



MEDIA ADVISORY

9-11 Commission to Hold Sixth Public Hearing on Security and Liberty

December 2, 2003 – The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9-11 Commission) will hold its sixth public hearing on December 8, 2003 on Capitol Hill. The one-day hearing will focus on “Security and Liberty.”

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Russell Senate Office Building (Room 253), the Commission will hear testimony from four panels of witnesses on domestic intelligence collection, protecting privacy while preventing terrorism, and the use of immigration laws to combat terrorism. Among the twelve witnesses testifying will be former Attorney General William Barr, former Deputy Attorneys General Larry Thompson and Philip Heymann, and former Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre. A complete hearing agenda follows this advisory.

“The question of how to ensure the safety of the American people while protecting their civil liberties is one that arises whenever our Nation is at war,” Thomas H. Kean, Chair of the 9-11 Commission, said. “As we prepare to make recommendations to keep our country safe and free, we want to hear a variety of opinions from people who have studied ways to further both important goals,” Kean continued.

“The unprecedented nature of the attacks against our country led to a strong response,” said Lee H. Hamilton, the Commission’s Vice Chair. “We want to know more about that response, how well current policies are working, and what steps are needed to protect our cherished liberties as well as protect the Nation,” Hamilton added.

The hearing will be open to the public and members of the media. Seating will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the media must register by the close of business on December 5, 2003, by visiting the Commission's website—www.9-11commission.gov. The Chair and Vice Chair will hold a press briefing immediately after the hearing.

Additional information, including prepared testimony of witnesses, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. Archived video and complete transcripts of the proceedings will be posted one week after the hearing's conclusion.

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**National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States
Sixth Public Hearing ▪ December 8, 2003
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 253 ▪ Washington, DC**

“Security and Liberty”

9:00 AM Hearing Commences

Opening Statement by Chairman Kean

9:15 AM Intelligence Collection within the United States

Larry D. Thompson, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, and former Deputy Attorney General of the United States

Philip B. Heymann, Professor of Law, Harvard University, and former Deputy Attorney General of the United States

Stephen J. Schulhofer, Professor of Law, New York University

10:45 AM Protecting Privacy, Preventing Terrorism

Judith A. Miller, Partner, Williams & Connolly, and former General Counsel, Department of Defense

Stewart A. Baker, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson, and former General Counsel, National Security Agency

Marc Rotenberg, Executive Director, Electronic Privacy Information Center

12:15 PM Break

1:00 PM Preventive Detention: Use of Immigration Laws and Enemy Combatant Designations to Combat Terrorism

Jan Ting, Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, and former Assistant Commissioner for Refugees, Asylum and Parole, Immigration and Naturalization Service

Khaled Medhat Abou El Fadl, Visiting Professor, Yale Law School, and Professor, Distinguished Fellow in Islamic Law, UCLA School of Law

David Martin, Warner-Booker Distinguished Professor of International Law, University of Virginia Law School, and former General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service

Hearing Agenda (continued)

2:30 PM Government Organization and Domestic Intelligence

William P. Barr, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Verizon Communications, and former Attorney General of the United States

John J. Hamre, President and Chief Executive Officer, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and former Deputy Secretary of Defense

John MacGaffin, Director, AKE LLC, and former Associate Deputy Director for Operations, Central Intelligence Agency

4:00 PM Hearing concludes. Press availability to follow.