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(U) Since my last DIRgram on the future of U.S. intelligence (DIRgram 325), we've seen further movement by both the Executive and Legislative Branches. We can expect more public debate in the coming weeks, but we need to stay focused on our mission.

(U) The President in late August issued several executive orders to: enhance the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), notably by clarifying his budget responsibilities; establish a National Counterterrorism Center to serve as the U.S. Government's central location for the global war on terrorism; strengthen the sharing of terrorism information through common standards and an interoperable information sharing environment; and establish the President's Board on Safeguarding Americans' Civil Liberties, whose members include our general counsel.

(U) Meanwhile, Congress has held hearings on the nomination of Congressman Porter Goss to be the director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Congressman Goss will also serve as the DCI, pending the enactment of legislation to create a National Intelligence Director. The President and various Members of Congress have proposed such legislation, which is now being debated. We can expect the role and functions of U.S. intelligence agencies to continue to be a prominent topic in this debate. Don't let this distract or discourage you. Every one of our customers – and the Nation each serves in his own way – is depending on you.

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