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I knew about the SSCI classified briefing (not a hearing).

Didn't know about the hsgac briefing.

Will work this Monday.

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**From:** Nielsen, Kirstjen  
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Hi

Did u know about these briefings?

We should discuss strategy in terms of who gets briefed and who will ask next

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NPPD leg Affairs also advises:

"For your awareness we are working to schedule a full committee member brief for HSGAC on Russia and elections. The request was made by Ranking Member McCaskill. The request is for July 11 or 12. We will work with I&A on it. Trying to do a rerun of the Senate Intel hearing from this week.

HSGAC's got one more member briefing request. (b)(6) indicated the Chairman's priority is his request for a full committee member classified briefing on a counterintelligence/cybersecurity issue. The request came to the Chairman from two committee members also on SSCI. Working with FBI, I&A, and GSA to schedule. Will likely use same briefers that testified in a closed SSCI hearing. "

NPPD leg will keep all updated on this request and date.

Please advise if this should proceed please.

Thanks (b)(6)

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Attached are the documents requested. Below is a very brief summary of the hearing, and the link to the webcast. Please let me know if there are specific questions or preps needed and we will get started on them this weekend. thank you.

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**LINK TO WEBCAST: Open Hearing with Former Secretary of Homeland Security  
Jeh Johnson**

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Russia Investigation Task Force  
Witness: Former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson  
10:00 a.m., 210 House Capitol Visitor Center [WEBCAST](#)

**Hearing Summary: U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
(HPSCI)**

**Hearing entitled: Russia I**

**Congressman Devin Nunes (R-CA-22), Chairman  
Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA-28), Ranking Member**

Members' focus for the hearing was to investigate what the nation could have done differently in light of Russia hacking election systems and what we can do in the future to safeguard our critical election infrastructure. Members voiced the opinion that Russia has a long history of cyber-attacks, being "career offenders" in this area. They also noted that the Russians are experts in propaganda, including false news stories that fool the American press corp. Committee Members were also concerned why the Office of the

President of the United States did not further publicize the matter given the depth and scope of the election probing.

Former Secretary Johnson's messaging points during the hearing included that there was no evidence that Russians manipulated the outcome of the election and DHS' joint public statements during his tenure were the Administration's statements approved by President Obama. Secretary Johnson noted that cyber threats and attacks were a top priority for him as Secretary. He is satisfied with the way the Administration handled the election systems situation, notably the numerous public statements but also partnering and sharing information with state and local election and law enforcement officials. Mr. Johnson noted he wished the DNC had not declined DHS assisting with their system being hacked. DHS could have provided a patch that could have lessened the damage.

Secretary Johnson provided the following recommendations for potential improvement to the committee:

- State election officials would oppose federal laws, but would encourage congress to seek grants that would bolster cyber security.
- He would ask that Secretary Kelly and the Under Secretary for NPPD take the cyber security issue as a front burner issue.

Towards the end of the hearing, Representative Hurd asked former Secretary Johnson if the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) reorg of would have helped deal with the election situation. Johnson responded that he does not know if the reorg would help the situation, but NPPD needs to be reorg'd into a "lean and mean" agency to ensure that everyone knows that it is a focal point for cybersecurity and infrastructure protection.

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We'll get that background and work to set up on Monday. Thanks.

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(b)(6) asked to follow up with me on some questions Chairman Johnson has after Jeh Johnson's testimony.

Happy to do so on Monday if you agree. To prepare- could you pls pull his testimony and the transcript?

Thx!!

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