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Media Advisory

JUNE 13th PANEL TO EXAMINE CHALLENGES FACING THE DNI

The 9/11 Public Discourse Project (the nonprofit successor organization to the 9/11 Commission) will hold a panel discussion Monday, June 13, 2005, on the subject of “Challenges Facing the Director of National Intelligence.” 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 13th panel is the second in a series of public events the 9/11 Public Discourse Project has scheduled to examine progress 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: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Securing the Homeland, Congressional Reform, Civil Liberties and Security, Foreign Policy, and Public Diplomacy.

John F. Lehman, a member of the 9/11 Commission, and a former Secretary of the Navy, will moderate the panel. He will be joined by the Hon. Jane Harman, Ranking Minority Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and a leader in the passage of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004; Adm. William O. Studeman, a member of the President’s Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD Commission), and a former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence; and Siobhan Gorman, Staff Correspondent for National Journal, who has written extensively on intelligence reform and the evolving role of the DNI.

“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.

“Director Negroponte faces the challenge of creating an intelligence community for the 21st century,” said Lee Hamilton, the commission’s former Vice Chairman. “His success in this effort is essential to the long-term security of the American people. We have assembled an excellent panel to discuss his authorities and priorities, and how he can best accomplish his critical mission,” Hamilton said.

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The third panel, on Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, will be held June 27th. 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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