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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Department of State  
Harry S Truman Federal Building  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520-0001

Dear Secretary Rice:

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 actions by the Department of State to implement the recommendations of the Commission and relevant portions of PL 108-458, including those under Title VII, Subtitle A (Diplomacy, Foreign Aid, and the Military in the War on Terrorism); and Subtitle B (Terrorist Travel and Effective Screening).

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.

In response to Commission recommendations, we would appreciate your comments specifically on:

- the identification and prioritization of actual or potential terrorist strategies, and strategies to address them;
- U.S. policy toward Pakistan, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia;
- the U.S. message to the Arab and Muslim world of respect for human dignity and opportunity;
- efforts to deliver that message via broadcasting, scholarship, exchange, and library programs;

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- support for public primary and secondary education in the Arab and Muslim world;
- support for economic policies that encourage development and open societies;
- progress toward a comprehensive coalition strategy against Islamic terrorism;
- progress toward a common coalition approach toward the detention and humane treatment of captured terrorists;
- efforts to strengthen counterproliferation, expand the Proliferation Security Initiative and support the Cooperative Threat Reduction program; and
- efforts to combine terrorist travel intelligence, operations, and law enforcement in a strategy to intercept terrorists, find terrorist travel facilitators, and constrain terrorist mobility.

We appreciate very much your time and attention to these questions, and welcome any additional observations you wish to make. We do not seek to duplicate the reporting requirements of PL 108-458; our purpose is to inform the American public about steps underway to protect them. 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 have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly or through the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

With best regards,

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CC: Andrew H. Card, Jr.