Funds Control, Analyst, Financial Advisor, and Policy. The intent is to have this training included in the ODNI annual training cycle with each of the IC agencies and organizations to include any updated policy changes and guidelines.

Within the revised guidelines document and during the classroom training, emphasis was placed on activities determined as new starts and congressional special interest items, as defined in the classified annex. The guidelines and classroom training program also clarified below threshold reprogramming policy and authority for its use. The updated Reprogramming and Transfer guidance document will be posted to a web-based library of National Intelligence

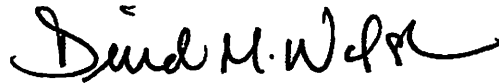
The Honorable Devin Nunes  
The Honorable Adam Schiff

Program (NIP) financial management instructions, accessible by the IC, as soon a final legal review is completed.

Beyond the classroom training program, the DNI expects all Program CFOs/Executives to inform their financial officers of NIP legal requirements and policies regarding reprogramming and transfer procedures.

Originals of this letter are also being sent to the leadership of the other committees with intelligence oversight responsibilities. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs at (703) 275-2474.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deirdre M. Walsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Deirdre M. Walsh