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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
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OF THE

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON

H.R. 2670

together with

ADDITIONAL VIEWS

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]



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trol, scalable human-machine teaming, and operational test and training infrastructure and readiness activities.

Tracking of High-Altitude Surveillance Objects Report

A Chinese balloon operating at high altitude was shot down off the coast of South Carolina in February of 2023. The committee is concerned that this incident was not a one-time occurrence.

Therefore, the committee directs the Commander of U.S. Northern Command, in coordination with the Commander of U.S. Space Command, to submit a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 1, 2024, on all foreign objects that have operated either actively or passively in United States airspace from January 2021 through the date of the briefing. This briefing shall include, but is not limited to, the following information: number of objects by country, type of objects, country of origin of objects, objects' length of time over the United States, flight path of the object, if the object had any intelligence collection capabilities, and any other information the Commanders may deem relevant. This briefing shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may include a classified portion.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Addressing the Cellular Intercept Threat

The Committee is concerned about the ability of United States adversaries and criminal elements' abilities to intercept cellular information both domestically and internationally by deploying "Rogue Base Stations" as cellular intercept devices and the capability of the Department of Defense to effectively identify and mitigate any potential threats to personnel affiliated with the Department. The Committee believes the capability to counter the potential threat from rogue base stations should be explored by the Department. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than April 1, 2024, on the actions being taken by the Department to identify and mitigate rogue base station threats to Department of Defense personnel. The briefing shall include the following:

- (1) an evaluation of the Department's current effort to identify and mitigate rogue base stations;
- (2) plans to develop tactics, techniques, and procedures to properly identify rogue base station threats;
- (3) the Department's use of existing commercially available capabilities to identify the use of rogue base stations;
- (4) an analysis of the challenges facing the Department in terms of developing and implementing strategies to effectively identify and mitigate rogue base station threats, including funding limitations, required policy changes, or barriers in utilizing commercially available technology for collection; and
- (5) any other relevant matters the Secretary of Defense deems appropriate.