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**Chairman Shays to Hold August 24 Hearing on  
Overclassification of Information as a Barrier to Information Sharing**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to examine the extent and impact of overclassification – the excessive designation of official secrets – as an impediment to the enhanced interagency and intergovernmental information sharing recommended by the 9/11 Commission.

The hearing, *“Too Many Secrets: Overclassification as a Barrier to Critical Information Sharing,”* will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

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**WITNESS LIST**

**Mr. William Leonard**  
Director  
Information Security Oversight Office  
National Archives and Records Administration

**[Invited]**  
U.S. Department of Defense  
Office of the Undersecretary of Defense  
for Intelligence

**Mr. Steven Aftergood**  
American Federation of Scientists

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