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(U) Chairman Bergman, Ranking Member Gallego, and distinguished members of this Subcommittee. It's a privilege to testify on the posture of the Defense Intelligence and Security Enterprise. With my colleagues, we will address the global threats and challenges with a specific focus on the pacing challenge, the People's Republic of China (PRC).

(U) On behalf of the Department of Defense's intelligence and security professionals, I thank each of you for your steadfast support of their efforts to keep the Nation safe and secure.

(U) I am joined here today by Generals Nakasone and Berrier and they will be offering their intelligence-informed perspectives on our PRC challenge. We look forward to your questions on these challenges, and how our Enterprises are postured to meet them. I have provided the Subcommittee a classified Statement for the Record that outlines our FY24 Military Intelligence Program budget request in greater detail.

(U) Our number one priority continues to be the pacing challenge of the PRC. As Secretary Austin has testified previously, we do not believe that conflict with the PRC is either imminent, or inevitable. The Department's intelligence and security efforts are focused on deterring PRC regional aggression against Taiwan, and its neighbors, while supporting the global adherence to the international rule of law.

(U) While we seek peaceful resolutions to issues, in the event that conflict becomes inevitable, we will provide a decisive information and decision advantage to our leaders and combatant commanders. The Military Intelligence Program is postured to support that goal.

(U) While I can provide more specifics of the MIP's efforts in closed session, our major lines of effort are focused on establishing:

- (U) Robust intelligence sharing policies and processes
- (U) Secure, resilient, and reliable systems and architectures

- (U) Strong regional and global partnerships; and
- (U) A deep analytic and linguistic bench

(U) I again thank the Subcommittee for its leadership and support. I will now turn to General Berrier, followed by General Nakasone, for their testimony.