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**PART A - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. FULL NAME: Peter Michael Thomson  
OTHER NAMES USED: N/A
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 11/16/1956; New Orleans, Louisiana  
CITIZENSHIP: United States
3. MARITAL STATUS: Married
4. SPOUSE'S NAME: Patricia E. Thomson
5. SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE: Edwards
6. NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
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7. EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DATES ATTENDED</u>	<u>DEGREE RECEIVED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEGREE</u>
Tulane Law School	1980-1983	Juris Doctor	06/1983
Tulane University	1974-1978	Bachelor of Arts	06/1978

8. EMPLOYMENT RECORD (LIST ALL POSITIONS HELD SINCE COLLEGE, INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE. INDICATE NAME OF EMPLOYER, POSITION, TITLE OR DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT).

<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>POSITION/TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Clerk	New Orleans, La.	08/1978-09/1979
United States Senate, Office of Senator J. Bennett Johnston (La)	Intern	Washington, DC	06/1981-08/1981

Coleman, Dutrey & Thomson (law firm)	Attorney	New Orleans, La.	06/1983-10/1987
New Orleans District Attorney's Office	Asst. District Attorney	New Orleans, La.	03/1986-10/1986
U.S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Louisiana	Asst. U.S. Attorney	New Orleans, La.	10/1987-04/2011
National Security Agency, Advanced Network Operations (Detailed from DOJ)	Special Advisor	Fort George Meade, Md.	03/2010-07/2010
Fowler Rodriguez, LLP	Partner	New Orleans, La.	04/2011-06/2014
Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLP	Special Counsel	New Orleans, La.	07/2014-12/2017
Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLP	Partner	New Orleans, La.	01/2018-Present
Tulane Law School	Adjunct Professor Trial Advocacy (Uncompensated)	New Orleans, La.	1989-2009

9. GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE (INDICATE EXPERIENCE IN OR ASSOCIATION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, HONORARY, OR OTHER PART-TIME SERVICE OR POSITION. DO NOT REPEAT INFORMATION ALREADY PROVIDED IN QUESTION 8).

In 1989 and 1990, while serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), I instructed Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent trainees in trial testimony during moot court practice at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia.

Between 1994 and 2012, I was an honorary reserve deputy sheriff with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.

In 1985, at the request of and in cooperation with U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston's office in Washington, DC, and in conjunction with the U.S. Information Agency, I designed and coordinated a multi-day program for several dozen European Parliamentarians who visited New Orleans, which included educational, social and business events. The Parliamentarians, all from NATO countries, traveled to different regions of the United States for the purpose of assessing, in part, American cultural views with regard to the continued nuclear protection of Europe.

10. INDICATE ANY SPECIALIZED INTELLIGENCE OR NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERTISE YOU HAVE ACQUIRED HAVING SERVED IN THE POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 8 AND/OR 9.

I obtained specialized intelligence and national security experience while detailed to the National Security Agency (NSA); while employed by the FBI between college and law school; while working as an Assistant United States Attorney with a wide variety of federal agencies, including the FBI, U.S. Customs Service, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); by representing clients in private practice on matters involving extradition and Red Notice removal; and by researching and publishing articles on Interpol Red Notice abuses and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

More specifically, in 2010 the U.S. Department of Justice detailed me to the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland, where I worked as a Special Advisor to the Chief of NSA's Advanced Network Operations. My duties included researching, analyzing and briefing managers on unclassified and classified legal authorities, including but not limited to Executive Orders, federal statutes and Departmental directives governing the collection of foreign signals intelligence and information assurance activities. As part of my duties, I also assisted military and civilian staff with the establishment of a new network to support the war fighter, attended daily steering committee briefings at the National Threat Operations Center (NTOC), and attended classified NSA briefings of certain high-ranking military officers and intelligence advisors to then President Barack Obama.

