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## **Hunter Statement on Intelligence Activities of the Defense Department**

Washington, D.C. – House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) issued the following statement regarding intelligence activities of the Department of Defense:

“The war on terrorism has made it clear that we need to urgently improve our nation’s human intelligence capabilities, including those of the Department of Defense when conducting military operations. In a battlefield with no real boundaries or identifiable enemy, timely and accurate intelligence is often the most effective defense for our troops in the field. Simply put, enhancing human intelligence will save American lives. The notion by some that various steps taken by the Department of Defense to enhance such intelligence is somehow sinister and illegitimate is nonsense.”