



**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Senator John Barrasso  
Attention: Brian Clifford

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**Subject:** U.S. Intelligence Community Resources and Global Climate Change

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This responds to your request for information regarding the level of resources that the U.S. Intelligence Community devotes to assessing the ramifications of global climate change. If you have additional questions, please call (707-7739).

The U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) is assessing the implications of global climate change on the U.S. National Security. The IC is not engaged in evaluating scientific judgments concerning global climate change. In assessing the implications of such change, the IC is devoting certain existing resources --- both budget and personnel --- to the effort and drawing on existing expertise of various IC agencies. The budget and personnel commitments associated with this effort are classified. A classified briefing could be provided for a Member or a committee, if one were requested through the Office of Legislative Affairs under the Director of National Intelligence.