

University of Oxford Rothermere American Institute Speech:

- Thank you to the Rothermere American Institute for the introduction.
- You are students who study American government and politics. Let me know when you get it figured out?
- Have to travel overseas to get a decent reception.
- Five boys joke.
- Want to talk about how HPSCI functions and role as Chairman.
- Job is to make sure IC has tools, resources, and authorities they need to carry out their mission.
- Dutch and I worked to restore a critical function of the committee—passing annual intelligence authorization bills.
- 9/11 Commission recommendation to have authorization and appropriation committees work together more closely.
- Intel oversight committees are also connection between intelligence and American people.
- As technology changes, need to ensure laws and regulations keep pace
- Example: NSA compliance violations, collection on a foreign target's phone after entering US territory.
- Another example: CISA allows government and private sector to share cyber security threat information.
- Large investment in intelligence after 9/11 was absolutely necessary.

- Eliminating inefficiency while avoiding compromises that jeopardize mission.
- Very strong relationship with Senate partners.
- Many think Congress is a rubber stamp for intelligence agencies. Simply not the case.
- Extensive engagement with intelligence agencies themselves. 130 oversight meetings with NSA last year. Over 100 so far this year.
- Intelligence oversight is challenging.
- Thank you for taking time to study American government and politics. Can't tell you how important US-UK relationship is.
- Winston Churchill: "Where we are able to stand together and work together for righteous causes, we shall always be thankful, and the world will always be free."
- Lebanese intelligence official story.
- Stakes are so high in the world, and partnership is so important.
- Thank you and look forward to taking your questions.