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Data Analysis in the Government

October 9, 2003, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
B1 Conference Center
1800 K Street NW, Washington, DC

Agenda

9:30 am **Introduction**
John Hamre, President and CEO, CSIS

9:40 am **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Mary DeRosa, Senior Fellow, Technology & Public Policy Program, CSIS

Dr. Farzad Mostashari, Assistant Coordinator for Epidemiology Services, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Mr. Ted Senator, Program Manager, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
Dr. Gary Strong, Director of Behavioral Research and Biometrics, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security

10:40 am **Roundtable Discussion**

11:30 am **Meeting Adjourned**

BACKGROUND:

There is growing interest in – and concern about – government use of data mining and pattern recognition techniques, in particular for national security. While some proposals have incited considerable discussion, the debate has not always been fully informed about the techniques and tools involved. CSIS has launched this series to bridge this information gap about data mining – what it is, what it can do, and what it cannot do. This kind of understanding is necessary for informed policy decisions about government use of these techniques. The series will look at both the challenges and benefits of government use of data mining and pattern recognition for enhancing homeland security. Today's session will examine some of the ways that data mining and related techniques are currently being considered and used by Federal, state, and local government agencies in the U.S.