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The Honorable John D. Negroponte
Director of National Intelligence
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Dear Mr. Director:

We write with respect to last year's final report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the 9/11 Commission) and subsequent legislative action, including Public Law 108-458 (The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004). Specifically, we are interested in your actions to implement the recommendations of the Commission.

The purpose of our inquiry is to assess the performance of departments and agencies of the government—both through panel discussions and the issuance of a “report card” to the public on the Commission’s recommendations one year later—on steps taken to make the American people safer and more secure.

We appreciate that there are extensive reporting requirements placed upon the new Director of National Intelligence in PL 108-458. We do not seek to duplicate those requirements; our purpose is to inform the American public about efforts underway to protect them. We would appreciate your summary of initial steps you have taken to fulfill the recommendations of the Commission:

- (1) to oversee national intelligence centers on specific subjects of interest across the U.S. government; and
- (2) to manage the national intelligence program and oversee agencies that contribute to it.

We thank you in advance for your time and attention, and welcome any additional observations you wish to make. We would appreciate your reply by August 15, 2005.

On behalf of the former Commissioners, we would also like to invite you to meet with us, privately or publicly, to discuss these topics.

Should you or your office have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly or through the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

With best regards,

Thomas H. Kean

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CC: Andrew H. Card, Jr.