

**Remarks and Q&A by the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection  
Mr. Glenn A. Gaffney**

**DNI Open Source Conference 2008  
Washington, DC**

**September 11, 2008**

---

MS. SABRA HORNE (ODNI Senior Advisor for Open Source/Outreach): Good morning. Welcome ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Second Annual DNI Open Source Conference. We're thrilled to have you here. I'm Sabra Horne, Senior Advisor for Outreach and the organizer for this event. We see many familiar faces here, a lot of the wonderful folks we've worked with over the past few years as well as those of you who were able to attend the conference last year.

But in this last year, we've added many, many, many new faces to our friends and family list – those of you who know that using open source is vital in ensuring that we protect our national security. Our list of friends and family has grown, and grown, and grown. You recognize that open source information is critical in transcending the confines of the traditional Intelligence Community. In thinking about how we could top the success of last year's event, we wondered, was it possible? Is it important for us to gather Intelligence Community professionals with subject matter experts from around the world to address our most pressing questions? We wondered, is there a need for intelligence professionals to listen, to learn from the experts who they can get the most productive information from?

We heard from you and 3,500 of your closest friends; the answer was yes. Our goal with this conference is to bring together that ever expanding network of folks who know that open source information is critical. So to you, the fortunate 1,800 who were able to get in the door today, we say, we proudly announce to you that we have here representatives from over 80 colleges and universities, from 35 states, 47 think tanks, 56 nongovernmental organizations, representatives from state, local, tribal agencies from 38 states, from 370 private firms, from 60 media outlets, and from 38 countries around the world. And with this motley crew, we can and we will break down the barriers to collaboration, overcome our challenges of disconnected networks of different languages, lexicons, and acronyms, of jurisdictions, states, and country borders, to develop and enrich symbiotic relationships to best meet our security challenges.

In creating this exciting agenda, we listened to you. So this agenda was created by you and for you. Over the next two days, you will hear from many of our top leading experts in the Intelligence Community as well as subject matter experts from around the world. We'll hear from Glenn Gaffney, our Deputy Director of National Intelligence for collection, about his vision for the new universe of open source information. You'll hear from General Hayden, who will talk about the importance of open source within the Central Intelligence Agency. Unfortunately, General Clapper is not able to join us but we'll hear from Christine McKeown, the Assistant Deputy Undersecretary on how open source is affecting the DOD.

Tomorrow morning, we have a special focus on Homeland Security and we'll hear from Mr. Charlie Allen in regards to the new developments with Open Source as DHS. And we'll have an exciting panel discussion about privacy, technology, and open source. Many, many things to CENTRA, especially Steve Schlaikjer, Patricia Rader, Jaclyn Harnett (ph), and Meredith for all the amazing hard work and good humor and good cheer and diplomacy. So thank you so very much. We also want to thank Harold Rosenbaum and the rest of CENTRA for all the support they've provided us over the year.

You told us this year that you wanted more training and hands on experience with open source capabilities. So here, over the next two days, we will actually train over 1,000 individuals in open source trade craft. Many thanks to Mark Johnson from the Open Source Center for achieving this amazing feat. Thank you, Mark. Plus, we have demonstrations and learning centers all around this venue. So please make sure you get around to see them all. We've slowed the breakneck speed of last year's conference a bit so that you all have more time to mingle, chat, and network with your colleagues. So please take advantage of that. We also have areas, business center areas over in the other part of the venue, where you can actually relax and enjoy a bit of a cup of coffee and some conversation.

Don't miss, also, our Meet the Speakers session which takes place this afternoon, where you can mix and mingle. Please keep in mind that this is a completely open, unclassified, public event, so please keep in mind your comments at all times. Finally, we'd be remised if we didn't note that today is Patriot Day and we didn't note the changes in information sharing that have taken place over the last seven years since the tragic events of 9/11.

Before that day, could we have imagined the information sharing that takes place? Could we have imagined gathering 2,000 individuals in this room, with media, with international partners, to share information? I don't think so. So to the sacrifice of others, our gratitude is great and our memories long. And also in accordance with the presidential proclamation, we will note, at 8:46 A.M., a moment of silence in recognition of those who have fallen.

Now, it's my honor to introduce Mr. Dan Butler, our Acting Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Open Source. Mr. Butler has been part of the DNI since the very earliest days of its stand up and served as the senior advisor for policy. His 25 years in military intelligence and law enforcement gave him a great appreciation for open source. And it is his vision for the broadening and furthering of the wider open source community that drives him to this day. Mr. Butler. Enjoy the conference.

(Applause.)

MR. DANIEL BUTLER (Acting Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Open Source): Sabra, thank you and also, I'd like to echo Sabra's thanks to CENTRA Technology and the great team that CENTRA put on organizing this conference this year. They've done a terrific job, a lot of good work behind the scenes. I want to thank FBC, also, for organizing our Tech Expo, which is occurring right across the atrium. I strongly encourage that you visit our exhibitors. They have some remarkable new capabilities that they would like to share with us in

the community and share with all of you, who come from the broader community beyond the Intelligence Community.

