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Member: Senator Voinovich
Witness: Mr. John Fitzpatrick
Question: 2

Question 2: (U) Your testimony indicates there will be modifications to intelligence community policies to allow for the clearing of more first and second generation Americans. When do you expect these modifications to be made?

Answer: (U//FOUO) Several new policies, currently in interagency coordination, would remove barriers for first- and second-generation Americans to be considered for IC security clearances. These proposed policy changes include: removing the requirement to obtain a waiver when an applicant has immediate family members who are not U.S. citizens; new guidance to clarify the definitions of foreign preference, and recommended changes to adjudicative guidelines to better align with national security needs. We expect the policy changes regarding immediate family members and foreign preference to be implemented quickly, as they are within the authority of the DNI. Changes to national adjudicative guidelines require interagency coordination, which is ongoing as part of the Joint Reform Team's work.

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