MEMORANDUM  

September 12, 2022  

To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security  

Fr: Subcommittee Staff  

Re: Hearing on “Putin’s Proxies: Examining Russia’s Use of Private Military Companies”  

On Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using the Zoom video platform, the Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing on Russia’s use of private military companies (PMCs) as a proxy paramilitary and security force to further the Kremlin’s geopolitical interests and influence.  

I. HEARING PURPOSE  

The hearing will examine how Russia uses PMCs, including but not limited to the Wagner Group, to foment and exploit instability and conflict around the world. The hearing will also consider how the United States and the international community can hold Russian PMCs accountable for the war crimes, atrocities, and other illegal activities they have carried out on behalf of the Kremlin.  

II. WITNESSES  

Kimberly Marten, Ph.D.  
Professor, Political Science Department  
Barnard College, Columbia University  

Catrina Doxsee  
Associate Director, Transnational Threats Project  
Center for Strategic and International Studies  

Joseph Siegle, Ph.D.  
Director of Research  
Africa Center for Strategic Studies  
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*Additional witnesses to be announced.*

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