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June 16, 2005

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535-0001

Dear Director Mueller:

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation to implement the recommendations of the Commission and relevant portions of PL 108-458, particularly Title II relating to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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, to establish at the FBI:

“[a] specialized and integrated national security workforce...consisting of agents, analysts linguists, and surveillance specialists who are recruited, trained, rewarded and retained to ensure the development of an institutional culture imbued with a deep expertise in intelligence and national security.”

We thank you in advance for your time and attention to this inquiry, and welcome any additional observations you wish to make. We do

not seek to duplicate the extensive reporting requirements of PL 108-458. Our purpose is to inform the American public about efforts 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 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.