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Immigration Oversight Hearing Thursday on Espionage by Foreign Nationals in the U.S.

What: Oversight Hearing: "Foreign Nationals Engaged in Economic and Military Espionage"
Who: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims – Rep. John Hostettler (R-Ind.), Chairman
When: Thursday, September 15, 2005 – 1:00 p.m. classified portion begins; open portion begins immediately thereafter (approx. 1:20 p.m.)
Where: 2141 Rayburn Building

Foreign intelligence activities against the U.S. have grown in diversity and complexity in the post-Cold War era. The U.S. is the primary target of foreign economic and military espionage, both at research facilities and defense contractors. Thursday's hearing will investigate this issue and ways the immigration system can be enhanced to protect American technology and interests.

PROBLEMS...

- ✓ Recent arrests of foreign nationals for export control violations demonstrate the continuing need to be vigilant in screening visitors to the U.S., especially those with technical backgrounds.
- ✓ Despite recent changes by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to the screening process for economic espionage, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently reported that it had "identified weaknesses in the arms export control system...recent and past works casts doubts on the effectiveness and efficiency of the system."

THIS HEARING WILL REVIEW...

- ⇒ How prevalent is economic espionage and which countries are the worst offenders?
- ⇒ How can the U.S. government keep better track of foreign student research in areas of sensitive technology?
- ⇒ Is the visa security check (Visas Mantis) for economic espionage adequate, and should it be expanded to include changes in immigration status?

WITNESSES: The Honorable Michelle Van Cleave, National Counterintelligence Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Dr. Larry Wortzel, Visiting Fellow, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. Maynard Anderson, Former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Security Policy; and Dr. William A. Wulf, President, National Academy of Engineering.

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