Further, as an Assistant United States Attorney, I held a Top Secret security clearance for approximately 15 years. During that time, while assigned to the Organized Crime Strike Force, I gained national security experience by working with the FBI, and subsequently with the CIA's Office of General Counsel, on a sensitive investigation which involved potential graymail threats and issues related to the work of a then active U.S. intelligence asset. I also gained national security and intelligence experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney by investigating and prosecuting emerging organized crime members, drug gangs, and supervising domestic and international narcotics trafficking investigations and cases. I worked on a regular basis and often closely with the DEA, FBI, U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Customs Service, among other agencies, and their intelligence personnel. While serving with the Justice Department, I researched and published a white paper endorsing FISA roving surveillance authority for U.S. counterintelligence officers engaged in domestic foreign intelligence and counterterrorism investigations. Finally, while in private legal practice, I have worked on matters involving extradition, Interpol red notices, and the Foreign Corrupt Practice Act (FCPA).

11. HONORS AND AWARDS (PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORARY DEGREES, MILITARY DECORATIONS, CIVILIAN SERVICE CITATIONS, OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENT).

U.S. Dept. of Justice (1987-2011)

Special Award from the U.S. Customs Service "in appreciation of exemplary dedication to duty" for the successful prosecution of a cocaine importation organization; *U.S. v. Richard Lynn, et al.* (1993);

Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Attorney & Organized Crime Drug Task Force for outstanding efforts in Glenn Metz violent gang prosecution (1994);

Certificate of Appreciation from the DEA for outstanding contributions to drug law enforcement (1995);

Special Award from the U.S. Customs Service in recognition of tactics and guidance leading to the dismantling of an international cocaine smuggling organization; *U.S. v. Luis Sensat, et al.* (1995);

Certificate of Appreciation from the DEA for outstanding contributions to drug law enforcement (1997);

Special Award from the U.S. Customs Service for prosecution of a Colombian cocaine importation and money laundering organization; *U.S. v. Maria Cordoba, et al.* (1999);

Certificate of Recognition from U.S. Attorney for superior performance (1999);

Certificate of Recognition from the U.S. Attorney (Eastern District of Louisiana) for outstanding performance and Special Achievement Award (2000);

Special Award from the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and U.S. Department of Justice in appreciation of outstanding contributions to "Project Exile" (2001);

Award by U.S. Postal Service in recognition for successful prosecution of corrupt Postal Service employee;  
*U.S. v. Monique Jason* (2005);

Written commendation by FBI Director for outstanding performance in successful prosecution of Councilman  
and Public Works Director on public corruption charges following Hurricane Katrina (2008);

Special Commendation Award by the U.S. Attorney General for successfully completing the Justice  
Department's Leadership Excellence and Achievement Program (2010).

Private Law Practice (2011-Present)

*New Orleans City Business* "Leadership in the Law" Honoree (2013);

Top Attorneys in New Orleans, *St. Charles Avenue Magazine* (2013);

*Louisiana Super Lawyers: White Collar Criminal Defense* (2013-present);

*Martindale-Hubbell*® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated (2013-present);

Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2014-present);

*New Orleans Magazine's* "Top Lawyers", White-Collar Criminal Defense (2014-present).

12. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (LIST MEMBERSHIPS IN AND OFFICES HELD WITHIN THE  
LAST TEN YEARS IN ANY PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, FRATERNAL, BUSINESS, SCHOLARLY,  
CULTURAL, CHARITABLE, OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS).

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Louisiana Bar Association	Member	1983-Present
St. Peter Catholic Church, Covington, Louisiana	Hospitality Committee Member	2019-Present
The Pickwick Club	Member	1997-Present
Metropolitan Crime Commission New Orleans	Member of the Board	2012-2015
Rex Carnival Organization	Member	2012-Present
Le Krewe D'Etat Carnival Organization	Member	1997-2015
The Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy Studies	Executive Committee Member of the Criminal Law Practice Group  New Orleans Lawyer's Chapter	2003-Present  2012-Present
Republican National Lawyer's Association	Member	1990-Present
Military Order of Foreign Wars	Member	2010-Present
Le Debut des Jeunes Filles de la Nouvelle Orléans	Member	2017-Present

13. PUBLISHED WRITINGS AND SPEECHES (LIST THE TITLES, PUBLISHERS, BLOGS AND PUBLICATION DATES OF ANY BOOKS, ARTICLES, REPORTS, OR OTHER PUBLISHED MATERIALS YOU HAVE AUTHORED. ALSO LIST ANY PUBLIC SPEECHES OR REMARKS YOU HAVE MADE WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS FOR WHICH THERE IS A TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO).

IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH REQUESTED PUBLICATION, TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO?

Yes, I would be happy to provide a copy of these materials if asked.

Published Writings

"Interpol's Transnational Policing By 'Red Notice' and 'Diffusions': Procedural Standards, Systemic Abuses, and Reforms Necessary to Assure Fairness and Integrity," *Engage* Volume 16, Issue 2, published by The Federalist Society (September, 2015)

"A Comprehensive Strategy Targeting Recidivist Criminals with Continuous Real-Time GPS Monitoring: Is Reverse Engineering Crime Control Possible?" published by The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (November, 2011);

"Supreme Court Strikes Down Mandatory Provisions of Federal Sentencing Guidelines," published as white paper by The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (2005);

"USA PATRIOT Act's Roving Electronic Surveillance Amendment to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," published by The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (March, 2004);

"Supreme Court Decision Spawns Swirl of Controversy Over Sentencing Guidelines," web-published by The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Criminal Law and Procedure Practice Group news page (July, 2004).

Presentations & Speeches

"Hernandez v. Mesa," Post-Decision SCOTUScast for the Federalist Society (March 2020);

"Hernandez v. Mesa," Post-Argument SCOTUScast for the Federalist Society (November 2019);

Panel Member & Speaker, "Screening and Charging Decisions-Civil Considerations," Annual White Collar Crime Symposium, Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, La. (April 2019);

Panel Member & Speaker, "Prosecution and Defense of Public Corruption and Fraud Cases," Annual White Collar Crime Symposium, Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, La. (April 2018);

"Weaver v. Massachusetts," SCOTUScast for The Federalist Society (May 2017);

Panel Member & Speaker, "The Future of White Collar Prosecutions," Annual White Collar Crime Symposium, Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, La. (April 2017);

Panel Member & Speaker, "Strategies for Plea Bargaining and Sentencing," Annual White Collar Crime Symposium, Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, La. (2016);

"Taylor v. United States," The Federalist Society blog (Feb. 2016);

Teleforum Speaker: *Insider Trading Litigation*, a Presentation of the Criminal Law and Procedure Practice Group of The Federalist Society (2015);

"The Smith General Store Data Breach Investigation Response," Data Security Compliance and Response & Internal Investigations; Association of Corporate Counsel Louisiana Chapter. (2015);

Panel Member & Speaker, "Defending Against Federal Asset Forfeiture," Annual White Collar Crime Symposium, Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, La. (July 2015);

"The Federal Criminal Process," New Orleans Bar Association, Procrastinators CLE Program (2014);

"Robers v. United States," Post-Decision SCOTUScast for The Federalist Society (May 2014);

Teleforum Speaker: *GPS Surveillance and the Supreme Court: U.S. v. Jones*; a Presentation of the Criminal Law and Procedure Practice Group of The Federalist Society (2012);

"The Federal Criminal Process," presented to the New Orleans Consular Corps (2011);

"Criminal Defense Attorney Tactics," Louisiana Forgery and Fraud Investigators Assoc. (2011);

"Testifying in Federal Court" presented to over 300 deputies of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, POST Academy, Pearl River, Louisiana (June-July, 2009);

Federal conspiracy law, "Federal Law Enforcement Analysis Training Seminar" held for federal and state Intelligence Analysts, sponsored by the DEA, New Orleans, Louisiana (January, 2004);

Using RICO to target violent drug organizations, "Violent Crime Conference" sponsored by Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, in Covington, Louisiana (May, 1992);

Money laundering, "Federal Law Enforcement Training Conference," sponsored by U.S. Customs Service, Georgia (1993).