Want to thank our co-host, the DNI Open Source Center, Doug Naquin. Thank you, director for supporting us this year and co-hosting the conference and the Department of Homeland Security, Charlie Allen, Barbara Alexander. He's the senior executive responsible for Open Source. They've been terrific in helping us put together a fantastic conference – what I anticipate will be a fantastic conference for all of us here today. And, of course, I want to thank all of you. Thank you for coming. Those statistics that Sabra just recited are very impressive and they – it excites me to know that we have been able to draw 1800 people out of the 3500 people that wanted to come to the conference to join us here today in collaborating on how we can use open sources better to perform our mission of creating decision advantage.

Let me start by echoing comments that you saw in the video right at the outset from Director McConnell, our boss, here at the Intelligence Community. Admiral Mike McConnell talked about the thing that he thought would be most important if there was only one thing that his tenure was remembered for and that was collaboration. And I see no better example of collaboration than what we're doing today. The great work that we've done bringing so many experts and practitioners, analysts, collection-requirements managers, operators, collectors together within the Intelligence Community to work on open source issues. And more importantly, collaborating beyond our community to include so many of you that are here from academia, the private sector, think tanks, and our international partners. Thank you very much for joining us.

Congressman Rob Simmons, in the video that you saw at the outset, mentioned that we've come along way and I couldn't agree more. We really have come a long way and I'd like to highlight for you just a few things that I've seen occur in the three years that I've been here at DNI. In 2005, Ambassador Negroponte, our first DNI, established an office in his office focused on open source issues. And I've had the privilege of serving in that office for three years.

Ambassador Negroponte established the DNI Open Source Center and he built that around a real – a venerable institution that for over 40 years has done nothing but hone the fine craft of open source intelligence, the farm broadcast information service. The new DNI Open Source Center has done remarkable work and I think you'll see some of that today and you'll learn some of it as our various speakers tell you what we've been able to accomplish in just the last three years.

In 2006, we published an open source vision for the Intelligence Community. This little red book, which I'd like to call it the little red book to tease my former boss, Eliot Jardines, our first Assistant Deputy DNI for Open Source. And yet, it's had a profound effect on our community. Just 12 pages have driven an awful lot of reform, change, innovation within the Intelligence Community and beyond. We wrote the first Intelligence Community directive on the National Open Source Enterprise in 2006 and we established a highly collaborative community collection committee focused on open source intelligence strategy, planning, and policy.

This collection committee, which advises my boss, Mr. Glenn Gaffney, on open source issues, is comprised of senior executives of flag offices from across the community that meet regularly.

Typically it's been about six times a year and their agency subject-matter experts, who meet much more frequently. Typically a month – every month on various issues and they meet regularly to approve our open source enterprise. They're doing terrific work and you'll hear a little bit more about that today.

In 2007, I would say if you had to capture in one word what we started to do it would be invest. We invested in greater open source capacity across the community. We expanded the DNI Open Source Center, their capacity to provide open source research and analysis on very difficult issues. We expanded access for Intelligence Community analysts to quality, commercial open source products and services and, of course, we organized our first DNI open source conference.

In 2008, we established foundational open source training and dramatically increased the training of Intelligence Community analysts in fundamental open source skills. We delivered training and open source exploitation to several state and local fusion centers across the country, a program that's expanding over the coming year. And we're using this conference this year, as Sabra mentioned, to whet your appetites and deliver more introductory training to a broader array of government professionals.

We invested. We continued to invest in 2008. We invested in dedicated open source support to AFRICOM, the newest combatant command, a very unique hybrid command, an exciting initiative that you'll hear more about tomorrow from General Clapper's representative, Ms. Christine McKeown. We invested in open source proof of concept innovation projects. Several of these were in direct support of AFRICOM and we leveraged open source expertise and outreach networks of the Department of State, the U.S. Army's Foreign Military Studies Office, and the Marine Corps.

We invested in the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, in my opinion, one of the crown jewels of our national open source enterprise. We invested in IC librarian professional development, something that was long overdue. We invested in the National Virtual Translation Center, a critical capability that allows us to reach out and tap the skills of capable linguists across the country and around the world virtually. You'll learn more about that today and tomorrow. You'll hear from our director of the NVTC, Mr. Jeff Robinson, and Ben Thomas, from the DNI's foreign language program office.

In 2008, we worked hard to strengthen our partnerships with academia and private industry and with the close collaboration of open source experts and analysts from across the community, we designed and have fielded an Open Source Collection Acquisition Requirements management system – we call it OSCAR – to connect intelligence consumers, analysts and collections requirements managers with providers of quality open source intelligence from across our national open source enterprise.

Finally, we've revised our vision and strategy for the first time since 2006. You'll hear important ways we have revisioned, as I like to say, later today from the director of the DNI Open Source Center, Mr. Doug Naquin, and a panel of colleagues and experts and senior representatives from the Intelligence Community, the Department of Defense, and the

Department of Homeland Security. I strongly encourage you to hear Mr. Naquin's presentation and learn more about how we're building our open source enterprise of enterprises.

