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9-11 Commission Identifies Publisher for Final Report

May 19, 2004 — The 9-11 Commission has selected W. W. Norton & Company as the authorized publisher of its final report. The announcement was made today by Thomas H. Kean and Lee H. Hamilton, the Commission's Chair and Vice Chair.

Norton will produce the authorized edition of the report and distribute it to chain, independent, and online bookstores nationwide. The \$10 trade paperback edition will contain the entire text of the Commission's final report. An indexed hardcover edition will be released subsequently.

"Our mandate requires the Commission to report to the President and the Congress. Our report, ultimately, is for the American people. We want the public to read the Commission's findings, evaluate its recommendations, and engage in a dialogue on how to improve our nation's security," Kean said.

Hamilton added, "This partnership with Norton will enable the Commission to ensure that the final report is widely available and affordable to the public."

The Commission reviewed proposals from a number of publishers. Norton was selected as the authorized publisher based on the criteria of affordability, accuracy, availability, and longevity. The Commission has received no advance payment from Norton and will receive no income or royalties. Norton plans to give a copy of the report to a representative of each 9-11 family.

"We are deeply honored to have been selected by the Commission as the authorized publisher of the report," said W. Drake McFeely, President and Chairman of W.W. Norton, the nation's largest independent, employee-owned book publishing firm. "We are fully aware of the grave responsibility we bear to all readers, and Norton is prepared to undertake whatever steps are necessary to ensure that this historic document is available to the American public for generations."

The Commission plans to release its final report on or before July 26, 2004. The report will also be available on the Commission's website (www.9-11commission.gov).