



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

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26 Jan 23
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Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member:

This letter is in response to the 5 December 2022 letter signed by Senators Inhofe and Fischer, along with Representatives Rogers and Lamborn, concerning our recent report regarding Section 1648 of Public Law 117-81, "Notification Regarding Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles of China." United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) is committed to working with the Intelligence Community and the Administration to maximize the amount of information that can be shared. We have additional unclassified information we can provide at this time.

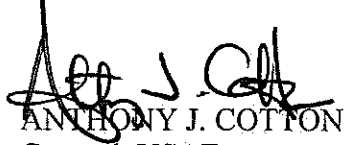
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- The number of land-based fixed and mobile ICBM launchers in China exceeds the number of ICBM launchers in the United States.

Additionally, following our initial 8 November 2022 classified notification to the committee, USSTRATCOM has updated classified information to provide on this reporting requirement. A separate classified letter will be submitted to supplement this unclassified notification.

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Very Respectfully,



ANTHONY J. COTTON
General, USAF
Commander

cc:

The Honorable Jack Reed, Chairman

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin, Secretary of Defense

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The Honorable Deb Fischer
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Senate Armed Services Committee
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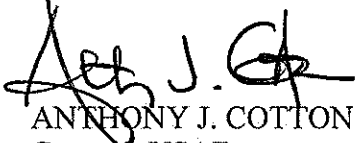
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Chairman
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
House Armed Services Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

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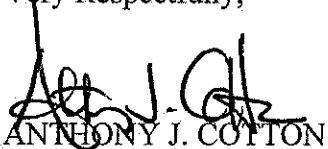
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The Honorable Adam Smith, Ranking Member

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