That brings us to today. We've done a lot but where do we go from here? How do we continue to leverage open sources to achieve clear decision advantage over our adversaries and how does this fit into our long-range vision for the Intelligence Community's future? First, I'd like to say a word about humility and that's probably not a word you hear often being uttered from the lips of someone in the Intelligence Community. But it's important that we think in terms of humility as we tackle the problems that we have in the Intelligence Community. According to Wikipedia, humility is one of the seven capital virtues, something we'd all do well to have in greater abundance. And I'm reminded of something Ted Turner, the founder of CNN once said, "If only I was more humble, I'd be perfect." (Laughter.)

We in the Intelligence Community must recognize that we're not perfect, far from it. But a little humility goes a long way and I put that in the context of open source. We don't have all the experts, all the best ideas, all the answers. In today's day and age, a little humility on our part will free us to be more open to outside expertise, ideas, and answers. I like how Carol Dumaine, the Deputy Director at the Department of Energy's Intelligence and Counterintelligence Office puts it. As Carol might say, "We need to move from thinking of ourselves as an Intelligence Community to a community of intelligence." I think our humility is on display today and we invite you into our open source community of intelligence. Help us achieve the wisdom and decision advantage we need over our adversaries.

Secondly, I'd like to call your attention to DNI's new Vision 2015, a globally networked and integrated intelligence enterprise. These are easy to get your hands on and get a copy of. This is a very bold vision for the future. It captures, well, the world we will operate within the next decade – over the next decade and I think it illustrates our humble recognition and we must adapt and learn from experts wherever they reside.

I'd like to just pull out three quotes from DNI Vision 2015. First, there is no typical customer. We will be providing intelligence to a computer-literate generation that grew up with the Internet and user-generated content, for example, YouTube, blogs, wikis, in which they acted as both consumer and contributor of information in an on-demand environment.

Second, to respond to the dynamic and complex threat environment of the 21st century, our operating model must emphasize mission integration, a networked, knowledge-sharing model that rapidly pulls together dispersed and diverse expertise and resources against specific missions. And third – and this is probably my favorite line in Vision 2015 – no aspect of collect requires greater consideration or holds more promise than open source information. Transformation of our approach to open sources is critical to the future success of adaptive collection.

Thirdly, today, I'd like to call your attention to the DNI open source challenge, where we challenged you, the community – the broader community – our community of intelligence – to demonstrate how we might transform our intelligence enterprise to deliver clear decision advantage to our customers in the future. You'll hear more from Dr. Mark Lowenthal this

morning as he introduces the process that we went through to conduct this very innovative outreach to the broader community and I think you'll be impressed by the submissions that we received and that will be presented to you tomorrow.

Finally, I call your attention to the visionaries, leaders, and talented practitioners who imagined what is possible and challenged us to defy convention, embrace innovation, and fully exploit open sources to achieve decision advantage and they're all around you in this room today and they'll be all around you over the next two days during our conference. Please take advantage of that opportunity.

It's my pleasure, today, to introduce one of national security community's true visionaries, a leader focused on the future, an innovator. His biography in your program tells it well, so I won't recite that. An astrophysicist, a career intelligence officer, and I would be so bold as to describe him as one of our community's most creative, unconventional thinkers and leaders, Director Mike McConnell's deputy and the Intelligence Community's senior executive responsible for leading, inspiring, and coordinating our vast Intelligence Community collection enterprise to include our national open source enterprise, our Deputy DNI for Collection, Mr. Glenn Gaffney.

(Applause.)

MR. GLENN A. GAFFNEY (Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection): Good morning. I'm going to wander around a bit because it's my practice to wander around. As the Deputy Director for Collection, I get asked to come and speak in a number of different forum and a lot of times those are classified forum and a lot of times when you're in those forum, you've got a podium, you've got a sign above your head, and that sign above your head usually sets the classification level. And I learned very quickly that one of the things that made me uncomfortable was standing in front of a podium where we were dealing with special access programs because I'd stand in front of the podium and the sign above my head said SAP, all right? And so I've trained myself to get away from the podium. While it may be true, I see no need to advertise it. (Laughter.)

Thank you for the opportunity to come and speak to this great conference. I heard nothing but wonderful things about last year's conference and was excited to have the opportunity to come and speak, to meet you all here today. It is important to be here. It's important because of the critical nature of open source and this intelligence enterprise and it's important for the opportunity that it represents in terms of what open source can do for the future of the intelligence enterprise.

Now, one of the things that I got asked very early in my new life as a congressional cat toy within the DNI was, Glenn, what's the future of collection? Where are we going? Not where we're going with HUMINT, not where we're going with SIGINT, not where we're going with our space program or any other aspect of the program. We're going to work all those things and we do all those things and we do them very well but it's a broader question and it's a question that comes to the DNI. What is the future of collection? And I thought, well, as the Deputy Director for Collection, I probably ought to ponder on that for a little bit. And so in thinking

through and I came up with what amounts to two words: integrated performance. It's that simple and it's that complex.

