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PART A - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. FULL NAME: Michael James Vance
OTHER NAMES USED: N/A
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: **REDACTED**
CITIZENSHIP: USA
3. MARITAL STATUS: **REDACTED**
4. SPOUSE'S NAME: **REDACTED**
5. SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE: **REDACTED**
6. NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN:

NAME

AGE

REDACTED

7. EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DATES ATTENDED</u>	<u>DEGREE RECEIVED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEGREE</u>
Southwest Virginia Community College	1996 – 1998	AA, General Studies	May 1998
University of London (SOAS)	1999	(Arabic Study Abroad)	N/A
Emory and Henry College	1998 – 2000	BA, International Studies	June 2000
Nankai University	2000	(Chinese Language Study)	N/A
University of London (SOAS)	2000 – 2001	MA, Chinese Studies	December 2001

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>
Department of State	Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary for Policy	Washington, DC	2026 - Present

White House	Special Advisor to the VP for Asian Affairs	Washington, DC	2025 – Present
Walmart	Asset Protection (seasonal)	Zions Crossroads, VA	2024 – 2025
Department of the Army	Civil Conflict Analyst	Charlottesville, VA	2020 – 2025
Trump Winery	Tasting Room Associate (seasonal)	Charlottesville, VA	2022
Department of State	Special Agent, Assistant Regional Sec. Officer	Kabul, Afghanistan	2019 - 2020
Department of State	Special Agent, Mobile Sec. Deployments	Washington, DC	2015 – 2019
Department of State	Special Agent / Special Deputy U.S. Marshal	Washington, DC	2013 – 2015
Department of State	China Analyst, Bureau of Intel. and Research	Washington, DC	2009 – 2013
National Security Council	NSC Fellow, East Asia and Strat. Planning	Washington, DC	2007 – 2009
National Intel. Council	Long-Range Analysis Unit	McLean, VA	2006 – 2007
National Security Agency	Chief, Strategic Assessments Cell	Ft. Meade, MD	2005 – 2006
National Intel. Council	East Asia Fellow	McLean, VA	2004 – 2005
National Security Agency	China Analyst	Washington, DC	2002 – 2004
Travelocity.com	Customer Service Agent	Clintwood, VA	2002 – 2002

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).

Relevant experience provided in Question #8 above.

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 have served in a variety of roles since first joining the Intelligence Community (IC) in 2002. As a National Security Agency (NSA) analyst, I began my career analyzing China and contributing to signals intelligence (SIGINT) operations.

After two years as an NSA analyst, I was elevated to the National Intelligence Council (NIC) where I served as the East Asia Fellow and as an Acting Deputy National Intelligence Officer. During that first NIC assignment, I drafted and coordinated a dozen products on a wide range of issues relating to Northeast Asia. I was also present for the establishment of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), which afforded me the opportunity to play a direct role in advising and supporting senior ODNI leadership on a host of issues, including Chinese foreign policy intentions and North Korea’s nuclear program.

I returned to NSA after my NIC assignment to establish a new analytic organization in NSA’s Office of China and Korea intended to generate long-term studies—the Strategic Assessments Cell (SAC). I was an early NSA participant in the PDB process, drafting the Agency’s first PDB Serial Flyer. After a year leading the SAC, I was again invited to return to the NIC, this time as a “DNI Exceptional Analyst.” My second tour at the NIC was with the Long-Range Analysis Unit (later renamed the Strategic Futures Group). During my time with the team, I prepared major studies on the future of the East Asian security order and on the underlying causes of nuclear proliferation. I also supported the production of the Global Trends report.

My strong performance at the NIC led to an opportunity through ODNI to serve at the National Security Council as an embedded intelligence advisor to the East Asia and Strategic Planning directorates. My time as an NSC fellow equipped me with invaluable experience supporting senior U.S. policymakers, as well as greater insight into the interagency process. As a peripheral duty, I also served as a member of the National Intelligence Priorities Framework working group examining foreign policy collection goals.

In 2009, I accepted a position in the State Department’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) as a China military analyst. During my time in INR, I was recognized as the Department’s top expert on Chinese nuclear capabilities and doctrine—providing direct support to the Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security. From my position in INR, I gained an appreciation for INR’s unique position in the IC, as a small, but highly capable analytic organization providing support to some of our nation’s most senior foreign policy leaders.

In 2013, I left INR to become a Special Agent in the Diplomatic Security Service (DSS). As a Special Agent I gained a new appreciation for the Department's overseas operations, particularly at "high-threat" posts. I also worked closely with DSS' intelligence team, the Intelligence and Threat Analysis (ITA) unit. During my final DSS assignment, I served as an Assistant Regional Security Officer in Kabul, where I lead the Embassy's surveillance detection team and Threat Intelligence Fusion Cell (TIFC). As TIFC Chief, I managed a team of analysts charged with gauging threats to the Embassy and U.S. persons in Afghanistan.

