

IARPA-BAA-15-08, Mercury, Q&A Round 4

Q 30. Will cleared program participants be given access to materials other than SIGINT, e.g., intelligence reports?

A 30. Yes, other materials may be available pending approvals to access that information. These materials may be used for research purposes, but will not be a component of the data used for analysis as described in the BAA section 1.A.

Q 31. Will cleared program participants be given lists or other knowledge of individuals, locations, or organizations of interest?

A 31. Performers will not be given information on individuals or organizations. The performers will be provided the countries of interest to the Mercury program as specified in the classified Appendix I of the BAA.

Q 32. Will the GSR contain lead up information? For example, will the GSR contain election results along with news articles leading up to the election? What is the size of GSR?

A 32. The GSR will contain all the relevant information that describes the events of interest to the Mercury program for which an early warning would be useful. Yes, the GSR will contain election results if an election takes place in a Mercury country. The GSR will also contain the link to the news source that first reports the event, and, sometimes, additional links to relevant news sources that provide essential information. The GSR will not provide news report leading up to the event. The size of the GSR will be driven by civil unrest events. The number of such events varies a lot across countries, but they account for about 160 events per month per country.