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Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report and Classified Annex on an Integrated Policy To Deter Adversaries in Space

May 26, 2016

Dear Mr. Chairman: (Dear Senator:) (Dear Representative:)

I transmit herewith, in accordance with section 1613 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92), the report and classified annex on an integrated policy to deter adversaries in space.

The report is the result of an interagency process with the objectives to reduce risks to the United States and our allies in space; and to protect and preserve the rights, access, capabilities, use, and freedom of action of the United States in space. Success will require a multi-year effort and commitment across all

departments and agencies, and I look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to John S. McCain III, chairman, and John F. Reed, ranking member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; and W. McLellan “Mac” Thornberry, chairman, and Adam Smith, ranking member, House Committee on Armed Services. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

Remarks to United States and Japanese Troops at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in Iwakuni, Japan

May 27, 2016

The President. Hello, everybody! *Konnichiwa!*
Audience members. *Konnichiwa!*

The President. Well, it is great to be here. Thank you so much. I’ve got to tell you, during my visit to Japan, we are reaffirming one of the greatest alliances in the world between the United States and Japan. And I wanted to come by and just say thank you: Thank you to all the men and women in uniform, thank you to your families, because you guys are the backbone of our alliance. Thank you, everybody.

I want to thank Colonel Boucher, also known as Waterboy. [*Laughter*] I want to thank Sergeant Major Garza. I know that we’ve got a lot of folks in the house. We’ve got some NCOs. [*Applause*] Staff NCOs. [*Applause*] We’ve got some officers. [*Applause*] Junior Marines. [*Applause*] Oh, okay. We’ve got some DOD civilians. [*Applause*] And let’s hear it from the family members. [*Applause*]

I want to thank our Japanese friends for joining us: [Vice]° Foreign Minister Kikawada; Mayor Fukuda; Members of the Diet, who are here; Admiral Sonoda and personnel from the Japanese Self-Defense Forces. I also want to thank the wonderful people of Iwakuni City. Your hospitality serving Americans who are far away from home means so much to our Nation. On behalf of all of us, *arigato*.

Now, I’m just going to give some very brief remarks, because I want to shake as many hands as possible. Although, I’ve got to warn you in advance, no selfies, because then I’ll be here all day. [*Laughter*]

But let me just say that, as President of the United States, I have no greater honor than serving as Commander in Chief to our men and women in uniform. You serve and protect the American people. You promote peace and security around the world. And I especially welcome the chance to be with you as we enter into Memorial Day weekend, because it’s a re-

° White House correction.