

Inquiry Summary
Summary of Select Committee Inquiry into Microsoft/G42 Partnership
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On April 15, Microsoft announced a \$1.5 billion partnership with G42 – an artificial intelligence firm under the control of the government of the United Arab Emirates.

On the one hand, this deal could be very positive for America — it benefits our private sector and promotes closer ties with an important nation in the Middle East.

But there is also a risk Microsoft’s partnership could open up a backdoor for advanced U.S. technology to flow to the People’s Republic of China.

In January, the Select Committee found that G42 has extensive ties to several PRC firms involved in the CCP’s surveillance state and research for the Chinese military.

This means, without proper mitigation, that Microsoft’s billion-dollar investment could contribute American dollars and technologies to the CCP’s intelligence and defense capabilities.

Microsoft has sought to address these concerns by taking an ownership stake in G42 and pledging to wind down G42’s investments in the PRC, but the devil is in the details.

As our private sector continues to innovate through new AI partnerships, the U.S. government must ensure that these agreements do not provide adversaries with access to our most sensitive technologies or support military capabilities designed to kill Americans.

An agreement of this significance must be properly vetted, both by Congress and the Executive Branch. That is why the Select Committee called on the National Intelligence Council to provide Congress with an official assessment of the potential risks posed by the deal between Microsoft and G42.

Only once the agreement has received this level of scrutiny, should the U.S. government allow it to move forward.

It is clear we live in a new era, where AI model weights and advanced GPUs are coveted technologies by both our friends and our adversaries. To protect our national security while ensuring we remain competitive, close coordination between the public and private sector is vital.