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MEMORANDUM

September 12, 2022

To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security

Fr: Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Putin’s Proxies: Examining Russia’s Use of Private Military Companies”

On **Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using the Zoom video platform**, the Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing on Russia’s use of private military companies (PMCs) as a proxy paramilitary and security force to further the Kremlin’s geopolitical interests and influence.

I. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine how Russia uses PMCs, including but not limited to the Wagner Group, to foment and exploit instability and conflict around the world. The hearing will also consider how the United States and the international community can hold Russian PMCs accountable for the war crimes, atrocities, and other illegal activities they have carried out on behalf of the Kremlin.

II. WITNESSES

Kimberly Marten, Ph.D.
Professor, Political Science Department
Barnard College, Columbia University

Catrina Doxsee
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Joseph Siegle, Ph.D.
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**Additional witnesses to be announced.*

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