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The Honorable Pat Roberts, Chairman
The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV, Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
Senate Hart 211
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Roberts and Vice Chairman Rockefeller:

At the request of the Senate leadership, our committee will be evaluating the 9-11 Commission's proposals regarding reorganization of the Executive Branch and how best to implement them, focusing specifically on two of the 9-11 panel's central recommendations: the creation of a national intelligence director and the establishment of a national counterterrorism center. In order to produce legislation by October 1, we are working expeditiously to hold hearings examining these topics.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you on this important undertaking. In order to facilitate your participation, we are writing to invite you to join us on the dais and question witnesses at a Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on Monday, August 16. The hearing will likely feature a panel of former Directors of Central Intelligence and would focus on the office of the DCI, the structure and management of the intelligence community, and assessments of how the intelligence community might be reorganized and made more effective. We hope to gain insights that will help us assess how best to implement the Commission's recommendations.

We look forward to your attendance at our hearing. If you can attend, please contact us, or have your staff contact our staff directors, Michael Bopp (Collins) at 224-4751, or Joyce Rechtschaffen (Lieberman) at 224-2627.

Sincerely,



Senator Susan Collins
Chairman



Senator Joseph I. Lieberman
Ranking Minority Member