MEDIA ADVISORY

9-11 Commission to Hold Hearing on Law Enforcement and the Intelligence Community

April 7, 2004 — The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States will hold its tenth public hearing on April 13-14, 2004, in Washington, DC. The two-day hearing will examine the performance of law enforcement and the Intelligence Community prior to September 11 and evaluate post-9/11 reforms in these areas.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Capitol Hill (Hart 216), the Commission will hear from current and former top-level officials from our nation’s law enforcement and intelligence communities. Attorney General John Ashcroft, Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III will testify before the Commission, as well as former Attorney General Janet Reno, former FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, and former Acting FBI Director Thomas J. Pickard. In addition to witness testimony, four staff statements will be delivered during the course of the proceedings. The hearing will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14. A complete hearing agenda follows this advisory.

“This hearing will focus on four important questions: How was our government structured before 9/11 to address the terrorist threat inside the United States? What was the threat in 2001 and our government’s response to it? How did the Intelligence Community address the threat? What reforms have been taken since 9/11 to respond to the terrorist threat inside the United States, and what have these reforms achieved?” said Commission Chair Thomas H. Kean. “These questions are at the core of the Commission’s mandate,” Kean added.

“We want to understand what went wrong, and what steps have been taken to make the American people safer and more secure,” said Commission Vice Chair Lee H. Hamilton. He added, “These hearings will help us clarify issues and choices as we move toward recommendations and our final report in July.”

The hearing will be open to the public and members of the media. Seating will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and doors will open at 8:00 a.m. Members of the media must register by the close of business on April 9, 2004, by visiting the Commission’s website, www.9-11commission.gov. Members of the media, particularly photographers and radio and television broadcasters, also must contact the appropriate Senate Press Gallery for accreditation. At the end of the second day, the Chair and Vice Chair will hold a briefing for accredited press registered with the Commission.

Staff statements, prepared testimony, archived video, and transcripts will be posted on the Commission’s website as they become available.
TUESDAY, APRIL 13

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

9:05 – 9:30 a.m.  STAFF STATEMENT NO. 9
Law Enforcement, Counterterrorism, and Intelligence Collection in the United States Prior to 9/11

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  The Honorable Louis J. Freeh
Former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.  The Honorable Janet Reno
Former Attorney General of the United States

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  BREAK

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.  STAFF STATEMENT NO. 10
Threats and Responses in 2001

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  PANEL: SUMMER 2001
Mr. Thomas J. Pickard
Former Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ambassador J. Cofer Black
Former Director, Counterterrorism Center, Central Intelligence Agency

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.  The Honorable John Ashcroft
Attorney General of the United States
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  STAFF STATEMENT NO. 11
The Performance of the Intelligence Community

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  The Honorable George J. Tenet
Director of Central Intelligence

11:00 – 1:00 p.m.  PANEL: PREVENTING FUTURE ATTACKS INSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Mr. John O. Brennan
Director, Terrorist Threat Integration Center

Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes
Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis, Department of Homeland Security

Mr. John S. Pistole
Executive Assistant Director for Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. James L. Pavitt
Deputy Director of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  BREAK

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.  STAFF STATEMENT NO. 12
Reforming Law Enforcement, Counterterrorism, and Intelligence Collection in the United States

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  PANEL: FBI LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVES POST-9/11

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ms. Maureen Baginski
Executive Assistant Director for Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation

4:30 p.m.  Hearing concludes. Press availability to follow.

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