

(5) Did the DNI approve the report, in spite of false and exaggerated claims made in the report?

There are troubling signs, which this Subcommittee has attempted to investigate, that the Administration is leading the U.S. toward a military conflict with Iran.

In June, our Subcommittee held a classified members briefing, at my request, to investigate independent reports published in the New Yorker magazine and the Guardian that U.S. military personnel have been or are already deployed inside and around Iran, gathering intelligence and targeting information, and reports published in Newsweek, ABC News and GQ magazine, that the U.S. has been planning and is now recruiting members of MEK to conduct lethal operations and destabilizing operations inside Iran.

Unfortunately, neither the Department of State nor the Department of Defense chose to appear for the classified briefing. Nearly three months later, the Subcommittee has been unable to question State or DOD directly on those reports. However, this Subcommittee was briefed by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and I believe that the Subcommittee should use its oversight authority to compare the statements and information provided to Members about Iran's nuclear program at the briefing, with information provided to the House Intelligence Committee for their report.

These are precisely the sort of questions this Subcommittee is designed to pursue. The latest report implicating DNI passivity or complicity in embellishing the danger of the Iranian nuclear program should be aggressively investigated by our Subcommittee immediately. We cannot and must not permit this Administration to build a case for war against Iran on falsehoods and pretext. We have seen similar patterns with the twisting of intelligence to create a war against Iraq and we must not let this happen again. I ask that the Subcommittee invite the DNI to appear immediately before the Committee. It is imperative that our questions be answered in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

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Ranking Minority Member.

CONGRATULATING SPELMAN COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to join with my colleagues in congratulating Spelman College on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

One of our country's most distinguished colleges, this historically Black college for women founded in 1881 by Harriet E. Giles and Sophia B. Packard in Atlanta, Georgia, was ranked this year by U.S. News & World Report as being among the top 75 Best Liberal Arts Colleges.

Since its inception, Spelman College has provided women with access to education since the post-Civil War era, promoting academic excellence in the liberal arts and developing the intellectual, ethical, and leadership potential of its students. As a member of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) consortium, Spelman students enjoy the benefits of a small college while having access to the fac-

ulty and physical resources of five other historically black institutions.

Spelman College has grown from its roots as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, to become one of the Nation's most prominent institutions of higher learning promoting both academic excellence and leadership development.

Spelman's steadfast commitment to preparing black women for service and leadership is clearly evident in the more than six generations of Spelman women who have reached the highest levels of academic, community, and professional achievement.

Spelman's most notable alumnae include Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund; Ruth A. Davis, director general of the U.S. Foreign Service; Aurelia Brazeal, U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia; and Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist.

Spelman can well be proud of its achievements and exemplary service not only to its students, but to the City of Atlanta. May this outstanding college enjoy many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER KATHRYN SCHLUETER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exceptional constituent and community leader, Sister Kathryn Schlueter, CSJ, of Southampton, New York, who has dedicated herself to Catholic education on Long Island for nearly 40 years.

Sister Kathy, as she is affectionately known, joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1963. After graduation from Brentwood College with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1967, she began her teaching career at the Saint Patrick School located in Smithtown, Long Island. Sister Kathy subsequently received her Masters in Educational Administration from Hofstra University in 1977 while continuing her teaching career at the Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, Long Island.

In 1987, Sister Kathy arrived on the east end of Long Island as Principal of Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional Catholic School in Southampton where she has worked faithfully to improve the quality of that institution for the past 20 years.

Under Sister Kathy's diligent stewardship, Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional Catholic School has been designated as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education and has received further accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. As Our Lady of the Hamptons prepares to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary as a Regional Catholic School, Sister Kathy should be recognized as the driving force behind its success.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New York's First Congressional District, I express our sincere appreciation to Sister Kathy for her extraordinary commitment to excellence in education. We wish her continued success and happiness in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING SPECTROLAB ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague BRAD SHERMAN (CA-27) to pay tribute to Spectrolab, a subsidiary of the Boeing Company, on its 50th anniversary and to celebrate the delivery of its two millionth solar cell. We are honored to represent many of Spectrolab's employees and are proud of their great accomplishments.

Spectrolab is the world's leading manufacturer of space solar cells and solar panels. Throughout the years, Spectrolab solar cells and solar panels have powered more than 500 satellites and interplanetary missions, including the Spirit and Opportunity rovers, which are still exploring the surface of Mars. Also, all of the solar panels on spacecraft on Mars are manufactured by Spectrolab.

In 1956, Spectrolab was founded by a group of engineers who began providing high-quality optical filters and mirrors for government systems. In 1958, Pioneer 1 carried the company's first body-mounted solar panels into space. Shortly thereafter, Explorer 6 was the first satellite to use Spectrolab's solar arrays, and Spectrolab's first solar cell panel was placed on the moon by Apollo's mission in 1969. Galaxy 111C, the world's highest capacity satellite, launched on June 15, 2002 carrying the latest solar cell technology developed and manufactured at Spectrolab. Its contributions to the space industry cannot be overstated.

Spectrolab is well respected in its industry and has received a myriad of well deserved accolades. NASA's George M. Low Award for Supplier Quality and Excellence was given to Spectrolab in 2004. Also, Spectrolab's multi-junction cells were inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame by the United States Space Foundation that same year.

Currently, Spectrolab scientists are working to build and test solar cells for concentrator systems that may one day generate inexpensive and renewable electricity for America's cities and towns. Their expertise in space photovoltaic products earned Boeing the contract to build solar concentrator cells for a leading renewable energy company.

Spectrolab's product portfolio includes terrestrial concentrator solar cells and panels, searchlight systems, solar simulators and photodetector products. More than 90 percent of all law enforcement aircraft and helicopters worldwide use Spectrolab's Nightsun searchlights.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we salute Spectrolab for its extraordinary accomplishments over the past fifty years.

TERRORIST ATTACKS ON 9/11

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, it has been more than five years since the terrorist attacks of September 11. In looking back, we have