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U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION HEARINGS ON MAJOR INTERNAL CHALLENGES FACING THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP

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The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission will conduct a public hearing on *Thursday, February 2* and *Friday, February 3* on *Major Internal Challenges Facing the Chinese Leadership*.

The hearing will examine the key challenges Chinese leaders confront, how those challenges manifest themselves in a growing frequency of civil unrest and public protests, how China's state bureaucracies are responding to the protests, and what are the strategic implications for the United States in light of the challenges facing China.

The Commission is seeking to better understand the trajectory of Chinese political and economic development in view of China's many domestic challenges, the nature and extent of those challenges, their current and projected effects on the Chinese population and the population's reaction to them, the methods employed by the Chinese government to maintain and restore social order, and the potential for externalization of problems. The Commission also seeks to identify appropriate U.S. policy responses in view of the evolving economic and political developments in China.

The Commission will hear from Mr. **James Keith**, the State Department's Senior Advisor for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, and Mr. **Jerry Clifford**, the Environmental Protection Agency's Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Affairs. Also testifying will be several experts that have served in senior national security positions within the Executive Branch of the U.S. government. These include **Dr. Flynt Leverett**, former senior director for Middle East Affairs at the National Security Council, now with the Brookings Institution, and **Dr. Albert Keidel**, former Deputy Director for the Office of East Asian Nations at the U.S. Department of the Treasury who now is with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. These witnesses will join a distinguished group of academic and think tank experts to discuss these important topics.

The hearing agenda is attached.

What: Public Hearing on "Major Internal Challenges Facing the Chinese Leadership"

When: Thursday, February 2, 2006 (9:00 am – 2:45 pm) and Friday, February 3, 2006 (9:30 – 11:30 am)

Where: Room 1310, Longworth House Office Bldg., Independence & New Jersey Avenues, SE Washington DC 20515

No reservations required, space available on a first-come, first served basis.

Panelists' bios and written statements will be available on the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov Thursday, February 2, 2006.

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February 2 and 3, 2006
1310 Longworth House Office Building
Independence and New Jersey Avenues, SE
Washington, D.C. 20515

Hearing Co Chairs: Commissioners William A. Reinsch and Larry M. Wortzel

Thursday, February 2, 2006

- 9:00am – 10:00 am **Panel 1: Administration Views: What Keeps Chinese Leaders Awake at Night, and What are U.S. Leaders Doing in Response?**
- Mr. James Keith, Special Assistant for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
U.S. Department of State
 - Mr. Jerry Clifford, Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Affairs, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:15am – 12:00 pm **Panel 2: Major Internal Challenges Facing China**
- Dr. Flynt Leverett, Visiting Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy
The Brookings Institution
 - Dr. Elizabeth Economy, Director of Asian Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
 - Dr. Bates Gill, Freeman Chair in China Studies, Center for Strategic &
International Studies
- 12:00pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00pm – 2:45 pm **Panel 3: China's Internal Unrest: Worker Demonstrations, Civil Disobedience, Riots and Other Disorder, and the Prognosis for the Future**
- Dr. Albert Keidel, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
 - Mr. David Welker, Senior Strategic Research & Projects Coordinator, International
Brotherhood of Teamsters
 - Dr. Joshua Muldavin, Professor of Asian Studies & Human Geography
Sarah Lawrence College

Friday, February 3, 2006

- 9:00am – 9:30 am **Congressional Views (invited)**
- 9:30am – 11:30 am **Panel 4: Chinese Control Mechanisms**
- Dr. Murray Scott Tanner, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation
 - Dr. Anne Thurston, Independent Researcher (formerly with the Paul H. Nitze School
of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University)

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