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The Honorable John W. Snow
Secretary of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220-0001

Dear Secretary Snow:

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 the Treasury to implement the recommendations of the Commission and relevant portions of PL 108-458, including Title V, Subtitles B, C and D, relating to terrorist financing; and Title VII, Subtitles G and H.

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 would appreciate your comments specifically on steps taken this past year, as the Commission recommended in its report (p.382): “Vigorous efforts to track terrorist financing must remain front and center in U.S. counterterrorism efforts.”

We appreciate very much your time and attention. 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 July 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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