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Take a minute and read through this report. It cites some of the same intel and logic used in 2020 to say that these same units were NOT engaged in election influence but were instead only issue-focused, to now argue that China IS influencing the [REDACTED] election. The regional influence, focus on issues, etc. They literally cite as support for their argument some of the same reporting used in the mainline assessment in our minority report.

For example, they cite [REDACTED] activity as being "the Chinese military" even though in 2020 the IC said we didn't know who it was. *This report describes the same unit that [REDACTED] and I said were influencing the US 2020 election and now characterizes it as an election-influence unit and attributes it to the Chinese Government.* That's a weird coincidence, and one we should highlight for oversight. FBI and [REDACTED]
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We should consider how this looks and on what logical, non-partisan basis the IC makes calls one way or the other. Why is this unit engaged in election influence in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] "to promote China's interests" but when they do it here it's "issue influence" but somehow not election-related? *It's the same personnel doing the same kind of activity.*

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