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House Intelligence Committee to Hold Hearings to Mark the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

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Series to Examine Evolution of Threats Against the U.S. and Ways to Further Integrate the Intelligence Community

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Minority Member Dutch Ruppersberger will hold a series of open intelligence hearings to mark the 10 year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The first in the series is a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

This joint hearing will be the first joint hearing since 9/11 joint inquiry in 2002. The House and Senate Intelligence Committees will review the evolution of the threat against the United States by Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups. The Director of National Intelligence, James R. Clapper and the Director of the CIA, David Petraeus will testify before the joint panel. This hearing will mark the first time David Petraeus testifies before Congress in his new role as the Director of the CIA.

The series of open hearings will continue in early October when FBI Director Robert Mueller and the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), Matt Olsen will testify before the House Intelligence Committee in an open hearing on October 6, 2011. The series will continue to evaluate the government's efforts at domestic intelligence reform to combat threats, and explore whether the United States is properly positioned to combat the growing threat from homegrown actors.

Most Intelligence Committee hearings in the House and Senate are closed due to the classified nature of the material discussed. This series of hearings will be open to the public.

"As we mark the ten year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, it is important to not only review the progress we have made in the Intelligence Community in the last decade, but to look forward and explore ways to achieve further integration and coordination within the Intel Community," said Chairman Mike Rogers.

"The world changed on 9/11. In the past ten years, the intelligence community has transformed in many important ways to keep our country and her citizens safe. I look forward to evaluating where we have been and where we need to go in the future to make our world even safer," said Ranking Member Ruppersberger.

Open Hearings

What: HPSCI/SSCI Joint Hearing Date: September 13, 2011 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Room: HVC-210

Witnesses: James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence

David Petraeus, Director of the CIA

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What: HPSCI Hearing

Date: October 6, 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Room: HVC-210

Witnesses: Robert Mueller, Director of the FBI

Matt Olsen, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)

In November, the HPSCI will continue with the hearings on the state of intelligence reform and on financial intelligence.