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MANDATORY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW REQUEST

Dear Mr. Koch:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Executive Order 13292 amending E.O. 12958, I hereby request Mandatory Declassification Review of the classified CIA Report, completed in 2002, discussing the handling of pre-Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist threats, as described in the attached news clippings.

I believe that this report may be overclassified and might be declassified in whole or part and perhaps released in its entirety or in sanitized form.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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CIA report secrecy draws bipartisan fire

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UPI) -- Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle are now publicly calling for the release of a classified CIA report that criticized the agency.

The New York Times reports that Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., have told CIA Director Porter Goss the public should have access to the report.

Both Roberts and Hoekstra are chairmen of their chambers intelligence committees.

The report by CIA Inspector General John Helgerson is said to be critical of former CIA Director George Tenet and other staff for their role in handling pre-Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist threats.

Goss hasn't decided if he will release the report, which was completed in 2002.

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NEW YORK (Reuters) - Senior Republicans in Congress have joined Democrats in asking CIA director Porter Goss to declassify and release an agency report criticizing the previous director and others for lapses on terrorism ahead of the September 11 attacks, The New York Times reported on Saturday.

Citing members of Congress and their aides, the Times said that the requests were sent last week by House of Representatives and Senate Intelligence Committee members.

Goss has resisted publicizing the report, in part because it could have a negative effect on agency morale, the Times reported.

Some dozen current and former intelligence officials, including former director George Tenet, are said to be singled out in the report.

CIA inspector general John Helgerson prepared the report at the request of the joint congressional committee that in 2002 completed its review of the attacks, the Times said.

Goss sent a classified version of the document to Capitol Hill in August, and Helgerson briefed the intelligence committee on the findings, the Times said, but distribution has otherwise been sharply limited.

A CIA spokeswoman declined to comment on whether Goss might release the report to the public, adding that Helgerson had complied with the law in preparing the report and delivering the findings to Congress.

Republican officials who told the Times that the report should be made public include Rep. Peter Hoekstra of Michigan, who chairs the House Intelligence Committee, and Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

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