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MEMORANDUM TO Operation Warp Speed Interagency and Industry Partners

SUBJECT: Operation Warp Speed (OWS) Counterintelligence and Security Webinar

The pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries are key partners of Operation Warp Speed. The global nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the national security implications of America developing safe and effective medical countermeasures (MCMs) has brought increased attention from America's adversaries to our COVID-19 response. The U.S. intelligence community has assessed that our adversaries are targeting entities associated with COVID-19 MCM development (<https://go.usa.gov/xGasG>) and various cyber actors have been identified as specifically targeting the vaccine development pipeline (<https://go.usa.gov/xGas7>).

To develop relationships and build common awareness of the threats against our pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors, I invite you to engage with the U.S. Intelligence and Security Communities on 10 September to discuss insider threats, cybersecurity, and counterintelligence support that is available to your companies and your people. We are all driving towards the end goal of developing safe and effective COVID-19 MCMs as rapidly as possible and America's adversaries understand the consequences.

I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you (virtually) on 10 September.

If you have questions, require additional information, or to confirm attendance, please feel free to reach out to the OWS Security and Assurance team at (202) 730-8753.

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