

Statement by the 9-11 Commission

November 12, 2003 – As President Bush noted, the Commission has asked to examine intelligence items included in the President's Daily Brief in both the Clinton and Bush administrations during the years before the 9-11 attack. The Commission received a briefing on this intelligence material, and has also sought to examine these documents in order to have direct access to information we need to prepare our report.

We are pleased to report that the Commission has reached agreement with the White House on a process that will provide the Commission with access to these key documents while recognizing the sensitivity of the information contained in them. We believe this agreement will prove satisfactory and enable us to get our job done.

We expect that the terms of this agreement will provide the Commission the access it needs to prepare the report mandated by our statute, in a manner that respects the independence and integrity of the Commission. We remain committed to obtaining the access we need to fulfill our mandate.