

## **Transnational Threats Audit 2004**

### **Information Sharing in the Public/Private Sectors**

The CSIS Transnational Threats Initiative (TNT) hosted its second annual Transnational Threats Audit on February 11, 2004. This off-the-record, closed session provided a platform for Fortune-500 senior corporate security executives and senior national security specialists to examine the impact of transnational threats on the public/private sectors. This year's conference focused on the current and future status of the Department of Homeland Security with emphasis on information sharing with the public and private sectors and the evolving issues regarding intelligence gathering.



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Dr. David A. Kay, former Lead Scientist of the Iraqi Survey Group, kicked-off the conference with his keynote address. Dr. Kay discussed the situation in Iraq and the search for weapons of mass destruction and identified lessons learned on US intelligence collection.

CSIS' Senior Vice President Erik Peterson, and Vice President of External Relations Jay Farrar, presented CSIS' signature project, Seven Revolutions, a multimedia presentation identifying and analyzing seven distinct drivers of revolutionary change: population, resource management, technological innovation and diffusion, the generation and distribution of knowledge and information, economic integration, global instability and conflict, and the challenge of governance.

The first panel comprised CSIS experts Anthony Cordesman, Arleigh Burke Chair in Strategy; Daniel Benjamin, Senior Fellow; and Amy Smithson, Senior Fellow, along with Jeff Jonas, Lead Scientist and Founder of Systems, Research, and Development (SRD). The panel discussed key transnational threats, including terrorism, chemical and biological threats, and biometrics technology.

Keynote luncheon speaker John E. McLaughlin, Deputy Director of the CIA discussed the war on terrorism and what lies ahead. Mr. McLaughlin discussed intelligence gathering and coordination of the intelligence community in threat awareness for homeland security.

Commissioner Robert C. Bonner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, kicked off the second panel. Commissioner Bonner described the current status of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as well as container security and border protection initiatives to include the partnership with the private sector. Commissioner Bonner also announced a new program, the Immigration Security Initiative. Panelists Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, DHS discussed homeland security in defending the nations infrastructure and Major General Michael Dunlavey, Associate Director of Homeland Security at the Terrorism Threat Integration Center (TTIC) discussed intelligence integration across federal agencies and between the government and industry.



John E. McLaughlin, Deputy Director, CIA discusses the war on terrorism

The third and final panel featured Al Martinez-Fonts, DHS' Special Assistant to the Secretary for the Private Sector, who discussed information sharing between the public and private sectors at the federal, state and local levels. Other panelists included Robert Littlejohn, Vice President, Global Security, Avon Products; The Hon. Carol Hallett, Chairman, Homeland Security Practice, Carmen Group; and Mark Cheviron, Corporate Vice President, Director of Security and Services, ADM. CSIS was recognized for its contribution to public/private information sharing initiative through its Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG).

The PSAG, co-chaired by Carol Hallett and Robert Littlejohn, provides a forum for Fortune 500 corporate security executives and national security specialists to interact in off-the-record sessions to examine effective approaches to information sharing between the public and the private sectors through developing partnerships with senior US government officials. PSAG members also provide strategic direction to the Transnational Threats Audit annual conference and initiatives.