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Joint Statement of the Co-Chairmen of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

Today, the Commission completed two days of meetings at its Arlington, Virginia offices.

During these sessions the Commissioners continued their review and discussions of the status of the Commission report. Commissioners met with John McLaughlin, former Acting Director of Central Intelligence, to discuss his views on a range of intelligence topics and issues. Gilman Louie, CEO, In-Q-Tel, briefed the Commission members and staff on initiatives to address analytical trends within the intelligence community. Graham T. Allison, Director, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, discussed his viewpoints on the WMD threat facing the United States in this current era.

Additionally, the Commission met with Army Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Intelligence and Warfighting Support, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, who shared his perspectives on Defense Department intelligence support requirements and initiatives.

This was the tenth time the full commission has met since its formation in February 2004. The Commission is expected to present its final report to the President by March 31, 2005.

As in the past, the classified information discussed during these sessions required that they be closed to the public. The Commission nonetheless will continue to keep the public informed of its work through periodic statements and through its website, available at www.wmd.gov.

Commission Co-Chairs

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