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U.S. House of Representatives,
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:08 a.m., in Room HVC-304, the Capitol, the Honorable Mike Rogers [chairman of the committee] presiding.

Present: Representatives Rogers, Thornberry, Miller, Conaway, King, LoBiondo, Nunes, Bachmann, Heck, Pompeo, Ruppertsberger, Langevin, and Himes.

Staff Present: Darren Dick, Deputy Staff Director; Katie Wheelbarger, Deputy Staff Director; Thomas Corcoran, Senior Policy Advisor; Andy Keiser, Senior Policy Advisor; Ashley Lowry, Chief Clerk; Sarah Geffroy, Chief Counsel; Frank Garcia, Professional Staff Member; Brooke Eisele, Professional Staff Member; Geof Kahn, Professional Staff Member; Jim Hildebrand, Professional Staff Member; Kristin Jepson, Director of Security; Heather Molino, Minority Staff Director; Michael Bahar, Minority General Counsel; Janet Fisher, Minority Counsel; Bob Minehart, Minority Policy Advisor; Carly Blake, Minority Professional Staff Member; Linda Cohen, Minority Professional Staff Member; and Amanda Rogers-Thorpe, Minority Professional Staff Member.

THE CHAIRMAN: The committee will come to order. We have two member requests for access to DOD's classified initial damage assessment of the impact from the compromise of classified files by a former NSA contractor and a committee report to consider today.

I want to remind members that we are currently in open session. It is my intent to remain in open session during the consideration of the access requests, and to move to closed session to consider the committee draft report.

The committee will now consider committee Rule 14 whether to grant requests from Mr. Duffy and Mr. Waxman to access Department of Defense Information Review Task Force 2 or IRTF 2's initial assessment of the impact to the Department of Defense of the compromise of classified files by a former NSA contractor.

As members recall, we have voted to permit and access this report to more than 100 Members in recent months. Taking into account the same considerations as we did then and considering the same factors required by Committee Rule 14, subparagraph F, I continue to believe it is important for Members to read the assessment which concerns one of the greatest compromises of secrets in our country's history.

I now yield to the ranking member for any comments you wish to make.

MR. RUPPERSBERGER: Mr. Chairman, Representatives Henry Waxman and Sean Duffy requested permission to review the Department of Defense Information Review Task Force 2's classified report. The committee has granted requests of over 100 Members to review the DOD's IRTF 2 classified report which compiles the Defense Intelligence Agency's initial assessment of the potential

impact that Snowden's compromise of classified files may have on the Department of Defense. I agree Members have an interest in knowing about the impact these disclosures have had and may have on the Department of Defense as well as critical intelligence programs. In this case, I believe we can grant the request without compromising sources and methods. I recommend that Mr. Waxman and Mr. Duffy's requests be granted. Thank you. Yield back.

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you. Any members wish to be heard on the request? Seeing none, the chair moves that under Rule 14 the committee approve the pending request for Mr. Duffy and Mr. Waxman to access the IRTF 2 damage assessment. Without objection, the previous question is ordered. The clerk will take the roll.

THE CLERK: Chairman Rogers?

THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Thornberry?

MR. THORNBERRY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Miller?

MR. MILLER: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Conaway?

MR. CONAWAY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. King?

MR. KING: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mrs. Bachmann?

MRS. BACHMANN: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Heck?

MR. HECK: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Pompeo?

MR. POMPEO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Ruppertsberger?

MR. RUPPERSBERGER: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Himes?

MR. HIMES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there are 11 ayes and zero noes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it and the motion is carried. The clerk would please inform the members of their approval.

The committee will now consider a report entitled "Technical and Tactical Subcommittee Review of the NRO IG Investigation of the Ground Enterprise Directorate." At this time, I will recognize the ranking member for a motion.

MR. RUPPERSBERGER: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Rule XI clause 2(g)2(a), I move the hearing be closed because disclosure of testimony, evidence or other matters being considered would endanger national security.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made to close the hearing. The clerk will take the roll.

THE CLERK: Chairman Rogers?

THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Thornberry?

MR. THORNBERRY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Miller?

MR. MILLER: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Conaway?

MR. CONAWAY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. King?

MR. KING: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mrs. Bachmann?

MRS. BACHMANN: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Heck?

MR. HECK: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Pompeo?

MR. POMPEO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Ruppertsberger?

MR. RUPPERSBERGER: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Himes?

MR. HIMES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there are 11 ayes and zero noes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it, the motion is agreed to.

[Whereupon, the committee proceeded to a higher classification.]