We are an incredibly well-resourced intelligence enterprise. We use that enterprise and optimize that enterprise and have been doing so for many years with great effect against some of the most pressing challenges that this nation and our allies face. But if we look at the world across the board, and I'm sure you've heard it in other forum before, we don't own the technology playing field like we once did. Anyone surprised by that statement? It's not there for us the way that it was for us before. It's there more from a collaborative and interactive nature but it contributes. That lack of owning, that technological playing field creates a more level playing field across the board.

When you take that piece and then you look at what could argued be the cost per bit of information, globally, goes down weekly. Add to that that the cost of entry into the intelligence business has gone down dramatically. A laptop and a modem and you're in the game. You may not be any good at it but you're in the game. And so if we think of cost per bit going down, not owning the technological playing field, lower cost of entry into the business, we see a level – a more leveling of the playing field, a leveling of the playing field relative to the intelligence enterprise and those who would do us harm.

And so when I sat back and I thought from a DNI perspective, as the Deputy for Collection, as I look out at this incredible enterprise with the responsibility for oversight and how we move this forward, what do we see as the future of the enterprise? The future must be the speed at which we integrate this incredible resource to deliver new advantage for this nation and our allies' leadership in protecting and defending democracy and our citizenry. That's what it's about, the speed at which we take these great things that we have developed and braid them together with singular purpose to answer critical questions that are at this nation's – right at this nation's doorstep, is the way that we will achieve and it will be the definition of our strategic advantage going forward.

Open source is one of those absolutely critical strands that we must continue to develop and braid within that discipline itself so that we go, as Dan said, not from just an Intelligence Community but a community of intelligence and how we bring those pieces together, right? And combine it and integrate it for a new level of product; a new level of performance for the nation.

In a few minutes, we're going to have a moment of silence. I'm going to read a quote for you. It's one of my favorite quotes. It's been hanging in my office since about September 13, 2001. I've used it as a guiding principle and I think it's apropos to what we're talking about today and where we're going from the way we think about open source and we think about this intelligence enterprise going forward. Abraham Lincoln in 1862 said, "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to our stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think and act anew."

We've seen this playing itself out over and over again since 9/11. You've seen it just in looking at the open source enterprise and the way that it's developed. We must be diligent and persevere and continue to challenge ourselves to think and act anew in order to continue the progress and

build on that for new results. I want to talk for a minute about how we think about open source. So can I have – I have two charts, I think. Can I have the first chart? Somewhere? That's me. (Laughter.) There we go.

Very simple Venn diagram, the Venn diagram that I drew myself many years ago and I didn't – wasn't the first one to draw it. We all drew it, all right? We used to think about collection in terms of three Venn diagrams that overlapped: HUMINT, that which we collect via the humans, all right, agents in the field; technical means; and then open source and how we looked at how they overlapped and how they worked together. Nice. It was a good construct in the Cold War. It was good construct, really, before the information age began to take hold. Not the way we think about it today. And so when I came into the job eight months ago and sat down with Dan and talked about what my vision for the way we needed to approach open source; that we needed to look at it differently. Dan said really interesting, Glenn. I think I have a picture you'd like to see and so could we put up the second chart?

It's not three overlapping circles anymore. It's two overlapping circles, if you will, the HUMINT and the technical pieces, that are operating in an information plane, in an information universe. We can't just limit our thinking to that one simple circle and what we get via just a handful of open sources. We need to think about that great information universe that's out there; how we look at that and take advantage of that; and then look at how then we drill down using some of those other areas, some of those other intelligent disciplines that we have to build on that to incorporate with that to get at a different level of information associated with it.

And the information enterprise and those who work in is a much broader thing than one element or two elements or a couple of elements in the Intelligence Community. Across that information universe, we have this open source area that we're looking at as the IC and then we've got a broader element of this, which is other elements within the U.S. government, other elements in the U.S. government that aren't necessarily the IC, who have needs to gather information and develop that information in the prosecution of their mission.

We need to meet them where they are, collaborate with them, work with them, let them define to the extent to which they want to work within or with the Intelligence Community in this regard and how much for the prosecution of their mission they need to work or want to work separate from that. Absolutely critical that we get the best of breed piece moving forward as we look through and talk through the different approaches, the different strategies, the different venues that we use, and always sharing what we are learning, what we are discerning from working this information with each other.

The Open Source Center has made great strides, right, in this regard and it is a shared and common vision. Beyond the U.S. government, of course, is our international partners, academia. We need another level. We need new levels of partnership and interaction along those same lines that I just talked about in this area, again, why I'm excited by what we've got here, what's represented here; the talent, the thought that's represented in this room.

Now, I've got several boundaries here that we need to look at relative to capacity requirements and the way that we work the mission space but I've also got another piece on the other side that



talks about our need to manage concerns on things like intellectual property, privacy, right, and the policy concerns that exist at each of those boundaries and maybe some that we haven't even discovered yet. Being sensitive to those, it's absolutely critical as we move this forward and there's an entire session in this conference on national intelligence and privacy. It becomes how we think about privacy and security as oppose to security versus privacy.

