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At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, insert the following:

SEC. 13. FUNDING FOR THE NATO STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 4301 for Operating Forces, Special Operations Command Theatre Forces, line 110, as specified in the corresponding funding tables in division D, for the NATO Strategic Communication Center of Excellence is hereby increased by $5,000,000, to be made available for the purposes described in subsection (c).

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Space Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for Contractor Logistics and System Support is hereby reduced by $5,000,000.

(c) PURPOSES.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide funds for the NATO Strategic Communications Cen-
ter of Excellence (in this section referred to as the “Cen-
er”) to—

(1) enhance the capability, cooperation, and in-
formation sharing among NATO, NATO member
countries, and partners, with respect to strategic
communications and information operations; and

(2) facilitate education, research and develop-
ment, lessons learned, and consultation in strategic
communications and information operations.

(d) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after
the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
Defense shall certify to the Committees on Armed Services
of the House of Representatives and the Senate that the
Secretary has assigned executive agent responsibility for
the Center to an appropriate organization within the De-
partment of Defense, and detail the steps being under-
taken to strengthen the role of Center in fostering stra-
tegic communications and information operations within
NATO.

(e) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
shall brief the recipients listed in paragraph (2) not
less than twice each year on the efforts of the De-
partment of Defense to strengthen the role of the
Center in fostering strategic communications and information operations within NATO.

(2) RECIPIENTS.—The recipients listed in this paragraph are the following:

(A) The Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(B) The Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(C) Each member of the United States delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the matter described in paragraph (1).