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Add at the end of subtitle H of title X the following new section:

SEC. 10___. REPORTS ON REDUCING THE BACKLOG IN LEGALLY REQUIRED HISTORICAL DECLASSIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing progress made by the Secretary or the Director, as the case may be, toward reducing the backlog in legally required historical declassification obligations.

(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A plan to achieve legally mandated historical declassification requirements and reduce backlogs.

(2) A plan to incorporate new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, that would increase
productivity and reduce cost in implementing the
plan under paragraph (1).

(3) A detailed assessment of the documents re-
leased in each of the proceeding three years before
the date of the report, broken out by program, such
as the 25 and 50 year programs.

(4) A detailed assessment of the documents
awaiting review for release and an estimate of how
many documents will be released in each of the next
three years.

(5) Potential policy, resource, and other options
available to the Secretary or the Director, as the
case may be, to reduce backlogs.

(6) The progress and objectives of the Secretary
or the Director, as the case may be, with respect to
the release of documents for publication in the For-
egn Relations of the United States series or to fa-
cilitate the public accessibility of such documents at
the National Archives or presidential libraries, or
both.

(c) FORM AND AVAILABILITY.—Each report under
subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
which shall be made publicly available, but may include
a classified annex.
(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.