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To My Intelligence Community Colleagues,

(U) It is with great pleasure that I announce the Drug Enforcement Administration's *Office of National Security Intelligence* as the sixteenth member of the Intelligence Community.

(U) DEA has a long history of partnering with the Intelligence Community for purposes of identifying and disrupting drug trafficking. Formalizing the relationship between DEA and the IC will provide both parties increased access to vital national intelligence information and provide DEA and other members of the IC the ability to collaborate and work national security interests together at the same table – a true unity of effort.

(U) DEA Administrator Karen P. Tandy has appointed Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator for Intelligence for the DEA, to serve as the Senior DEA official of the IC. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] formerly with the DEA Intelligence Division, will serve as the acting head of the Office of National Security Intelligence.

(U) Including DEA's Office of National Security Intelligence as our sixteenth member is an example of our commitment to removing structural barriers and allows us to more effectively operate together on issues of national security. I know that DEA will continue to make unique contributions toward issues of national security, and look forward to their joining us in addressing our priority national intelligence issues.

Sincerely,



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