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Add at the end of subtitle G of title XII the following:

1 SEC. 1268. REPORT ON IMPLICATIONS OF CHINESE MILITARY PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains a comprehensive strategy to address security concerns posed by the Chinese People’s Liberation Army Support Base in Djibouti to United States military installations and logistics chains in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the potential military, intelligence, and logistical threats facing key regional United States military infrastructure, supply chains, and staging grounds due to the proximity of major Chinese military assets in Djibouti.

(2) An assessment of the efforts taken by Camp Lemonnier to improve aviation safety in the after-
math of the recent Chinese military targeting of American flight crews with military-grade lasers.

(3) An assessment of Djibouti’s Chinese-held public debt and the strategic vulnerabilities such may present if China moves to claim the Port of Djibouti or other key logistical assets in repayment.

(4) A description of the specific operational challenges facing United States military and supply chains in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in the event that access to the strategically significant Port of Djibouti becomes limited or lost in its entirety, as well as a comprehensive contingency strategy to maintain full operational capacity in AFRICOM and CENTCOM through other ports and transport hubs.

(5) An identification of measures to mitigate risk of escalation between United States and Chinese military assets in Djibouti.

(6) Any other matters the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

(c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.
(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.