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Page 409, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 1058. STUDY AND STRATEGY FOR MAJOR THREAT NETWORKS OPERATING IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that there are unconventional transnational and transregional “threat networks”, that—

(1) are centered on, but not exclusive to, drug trafficking organizations; and

(2) that United States Southern Command has identified as a security challenge in its area of responsibility.

(b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study of the major threat networks operating in the Western Hemisphere, with the purpose of revealing their principal leaders, capabilities, activities, methods, infrastructure, financial assets, and weapons, as well as how they overlap and interact with drug trafficking organizations. In carrying out the study, the Secretary should prioritize such major threat networks that—
(1) abet international terrorism;
(2) threaten the homeland; or
(3) smuggle illegal drugs, supply weapons, or launder illicit funds.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report containing—

(1) all findings and determinations made in carrying out the study required under subsection (b);
(2) a comparison of the threats identified in such study to the global threat priorities of the Department; and
(3) an explanation of how the Department of Defense plans to coordinate with the heads of other appropriate departments and agencies of the United States to use the resources of the Department, in coordination with financial sanctions, criminal prosecutions, diplomacy, and other tools, to dismantle the major threat networks studied under subsection (b).