It's absolutely critical, as I mentioned before, that we take full advantage of the broad range of information and the broad range of approaches that are represented here in this room. The diversity of information and thought that we have here that's represented here is exciting to me and I hope – and it's why I came, all right – and I hope it's why you are here as well. But, again, coming back to Lincoln's – the quote that I used from President Lincoln, the idea is wrapped around thinking differently.

I had a lesson from an earlier job in my operational career where we got into a different type of an operation. We got into some really good information. It was a tremendous amount of information but we had been – we had been treating it much like we had treated a lot of other operations in the way that we were just – we were getting the information in, processing the information, and putting that information out, a traditional reporting kind of a stream. And we sat – several of us sat and we looked at it and thought, you know, this is good and we're getting really good stuff out of it but there's got to be more here. What might we do differently to try to unlock some other things, some new insights that we didn't have before?

And so we took one of our conference rooms and turned it into a workroom, wired it up, and went out across the community and got a handful of top analysts. We wanted some of the – we wanted some of the top analysts that were out there: young, fresh minds coming at this data from a new perspective. So, good, I want you to come in. We're going to set you up. We're going to give you access to this information and then we also took a developer, right, a technology developer who was working on information systems – information management techniques – and put them in there with these analysts. I said, here's what I want you to do. I want you to come in and teach us – look at this data, see what you can do with it, and think about the data and how we get information out of it, and what might be discerned. I want you to think differently.

The main product was a lab to think about the data and what we could get. The product – we were already putting some product out – I wanted to see what more we could get. But I asked the analysts, get in here and do everything you can to break the system. Push it beyond what we've designed it for and when it breaks, tell the guy who's sitting right next to you, who's the guy who built it what you were trying to do and why it broke and let's see if we can turn that cycle, right, into a hours-and-days cycle of discovery, pushing the system beyond where it was designed to go and fixing it so we can that much further. And we had a really high time because in the space of a couple of months, this group – it started with six, then it was 15, then it was 25, then we had to cut it because people were waiting to get in the door.

People were real excited to get in there to see what they could discover. And we were turning the code around and getting the code set up and fixed so that they could push the thing further and further, if not daily then by the week and get more and more information out of it. That experience – that fortunate experience that I had and that one set of operations changed the way

that I thought about information. I suspected it and then I saw it. This may be no news to most of you who work in this – you know, who work in this domain but it was an exciting revelation from my perspective. And, again, to me, it just points at a small area of what could be a tremendous resource given this open source enterprise and where we need to go in the future.

Given that, though, let's talk about, you know, just how deep this rabbit hole goes. Many of you have heard about – some may not – that what we refer to as the double-humped camel looking at the workforce dynamics, all right? About 45, 50 percent of our workforce in the Intelligence Community has been here less than five years, first hump of the camel. Then we've got the trough that's represented by the hiring gap of the '90s. Then we've got the second hump of the camel, people like me who have that, you know, graying retriever look, right, coming along, who were, you know, here at the – you know, for the Cold War piece.

What does that mean in terms of the way our Intelligence Community develops and moves forward? What does it mean as we move that new group of intelligence professionals into more and more areas of responsibility faster than we ever did ourselves? How do we give them the exposures and experiences that are absolutely required? How does our ability to work information and think about information differently – to mash up information differently within an intelligence context provide a new infrastructure for them to lead this community in the 21st century? Think about the information age and all the cultural change that we're going through.

We are, by some estimates, 15 years into what is a 30-year change cycle, culturally. Some of us are living it with that double-humped camel. Being able to think differently about how we mash up this data becomes incredibly important, not just from the open source perspective, but because it provides an incredible laboratory, that think arena, where we can draw in a much broader section of the open source community and learn what that mash-up infrastructure – what else might be done, how we push that. And while we are doing that we are also within the borders of the classification system and the way we protect sources and methods – the work that we are doing to link the networks, to link information, to link agencies, the infrastructure that we are putting in. What I see is the ability for what we learn in the open source community in the best practices, and looking at how we mash up and learn new things from that information and laying it right on top of that new infrastructure that we're building.

Now, this gang coming along on this first hump, they are the mash-up generation. Make no mistake. There's a great little book – good little book called “Got Game,” all right – read it a few years ago. At first it was very depressing for me because it proved once and for all that I was not a tweener. I was actually part of the Cold War generation – tail end of the baby boom. Why is that? Because the Internet and things like that, to me, are a hobby. I don't measure my life experiences by what I learned online with my buds, but somewhere approaching 45 to 50 percent of our workforce does.

Now, look, we can, as intelligence professionals – how many of my fellow intelligence professionals do I have out here in the audience? We can, as intelligence professionals, work through, do what we can do, and let evolution take care of this, because they're coming; it will happen, but that's not enough. We owe it to this nation, we owe it to our allies, we owe it to the citizenry, we owe it to those young professionals who have chosen a career of service to our

country to build that infrastructure, to enable the thinking, to put the pieces in place and let them show us things that we didn't dream were possible moving forward.

