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### Nunes Statement on Russia Indictments

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House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes issued the following statement today on the indictments of Russian individuals and entities for interfering in the 2016 U.S. elections:

“The Putin regime presents a pressing threat to American interests, including through Moscow’s long-running influence operations against the United States. The House Intelligence Committee has been investigating these threats for many years: in 2014—the year the Russians began their operation targeting the 2016 elections—I [warned](#) about Russia’s worldwide influence operations. In April 2016 I [stated](#) that the United States’ failure to predict Putin’s plans and intentions is ‘the biggest intelligence failure that we’ve had since 9/11.’ Although the Obama Administration failed to act on the Committee’s warnings, it’s gratifying to see that Russian agents involved in these operations have now been identified and indicted.”

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