#### Public Remarks

In April 2016, former New Orleans Saints player Will Smith was shot and killed in New Orleans following a road rage incident. Following the fatal shooting, I provided legal representation to the decedent's spouse and family. On their behalves, I spoke at a press conference at University Medical Center held within days of the shooting. Shortly thereafter, the individual responsible for killing Smith was indicted on murder charges. Over the course of the next year or so, through the defendant's manslaughter conviction and sentencing, I made additional public remarks to the press on behalf of his surviving spouse and family.

In 2014, I appeared on a television commercial for the campaign of Warren Montgomery, then a candidate for St. Tammany Parish District Attorney.

## **PART B - QUALIFICATIONS**

### **14. QUALIFICATIONS (DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY).**

Under the CIA Inspector General Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3517, in addition to meeting the security standards of the Agency, an Inspector General shall be appointed on the basis of 1) integrity, 2) demonstrated ability in the discipline of accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigation, and 3) prior experience in the field of foreign intelligence. I am qualified for the position of CIA Inspector General because during my entire professional legal career as an Assistant United States Attorney

and private law practitioner, I have consistently demonstrated cross-discipline abilities, a keen sense of right and wrong, and unbiased independence.

My thirty-five years of experience practicing both criminal and civil law, in the government and in private practice, has prepared me to serve as the CIA's Inspector General. During the twenty-three years I served as a federal prosecutor, I honed broad investigative skills and legal expertise. Through my work, I rooted out waste, fraud, and abuse—the hallmarks of an Inspector General's job—by conducting and supervising numerous criminal investigations and prosecutions involving a wide variety of crimes, including public corruption, extortion, bribery, wire and mail fraud, tax fraud, health care fraud, bank fraud, counterfeiting, drug trafficking, murder, identity theft, embezzlement, money laundering and other white-collar crimes. Further, and very importantly, I worked with federal agents to help protect the identities and lives of many confidential informants during these criminal cases, including through the witness protection program. If confirmed as the CIA's Inspector General, I will continue with the same fervor and commitment to protect whistleblowers and other individuals who expose wrongdoing within the Agency.

During my lengthy career with the U.S. Department of Justice—in the General Crimes Section, Drug Task Force, and Organized Crime Strike Force Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Orleans—I worked routinely with public servants at federal, state and local investigative agencies, including their intelligence personnel, and many offices of the inspector general. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, I was detailed to the FBI's temporary offices and worked with the Katrina Fraud Task Force where I screened, investigated and prosecuted individuals engaged in fraud and corruption offenses arising out of the widespread disaster caused by the hurricane.

As a federal prosecutor, I also worked closely with forensic investigators, auditors, intelligence analysts and accountants in reviewing, auditing and analyzing voluminous amounts of financial records and other categories of bulk data and information, including telephone call histories, tax returns, emails and text records. As an attorney in private practice, I conducted internal investigations for corporate clients and helped them identify and root out corrupt and dishonest actors in their ranks. I also worked cases that specifically involved information security and responding to data breaches within private networks.

Finally, while serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, I was selected for and graduated from the U.S. Justice Department's Leadership Excellence and Achievement Program (LEAP), a one-year long program which develops senior executive core competencies (SES ECQs) for the purpose of teaching and improving leadership skills for senior management positions. During that time, I was detailed to the National Security Agency, where I gained specialized experience with legal authorities governing foreign signals intelligence collection and information assurance activities.

I proudly served the American people with integrity and an unwavering devotion to justice throughout my public service career. If confirmed as the CIA's Inspector General, I would bring the same professionalism, independence, and dedication to duty to this very important position.

## **PART C - POLITICAL AND FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS**

15. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (LIST ANY MEMBERSHIPS OR OFFICES HELD IN OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR SERVICES RENDERED TO, ANY POLITICAL PARTY, ELECTION COMMITTEE, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, OR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS).

To the best of my recollection, in 2016, I donated \$200 to the Presidential campaign of candidate Donald Trump and \$300 to the Congressional campaign of Mike Johnson; and in 2012, I donated \$500 to the Presidential campaign of candidate Mitt Romney.

