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Thank you. I'm honored to give the Committee my very limited perspectives.

First, I'd like to commend intelligence work on the threat from China to the US and to Taiwan. Likewise, I commend the importance of the continued enrichment of uranium by Iran. That's my take on nation-state threats. Good intelligence regarding nation-state threats is useful in motivating improved military funding and readiness, which I believe is inadequate today.

Second, like most people, I want everything – which means I urge the US and the Committee to not significantly reduce the profile of the counter-terrorism threat. For example, the 9-11 Commission Report urged improved border security. Yet, public reports about our southern border give the impression that we no longer take the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission seriously. What is the terrorist threat impact of conditions on our southern border?

Third, I think some point work and cooperation with the Foreign Affairs Committee might prove useful and productive. Of course, I recognize the secrecy issue that may provide some restrictions.

Fourth, I know that the public would appreciate a thorough review of any possible abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). I've always believed that FISA is useful and important, but the effectiveness and longevity of FISA will depend ultimately on public confidence in its application.

Fifth, a related subject is the government's relationship to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC). Were public reports of false statements

to the Court accurate? What were the consequences? Perhaps the gravest damage to public confidence are the reports of government misrepresentations to the Court, with apparently little negative consequences to the government.

Sixth, the Committee should consider what strengthened sanctions may be added to FISA to combat abuse. I hope that a strong and vibrant FISA remains, while abuses are curtailed. Of course, broad FISA authority and strong restrictions and sanctions for abuse may seem contradictory; and unless, carefully crafted, they may be contradictory. So, good luck in somehow achieving both goals! But I have confidence that you can find a way through that maze!

Finally, I was very pleased to observe that the Speaker and Minority Leader both emphasized non-partisanship at your first meeting. Intelligence was my favorite Committee, while it was non-partisan in approach.