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National Security Teleconference Series

The New Congress and National Security Policy

Speakers: Marcel Lettre, Senior Defense and Intelligence Advisor to Senate Majority Leader-Elect Harry Reid

Bill Natter, Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee

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Synopsis:

The November midterms elections have returned control of both the House and Senate to the Democratic Party for the first in twelve years. What does this change in leadership portend for our continued military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the other national security issues that dominated political campaigns across the country? One immediate outcome appears to be radical change at the Pentagon; how will competing political and policy commitments play out in this period of transition? How will the new majority in Congress exercise its oversight over both past and future security operations and policy?

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Speaker Bio:

Marcel Lettre is senior defense and intelligence advisor to Senate Majority Leader-Elect Harry Reid. His previous experience includes: staff member on the House Intelligence Committee; Booz Allen & Hamilton's corporate strategy practice; and research positions at several non-governmental think tanks focused on nuclear nonproliferation and counterterrorism analysis including the Preventive Defense Project and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Marcel is a founding member of CENSA.

Bill Natter serves on the House Armed Services Committee as the principal minority lead staff assigned to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities (TUTC). The TUTC has authorizing responsibility for U.S. Special Operations Command, related intelligence activities, counterproliferation and counterterrorism policies. Bill is a 16-year veteran of Capitol Hill and has focused on Special Operations Forces and both intelligence policy and programs for nearly his entire tenure. Prior to his appointment to the HASC he served as Military Legislative Assistant to Representative Ike Skelton (D-MO), the presumed full committee chairman in the 110th Congress. Bill's congressional experience is heavily steeped in SOF acquisition and operational matters requiring unique authorities. He is also responsible for Service- and DoD-wide Science and Technology programs, and significantly contributed to the drafting of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.



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