In 2014, I assisted the campaign committee of Warren Montgomery, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish District Attorney, donated \$450 to the campaign, and appeared on a television commercial for the campaign. Also, to the best of my recollection, I subsequently donated an additional \$500 to his campaign. Over the last



ten years, to the best of my recollection, I also donated a total of approximately \$800 to the judicial campaign of Raymond Steib, candidate for judge in Jefferson Parish, and I also was named on his campaign committee.

In 2019, I helped provide guidance to a candidate running for parish-wide office in Louisiana. Also, I am a member of the Republican National Lawyer's Association.

16. CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE (FURNISH DETAILS OF ANY CANDIDACY FOR ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE).

Not applicable.

17. FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS

(NOTE: QUESTIONS 17A AND B ARE NOT LIMITED TO RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING REGISTRATION UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. QUESTIONS 17A, B, AND C DO NOT CALL FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE IF THE REPRESENTATION OR TRANSACTION WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.)

A. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REPRESENTED IN ANY CAPACITY (E.G. EMPLOYEE, ATTORNEY, OR POLITICAL/BUSINESS CONSULTANT), WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

Between 1983 and 1985, I assisted the Honorary Consul of Great Britain for Louisiana in the performance of his official consular duties. As legal attaché, I helped with routine consular duties and provided assistance to British citizens, naval officers and visiting British dignitaries. My spouse has not represented a foreign government or entity in any capacity.

B. HAVE ANY OF YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S ASSOCIATES REPRESENTED, IN ANY CAPACITY, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

On occasion, attorneys at my law firm, Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLP, have represented a foreign government or an entity controlled by a foreign government, although such representations constitute a small share of the firm's overall business. Based upon a search in the firm's client database, the firm has compiled a list of "Foreign Government and Foreign Government-Related Entity Clients," attached hereto as Exhibit 17B. In addition, although efforts were made to include entities controlled by a foreign government, a foreign government's control of an entity is often unclear or unknown. Therefore the list may not include some entities arguably controlled by a foreign government, and it may include entities that are owned in part by or affiliated with a foreign government, but not controlled by the government.

C. DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE RECEIVED ANY COMPENSATION FROM, OR BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY FINANCIAL OR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR ANY ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

I indirectly received nominal compensation through my law-firm distributions for earnings based on the representations described in my response to 17B above. Apart from that, no.

D. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REGISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

18. DESCRIBE ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, OTHER THAN IN AN OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT CAPACITY, IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE ENGAGED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THE PASSAGE, DEFEAT, OR MODIFICATION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTION OF FEDERAL LAW OR PUBLIC POLICY.

Not applicable.

#### **PART D - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

19. DESCRIBE ANY EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, FINANCIAL TRANSACTION, INVESTMENT, ASSOCIATION, OR ACTIVITY (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEALINGS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON YOUR OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF A CLIENT), WHICH COULD CREATE, OR APPEAR TO CREATE, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED.

Pursuant to applicable statutes, regulations and ethics pledge set forth in Executive Order 13770, if confirmed I will not personally and substantially participate in any particular matter in which I know I have a financial interest, in which I know a former client of mine is a party or represents a party, or in which I know that Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann LLC is or represents a party, for specified periods where applicable and absent waiver or authorization where applicable.

20. DO YOU INTEND TO SEVER ALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYERS, FIRMS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND/OR PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE? IF NOT, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

If confirmed, I intend to sever all business connections with Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLP along with any other organizations in which I am advised to do so by Agency ethics officials or other Executive Branch officials.

21. DESCRIBE THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE OR PLAN TO MAKE, IF YOU ARE CONFIRMED, IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERANCE FROM YOUR CURRENT POSITION. PLEASE INCLUDE SEVERANCE PAY, PENSION RIGHTS, STOCK OPTIONS, DEFERRED INCOME ARRANGEMENTS, AND ANY AND ALL COMPENSATION THAT WILL OR MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN THE FUTURE AS A RESULT OF YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

Within 90 days of my withdrawal from the firm, I will receive my share of the fixed capital account based on my interest as of the time I withdraw. Additionally, at the end of the year, I will receive a payment representing my pro-rata interest in the firm's profits calculated as of the time I withdraw, pursuant to the terms set forth in the firm's operating agreement.

22. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS, COMMITMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS TO PURSUE OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, DURING YOUR SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

23. AS FAR AS CAN BE FORESEEN, STATE YOUR PLANS AFTER COMPLETING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. PLEASE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS, WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN, CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AFTER LEAVING GOVERNMENT

SERVICE. IN PARTICULAR, DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OR OPTIONS TO RETURN TO YOUR CURRENT POSITION.

None.

24. IF YOU ARE PRESENTLY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF SUCH SERVICE, HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM A PERSON OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT AN OFFER OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO EMPLOY YOUR SERVICES AFTER YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

Not applicable.

25. IS YOUR SPOUSE EMPLOYED? IF YES AND THE NATURE OF THIS EMPLOYMENT IS RELATED IN ANY WAY TO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER, THE POSITION, AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE POSITION HAS BEEN HELD. IF YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IS NOT RELATED TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED, PLEASE SO STATE.

No, my wife does not have an employer. However, I would be remiss if I did not mention her strong commitment and many contributions to our family, friends, church, and community.

26. LIST BELOW ALL CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, FOUNDATIONS, TRUSTS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TOWARD WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS OR IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE HELD DIRECTORSHIPS OR OTHER POSITIONS OF TRUST DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

NAME OF ENTITY

POSITION

DATES HELD

SELF OR SPOUSE

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27. LIST ALL GIFTS EXCEEDING \$100 IN VALUE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, OR YOUR DEPENDENTS. (NOTE: GIFTS RECEIVED FROM RELATIVES AND GIFTS GIVEN TO YOUR SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT NEED NOT BE INCLUDED UNLESS THE GIFT WAS GIVEN WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUIESCENCE AND YOU HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THE GIFT WAS GIVEN BECAUSE OF YOUR OFFICIAL POSITION.)

None to my knowledge.

28. LIST ALL SECURITIES, REAL PROPERTY, PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS, OR OTHER INVESTMENTS OR RECEIVABLES WITH A CURRENT MARKET VALUE (OR, IF MARKET VALUE IS NOT ASCERTAINABLE, ESTIMATED CURRENT FAIR VALUE) IN EXCESS OF \$1,000. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE A OF THE DISCLOSURE FORMS OF THE

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CURRENT VALUATIONS ARE USED.)

*See Exhibit 28.* Parts 2, 5, and 6 of my forthcoming OGE Form 278e will reference the assets identified in Exhibit 28, and I will update this Committee in the event of an unanticipated change.

29. LIST ALL LOANS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS (INCLUDING ANY CONTINGENT LIABILITIES) IN EXCESS OF \$10,000. EXCLUDE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNLESS IT IS RENTED OUT, AND LOANS SECURED BY AUTOMOBILES, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OR APPLIANCES. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE C OF THE DISCLOSURE FORM OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED.)

None.

30. ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE NOW IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE BEEN IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER BEEN REFUSED CREDIT OR HAD A LOAN APPLICATION DENIED? IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

31. LIST THE SPECIFIC SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF ALL INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING ALL SALARIES, FEES, DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, GIFTS, RENTS, ROYALTIES, PATENTS, HONORARIA, AND OTHER ITEMS EXCEEDING \$200. (COPIES OF U.S. INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THESE YEARS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED HERE, BUT THEIR SUBMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED.)

YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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32. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS?

Yes.

33. LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE FILE ANNUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Federal and Louisiana.

34. HAVE YOUR FEDERAL OR STATE TAX RETURNS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN AUDIT, INVESTIGATION, OR INQUIRY AT ANY TIME? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.

No.

35. IF YOU ARE AN ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE LIST ALL CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM YOU BILLED MORE THAN \$200 WORTH OF SERVICES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ALSO, LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE.

I am licensed to practice law in Louisiana. Please see my list of clients, attached as "Exhibit 35".

