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Media Advisory

9/11 COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE TWO UPCOMING PANELS: TERRORISM AND WMD, JUNE 27 • SECURING THE HOMELAND, JUNE 28

The 9/11 Public Discourse Project (the nonprofit successor organization to the 9/11 Commission) will hold a panel discussion Monday, June 27, 2005, on the subject of "Terrorism and WMD," and another on Tuesday, June 28, on the subject of "Securing the Homeland."

Both panels will take place in the 6th floor auditorium of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The June 27th and 28th panels are the third and fourth 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: Congressional Reform, Civil Liberties and Security, and Foreign Policy.

Timothy J. Roemer, a member of the 9/11 Commission, and a former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana, will chair the June 27th panel. He will be joined by former U.S. Senator **Sam Nunn**, now Co-Chairman and CEO of the Nuclear Threat Initiative; **Steven Brill**, Founder and Chairman of the America Prepared Campaign; **Ashton Carter**, Co-Director of the Preventive Defense Project at the John F. Kennedy School of Government; **Leonard Spector**, Deputy Director of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute for International Studies; and **Juliette Kayyem**, Acting Executive Director for Research of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

"A nuclear terrorist attack would be a world-changing disaster. The human toll, and the consequences for our very way of life, would be unimaginable," said Thomas H. Kean, former Chairman of the 9/11 Commission. "This panel will highlight concrete steps we can take to keep nuclear materials out of terrorist hands," Kean added.

Bob Kerrey, a member of the 9/11 Commission, and a former United States Senator from Nebraska, will chair the June 28th panel. He will be joined by **Clark Kent Ervin**, former Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security; **C. Stewart Verdery**, former Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Border and Transportation

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Security Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; **Dr. Stephen Flynn**, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow for National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, and author of *America the Vulnerable*; and **William Raisch**, Director of the International Center for Enterprise Preparedness (INTERCEP) at New York University.

“Four years after 9/11, many vexing challenges remain in border security, transportation security, and emergency preparedness” said Lee Hamilton, the commission’s former Vice Chairman. “We have assembled an excellent panel to examine the current state of homeland security, and discuss reforms needed to make the American people safer and more secure.”

The fifth panel in the *Unfinished Agenda* series, on Congressional Reform, will be held July 11th. 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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