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U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Biden's Dean Acheson moment shows he isn't serious about deterring Putin in Ukraine

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today released the following statement after President Biden's press conference where he opened the door to a Russian "minor incursion" into Ukraine.

"The only thing that Vladimir Putin respects is strength. Unfortunately, President Biden's Dean Acheson moment has sent an unmistakable message to Putin that he is not serious about deterring a further invasion of Ukraine.

"By greenlighting "minor incursions," President Biden invites major incursions in Ukraine, Taiwan, and around the world. He emboldens our adversaries, causes our allies to doubt our commitments, and risks the defining achievement of American power: the security and stability of Europe.

"In order to avert disaster, we must seize the initiative from Putin. This means proactively ending Nord Stream II; communicating in detail the financial ruin that awaits Putin, his inner circle, and the Russian economy should he further invade Ukrainian territory; expanding lethal military assistance to Ukraine; and keeping all options on the table to defend our interests."