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PART A - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. FULL NAME: Joshua Bradford Simmons
OTHER NAMES USED: Josh
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: July 13, 1982, Abingdon, VA
CITIZENSHIP: United States
3. MARITAL STATUS: **INFORMATION REDACTED**
4. SPOUSE'S NAME: **INFORMATION REDACTED**
5. SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE: **INFORMATION REDACTED**
6. NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN:
INFORMATION REDACTED

7. EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DATES ATTENDED</u>	<u>DEGREE RECEIVED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEGREE</u>
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University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	2000 – 2004	B.A.	2004
University of Virginia School of Law	2004 – 2007	J.D.	2007

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>
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U.S. Department of State	Principal Deputy Legal Adviser	Washington, DC	2025 – present
University of Virginia School of Law	Adjunct Professor	Charlottesville, VA	2014 – 2025
Wiley Rein LLP	Partner and Co-Head of Global Disputes	Washington, DC	2023 – 2025 (partner) 2021 – 2023 (of counsel)
U.S. Department of State	Senior Adviser	Washington, DC	2019 – 2021
Three Crowns LLP	Senior Associate	Washington, DC	2015 – 2018
U.S. Department of State	Attorney-Adviser	Washington, DC	2013 – 2015

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Covington & Burling LLP	Associate	Washington, DC	2007 – 2013 Summer 2006
Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson LLP	Summer Associate	Charlotte, NC	Summer 2006 Summer 2005
McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP	Summer Associate	Atlanta, GA	Summer 2005

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).

Please see my response to question 8.

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

As the Principal Deputy Legal Adviser for the U.S. Department of State, I have had the opportunity to focus daily on national security matters. I have worked closely with attorneys at the National Security Council, the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Justice, and other U.S. agencies on complex legal matters arising around the world. I have advised clients on the legal authorizations and limits for sensitive intelligence and national security issues, including related to the law of armed conflict, intelligence sharing, and covert action.

In my current role and in my prior service at the State Department, I have regularly incorporated analysis from the intelligence community to advise on legal issues relating to sensitive foreign policy and national security matters. Throughout my government service, I have maintained a Top-Secret security clearance.

In my private sector career, I have worked on multiple high-stakes international arbitration disputes that implicate national security. For example, I represented international oil companies headquartered in the United States with claims against Venezuela arising from expropriation of multibillion-dollar projects. I also defended the Kingdom of Bahrain against two state-owned Iranian banks, both subject to U.S. sanctions, in a dispute related to money laundering and terrorist financing. My experience in global disputes covers many regions and business sectors, from natural resource mining in Africa to real estate in South Korea to banking in Cyprus. I have also advised clients on legal issues arising from U.S. government contracts, with a focus on defense and intelligence services.

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. State Department, Superior Honor Award for legal advice in support of a treaty negotiation with France leading to settlement of Holocaust deportation claims and compensation for U.S. victims
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- University of Virginia School of Law
 - Dean's Scholar
 - Dillard Teaching Fellow
 - *Virginia Law Review*, Editorial Board

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- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
 - Honors and Highest Distinction
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Forestview High School – Valedictorian, Academic Athlete of the Year
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).

INFORMATION REDACTED

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?

Please see Annex A for the list of published writings and speeches. I would be glad to provide a copy of any of the publications or speeches that I can locate.

PART B - QUALIFICATIONS

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

My work over many years in the national security community, as a senior lawyer at the U.S. State Department and in the private sector, has given me significant experience, knowledge, and judgment to serve as the General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As described in response to question 10, I have spent multiple years working on national security and intelligence issues within the U.S. government. These experiences have shaped my understanding of the principal legal issues and complexities of advising government clients on these sensitive issues. I also have significant experience collaborating productively with lawyers and clients in the interagency process and with the White House.

I have demonstrated the qualifications to effectively lead a similar general counsel's office—the Office of the Legal Adviser at the State Department. My responsibilities at the State Department have included supervising and managing a team of over 300 lawyers and staff who advise on all legal issues, domestic and international, arising in the course of the Department's work in formulating and implementing the foreign policies of the United States. Those issues include significant national security and intelligence matters, as well as the core functions of government management, such as employment, contracts, ethics, litigation, and compliance with U.S. statutes and regulations. My work has also involved engaging with and responding to requests from Congress. In addition, I initially served as a career civil servant attorney at the State

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Department, which provides important perspective in leading government lawyers to provide excellent legal advice to policymakers.

In private practice, where I served as co-head of a global disputes group at a prominent law firm, I have advised senior business leaders on complex and time-sensitive legal issues arising from cross-border trade and investment. This includes international arbitration and litigation in the U.S. courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. My private sector experience has developed my ability to communicate clearly and pragmatically about a wide variety of legal issues.

I believe that these experiences qualify me well to serve as General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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).

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

None.

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.

As a senior associate at Three Crowns LLP, I represented the Kingdom of Bahrain in an international arbitration proceeding in defense of claims brought by Iranian banks, Bank Melli Iran and Bank Saderat Iran. The dispute concerned the alleged breach by Bahrain of its obligations under a bilateral investment treaty arising out of the forced administration of Future Bank in Bahrain.

As an associate at Covington & Burling LLP, I represented the OCP Group, which is a Moroccan state-owned company, related to investments in Morocco and nearby regions. My role was limited to research and analysis of relevant legal issues.

- 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.

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As noted in response to question 8, I have worked at three law firms with broad international practices. Attorneys at these firms have represented foreign governments as part of the firms' practices in a range of areas. I do not have direct familiarity with any of the matters in which former associates at these firms engaged in such representations, other than the matter listed in response to question 17(A) above.

