



Statement by the 9-11 Commission

November 7, 2003 – The Commission has encountered some serious delays in obtaining needed documents from the Department of Defense (DoD). We are especially dismayed by problems in the production of the records of activities of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and certain Air Force commands on September 11, 2001. In several cases we were assured that all requested records had been produced but we then discovered, through investigation, that these assurances were mistaken and that records of importance to our investigation had not been produced. The Commission has therefore voted to issue a subpoena requiring the production of these records.

We have discussed our concerns about these and several other pending document requests directly with the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary has pledged to do everything in his power to address the Commission's concerns. He has already taken strong steps to back up this pledge. The problem is not general; other components of DoD have provided vital assistance to the Commission. We therefore hope that the remaining issues can be resolved rapidly and effectively so that the Commission can complete its work in the time allotted to us by law.

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