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The day after the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, Chairman Mike Rogers immediately directed the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) to aggressively investigate the attack and the Obama Administration's handling of it.

To date, HPSCI has conducted more than 100 oversight activities to gather information from the Intelligence Community on the attacks. HPSCI's thorough investigation covers the intelligence leading up to the attack, the security at the Annex, the response during and after the attack, and the CIA's role in shaping the Obama Administration's false narrative.

- **HPSCI has held 19 Committee member oversight events on Benghazi, more than any other House committee.**
- **HPSCI has interviewed more eyewitnesses to the attack than any other committee.** For example, HPSCI interviewed the two most senior intelligence officials on the ground in Libya and eight security officers who were in the fight.
- **HPSCI led the drafting of a comprehensive Interim Progress Report issued last April, the first public report on the investigations into the attacks.** The report is available here: <http://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Libya-Progress-Report-Final-1.pdf>. It lays out the timeline of the attack and the response to it. The report has never been demonstrated by fact to be in error. The full length of the House Intelligence Committee's thorough Benghazi investigation has been updated and can be found here: <http://intelligence.house.gov/benghazi-investigation> HPSCI is preparing an update to this report and plans to release it in the near term.
- **April 2, 2014, Chairman Rogers led a three-hour grilling of former CIA Deputy Director Michael Morell in an open hearing,** which was the third time he was called to appear before HPSCI and explain his role. Video of the entire hearing, including the hard-hitting questions by all HPSCI GOP Members can be found here: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?318648-1/benghazi-obama-administration>. Chairman Rogers' opening statement for the Morell hearing can be found here: <http://intelligence.house.gov/sites/intelligence.house.gov/files/documents/04022014ChairOpeningStatement.pdf>

Anyone who asserts that Chairman Rogers or the HPSCI has not investigated the Benghazi attack is misinformed. HPSCI has taken the leading role among the five House committees looking into the terrorist attacks that tragically took four American lives. Chairman Rogers has stated publicly several times about his incredible frustration with the unacceptably slow pace of the Obama Administration in bringing the Benghazi terrorists to justice. Certainly, that is the least we owe to the families of the four Americans who were killed.