- 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.

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.

None. I have never been a registered lobbyist or engaged in any form of lobbying activity.

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.

None.

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.

Yes, I will sever any such connections.

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.

I have no deferred income arrangements relating to any of my business/employment activities, other than standard government retirement plans. Any compensation will be only for work performed on or before my confirmation date.

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.

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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.

I have no formal or informal agreements or understanding for future employment with any person or entity.

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.

No.

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.

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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.

<u>NAME OF ENTITY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES HELD</u>	<u>SELF OR SPOUSE</u>
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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.

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.)

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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 YOU 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.)

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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.

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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.

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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.

I have no current plans to create a blind trust but I will abide by any agreement negotiated with the Office of Government Ethics.

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?

I filed an OGE Form 278e while at the U.S. Department of State as a new entrant filer in March 2025. I can provide copies of this report upon request.

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.

No.

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.

No.

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.)

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No.

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.

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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 GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

The congressional oversight committees play a crucial role in the oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Intelligence Community. They ensure that the American people can trust that the CIA is acting in accordance with law and policy even as the CIA's classified activities cannot be publicly disclosed or subject to open debate. The CIA's participation in the oversight process, including by providing information to the congressional intelligence committees, is necessary for Congress to carry out this role. Pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947, the CIA keeps the congressional intelligence committees fully informed about intelligence activities and covert actions, including any significant anticipated intelligence activity and any significant intelligence failure, to the extent consistent with due regard for the protection from unauthorized disclosure of classified information relating to sensitive intelligence sources and methods or other exceptionally sensitive matters. The General Counsel of the CIA is also responsible for notifying the intelligence committees of significant legal interpretations of the U.S. Constitution or federal law affecting the CIA's intelligence activities.

If confirmed, I commit to working with CIA leadership and personnel to ensure that the CIA continues to engage in the oversight process. This includes providing information to Congress and maintaining a strong relationship with the congressional intelligence committees as they carry out their vital oversight role.

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

The General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, by statute, is the chief legal officer of the Agency and serves as the legal advisor to the Director of the CIA, other senior Agency leadership, and Agency

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personnel. The General Counsel is responsible for providing accurate and timely counsel on legal matters affecting CIA operations. The General Counsel supervises and manages the Office of General Counsel and its personnel in supporting the CIA's mission. In the interagency process, the General Counsel leads engagements across the Intelligence Community and Executive Branch on matters of law and policy relevant to the CIA and its operations.

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AFFIRMATION

I, **JOSHUA B. SIMMONS**, DO SWEAR THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

9-11-2025

(Date)

JOSHUA SIMMONS SIGNATURE REDACTED

NOTARY SIGNATURE REDACTED

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TO THE CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE:

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

JOSHUA SIMMONS SIGNATURE REDACTED

Date: 9-11-2025

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Annex A

- Oral Statement on behalf of the United States before the International Court of Justice, Public Hearing on the Request for an Advisory Opinion on the *Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory*, April 2025.
- *ICSID in the U.S. Courts: The Rocks of Sovereign Immunity*, Oxford University Press, ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal (2025).
- *CryptoCounsel* Podcast, Wiley Rein LLP, 2024 – 2025.
- *Practical Insights on Article V(1)(c) and (d) of the New York Convention*, Wolters Kluwer (2024).
- *Stopping the Arms Race: Page Limits in International Arbitration*, Wolters Kluwer, Expedited International Arbitration: Policies, Rules and Procedures (2024).
- Expedited International Arbitration: Comparative Approaches and Global Perspectives, CIArb Webinar (2024).
- The Next Frontier in Arbitration: Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets, CIArb Webinar (2024).
- Arbitration and the Supremes: A Roundup of Recent and Anticipated Supreme Court Arbitration Precedents, Federalist Society Program (2023).
- *The New York Convention in Space: International Arbitration of Satellite Disputes*, Jus Mundi (2022).
- *Renewable Energy Disputes – Answers in Arbitration*, International Chamber of Commerce, Dispute Resolution (2021).
- *The Misdiagnosed Investment Court: The Wrong Remedy for the Right Problem*, Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law, Vol. 10 (2017).
- *The Investment Agreement in Investment Arbitration: Effects on Damages*, Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law, Vol. 7 (2014).
- *Report on the AAA-ICDR, ICC, ICSID Joint Colloquium on the Frontiers of Arbitration*, Paris Journal of International Arbitration (2013).
- Executive Order Enhances Government Contractors' Responsibilities in the Fight Against Human Trafficking, Covington & Burling LLP Client Alert (2012).
- *Valuation in Investor-State Arbitration: Toward a More Exact Science*, 30 Berkeley Journal of International Law 196 (2012).

Supplement to Annex A
Publications Under Pen Name

- *The Genome Trilogy* (under pen name J.B. Simmons), Three Cord Press (2023).
- *Treaty of War* (under pen name Jay Bradford), Amazon (2022).
- *The Five Towers Series* (under pen name J.B. Simmons), Three Cord Press (2018).
- *The Babel Tower* (under pen name J.B. Simmons), Three Cord Press (2017).
- *The Awakening of Washington's Church* (under pen name J.B. Simmons), Ingram Spark (2016).
- *The Omega Trilogy* (under pen name J.B. Simmons), Three Cord Press (2014).
- *The Gloaming Series* (under pen name J.B. Simmons), Amazon (2013).
- Related blogs on J.B. Simmons author website.