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Media Advisory

JUNE 6th PANEL TO ASSESS PROGRESS OF CIA AND FBI REFORM

The 9/11 Public Discourse Project (the nonprofit successor organization to the 9/11 Commission) will hold a panel discussion Monday, June 6, 2005, to assess the status of CIA and FBI Reform, one year after the release of the 9/11 Commission Report (see attached). The panel will take place at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The June 6th panel is the first in a series of public events the 9/11 Public Discourse Project has scheduled to examine progress that has been made in implementing recommendations in the 9/11 Commission Report. Topics of subsequent panels in the series, entitled "The 9-11 Commission Report: The Unfinished Agenda," include: Challenges Facing the Director of National Intelligence, Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Securing the Homeland, Congressional Reform, Foreign Policy, and Public Diplomacy.

Jamie S. Gorelick, a former member of the 9/11 Commission, and a former Deputy Attorney General of the United States, will moderate the first panel. She will be joined by the Hon. Richard Thornburgh, former Attorney General of the United States, who chaired a recent National Academy of Public Administration panel on *Transforming the FBI, Progress and Challenges*; John Gannon, former Chairman of the National Intelligence Council; and Chitra Ragavan, staff writer for *US News and World Report*.

"As we said last winter, passage of the intelligence reform bill was an important first step. But it was not the only step we recommended," said Thomas H. Kean, former Chairman of the 9/11 Commission. "We said last July that we would reconvene in one year to assess how far we have come, and what remains to be done. These panel discussions are the beginning of that process," Kean added.

"Without an effective CIA and a modernized FBI, we cannot infiltrate and eliminate terrorist networks," said Lee Hamilton, the commission's former Vice Chairman. "In our final report, we outlined reforms needed to upgrade these agencies for the post-9/11 era. We have assembled an excellent panel to assess what progress has been made, and what more needs to be done," Hamilton said.

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The second panel, on Challenges Facing the Director of National Intelligence, will be held June 13. Each *Unfinished Agenda* event will be chaired by at least one former 9/11 Commissioner, and will address an area of the Commission's recommendations. The 9/11 Public Discourse Project will release the names of participants as they become available. **Please see the attached schedule of confirmed dates and topics for *Unfinished Agenda* events.**

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The 9-11 Public Discourse Project is the nonprofit organization founded by the former 9/11 Commissioners, to continue their work to make the American people safer and more secure. For more information, please see www.9-11pdp.org.

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