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15 The Commission met in the Renaissance Park 55 Hotel,
16 Barcelona II Room, 55 Cyril Magnin Street, San Francisco,
17 California, at 8:30 a.m., Kay C. James, Chairperson, presiding.

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22 PRESENT:

23 COMMISSIONERS:

24 KAY C. JAMES, Chairperson
25 J. TERRENCE LANNI
26 ROBERT LOESCHER
27 WILLIAM BIBLE
28 LEO MC CARTHY
29 PAUL MOORE
30 RICHARD LEONE
31 JAMES DOBSON
32 JOHN WILHELM

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34 COMMISSION STAFF:

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36 Valerie Rice
37 Doug Seay
38 Tim Kelly

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1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: On behalf of my fellow
2 commissioners, I'd like to welcome our audience in this room and
3 declare that we do have a quorum to conduct our business. The
4 purpose of our meeting today and tomorrow is to discuss and
5 finalize the content of the Commission's final report to Congress
6 and to the President.

7 The format of our meeting today and tomorrow is
8 designed to accomplish what I believe to be two significant tasks.

9 First, the Commission will resolve outstanding issues regarding
10 several recommendations that were tabled or remanded to
11 subcommittees at our last meeting on May 17th and 18th in
12 Washington, DC. These recommendations focused on future research,
13 lotteries, and information related to Native American gambling.

14 We will then consider any proposed edits to the
15 recommendations that were approved at that meeting. Finally,
16 after our review of outstanding recommendation issues, we will
17 consider any new recommendations commissioners may have developed
18 since the last meeting.

19 The second and primary purpose of our final meeting
20 here in San Francisco is to finalize and adopt the language which
21 will appear in our final report to the President, and Congress,
22 state governors, and tribal leaders. This activity will occupy
23 the majority of our time over the next two days and is central to
24 our efforts to produce a consensus document.

25 I will ask my fellow commissioners to exercise patience
26 and to maintain their spirit of cooperation as we move through the
27 substantial work that is before us. In terms of process, we will
28 utilize the following steps to achieve our goals regarding the
29 text of the final report.

1 First, prior to the start of our review of each
2 chapter, I'll poll commissioners to make certain you have taken
3 the opportunity to provide staff all typographical or spelling
4 correction in advance. Several of you have already provided these
5 over the past week, allowing us to focus our time today and
6 tomorrow on substance only. If there are any other edits of this
7 sort, they must be provided to staff by the closing of each
8 chapter discussion.

9 In other words, I really do hope that we can confine
10 our time here to the substantive issues not line item edits of
11 grammatical errors, spelling errors, typographical errors. I know
12 that they're there. Many of them we've already found but we don't
13 want to take our time with that today.

14 Secondly, I will ask commissioners to put forward their
15 major substantive edits to each chapter. Forms were provided for
16 these edits in your briefing books, and I trust that copies of
17 your suggestions for each chapter have been provided to the staff
18 so that they can be circulated among your fellow commissioners and
19 the editing team.

20 We will then discuss the suggested changes in
21 chronological order and bring each chapter to a point of
22 consensus. I will then ask commissioners if there are any
23 additional suggested changes to the text. Once consensus has been
24 reached on the chapter, staff will immediately leave to begin
25 incorporating the agreed-upon edits. A finalized copy of each
26 chapter will be provided to you by the close of the day for you to
27 review.

28 At the close of our discussion of the individual
29 chapters we will then turn our focus to the executive summary. I

1 think this is especially important since the executive summary
2 will be based on a series of highlights from the individual
3 chapters. I think for a point of clarification and discussion
4 it's important to remember if we change language in the chapter
5 that we will necessarily reflect a change that will happen in the
6 executive summary.

7 Prior to the beginning of our work there are several
8 other issues I'd like to mention. Several of you have asked when
9 the text of the report will be final, meaning no longer subject to
10 edits, and once this meeting concludes, the contractor will be
11 provided with the final text that we have agreed upon.

12 During the next week the contractor will format the
13 text, generate a blue-line for review. The blue-line will be
14 available in the DC office if any commissioner would like to
15 review it one final time. The blue-line represents the last
16 opportunity for commissioners to review what the document will
17 look like prior to printing.

18 Unless there is a serious typographical error, the
19 blue-line is not used as a point for additional editing, and I
20 will say ahead of time that I will resist any efforts to change
21 the document at that stage. In other words, we really want the
22 document completed when we leave here tomorrow. As I mentioned to
23 you in my briefing book cover memorandum of May 26th, no
24 individual commissioner edits will be made to the document after
25 June 3rd.

26 Finally, there's one other item that we will discuss at
27 this meeting. Many of you have questions concerning activities
28 for the actual release of a final report. I would prefer to
29 settle these details tomorrow after our work with the report

1 concludes, however I am looking forward to an event together with
2 all of you in Washington, DC two weeks from now.

3 The staff has made preliminary reservations at the
4 National Press Club for a press conference on June 18th, and I
5 will welcome any of your suggestions when we discuss this
6 tomorrow, but I did want you to be thinking about it over night,
7 and we will have that discussion tomorrow.

8 This has been a long road to get to where we are today,
9 and I appreciate the cooperation that's been exhibited in the very
10 spirited discussion to date, and the general sense of respect for
11 different view points that have been demonstrated by most all of
12 our commissioners.

13 As I said at the beginning of the Commission, it is
14 great to have differing opinions and view points, but despite any
15 newspaper articles to the contrary, the amount that we agree upon
16 far exceeds the number of things upon which we differ. I'm really
17 hopeful that this spirit will remain with us in the next two days.

18 We're here to discuss and debate issues of great
19 importance to the American people. I encourage each commissioner
20 to do so in a strong but civil manner. We do not have to agree
21 with everything, nor does our document need to be a unanimous
22 report, but if we come to this with the same spirit that brought
23 us here, I'm confident that we can leave here tomorrow with a
24 report that expresses our findings in a manner which is acceptable
25 to every member of this Commission.