36. DO YOU INTEND TO PLACE YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS AND THOSE OF YOUR SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD IN A BLIND TRUST? IF YES, PLEASE FURNISH DETAILS. IF NO, DESCRIBE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR AVOIDING ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

No. Our investments are in diversified mutual funds and individual stocks. As of 1 April 2020, the value of our stock in three companies exceeded a conflict of interest exemption for \$15,000 or less in publicly traded securities on a U.S. stock exchange. As a result, unless advised otherwise by Agency ethics officials, I will not participate personally and substantially in an official capacity in any particular matter that will have a direct and predictable effect on our financial interest (stock) in these three companies. I will monitor the value of our other stocks, and understand that I am responsible for avoiding any potential conflict of interest in the performance of my official duties, if confirmed. My forthcoming Ethics Agreement will reflect these commitments.

37. IF APPLICABLE, LIST THE LAST THREE YEARS OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS YOU HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO FILE WITH YOUR AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF THESE REPORTS?

Not applicable.

## **PART E - ETHICAL MATTERS**

38. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OR CITED FOR A BREACH OF ETHICS OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY, OR BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT TO, ANY COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUP? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

39. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED, HELD, ARRESTED, OR CHARGED BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE, OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE, OR NAMED AS A DEFENDANT OR OTHERWISE IN ANY INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION RELATING TO SUCH VIOLATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

40. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY CRIMINAL VIOLATION OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

41. ARE YOU PRESENTLY OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A PARTY IN INTEREST IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CIVIL LITIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

In 1997, my wife and I were involved in a nuisance lawsuit with a neighbor relating to dogs. The matter was handled by our insurance company and settled. Otherwise, there is nothing else that I recall.

42. HAVE YOU BEEN INTERVIEWED OR ASKED TO SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION AS A WITNESS OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION, FEDERAL, OR STATE AGENCY PROCEEDING, GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

In 2017, at the request of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Louisiana, I testified in a sealed hearing in U.S. District Court concerning a potential conflict of interest regarding another attorney's representation of an individual in a criminal proceeding in which I was representing a fraud victim. In approximately 2012, I was interviewed by U.S. Department of Justice investigators who were investigating a matter related to the improper posting of information on social media by certain other individuals employed by the Department of Justice. As a defense attorney in private practice, I have represented clients who have cooperated with the government and provided information to federal criminal investigators. In that process, I have facilitated the exchange of information.

43. HAS ANY BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER BEEN A PARTY TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION RELEVANT TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS. (WITH RESPECT TO A BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, YOU NEED ONLY CONSIDER PROCEEDINGS AND LITIGATION THAT OCCURRED WHILE YOU WERE AN OFFICER OF THAT BUSINESS.)

No, not to my knowledge.

44. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

#### **PART F - SECURITY INFORMATION**

45. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DENIED ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FOR ANY REASON? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL.

No.

46. HAVE YOU BEEN REQUIRED TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

In 2010, I was required to take a polygraph with the National Security Agency for the purpose of complying with their security standards in connection with a TS/SCI security clearance.

47. HAVE YOU EVER REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

No.

#### **PART G - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

48. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS THE CONCEPT OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, CHARACTERIZE WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

Congress is constitutionally and legally obligated to provide competent and vigorous oversight of the CIA and the entire intelligence community, and the CIA Inspector General is accountable to and an essential partner of Congress in that process. The National Security Act of 1947 requires that Congress be kept “fully and currently informed” of all intelligence activities of the United States, and subsequent legislation requires that Congress be informed of all CIA-sponsored covert action.

The CIA Inspector General plays a critical role in the Congressional oversight process. Thus the Inspector General is legally obligated to keep both this Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (“intelligence committees”) informed of significant problems and deficiencies within the Agency as well as the need for corrective actions. As part of its duties, the Inspector General must provide semi-annual reports to the Director and the intelligence committees. These reports summarize the audits, inspections and investigations undertaken by the Inspector General’s Office over the preceding six months. The Inspector General also must report serious or flagrant problems, abuses or deficiencies relating to Agency programs or operations to the Director, which also must be reported to the intelligence committees. Further, as part of the oversight process, there are certain other circumstances enumerated in the CIA Inspector General statute requiring immediate reporting to Congress; and, with regard to “urgent concerns” brought to light by Agency employees, the Inspector General must assist in the process of reporting those concerns to the intelligence committees, as more fully set forth in the enabling statute.

