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Reyes comments on press accounts of internal CIA investigation

Washington, D.C. – In response to several articles in today’s press regarding an internal Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) investigation of the Agency’s Inspector General, Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, TX, Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement:

“The initiation of this investigation, if accurately reported, is troubling. By law, the CIA Inspector General is required to ‘to plan, conduct, supervise, and coordinate independently... relating to the programs and operations of the Agency to ensure they are conducted efficiently and in accordance with applicable law and regulations...’

“It is this independence that Congress established, and will very aggressively preserve.

“I have always supported General Hayden and the outstanding men and women of the Central Intelligence Agency, and I look forward to discussing this issue with them as soon as possible.”