

"Troops, Diplomats, and Aid: Assessing Strategic Resources for Afghanistan"

On March 26, 2009, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued its extensive oversight of U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan by conducting a hearing designed to explore what objectives the U.S. should try to achieve in Afghanistan, as well as the resources necessary to achieve them including: the utility, capacity, and optimal number of military forces; the utility, capacity, and optimal number of civilian U.S. employees; various international resource options; the positive and negative effects of increased presence of U.S. personnel on the Afghan people; and the optimal model for security and development assistance. This hearing coincided with the ongoing strategic review being prepared for President Obama.

WITNESS LIST:

- Lieutenant General David W. Barno, U.S. Army (Ret.), Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University; former Commander, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan

- Ambassador James Dobbins, Director of the Center for International Security and Defense Policy at the RAND Corporation; former representative to the Afghan opposition in the wake of September 11, 2001; and former Special Envoy for Afghanistan.

- Dr. Frederick W. Kagan, Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

- Dr. David Kilcullen, Senior Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for a New American Security; former Special Advisor for Counterinsurgency to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

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