

“(c) VERBAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and semiannually thereafter until the date that is 180 days after the delivery of the final volume of the Historical Record Report, the Comptroller General of the United States shall verbally brief the congressional intelligence committees, the congressional defense committees, and congressional leadership on the progress of the Office with respect to the historical record report described in section 1683 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50 U.S.C. 3373), as amended by section 6802, and compliance with legislative requirements.

“(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict access of a committee of Congress under section 719(f) of title 31, United States Code, to an audit under subsection (b).”

[For definition of “congressional intelligence committees” as used in section 6803 of Pub. L. 117–263, set out above, see section 6002 of Pub. L. 117–263, set out as a note under section 3003 of this title.]

§ 3373a. Support for and oversight of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force

(a) Availability of data on unidentified aerial phenomena

The Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly require that each element of the intelligence community and component of the Department of Defense with data relating to unidentified aerial phenomena makes¹ such data available immediately to the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, or successor entity, and to the National Air and Space Intelligence Center.

(b) Quarterly reports

(1) In general

Not later than 90 days after March 15, 2022, and not less frequently than quarterly thereafter, the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, or successor entity, consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the findings of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force, or successor entity.

(2) Contents

Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(A) All reported unidentified aerial phenomena-related events that occurred during the period covered by the report.

(B) All reported unidentified aerial phenomena-related events that occurred during a period other than the period covered by the report but were not included in an earlier report.

(3) Form

Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in classified form.

(c) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Appropriate congressional committees

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(A) The congressional intelligence committees.

(B) The Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(2) Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force

The term “Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force” means the task force established by the Department of Defense on August 4, 2020, to be led by the Department of the Navy, under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

(Pub. L. 117–103, div. X, title IV, §413, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 977.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “congressional intelligence committees” and “intelligence community” as used in this section, see section 2 of div. X of Pub. L. 117–103, set out as a note under section 3003 of this title.

§ 3373b. Unidentified anomalous phenomena reporting procedures

(a) Mechanism for authorized reporting

(1) Establishment

The Secretary of Defense, acting through the head of the Office and in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, shall establish a secure mechanism for authorized reporting of—

(A) any event relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena; and

(B) any activity or program by a department or agency of the Federal Government or a contractor of such a department or agency relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena, including with respect to material retrieval, material analysis, reverse engineering, research and development, detection and tracking, developmental or operational testing, and security protections and enforcement.

(2) Protection of systems, programs, and activity

The Secretary shall ensure that the mechanism for authorized reporting established under paragraph (1) prevents the unauthorized public reporting or compromise of classified military and intelligence systems, programs, and related activity, including all categories and levels of special access and compartmented access programs.

(3) Administration

The Secretary shall ensure that the mechanism for authorized reporting established under paragraph (1) is administered by designated and appropriately cleared employees of the Department of Defense or elements of the intelligence community or contractors of the Department or such elements assigned to the Office.

(4) Sharing of information

(A) Prompt sharing within Office

The Secretary shall ensure that the mechanism for authorized reporting established under paragraph (1) provides for the sharing of an authorized disclosure to personnel and

¹ So in original. Probably should be “make”.