If you think about that 30-year cultural change cycle and you measure that relative to my career 23 years in, compare it maybe to some of your own careers, what does that mean? That means that the sum total of our career as part of this cultural change won't be about that great op that we ran. It won't be about that great technical endeavor that may have been undertaken and achieved. It certainly won't be about that great contract that you laid down. It won't be about the amount of money you've made. The sum total of our career is going to be measured by how well we have left the enterprise, how well we have built the enterprise for that next generation to lead against the security threats that face this nation and our allies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. That's what it's all about.

Second quote – are we there? Okay. Please join with me now while we observe a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those who have lost their lives in our response to terror post-9/11.

(Pause.)

Thank you. We will not forget and we will not let up.

As we think about how we move forward, all the things that I just talked about – our responsibility, our responsibility to this next generation, of citizens of this next generation of intelligence professionals – I'm reminded of a second quote, again from President Lincoln, who said, "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I'm not bound to succeed; I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong." I'm not bound to win; I am bound to truth. I am bound to partner with those who seek truth. Think about those cords, those braids that we want to tie together relative to a community of intelligence and how we bring that together for a new level of integrated performance; what we can learn in this community and how we lay it over on the other part of the community.

It's important for us to remember that we're not bound for our individual idea. We're not bound to our individual program. We're not bound to this agency, this enterprise, this university, this piece. It doesn't matter. We are bound to truth. Ladies and gentlemen, the name of the game today is the same that it has always been. It is the pursuit of truth. We refer to it as intelligence inside this community circle, but that's why we do it. It is about discovering, discerning truth, and using that truth for its best for our citizenry.

When we look at all of these things – again, I will close by talking about how important it is to look at the opportunities that present themselves, for all the things that I've just mentioned that are represented right here in this room, opportunities to discover and integrate new images and new information from a wider range of sources in near real time; opportunity to discover new sources of language, thought, cultural perspective with in situ experience where the action of interest is occurring; opportunities to look at different in situ actors and their responses to provide new insights; opportunities to watch how stories develop, deconstruct, and reconstruct

between traditional and non-traditional forms of media; opportunities to discover new approaches to mash up data and to deliver new insights.

There's an incredible landscape of opportunities that's before us. I am convinced of our continued success because of the talent, the skill, the desire that's represented here in this room. Have a wonderful conference. I will be here as much of it as I possibly can to get to know some of you to talk to you about your ideas, your thoughts, but I'm really excited about what you're going to accomplish for these next two days. This conference is a beginning. Bind together in a new way. Take us new places. It's what your colleagues, it's what your folks back home, expect from your government. Thank you. (Applause.)

I think Dan wants me to answer a couple of questions.

MR. BUTLER: You have a good 25 minutes, Glenn, and here's some that we got from the audience.

MR. GAFFNEY: Okay, the first one is, "How do you determine which intelligence source is for any given issue?" We have an intelligence process that sets out looking at what the gaps are in our understanding about particular issues. That comes from discussions that we have with policy-makers, discussions across with other analysts. Those analysts then, based on those discussions and based on their analytic prowess, their ability to understand, identify critical gaps that are out there and then put those gaps before the collection community and say, what can you do for us? We begin then to evaluate all the different sources that are out there and look at what those different sources can provide, and look then at what the right mix is of those to get the kind of information that we need, right, to address the questions that the analysts are asking – policy driving the analysis, analysis driving the collection, all right?

Again, it's part of why I talked about how we think about open source. We used to think of it as just one more piece in that puzzle, but I really believe the open source enterprise and the information age gives us a whole new area to think about it and to think about it differently, which is what I based most of my remarks here today. It's a limited resource, though, when we look at what's out there – not just on open source; I'm talking about the whole shooting match, all of collection. And so that's why we have to continually look at what's the right mix, how do we optimize that? If we're going to move things and focus assets in a different way, we have to think about what the real costs are and what the opportunity costs are associated with that against what we believe we stand to gain by answering that question, or getting after that question, all right – again, an area where I think it makes it even more important for us to look at all of what open source and what mashing up data can provide in terms of new insights, in a faster and more timely way.

It says, "Given how many open source practitioners are out there, how do you determine best of breed?" I'm not a good judge. So what I'm interested in is how do you determine best of breed? How will you, in working together, right, discover new avenues, because right now there's a lot of different pockets of open source work going on. They may not call it open source work; they just may call it research, but it's going on. How do we discover that, all right, identify it with

each other, begin to tie it together, test it, try it, see how it applies, and then build on that? It's not a top-down thing. It can't be. It's got to be by the practitioners themselves.

"In your experience, how has open source intelligence cued other INTs in critical situations?" I can't get into some of the specifics of what it cued in terms of what we did as a result of it, but, you know, as we look at – as we have looked at open source reporting, at open source information coming in, it has given us some insights, not so much from – well, in the cueing perspective it's been about, this is going on over here, we knew that in general, but now we end up with a specific point that we might want to apply pressure to, using some of the other INTs to drive deeper on, right? It gives us a landscape that gives what I will call a first order of targeting, if you will, to understand where we might focus the other resources and how we might build on that.

