



MEDIA ADVISORY

9-11 Commission to Hold Investigative Hearing on Borders and Transportation

January 16, 2004—The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9-11 Commission) will hold its seventh public hearing on January 26–27, 2004, in Washington, DC. The two-day investigative hearing will develop facts and circumstances relating to border and aviation security—two central aspects of the Commission’s mandate.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Capitol Hill (Hart 216), the Commission will hear from current and former officials from the public and private sectors, concluding with testimony from Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security James M. Loy. In addition to witness testimony, four staff statements will be delivered during the course of the proceedings. A complete hearing agenda follows this advisory.

“This hearing will be the first at which the Commission will share some important facts about the immigration and aviation security systems in place on September 11, 2001,” said Commission Chair Thomas H. Kean. “We want to use this occasion to bring forward additional, and in some cases different, information from what is currently in the public record,” Kean continued.

“Now that we are further along in our investigation, we believe it is time to begin to share with the public and families of those who perished in the 9-11 attacks some of the things the Commission has learned,” stated Commission Vice Chair Lee H. Hamilton.

The hearing will be open to the public and members of the media. Seating will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the media must register by the close of business on January 22, 2004, by visiting the Commission's website—www.9-11commission.gov. The Chair and Vice Chair will hold a press briefing upon the conclusion of the second day.

Additional information, including staff statements and prepared testimony, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. Archived video and complete transcripts of the proceedings will be posted approximately two weeks after the hearing's conclusion.



NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES
SEVENTH PUBLIC HEARING ▪ JANUARY 26-27, 2004
HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 216 ▪ WASHINGTON, DC

BORDERS, TRANSPORTATION, AND MANAGING RISK

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 a.m. **Opening Statement by Chairman Thomas H. Kean**

STAFF STATEMENT

Entry of the 9/11 Hijackers into the United States

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. **PANEL ONE**

The Border Security System Prior to September 11

Mary A. Ryan, former Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs,
Department of State

Doris Meissner, former Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization
Service, Department of Justice

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **PANEL TWO**

An Incident in Florida

Jose E. Melendez-Perez, Inspector, Customs and Border Protection,
Department of Homeland Security

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **BREAK**

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **STAFF STATEMENT**

Three 9/11 Hijackers: Identification, Watchlisting, and Tracking

1:30 – 3:15 p.m. **PANEL THREE**

Visas and Watchlisting Today

Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State

Russell E. Travers, Deputy Director, Information Sharing and Knowledge
Management Department, Terrorist Threat Integration Center

Donna A. Bucella, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, FBI

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

PANEL FOUR

The Response to September 11 on the Borders

James Ziglar, former Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice

Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

Peter F. Verga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense, Department of Defense

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

STAFF STATEMENT

The Aviation Security System and the 9/11 Attacks

9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

PANEL FIVE

Aviation Security on 9/11: The Regulators

Jane F. Garvey, former Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

Cathal L. “Irish” Flynn, former Associate Administrator of Civil Aviation Security, Federal Aviation Administration

Claudio Manno, Assistant Administrator for Intelligence, Transportation Security Administration

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

BREAK

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

PANEL SIX

Aviation Security on 9/11: The Airlines

Edmond L. Soliday, former Vice President of Safety, Quality Assurance, and Security, United Airlines

Andrew P. Studdert, former Chief Operating Officer, United Airlines

Gerard J. Arpey, Chief Executive Officer, American Airlines

Timothy J. Ahern, Vice President – DFW Hub, and former Vice President of Safety, Security, and Environmental, American Airlines

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

STAFF STATEMENT

The Four Flights

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

PANEL SEVEN

Acts of Courage in the Sky

Nydia Gonzalez, Manager, Southeast Reservations Center, American Airlines

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

PANEL EIGHT

Risk Management after September 11

James M. Loy, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security

4:30 p.m.

Hearing concludes. Press availability to follow.