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The Honorable Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, West Wing  
Washington, DC 20500-0004

Dear Mr. Card:

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 Cabinet Secretaries and heads of agencies with respect to implementing recommendations of the Commission and those portions of PL 108-458 relevant to their areas of responsibility. We are pleased to provide a courtesy copy of each of these letters to you.

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.

With respect to the President and the Executive Office of the President, we would specifically address your attention to three provisions of PL 108-458:

- information sharing (Sec. 1016);
- creation of a Privacy and Civil Liberties Board (Sec. 1061);  
and
- reform of the security clearances process (Title III).

We would appreciate your comments on the implementation of these provisions, and any additional observations you wish to make.

We thank you in advance for your time and attention. 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,

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