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## Mr. George Wesley Street Nominee for the Position of Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center Statement for the Record Before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence June 25, 2025

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, Members of the Committee, I am humbled to present myself before you today for consideration as the nominee to be the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center. I am grateful to President Trump for nominating me for this position, and thankful to Director of National Intelligence Gabbard for recommending me to the President and for her confidence in me.

I would not be here today without the love and support of my wife Stephanie and our three children. They have persevered through long deployments and my extended periods away from home. I am forever grateful for their unwavering, love, support and sacrifice. I'd be remiss, if I didn't also recognize the storied institution that allowed me the opportunity to build 30 years of counterintelligence expertise across the globe, The United States Army, "This We'll Defend".

I am fortunate to have served my nation as a United States Army Soldier, and as a civilian Army Counterintelligence Special Agent for total of nearly 33 years. This allowed me to build unique expertise in nearly all aspects of the counterintelligence and security enterprise. From overseas assignments, including multinational peacekeeping and combat deployments to leading interagency efforts here at home, I have served as an agent, planner, coordinator and leader, through the execution of far-reaching investigations, operational and policy efforts. Throughout my career, I have developed key relationships with international partners, who are similarly victimized by adversarial intelligence collection efforts. I fully understand the importance of collaboration with partner nations.

Our adversaries are creative and innovative in the avenues they use to exploit our nation to achieve intelligence, military and economic advantages for their own dastardly purposes. Adversarial elements work with near impunity in the homeland. They penetrate our critical infrastructure, telecommunications and cyber networks, exploit our academic communities, infiltrate our research and development and victimize our private industries. Our defense industrial base and non-title 50 US government organizations are heavily targeted and represent the soft underbelly of our protective efforts.

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relationships, unmanned aerial vehicles, and their own students attending US academic institutions. China utilizes a "whole of society" approach to exploiting the United States and our partners. China aggressively and unapologetically flew a spy balloon across the American heartland without remorse. Chinese law mandates that all Chinese companies and citizens cooperate with the intelligence services of the Chinese government. This means that Chinese companies and students studying at US Universities – often working on US Government funded research - are obligated to cooperate with the intelligence services of the CCP, on demand. We must work to address this emerging form of exploitation by China, while simultaneously defending the civil liberties of the American people.

Unlike other the other intelligence disciplines, the nation lacks a "center of gravity" for the counterintelligence community. A nerve center that enables operational field elements to enact the National Counterintelligence Strategy, be agile in the face of innovative adversaries and conduct synchronized interagency efforts against the insidious threat posed by foreign intelligence. If confirmed, I will work to establish the NCSC as that "center of gravity" for the "Counterintelligence Fight". I will look to strengthen the relationship between the NCSC and the National Counterintelligence Task Force. This will enhance linkage with field elements and improve information sharing to close the seam between the Intelligence Community and federal law enforcement organizations.

If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed by the Senate, I will work with the US counterintelligence community to enable their efforts to identify, report, deter, detect, investigate, exploit, and neutralize adversarial threats to our nation and impose cost on adversaries targeting the United States, partner nations and our equities across the globe. I firmly believe that to achieve these objectives, the NCSC, under the direction of DNI Gabbard and President Trump, must consistently and transparently work with Congress to remain agile in the "Counterintelligence Fight".

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, members of the committee, I thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination. I look forward to your questions.