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Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Completes Audit of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence’s Implementation of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015

(October 2019) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) recently completed an audit of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence’s (ODNI) implementation of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA) (AUD-2019-003). The objective of the audit was to assess the actions taken over the prior, most recent, two-year period to carry out the requirements of CISA.

On December 18, 2015, Congress passed Public Law 114-113, the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016*, which includes Title I - the *Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015*. CISA was established to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of cyber threat information. CISA creates a framework to facilitate and promote the voluntary sharing of cyber threat indicators and defensive measures among and between Federal and non-Federal entities.

CISA requires the inspectors general of the “appropriate Federal entities,” defined as the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, and the Treasury, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), “in consultation with the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community and the Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight,” to jointly report to Congress by December 18—every two years—on the actions taken over the most recent two-year period to carry out CISA. The results, presented in this ODNI report, will also be included in the joint, biennial report due to Congress by December 18, 2019.

ODNI’s sharing of cyber threat indicators and defensive measures with Intelligence Community elements has improved over the past two years and efforts are underway to expand accessibility to information. Sharing cyber threat indicators and defensive measures increases the amount of information available for defending systems and networks against cyber attacks. In April 2017, the Intelligence Community Security Coordination Center (IC SCC) deployed a capability—the Intelligence Community Analysis and Signature Tool (ICOAST)—to increase sharing of cybersecurity threat intelligence at the top secret security level. According to the Director of IC SCC, the deployment of ICOAST has enabled cyber analysts to more rapidly share high-quality cyber threat information and has enabled analytic collaboration. Also, in CY 2017 and CY 2018, components continued to share cyber threat information through various reporting means, including email, written reports, and websites. In addition, efforts are underway to further enhance accessibility to cyber threat information and reports.

The report also addressed CISA reporting requirements, to include: information sharing policies and procedures, classification of shared information, the timeliness of sharing, and barriers to sharing. The report did not include any recommendations.

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