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HARMAN RESPONSE TO IRAQ WMD REPORT

~ "There is nothing new here" ~

WASHINGTON D.C. ---- Rep. Jane Harman (D-Venice), Ranking Member on the House Intelligence Committee, today released the following statement regarding declassified "key points" from the National Ground Intelligence Center report on Iraq WMD:

"There is nothing new here. Nothing in this report, classified or otherwise, contradicts the Duelfer Report, which assessed that we would find degraded pre-1991 weaponry in Iraq.

"When the intelligence community disseminated classified intelligence conclusively establishing that one of the Vice President's much-touted justifications for war was blatantly wrong, my request to declassify that information was denied.

"When the request comes from Republicans and can be spun in an attempt to support a Republican position, however, the answer is markedly different.

"Selective declassification for partisan purposes undermines the integrity, and the safety, of the men and women in the intelligence community."

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