The Congressional oversight described above is essential to assuring that CIA programs and operations are conducted lawfully, properly and ethically. Congressional oversight likewise serves to protect against abuses of power by the Agency as well as to protect the civil liberties we all share as Americans. This is particularly important because intelligence work by its very nature must be concealed from public view. Also, importantly, through the oversight process, the CIA is able to demonstrate to the American people, through Congress, that it deserves their ongoing trust, as well as the trust of Congress and the President. Finally, an appropriately independent Inspector General, working cooperatively and transparently with the intelligence committees, helps assure credibility to and strengthens the critical roles of both the Inspector General and Congress in oversight process, while assuring that the CIA remains accountable to Congress and ultimately to the American people.

49. EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

The CIA Inspector General is tasked by law with preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse and other forms of misconduct within the CIA, thereby helping ensure that CIA activities are being conducted in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Inspector General’s Office accomplishes its mission by conducting independent and unbiased inspections, reviews, evaluations, audits and investigations of the Agency’s programs and operations; and by making policy recommendations to the Director in order to promote effectiveness, economy and efficiency within the Agency. The Inspector General must also review and make recommendations to the Director, and Congress, regarding legislation and regulations involving or affecting Agency operations. It is important that the Inspector General take a proactive approach in rooting out potential problems so that they can be corrected before causing harm to the Agency, the nation, or others.

Additionally, the Inspector General must keep the Director and the intelligence committees fully informed of violations of law, fraud and other problems, abuses, and deficiencies it finds in Agency programs and operations, as well as the necessity for and progress of corrective actions. As part of its reporting requirements to the Director, and to Congress, the Inspector General must submit semi-annual reports summarizing all of the audits, inspections, reviews, and investigations it has performed. The Inspector General is also obligated to flag significant problems and make recommendations for and the status of corrective actions. Where the Inspector General’s Office finds flagrant or particularly serious problems, or “urgent concerns” as the term is legally defined, it is obligated to report them to the Director, and assure that the intelligence committees are notified as required by law. Consistent with federal whistleblower laws and regulations, the Inspector General also must maintain a robust and effective whistleblower program, so that Agency employees have a trusted means for bringing wrongdoing and other problems to light within the Agency, and to Congress. The Inspector General’s Office likewise must protect the identities of such employees and whistleblowers, as



required by law, and assure that they are protected from reprisal. Finally, the Inspector General must report criminal violations to the Justice Department.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Inspector General should be respectful of the CIA's mission and unique culture, and take due regard for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. It is also very important that the Inspector General maintain strong and open lines of communications with the Director and with Congress, and to maintain trusted professional working relationships with both. However, the Inspector General also must perform its work in an objective and unbiased manner, free from personal and political agendas, and free from internal or external pressures or interference, regardless of source. Therefore, it is essential that the Inspector General strike an appropriate balance between independence on one hand, and forging a cooperative team approach on the other, not only with Agency leadership, but with Congress as well.

In summary, the CIA's Office of Inspector General plays a critical role in making the Agency better by helping protect and strengthen its programs, workforce, policies and operations; by helping protect, with the intelligence committees, the civil liberties of all Americans; and by helping ensure that the work of Agency fully and properly serves the interests of the nation and the American people. Finally, consistent with the principles of Lady Justice, it is vital to the work of the Office of Inspector General that it always professionally and ethically follow the law, and the facts, wherever they might lead.

#### AFFIRMATION

I, PETER M. THOMSON, DO SWEAR THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

May 2, 2020  
(Date)

SIGNATURE OF PETER M. THOMSON

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY

TO THE CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE:

In connection with my nomination to be the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Committee, I hereby express my willingness to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

SIGNATURE OF PETER M. THOMSON

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

May 2, 2020