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**From:** James R Clapper <James.Clapper@dni.gov> on behalf of James R Clapper  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:01 AM  
**To:** Robert Litt; Brian P. Hale  
**Cc:** Stephanie L O'Sullivan; (b)(3); Deirdre M Walsh  
**Subject:** [AIN] Re: RE: DRAFT statement

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Well, everyone can read what we said, versus what he said...

**From:** Robert Litt  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:16 AM  
**To:** Brian P. Hale; James R Clapper  
**Cc:** Stephanie L O'Sullivan; (b)(3); Deirdre M Walsh  
**Subject:** RE: RE: DRAFT statement

NY Times just posted a piece noting the difference between your statement last night that we have not made a judgment as to the reliability of the dossier, and the P-E's tweet this morning saying that you called to "denounce the false and fictitious report."

**From:** Brian P. Hale  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** James R Clapper ; Robert Litt  
**Cc:** Stephanie L O'Sullivan ; (b)(3)  
; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh

**Subject:** RE: RE: DRAFT statement

All reaction I have heard has been positive. No real concerns from a PAO perspective.

From: James R Clapper  
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:00 AM  
To: Brian P. Hale ; Robert Litt  
Cc: Stephanie L O'Sullivan ; (b)(3)  
; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: Re: RE: DRAFT statement

Any blowback/reaction?

From: Brian P. Hale  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 09:29 PM  
To: Robert Litt; James R Clapper  
Cc: Stephanie L O'Sullivan; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: RE: RE: DRAFT statement

Thank you.

From: Robert Litt  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:30 PM  
To: James R Clapper  
Cc: Brian P. Hale ; Stephanie L O'Sullivan  
; (b)(3)  
; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: Re: RE: DRAFT statement

I spoke to DNI. We are good to go. Sent from Divide managed by MobileIron  
On Jan 11, 2017 9:11:58 PM, James R Clapper wrote:  
Overall, I like this.,,

From: James R Clapper  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 09:11 PM  
To: Brian P. Hale; Robert Litt  
Cc: Stephanie L O'Sullivan; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: Re: RE: DRAFT statement

Thanks...am pretty comfortable with it, but am awaiting a call from Bob on a  
legal aspect (b)(3) & (b)(5) I want to talk to him about...

I'll be back to you shortly...

From: Brian P. Hale  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 09:09 PM  
To: Robert Litt; James R Clapper  
Cc: Stephanie L O'Sullivan; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: RE: RE: DRAFT statement

Director Clapper:

We are ready to launch when you are satisfied with the draft and give us the green light.

From: Robert Litt  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:07 PM  
To: Brian P. Hale  
Cc: James R Clapper ; Stephanie L O'Sullivan ; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: RE: RE: DRAFT statement

I agree with Brian. We just don't know whether there is any truth there. Sent from Divide managed by MobileIron On Jan 11, 2017 9:03:02 PM, "Brian P. Hale" wrote: I do not think we can lean more forward than this. We do say that we did not rely on it regardless.

From: James R Clapper  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:57 PM  
To: Brian P. Hale ; Robert Litt ; Stephanie L O'Sullivan ; (b)(3) ; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: Re: RE: DRAFT statement

What he'd really like us to say is that the documents are substantively completely bogus...

I just said we'd put out a statement, but not sure he'll be happy with this...

We can't say that, (b)(3) & (b)(5)

Thoughts?

From: Brian P. Hale  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 08:49 PM  
To: Robert Litt; James R Clapper; Stephanie L O'Sullivan; (b)(3) ; (b)(3) ; Deirdre M Walsh  
Subject: RE: RE: DRAFT statement

With Bob's edits included

As of 8:49 PM

DRAFT

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We also discussed the private security company document, which was widely circulated in recent months among the media, Members of Congress and Congressional staff even before the IC became aware of it. I emphasized that this is not an US Intelligence Community product and that I do not believe the leaks came from within the IC. The IC has not made any judgment that the information in this document is reliable, and we did not rely upon it in any way for our conclusions. However, part of our obligation is to ensure that policymakers are provided with the fullest possible picture of any matters that might affect national security.

President-elect Trump again affirmed his appreciation for all the men and women serving in the Intelligence Community, and I assured him that the IC stands ready to serve his Administration and the American people."

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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:49 PM  
To: Brian P. Hale ; James R Clapper  
; Stephanie L O'Sullivan ; (b)(3)  
(b)(3) ; Deirdre M  
Walsh  
Subject: Fwd: RE: DRAFT statement

Sent from Divide managed by MobileIron ----- Forwarded Message  
----- From: Robert Litt Date: Jan 11, 2017 8:46:31 PM  
Subject: RE: DRAFT statement To: "Brian P. Hale"  
Suggest adding "congressional" before "staff". Also we don't need "classified"  
before "conclusions. " otherwise this is good. Sent from Divide managed by  
MobileIron On Jan 11, 2017 8:21:53 PM, "Brian P. Hale"  
wrote: With (b)(3) edits...updated version below.

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I told him that I do not believe that the sources of these leaks are coming from within the Intelligence Community (IC). In my experience, members of the IC are keenly aware of the importance of protecting classified and sensitive information and of their sworn obligation to do so.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:13 PM  
To: Brian P. Hale  
Cc: (b)(3) ; James R Clapper  
; Robert Litt ; Deirdre M Walsh  
; Stephanie L O'Sullivan  
Subject: RE: DRAFT statement

Just a few thoughts

on the first para - i think if both agreed, then the PE doesn't need to agree on top of that. I'd strike the last sentence.

The second one may also pose a problem with respect to other high profile leaks - ES and HM - which could be thrown back at us.... it might be better to skip to the third paragraph with the assertion that numerous outlets had access to this report.

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On Jan 11, 2017 8:08:28 PM, "Brian P. Hale" wrote:

Yes, I agree your line is better. Thanks.

From: (b)(3)

Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:07 PM  
To: Brian P. Hale ; James R Clapper  
; Robert Litt ; Deirdre M Walsh  
; Stephanie L O'Sullivan  
Cc: (b)(3)  
Subject: RE: DRAFT statement

Brian,

Couple of typos. One substantive thought: Should we say that the document was "given to us?" Or better to say it circulated before the IC "became aware of it."

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From: Brian P. Hale  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:56 PM  
To: James R Clapper ; Robert Litt  
; Deirdre M Walsh ; Stephanie L  
O'Sullivan  
Cc: (b)(3) ; (b)(3)  
Subject: DRAFT statement  
Importance: High

Sir:

For your review/edit.

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