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BUSINESS MEETING: 1)MEMBER ACCESS TO BENGHAZI INVESTIGATION
TRANSCRIPTS; 2) MEMBER ACCESS REQUEST

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

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

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 2:25 p.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, Westmoreland, Bachmann, Heck, Pompeo, Thompson,
Schakowsky, Langevin and Himes.

Staff Present: Darren Dick, Deputy Staff Director; Katie Wheelbarger,
Deputy Staff Director; Michael Ellis, Senior Counsel; Thomas Corcoran, Senior
Policy Advisor; Andy Keiser, Senior Policy Advisor; Ashley Lowry, Chief Clerk;
Sarah Geffroy, Professional Staff Member; Geof Kahn, Professional Staff Member;
Susan Phalen, Communications Director; Kristin Jepson, Security Director; Allison
Getty, Minority Communications Director; Michael Bahar, Minority General Counsel;
Janet Fisher, Minority Counsel; Bob Minehart, Minority Professional Staff Member;
Carly Scott, 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 matters concerning access to HPSCI documents to consider today. In addition to a Member request, we will consider sending several Benghazi-related transcripts to the IC for a classification review.

I want to remind Members that we are currently in open session. It is my intent to remain in open session to consider the Member access request on the 28 pages and then move to closed session to discuss the Benghazi transcripts. Should the committee vote to move to closed session for some portion of a debate, we will return to open session to vote on each matter.

Any comment at this point? I am just going to go right into the Member request. Is that okay?

The committee will now consider, pursuant to committee rule 14(f), whether to grant a request from Mr. Massie of Kentucky to access committee materials. Mr. Massie is seeking access to the 28 pages of the congressional joint inquiry of September 11, 2001. As Members will recall, the committee has voted in the past to grant access to other Members seeking to view the 28 pages. As such, I intend to vote in favor of the granting of this request consistent with the committee rules.

I will now yield to Mr. Thompson for any comments he may wish to make on the request, and then we will recognize other Members who may want to be heard.

MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you pointed out, this is a matter that we have dealt with in the past, and we have granted permission to other Members. Given that fact, I will also vote for and recommend that Mr. Massie's request be granted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do any Members wish to be heard on the request from Mr. Massie?

Seeing none, the chair moves that the committee grant the pending request

from Mr. Massie consistent with the rules of this committee.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered, and 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: Mr. Nunes?

MR. NUNES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Westmoreland?

MR. WESTMORELAND: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Heck?

DR. HECK: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Pompeo?

MR. POMPEO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Thompson?

MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

THE CLERK: Ms. Schakowsky?

MS. SCHAKOWSKY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Himes?

MR. HIMES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there are 13 ayes and zero noes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it, and the motion is carried.

The committee will now consider releasing the Intelligence Community's six committee transcripts concerning the attacks on the U.S. interests in Benghazi in 2012. Because these are committee documents that contain evidence or testimony taken in executive session, as well as classified information, releasing them or expanding access to them beyond very limited circumstances requires a committee vote. Before we continue any discussion, I will turn to Mr. Thompson for a motion to close.

MR. THOMPSON: Pursuant to House rule XI, clause 2(g) and 2(a), I move the hearing be closed because disclosure of testimony, evidence or other matters being considered would endanger national security.

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion being made to close the committee on the matters of national security, 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: Mr. Nunes?

MR. NUNES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Westmoreland?

MR. WESTMORELAND: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Heck?

DR. HECK: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Pompeo?

MR. POMPEO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Thompson?

MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

THE CLERK: Ms. Schakowsky?

MS. SCHAKOWSKY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Himes?

MR. HIMES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there are 13 ayes and zero noes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it, and the meeting is closed.

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THE CHAIRMAN: The chair now moves that the committee approve access to the Intelligence Community to the six transcripts for the purpose of redacting the transcripts to an unclassified form. Without objection, the previous question is ordered. The clerk will take the roll.

THE CLERK: Chairman Rogers?

THE CHAIRMAN: 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: Mr. Nunes?

MR. NUNES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Westmoreland?

MR. WESTMORELAND: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mrs. Bachmann?

MRS. BACHMANN: Aye.

THE CLERK: Dr. Heck?

DR. HECK: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Pompeo?

MR. POMPEO: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mr. Thompson?

MR. THOMPSON: No.

THE CLERK: Ms. Schakowsky?

MS. SCHAKOWSKY: No.

THE CLERK: Mr. Langevin?

MR. LANGEVIN: No.

THE CLERK: Mr. Himes?

MR. HIMES: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chairman, there are 11 ayes and 3 noes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it, and the motion is carried. The transcripts will be sent to the IC for declassification.

If there is no further business before the committee, without objection, the committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:55 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]