

## **Statement by the 9-11 Commission**

**December 9, 2003** – The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States welcomes Bob Kerrey, former Nebraska Senator and current President of New School University, to its ranks.

"Bob Kerrey, like former Senator Max Cleland whom he succeeds on the Commission, has served his country with very great distinction," said Commission Chair Thomas H. Kean. "The Commission will profit enormously from the depth and breadth of experience Senator Kerrey brings with him to its deliberations," he added.

"I had the privilege of working with Bob Kerrey when he served in the Senate and I was in the House," noted Lee H. Hamilton, the Commission's Vice Chair. "I found him to be thoughtful, thorough, and determined. We will benefit a great deal from his perspective as the Commission prepares for a series of investigative hearings and completes its final report," Hamilton continued.

"On behalf of the Commission," the Chair and Vice Chair added, "we thank Max Cleland for his contributions and wish him every success as he continues his career of public service."