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Below please find statements from Kerry, Ros-Lehtinen, Hoekstra, and King.

Haven't seen anything yet from Lugar or Berman.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry:

"The release of classified information under these circumstances is a reckless action which jeopardizes lives by exposing raw, contemporaneous intelligence. This is not an academic exercise about freedom of information and it is not akin to the release of the Pentagon Papers, which involved an analysis aimed at saving American lives and exposing government deception. Instead, these sensitive cables contain candid assessments and analysis of ongoing matters and they should remain confidential to protect the ability of the government to conduct lawful business with the private candor that's vital to effective diplomacy."

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Ros-Lehtinen Condemns Latest Wikileaks Release of Sensitive U.S. Documents

(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, commented today on the release of scores of sensitive documents by the Wikileaks website. Statement by Ros-Lehtinen:

"This latest release of classified and other sensitive U.S. documents by Wikileaks is extremely irresponsible. Those who leak and publish such information are doing great harm to our nation, and are potentially putting American lives in danger.

"This newest batch of documents appears to contain troves of classified reports related to our nation's conduct of diplomacy and foreign policy, including reports of critical discussions with our allies. This is the everyday work-product of our officials all over the globe. This critical and highly sensitive information must be managed carefully.

"It is deeply disturbing that a few individuals seem to have deemed themselves worthy of deciding that scores of classified and sensitive material should be paraded about for our enemies to review and use against us. These leaks come at the expense of U.S. security and, potentially, American lives."

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From Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R., Mich.) ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee:

"Wikileaks clearly is determined to undermine U.S. national security and damage our foreign relations. The disclosure of thousands of potentially classified cables and other documents is an embarrassment to the Obama administration and represents a critical failure by the Pentagon and intelligence community to protect sensitive national security information.

"Once again our partners and allies are forced to question whether the United States can keep secrets, and our diplomats around the world have been forced to scramble to try and patch-up foreign relations strained by this illegal leak. ODNI's national counterintelligence executive must move quickly to assess the failures in this case and to establish security protocols, including robust audit capabilities for classified networks. Congress also should move quickly to hold hearings to ensure ODNI, the military and FBI have the necessary counterintelligence authorities to ensure a destructive leak of this nature cannot happen again.

"The disclosure of these documents by Wikileaks had nothing to do with transparency or whistleblowing, as the site would claim, and everything to do with undermining American foreign policy. As the world's number one target for spying by foreign adversaries and now clearly other hacks, the federal government must do a better job of strengthening America's computer and cybersecurity protocols. If we do not, we risk leaving exposed an Achilles heel that could cause irreparable damage to our global partnerships and international standing."

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U.S. Representative Peter T. King:

"WikiLeaks presents a clear and present danger to the national security of the United States. I strongly urge you to work within the Administration to use every offensive capability of the U.S. government to prevent further damaging releases by WikiLeaks."

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