In addition to that – again, I'm answering specific to cueing – in addition to that, it is an intelligence producer in its own right because, again, just because it's open doesn't mean that it's wrong. As a matter of fact, with the cost per bit going down and the amount of information that's out there, new insight and that discovery of truth becomes a real issue, a real benefit, right? And so, open source, in many ways, becomes the source, is the source of first resort, not just another source. And you'll hear Doug and you'll hear Dan talk about those things throughout the conference, I'm sure.

"Your staff has been quite zealous in promoting the value of open source. Why?" (Laughter.) Because they work for a zealot. (Laughter.) No, they're zealous in the pursuit because they believe this. It's not just another job in the train of jobs that they have. They're zealous in its pursuit, because I sit with them every day and we talk about what they're doing, and they are excited about what they see going on out there and are looking for, how can we use that to improve this intelligence enterprise? And they get more excited by it by the moment. Now, the suggestion here that comes after it – is it because Congress said it should be a priority? No. I'm glad Congress said it was a priority, and that's a great area that we can partner with Congress on and we do partner with Congress on in terms of the discussions that we have with them in terms of the open source enterprise and where we're going with it. It is fundamentally because we believe in its value and believe in the opportunity that could be provided via open source.

They just keep coming in. (Laughter.) This one's a long one. Hang on for a second. (Pause.) Yeah. It says, "It would seem, in an area of what could be declining budgets for our national security community, open source might actually fare well if the high return of investment of open source intel is appreciated. Care to comment?" I'd say, exactly. Economically it's a no-brainer. The partnerships and what they can produce going forward even increase that return on investment. In the information age we end up with the law of increasing return instead of the law of decreasing return, or so it's been said by some, right, but it's an interesting idea to ponder. Just think about it in terms of your cell phones or your email account. Now, it's been so long since we've had email we've forgotten what it was like when we first got it, but when we first got it, a lot of coffee pot and cooler conversations were, do you have email? Oh, you don't have email? You need to have email? It's really great. You do all this stuff. Why not? Why? Because everybody that I knew that got on e-mail made what I was spending for email suddenly

that much more valuable. It's the law of increasing return, associated with being hooked up, wired, and interconnected.

Again, open source provides this incredible laboratory for us to get the best, to begin to look at what that return on investment can really be. And as we look at open source as a primary source of intelligence in certain key areas, not just another source of intelligence, and a primary source not because they're the only ones looking at it, but because we said right up front, we want to go after this using open source. You hear the difference in there? Not the only source by default; the source by design. That's where we need to move. That's where we are moving. It's some of the ways it's being used today.

"Is there a unique role that academic organizations can play in open source support to the IC?" Yes, but it's not just support. Think about the centers of learning that are our academic institutions. The whole idea of encouraging critical thought and in taking advantage of that information age in that library and in that great laboratory, that library that is the open source universe, how that gets put together and used and challenged to our students, how to use that information differently to come up with new ideas and new insights?

We're going to run out of time, if not for any other reason because I'm a slow reader. The academic institutions are pioneering areas of thought in the way that we think about these different areas and as it applies to national security issues, global issues, all right? It absolutely is a great center, not just in preparing the folks who may come in to a career service within the Intelligence Community, but as the take on responsibilities across the government, across the nation, as they become active, productive citizens.

Okay, "I've heard you talk about integrated mission management or integrated performance management. How does open source intelligence fit into this framework?" I touched on it maybe too briefly as I went through, but as we look at taking all of these elements that we have and getting after critical targets. It's not a matter of just asking the SIGINT folks and the HUMINT folks or the military folks or – you know, saying, okay, what can you get out of this and let's figure out how we tie it together. That's more of a collaborative piece. I'm talking about integrated planning for a different level of performance. When I say integrated performance, I'm talking beyond collaboration. I'm talking we're purposefully sitting down and saying, let's come up with a new idea, a new way to blend all these pieces and tie it in. And it's not a matter of thinking about that and then going, oh, and what did open source say?

And so one of the things that we've done is we've taken some of the open source folks who were on our team and embedded them with our teams who were driving our integrated performance plan. So they are embedded as part of the team, looking at the new strategies for going after these targets and how we tie those pieces together. It needs to be represented front and center at the cutting edge of the way we're thinking about going after the problems, and the team is doing that.

Okay, "How do you envision incorporating open source geospatial info into IC product?" That's one of the opportunities that I highlighted there right at the end. Think about the range of images that are out there, that are available out there today, and what that can do for us – what it's

already doing in some sectors but what it can do for us in the way that we pull information together and mash it up with other information. The picture is often – and has many times been said – worth a thousand words. Sometimes pictures are created to give you the thousand words that aren't necessarily true. So it's not just a picture for the picture's sake; it's the picture and how it combines with all the different pieces of information that you have – that you have available within that open source universe and we have available within the Intelligence Community enterprise inside that sources and methods line, if you will, and how we bring that together and use that for new insight.

