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PCLOB REPORT FINDS INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 14086 SAFEGUARDS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) has released a report examining the Intelligence Community’s (IC’s) implementation of Executive Order 14086 – *Enhancing Safeguards for United States Signals Intelligence Activities* – through the adoption of appropriate policies and procedures, supplemental guidance, and training by relevant IC elements.

The report concludes that IC elements have successfully updated their policies and procedures to comply with the requirements of E.O. 14086. More specifically, the PCLOB assesses that the relevant IC elements have implemented sufficient internal processes to ensure compliance, review, and oversight of signals intelligence activities consistent with the expanded privacy and civil liberties protections outlined in the order. Among other things, the PCLOB finds that all IC elements’ updated policies and procedures, as required under E.O. 14086, align the rules for handling of non-U.S. persons’ personal information collected through signals intelligence activities with the rules for handling of U.S. persons’ personal information collected through signals intelligence activities.

“I endorse the report in its entirety,” Board Member Beth Williams said. “The professional staff’s review of the IC elements’ updated policies and procedures was comprehensive, and their assessments and recommendations are well-founded and reasonable. This report provides important transparency, and I believe it will contribute significantly to the public discourse on the U.S. government’s policies and procedures concerning its signals intelligence activities.”

Based on the information available to the PCLOB as of the date of this report, no IC element has yet experienced a significant incident of non-compliance with E.O. 14086. Continued training, however, of IC personnel on E.O. 14086’s requirements is important to ensure future compliance.

This report by the PCLOB staff fulfills the PCLOB's public commitment to review updated IC policies and procedures to ensure they are consistent with the Executive Order's enhanced safeguards. The PCLOB intends to review in a future report the processing of qualifying complaints under the redress mechanism established by E.O. 14086.

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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is an independent agency within the Executive Branch established by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. The Board's mission is to ensure that the federal government's efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties.