**Personal for****Ambassador Nirupama Rao 8 July 2012**
**Chancery:** 2107 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008

Excellency,

I noticed the below article today (I publish a daily [Open Source Everything Highlights](http://www.phibetaiota.net/category/ose/news/), have a recent book out by that name a copy of which is respectfully enclosed, and am the original champion, since 1988, of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT).

[Chandra panel bats for open source intel gathering](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Chandra-panel-bats-for-open-source-intel-gathering/articleshow/14738696.cms)

At a minimum, I wish to bring to the attention of your government -- of all elements of your government -- both the below consolidated online collection of information pertinent to the Chandra proposal -- and the attached chapter that was commissioned for the forthcoming *Routledge Companion for Intelligence Studies*.

[Open Source Agency: Executive Access Point](http://www.phibetaiota.net/2011/08/open-source-agency-executive-access-point/) (Tinyurl.com/OSA2011).

My views have advanced since being defeated by my own government, which is loath to risk the $80 billion a year in waste on secret intelligence collection that is not processed, not useful, and generally less than 5% of what we need to know.  I would welcome an opportunity to brief you and your staff on the latest developments, including the Open Source Everything convergence, and the underlying professional theme of M4IS2 (Multinational, Multiagency, Multidisciplinary, Multidomain Information Sharing and Sense-Making).

I live in Oakton, Virginia.  The web portal to 30 years of information from over 800 international professionals is [Phi Beta Iota the Public Intelligence Blog](http://www.phibetaiota.net).  In the ideal, I would be delighted if my new book could be published in India and broadly circulated.  I urge India to go three steps beyond a simple Open Source Agency:

1)  Unite the eight information communities and reintegrate all information in all languages

2)  Be the first to actually create a multinational information sharing and sense making grid that in passing educates the five billion poor in their own language, one free cell call at a time -- this will create infinite wealth—and make India the information arbitrage partner of choice for Brazil, China, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, and the countries of Africa, Latin America, and Central Asia.

3)  Go Open Source Everything -- software, hardware, spectrum, OpenBTS, etcetera.

Sincerely yours,

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[Who’s Who in Collective Intelligence: Robert David STEELE Vivas](http://www.phibetaiota.net/2011/04/whos-who-in-collective-intelligence-robert-david-steele-vivas/)