In 2020, I resigned from the DSS and the Foreign Service to return to the IC, this time as an analyst at the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC). At NGIC, I researched civil conflict in South and Southeast Asia. I authored dozens of studies on a range of issues, including civil war endgame dynamics and alliance formation in multiparty civil wars. I pioneered outreach to leading social scientists and led the way in the use of both AI and quantitative approaches to intelligence problems.

In January of 2025, I joined the Vice President's team as his Special Advisor for Asian Affairs and WMD Policy. As a member of the White House team, I have participated in all levels of the policy process; at times representing the Vice President's perspective in meeting with senior Administration officials; and at other times prepping the Vice President to participate in Principal's Committee meetings or engagements with foreign leaders. My work in the policy community has armed me with a deep understanding of the Administration's priorities and an appreciation for how the IC can contribute to their achievement.

In January of 2026, I was asked to take on additional duties as a Senior Advisor to the Department of State's Undersecretary for Policy. I will continue to serve the Vice President as his Special Advisor for Asian Affairs and WMD Policy, but will now also provide support to the Undersecretary, particularly on Southeast Asia-related issues.

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).

Department of Army Awards:

Quality Step Increase, January 12, 2025
Civilian Service Commendation Medal, November 25, 2024
Special Service Award, July 2, 2024
Special Service Award, April 29, 2024
Time-Off Award, February 26, 2024
Special Service Award, August 17, 2023
Special Service Award, June 26, 2023
20 Years of Service, September 30, 2022
Special Service Award, August 17, 2022
Special Service Award, June 2021
Special Service Award, August 4, 2021

Department of State Awards:

Group Superior Honor Award, 2018
Quality Step Increase, 2011

Intelligence Community Awards:

Recognized for "Outstanding Contribution" to the Work of the Long-Range Analysis Unit, 2009
Selected for the Director of National Intelligence Exceptional Analyst program, 2006
Performance Bonus, 2005
Performance Bonus, 2004
Awarded the Signals Intelligence Directorate Coin for contributions to the directorate, 2003

Quality Step Increase, 2003

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).

ORGANIZATION

OFFICE HELD

DATES

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?

DRL's Annual Human Rights Reports: Ignoring Repression in Europe, 2024, Ben Franklin Fellowship Website

The Gods You Deserve, self-published novel on Amazon, 2023

To Serve No More, self-published novel on Amazon, 2022

Book Review, Nuclear Logics: Contrasting Paths in East Asia and the Middle East, International Affairs, Volume 84, Issue 1, 2008

I will provide a copy of any of the above works upon request.

PART B - QUALIFICATIONS

14. QUALIFICATIONS (DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH)).
As a former INR analyst, who retains deep ties to the organization and its people, I have a sincere appreciation for the Bureau and a genuine desire to see it and its members succeed. Although my INR experience grounds me in an understanding of the Bureau's unique challenges and legacy, I also benefit from being a veteran of other intelligence organizations, including the National Security Agency, the National Intelligence Council, and the National Ground Intelligence Center. I have seen what works and what doesn't in organizations and understand how to foster an environment that encourages intellectual growth and analytic excellence.

In the course of my career, I have been recognized for excellence in tradecraft and as a pioneer of new methods and means of conceptualizing analytic problems. This has included leveraging academic experts, artificial intelligence, quantitative methods, and comparative history to attack some of the most challenging intelligence problems. I am prepared to bring this same attitude of innovation and reverence for deep subject-matter expertise to INR.

My appreciation for strong subject-matter knowledge tracks well with INR's needs. As a small agency with a big mission, I recognize that INR's leadership must always be dedicated to recruiting and retaining elite-level talent. Larger agencies can afford to occasionally miss the target in their recruiting efforts. When you have the luxury of staffing large teams to cover issues, one or two low-performers will not necessarily compromise the

team's overall performance. In INR, however, where an analyst is expected to manage a large, multi-issue or multi-country portfolio, there can be no tolerance for mediocrity. Should I be confirmed as INR Assistant Secretary, I will be fully committed to attracting top-level talent from academia, industry, and government. Moreover, I will commit myself to creating a work environment that rewards excellence and that signals to every member of the Bureau that they are a valued professional.

In addition to my time as an IC professional, I also bring nearly seven years of experience as a Diplomatic Security Service Special Agent and member of the Foreign Service. My time as a Special Agent, which included assignments at high-threat posts, provided me with an understanding of overseas operations and instilled in me a visceral appreciation for the unique threats American diplomats face overseas. I believe this uniquely equips me to strengthen the connective tissue between INR and DSS, to better support the Department's mission of safeguarding U.S. personnel and facilities abroad.

Finally, my time as an advisor to the Vice President has granted me a deep understanding of the priorities and goals of the current Administration. Should I be confirmed, I will provide INR with the leadership it needs to provide timely, relevant support at a time of change in U.S. foreign policy, informed by my White House experience. Without a strong, trust-based relationship with senior policymakers, analysts are sometimes left to guess at policy goals and unable to contribute meaningfully to decision-making. I am eager to use my relationships with senior Administration leaders, particularly those in the Department, to maximize INR's engagement and add real value to policy deliberations.

