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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the United States Congress

SUBJECT: **The President has Asked IAEA to Conduct a Search**

Iran's nuclear program has continued to advance since the last update to Congress. Information is current insufficient to formulate a definitive view on Iran's nuclear program. Intelligence has some blind spots as some assets were compromised in the past several months. On the advice of the US intelligence community, the President has asked the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conduct a search of Iranian nuclear facilities. The IAEA will be visiting Iran's nuclear facilities in the coming days to investigate the situation. Iran has agreed to these visits and has assigned the Islamic Revolutionary Guard (IRG) to escort the team to ensure its "safety" which is a condition reluctantly accepted by the IAEA.

Iran has asserted that all nuclear development is for peaceful, energy making, purposes and that these developments are line with the country's commitment for green energy to combat climate change. US intelligence sources are skeptical of those assertions and believe Iran is developing its nuclear weapon capability for use as a bargaining chip.

The United States has increased its military assets in the region to provide the President with additional options.