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CHAIRMAN GOWDY STATEMENT ON MUELLER INDICTMENT

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WASHINGTON, DC – House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Trey Gowdy released the following statement after the Department of Justice announced (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__r20.rs6.net_tn.jsp-3Ft-3Dd5xmri6ab.0.0.zaob78xab.0-26id-3Dpreview-26r-3D3-26p-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Fwww.justice.gov-252Fopa-252Fpr-252Fgrand-2Djury-2Dindicts-2D12-2Drussian-2Dintelligence-2Dofficers-2Dhacking-2Doffenses-2Drelated-2D2016-2Delection&d=DwMFaQ&c=L93KkjKsAC98uTvC4KvQDTmmq1mJ2vMPtzuTpFgX8gY&r=OckRHP1oHjIqdstsjnQEeqhB9WPLAVSrB3PseHzndx5w&mIOKkLFLmPFDD4bcCeCq5_L7w&s=9GMJUemQuVJfgTSqmyX8MsjjdQEJUomkfcqTjL1HTc&e=) indictment charges against twelve Russian nationals for committing federal crimes intended to interfere with the 2016 election.

“Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s indictment tells us what we have known all along – Russia is not our friend. Russia attempted to sow the seeds of discord, undermine the fundamentals of our democracy and challenge the reliability of the 2016 election.

As I have repeatedly said (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__r20.rs6.net_tn.jsp-3Ft-3Dd5xmri6ab.0.0.zaob78xab.0-26id-3Dpreview-26r-3D3-26p-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Fgowdy.house.gov-252Fmedia-2Dcenter-252Fpress-2Dreleases-252Fgowdy-2Dstatement-2Drussia-2Dinvestigation&d=DwMFaQ&c=L93KkjKsAC98uTvC4KvQDTmmq1mJ2vMPtzuTpFgX8gY&r=OckRHP1oHjIqdstsjnQEeqhB9WPLAVSrB3PseHzndx5IOKkLFLmPFDD4bcCeCq5_L7w&s=De-4V64__Pqgtwq3ljEoF_zTciLY5X05ZEZUMe7zAnA&e=), it is clear, based on the evidence, Russia had disdain for Secretary Clinton and was motivated in whole or in part by a desire to harm her candidacy or undermine her Presidency had she prevailed.

I am pleased Russia is being held accountable for their actions against our country. This was not an attack on Republicans or an attack on Democrats – this was an attack on the United States.”

Background

- At the end of July, the Oversight Committee plans to hold a full committee hearing on election security.

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