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SUBJECT: The Implementation Plan for the Principles of Intelligence
Transparency

In February 2015, I approved the Principles of Intelligence Transparency for the Intelligence Community (Principles) to support making information that enhances understanding of the IC publicly available, while protecting information that, if disclosed, would harm national security. I then directed an interagency effort to develop an implementation plan for the Principles.

I am pleased to announce that the Implementation Plan for the Principles has been completed and that I have approved it.

We embrace greater transparency because it is the right thing to do in our roles as public servants accountable to the American people. We cannot do our jobs in preserving the nation's security without the trust of the people we serve. That trust is not freely given; it must be earned. I believe that the IC is earning that trust each and every day, and we can and must do more to demonstrate that to the public. But we must do so carefully, because we all share the solemn obligation to protect sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. This Implementation Plan will enhance transparency in a careful, responsible, and sustainable manner, while enabling the IC to protect the secrets it must keep to safeguard the nation's security.

As a first step, I am designating Alex Joel as the ODNI Transparency Officer, a duty that closely aligns with his existing role as the Civil Liberties Protection Officer. He will chair the Intelligence Transparency Council and work with that Council to coordinate the execution of this plan. I ask each element to identify a senior representative to serve as transparency coordinator or officer to manage transparency matters on behalf of that element and work with counterparts across the IC as a member of the Council.

I am confident that through your leadership and commitment toward fulfilling the Implementation Plan, we will succeed in enhancing transparency in a manner that demonstrates public accountability and earns public trust.


James R. Clapper

16 OCT 2015
Date

Attachments:

1. Principles of Intelligence Transparency for the Intelligence Community
2. The Implementation Plan for the Principles of Intelligence Transparency

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