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I have verified with General's assistant that it is accurate to state:

"Signals intelligence is vital to these efforts. Information gathered by the NSA has helped our courageous men and women serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and other fronts in the war on terror capture or kill dangerous terrorists."

that said, please ensure that speeches continue to go through the standard clearance process -- I don't want to create any confusion, however slight, about the process that has been worked out to clear national security statements and who is responsible for ultimately signing off on statements. I know that there is a very specific process in place.

Carson, Melissa M. wrote:

Ben,

Here is the paragraph for context. Staff Secretary would like you to verify the accuracy of the highlighted sentences.

Thanks,

Melissa

The National Security Agency is playing a critical role in the war on terror. We face determined enemies, who lurk in shadows and attack without warning. To secure our homeland, we must be able to learn the intentions of these enemies before they strike. **Signals intelligence is vital to these efforts. Information gathered by the NSA has helped our courageous men and women serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and other fronts in the war on terror capture or kill dangerous terrorists.** And it has also helped our law enforcement officials here at home stop attacks against the American people.