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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 concluded two days of meetings at its offices in Arlington, Virginia.

Thursday's meetings included a current intelligence briefing, a presentation on denial and deception methods and techniques, and an update from two of the Commission's 12 working groups. Additionally, the Commission held discussions with Warren Rudman, former United States Senator and member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, who shared his perspectives on a wide range of intelligence community issues and reform proposals.

Wednesday's session included discussions with several key officials and updates from the Commission's working groups. The Commission met in classified, closed sessions with Douglas Feith, the Department of Defense's Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Professor John Deutch, former Central Intelligence Agency director. Two of the Commission's working groups presented information to the commissioners on the progress of their work to date.

As in the past, the highly 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

The Honorable Charles S. Robb

The Honorable Laurence H. Silberman