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Intelligence Committee to Hold Open Hearing on Worldwide Threats Facing the U.S.

Open Hearing Followed by Closed Session

(Washington, D.C.) - **Ranking Minority Member C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)** and **Chairman Mike Rogers (D-MI)** announce the House Intelligence Committee will hold its first open hearing of the second session of the 112th Congress. The Worldwide Threat Hearing is an open hearing the Committee holds annually delving into the current and projected threats facing our country. The open hearing will be immediately followed by a closed session.

"Good intelligence is the best defense against terrorism. It is our responsibility in Congress to give our intelligence professionals the resources, authorities and capabilities they need to protect us from the ever-changing threats we face in the world today, from concerns about nuclear weapon production in Iran and North Korea to cyber intrusions from China and other countries to attacks from homegrown terrorists here in the U.S. I look forward to a thorough assessment about the state of play from leaders of the intelligence community," said **Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.**

"As the threats to our country evolve, so must our ability to detect and address them. This hearing is crucial to understanding how our intelligence capabilities must progress to address the threats coming at us from every corner of the globe. From instability created by the Arab Spring to leadership transition in North Korea, and from nuclear threats from Iran to cyber threats from China, the threats facing the United States are complex and dangerous. Our number one priority is protecting the American people from these threats, and this hearing helps us do that," said **Chairman Mike Rogers (R-MI).**

Who:	Ranking Member C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) Chairman Mike Rogers (R-MI) Other Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
What:	Worldwide Threat Open Hearing
When:	Thursday, February 2, 2012 10:00am
Where:	Room HVC-210 The Capitol Visitor's Center Washington, DC

The witnesses:

- James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence
- David Petraeus, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
- Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense
- Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Media wishing to attend this hearing must be credentialed through the House Radio & TV Gallery.

Press set up will begin at 6:30am. All media must be in place before the security sweep begins at 8:30am.

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