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).

REDACTED

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

N/A

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.

No

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.

No

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

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.

I will comply with all requirements as outlined in my ethics agreement.

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 will comply with all requirements as outlined in my ethics 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.

I have no agreements or understandings in any form at this time pertaining to possible post-government employment.

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.

REDACTED

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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REDACTED

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.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY VALUE METHOD OF VALUATION

None

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.)

NATURE OF OBLIGATION NAME OF OBLIGEE AMOUNT

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.)

REDACTED

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?

If asked, I will make tax return information from the past three years available on a confidential basis for appropriate review.

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

REDACTED

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.

REDACTED

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.

REDACTED

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, and I do not have any arrangements for my financial holdings.

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?

REDACTED

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.

REDACTED

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.

REDACTED

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.

REDACTED

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

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.

REDACTED

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

REDACTED

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 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH) AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

Congress plays an essential role in overseeing the activities of the Intelligence Community (IC), particularly in two areas: protecting civil liberties and ensuring taxpayer funds are spent responsibly.

The IC wields enormous power and resources. It has also, at times, shown that in its zeal to collect and analyze information it can violate the constitutional rights of Americans. An engaged Congress is one of the most important checks against abuses of IC authorities and is essential to maintaining the confidence of the American people in the integrity of the IC.

Additionally, legislative oversight is critical to ensuring the IC spends congressionally appropriated funds responsibly. Given that elements of the IC budget are classified and beyond the visibility of voters, Congress has a unique responsibility to ensure funds are applied efficiently and in a manner consistent with the best interests of taxpayers.

49. EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH).

The Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research (INR) serves as the Department of State's chief intelligence officer and principal adviser to the Secretary on all intelligence matters. The Assistant Secretary oversees the Department's engagement with the broader Intelligence Community (IC), including the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and the Central Intelligence Agency. Leading INR means recognizing that despite its small size, the Bureau plays a uniquely influential role given the deep subject-matter expertise of its analytic cadre, tradition of intellectual independence, and close integration with policymakers.

At its core, the job is about ensuring that the Secretary and other 7th and 6th floor leaders receive timely analysis tailored to the Department's diplomatic mission. The Assistant Secretary directs analysts who cover every region and major global issue—from Chinese foreign policy intentions, to Houthis military capabilities. The Bureau's mission is not to duplicate the work of the larger IC, but to provide unique insights informed by the Bureau's deep pool of world-class expertise while also leveraging the expertise of diplomats overseas. INR is often regarded as the "reality check" inside the IC because of its emphasis on skepticism and culture of dissent.

The Assistant Secretary also manages INR's role as the State Department's intelligence liaison. This involves representing the Department's interests within the IC and working with ODNI to shape IC priorities. The role includes regular engagement with senior leaders across the IC and at the National Security Council. Because INR is an intelligence organization embedded within a policy department, the Assistant Secretary frequently plays a bridging function—translating intelligence for senior policymakers and conveying diplomatic realities and priorities back into the intelligence system.

Another major responsibility is ensuring that diplomats worldwide have timely, actionable intelligence support. The Assistant Secretary oversees INR's support to ambassadors and country teams, ensures intelligence workflows are aligned with regional bureau needs, and directs crisis-support mechanisms during conflicts, coups, natural disasters, and rapidly evolving geopolitical events. During such events, the Assistant Secretary can become one of the Secretary's most useful advisers. INR also has a responsibility to support the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's (DS) efforts to protect American diplomats and missions overseas through close collaboration with DS' intelligence team, with DS analysts monitoring tactical threats to overseas operations, while INR analysts provide the strategic-level framing. In other words, DS analysts are on the lookout for specific threats to U.S. personnel and facilities, while INR analysts monitor macro-level societal and political conditions to provide strategic-level warning of instability.

The role also carries significant oversight and compliance responsibilities. The Assistant Secretary manages intelligence-related security and information-assurance programs at State and oversees analytic tradecraft standards. This includes promoting a culture of security consciousness that allows for the protection of our nation's most sensitive information.

At the end of the day, the Assistant Secretary for INR is responsible for helping the nation's top diplomat see the world clearly at a time when discerning truth is as challenging as it has ever been. The position's impact is

quiet but profound—shaping war and peace decisions, managing global risk, and ensuring that American diplomacy rests on a foundation of fact-based analysis.

AFFIRMATION

I, **Michael James Vance**, DO SWEAR THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

2-6-2026
(Date)

MICHAEL JAMES VANCE SIGNATURE REDACTED

NOTARY SIGNATURE REDACTED

TO THE CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE:

In connection with my nomination to be Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), I hereby express my willingness to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

MICHAEL JAMES VANCE SIGNATURE REDACTED

Date: 2-6-2026