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Re: EPIC-2019-001

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Dear Mr. Davisson and Ms. Zhou:

Per your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 11, 2019—assigned processing number EPIC-2019-001—the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) is providing you with the attached ninth production.

During the month of September, NSCAI reviewed 168 records—comprising 921 pages. 22 records—comprising 23 pages—were files that came standard with NSCAI’s computers and systems, and were thus determined to be unresponsive to your FOIA request. 74 additional records—comprising 653 pages—were identified as duplicates and removed from processing. 11 records—comprising 57 pages—have been referred to other government agencies for response directly to you.

For this ninth production, NSCAI is producing today 28 records—comprising 68 pages—responsive to your FOIA request for “the non-exempt portions of all ‘staff materials,’ ‘subcommittee materials not shared with the full Commission,’ and other ‘records relating to, or possessed by, the Commission.” The records in this production include internal records relating to the creation of the Commission, HR documents, and price comparisons used when researching staff equipment costs. Please see the attached Vaughn Index for information about the redactions in the records produced to you today, including 32 records—comprising 120 pages—NSCAI is withholding in full under applicable FOIA exemptions.

NSCAI will continue to process the records identified to date and other records potentially responsive to your FOIA request. If you have any questions or wish to discuss a more efficient approach to satisfying your request, you may contact me by telephone at (571) 220-2701, by email at mjl@nscai.gov, or by letter at National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, 2530 Crystal Drive, Box 45, Arlington, VA 22202.