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September 16, 2010

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Dear Chairmen Shays and Thibault:

I am writing to confirm the invitation for you to testify at a hearing of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on **Thursday, September 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in room HVC-210 of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC)**. The hearing will examine issues raised by the Commission's July 12, 2010, report entitled, "Better Planning for Defense-to-State Transition in Iraq Needed to Avoid Mistakes and Waste."

**The CVC is located below the East Plaza of the Capitol between Constitution and Independence Avenues, on First Street SE. Please arrive 45 minutes early in order to get through security.** Directions to the hearing room are included in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

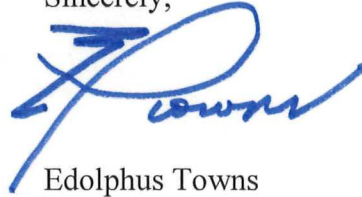
You may submit written testimony for the record, of any reasonable length. In addition to written testimony, you should be prepared to provide a five-minute opening statement and respond to questions posed by Members of the Committee.

Instructions for witnesses appearing before the Committee are contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet. In particular, please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Craig Fischer of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edolphus Towns". The signature is stylized with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Edolphus Towns  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Darrell Issa  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

## WITNESS INFORMATION SHEET

The following is a summary of some of the pertinent rules and procedures applicable to witnesses testifying before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

- Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Carla Hultberg, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to [carla.hultberg@mail.house.gov](mailto:carla.hultberg@mail.house.gov).
- At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions.
- House Rule XI clause 2(g)(4) requires that witnesses appearing in a nongovernmental capacity submit to the Committee in advance of the hearing “a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.” (See the attached form.)
- The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances; however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
- Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
- Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at [www.oversight.house.gov](http://www.oversight.house.gov).
- The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. The jurisdiction of the Committee is set forth in the House Rules X, clauses 1(m), 2, 3, and 4.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5051.

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE CVC HEARING ROOM (HVC-210)**

Enter the Capitol Visitor Center through the First Street, SE, entrance. After clearing security and are inside the Visitor Center, you will turn left and then right at the two statues. Take the stairs or elevator down to the next level. At the bottom of the stairs, you will take a left. Walk past the astronaut statue to the three metal doors labeled "U.S. House of Representatives Meeting Rooms." Please stop at the appointments desk to the left of these doors to show ID and obtain a pass before entering. Proceed down this hallway to the hearing room, HVC-210, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> door on the right. Please check in with the clerk of the Committee when you arrive.

If you need assistance with finding the room, please go to the appointments desk in the CVC or back to security and they will be able to help you or you can also phone the Committee office at 202-225-5051.