We – you, right, need to think about what those opportunities really mean. I know that there's some technological innovation going on in trying to improve some of the capabilities that are out there, both in terms of capturing and transmitting things from cell phones and different video and how we move those things through. They have great commercial value and they should be invested for that purpose, and many people are investing for that value when you think through what that means and how we take advantage of that both in the open source domain, all right, and in the classified operational domain.

This one is my favorite. It is blank. I am flipping through these because I obviously mixed them up. Back to the zealous staff. Okay. "Is anything being done to help train all source analysts?" Yes, absolutely. You heard Sabra mention before the training that is going to go on just in the margins of this conference. But Doug and what Doug is doing with the Open Source Center has a huge training initiative that he has been building and working on.

We have been supporting a number of different training initiatives across the board. And in the vision for the way open source moves forward, that whole point of meeting people in the open source community where they are. Some of them recognize a need, but wouldn't necessarily identify themselves with the open source community. But meeting them where they are and defining what they need to be able to help build that piece out is a critical piece. So you may not want to depend on the Intelligence Community. You may be concerned about an Intelligence Community taint on your element of the government because you don't want the intelligence thing hanging over it.

Nevertheless, you need an ability to do that. We want to encourage you in developing that capability. All right. There is no monopoly on the tradecraft. Just teach it. And the better you are at it, the better product that comes out of that, the more we gain together. And so it is a matter of bringing the different aspects of the community along and developing them, right, and developing their overall capability, and then making sure that it is tied together.

Okay. (Chuckles.) I am going to paraphrase this question because it is a little derogatory in a couple of places. This question here is looking at – look, we have got a lot of folks in the room who are true believers in open source and what open source can do. But there is a lot of folks, maybe some that look like me, that feel like open source has less value because it is unclassified. All right. You know, you can look at it – and I am sure that there is probably a thesis involved for somebody who wants to study what happens when you have a secret, and the value that somebody puts on a secret, and then they begin to think about – well, this has got to be of extreme value because it is secret, as opposed to this thing that was open.

Most of the time what we put as secret, we put as secret not because of what it said, but because of the way that we got the information. We are protecting a human being. We are protecting a source. We are protecting a method. That is why it is secret. Right. The data itself, right, is not usually the reason why we classify it. Okay. But it is easy to fall into that give me the good stuff. The good stuff is the truth. I have said it I don't know how many times. And open source has stood, will stand, and will lead in the test of time – my prediction – relative to truth and timely truth, right, in the pursuit of our national security objectives. It is today. It will continue.

We have got to make the most out of the resource, get the most value out of it that we can possibly get. And I believe there is a lot more here building on top of what has already been tremendously successful. It will come. It is. And for those who feel like it is not of value because it is unclassified – they will learn or their time will come and go. Evolution will take care of it. With that, we can be guaranteed. (Chuckles.)

I have time for one more. Don't know the answer to that one. Dan might. I will give that back to Dan. Maybe he can answer it later. Okay. This is an interesting one. And I need to be careful answering it, but I want to answer. "Does your vision of this new universe of open source info diminish the need for OPSEC-ing counterintelligence, and there is" – somehow I knew there would be more on the back. I was actually looking for a name so I could talk to the person offline. "And does any of this imply a diminished role for operational security and counterintelligence?"

Yes, my vision does include, right, what it means relative to OPSEC and counterintelligence – both in terms of that leveling playing field that I talked about right up front, and in terms of what that specific in situ reaction is to certain events that may be going in on the ground or the way that they are being interpreted because people can come to the right answer for all kinds of wrong reasons. And it doesn't really matter to me from a counterintelligence or operational security perspective that they got there for the wrong reasons, right. What I care about, right, is the protection of the people who are engaged in the operation and the protection of the operation itself when I am talking about OPSEC and CI.

Do I think that means that there is a diminished role? Absolutely not. All right, the back half of the question – is there a diminished role for operational security and counterintelligence? Absolutely not. It is a maturation of the game. It is how we use all of these things as intelligence professionals to achieve what is required for the nation. Again, all right, thank you. Thank you for being here. Thank you for the work that you do. Thank you for our zealotry relative to open source and what it can do. Get more zealous. All right.

But be patient. Your colleagues may not always get it right. It may go slower than you want it to go. It seems like it is always going slower than we want it to go. But remember the higher calling is truth. It is the highest calling we have. And be bound to those who are bound to truth. Thick and thin. Ben Franklin put together – I can't tell you how many because I read it and I can't remember the number – but he put together a number of resolutions, things that he wanted to have included in the Constitution. Came time to vote for it, not a one of his got picked up. He



voted for it anyway. Somebody asked him why? And he said, it seemed to me that the whole import of the thing was more important than any one piece. Same principle. Same principle.

Press on. Press on. Be bold. Be creative. Encourage one another. And let's achieve new and extraordinary things on behalf of this nation, our citizens, and our allies in the pursuit and the security of democracy and freedom. Thank you. Have a wonderful conference.

(Applause.)

MR. BUTLER: Glenn, thank you. As one of your zealots on your staff here, really enjoyed your remarks. And I can tell you working closely with Mr. Gaffney, if we don't walk into the room excited every morning at 8:00, we walk out very excited by the time the meeting is over.

(END)