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MEMORANDUM

From: Larry Janezich
Senate Radio-Television Gallery

Summary of Broadcast Coverage of Senate Activities
for the Month of August 2004

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The Senate adjourned for the summer recess just before midnight on July 22nd. But the prospects for a quiet August were dimmed when the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States issued its final report on that same day.

While the Senate chamber was quiet, four Senate Committees reacted to the 9/11 Commission report and its recommendations by holding hearings during the six-week recess. The Governmental Affairs Committee held three open hearings, and one closed hearing. Witnesses included former directors of the CIA, and representatives of the families of victims of the 9/11 attacks. The Armed Services Committee held two open hearings with testimony from former secretaries of defense, as well as one with the current Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

The Senate Select Intelligence Committee heard testimony concerning the Commission's recommendation for creating a new post of National Intelligence Director. The Commerce Committee met to consider transportation security issues. And the Judiciary Committee took testimony on the 9/11 Commission's recommendations on law enforcement and border security.

There were a total of eleven Senate committee hearings relating to the 9/11 Commission in late July and during August. There were three approved stakeouts outside various related hearings.

Eight senators appeared at news conferences in the Senate Gallery Studio and elsewhere in the Capitol. There were three separate exclusive interviews at the Senate Gallery.

In total, Senate events relating to the 9/11 Commission received coverage from 16 television, and 6 radio news organizations.

Committees

In the month of August, 8 Senate committee hearings drew coverage from a total of 16 different television organizations and 5 different radio/Internet organizations. Coverage of committee hearings by individual organizations last month was as follows:

ABC - 4 CBS - 3 NBC - 3 CNN - 4 FNC - 3 C-SPAN - 6

The following hearings received the most coverage last month:

8-3 Governmental Affairs Committee on the 9/11 Commission's recommendations – **10TV/3R**

Studio

Senators came to the large Gallery studio twice last month for news conferences that were covered by 6 different television and 5 different radio or Internet news organizations. There were 3 exclusive interviews in the large Gallery studio covered by 2 separate TV news organizations. The news conference receiving the most broadcast coverage was:

8-25 Senator Warner on the Abu Ghraib prison report – **6TV/1R**

GALLERY ADMINISTRATION

Convention Credentialing in New York City

Staffers of the Senate Radio-TV Gallery took additional leave time in August to travel to New York City, site of the Republican National Convention. While Director Larry Janezich and Deputy Director Jane Ruyle kept the Gallery office running at the Capitol, the balance of the Gallery staff continued their credentialing and media support efforts to the major political party conventions. The staff distributed thousands of credentials to many of the same people who work for the member news organizations of the Congressional Radio-TV Galleries.

Interns Succeed

The two interns working at the Senate Radio-TV Gallery during the spring and summer each completed their internships and went on to personal and professional success. Ms. Katrina Matthews went on to participate in an internship program at National Public Radio and was hired in a temporary position on “Morning Edition.” Ms. Matthews announced her engagement in August.

Ms. Faith Okpotor assisted the Gallery staff at the Republican National Convention in New York. Her print report on the convention was published in the Prince George’s Sentinel. Faith is now freelancing at the ABC Radio assignment desk in Washington.

Capitol Security Checkpoints

USCP Chief Terrance Gainer announced the closure of First Street, NE between Constitution Avenue and C Street, and the establishment of 14 additional vehicle checkpoints around the Capitol. His actions came as security concerns were raised before the political conventions and the November elections. While no specific threat to the Capitol complex was described, Chief Gainer said he took these added measures during the recess period to minimize the possible disruption to traffic patterns expected when the Congress reconvenes in September.

SENATE GALLERY REGULARS - Broadcast news personnel who work out of the Senate Radio-TV Gallery on a regular basis:

ABC - Linda Douglass, Vic Ratner, Luis Martinez

AP Radio - Jerry Bodlander

Bloomberg Radio and TV - Irwin Chapman

Capitol Hill Bureau/PRI - Melinda Wittstock, Max Cacas, Chad Pergram, Heather Dahl

CBN - Theresa Aspery

CBS - John Nolen

CNN - Steve Turnham, Joe Johns, Ed Henry

CNN RADIO - John Bisney

COX - Jamie Dupree

C-SPAN - Emmanuel Touhey, Annie Tin

FOX/WTTG - Pat McGrath

FOX News Channel - Julie Asher, Molly Hooper, Ellen Uchimiya

Free Speech Radio News - Mitch Jeserich

Living on Earth - NPR - Jeff Young

NBC - Chip Reid, Ken Strickland

National Public Radio - David Welna, Peter Overby

National Scene Radio - Askia Muhammad

The Newshour with Jim Lehrer - Kwame Holman, Linda Scott

Radio One, Inc. - George Wilson

SRN News - Linda Kenyon, Andrea Mikus

VOA - Deborah Tate

WTOP - Dave McConnell

Staff

Larry Janezich

Jane Ruyle

Michael Lawrence

Michael Mastrian

Sara Robertson

Shannon Finney

HOUSE GALLERY REGULARS

ABC - Dean Norland

Alaska Public Radio - Joel Southern

AP Radio - Jerry Bodlander

CBS - Kathy Mountcastle, Evelyn Thomas

CNN - Ted Barrett

COX - Jamie Dupree

C-SPAN - Emmanuel Tuohey, Annie Tin

FOX/WTTG - Pat McGrath

FOX News Channel - Jim Mills, Molly Hooper

NBC - Michael Viqueira

National Public Radio - Andrea Seabrook

The Newshour with Jim Lehrer - Kwame Holman, Linda Scott

SRN News - Linda Kenyon, Andrea Mikus

VOA - David Gollust

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Staff

Tina Tate

Gail Davis

Olga Kornacki

Andrew Elias

Jay Rupert

Kim Oates

GALLERY ACCREDITATION

At the end of June, the Gallery had accredited 2,560 active members and 568 technical members. Credential statistics for previous years are as follows:

2003 - 2,914 members	525 technicians	total - 3,439
2002 - 2,597 members	548 technicians	total - 3,135
2001 - 2,616 members	511 technicians	total - 3,127
2000 - 2,660 members	483 technicians	total - 3,184
1999 - 2,486 members	577 technicians	total - 3,062
1998 - 2,667 members	400 technicians	total - 3,067
1997 - 2,563 members	384 technicians	total - 2,947
1996 - 2,451 members	539 technicians*	total - 2,990
1995 - 2,640 members	362 technicians	total - 3,002
1994 - 2,450 members	119 technicians	total - 2,569
1993 - 2,539 members	64 technicians	total - 2,603
1992 - 2,473 members	170 technicians	total - 2,643
1991 - 2,584 members	89 technicians	total - 2,673
1990 - 2,507 members	109 technicians	total - 2,616
1989 - 2,515 members	124 technicians	total - 2,639
1988 - 2,411 members	174 technicians	total - 2,585
1987 - 2,390 members	224 technicians**	total - 2,614
1986 - 2,132 members	304 technicians	total - 2,436
1981 - 1,141 members	185 technicians	total - 1,326
1978 - 855 members	173 technicians***	total - 1,028
1977 - 788 members		total - 788
1975 - 697 members		total - 697
1974 - 646 members		total - 646
1973 - 617 members		total - 617
1969 - 469 members		total - 469
1968 - 435 members		total - 435
1967 - 434 members		total - 434
1964 - 351 members		total - 351
1963 - 341 members		total - 341
1962 - 253 members		total - 253
1961 - 260 members		total - 260
1960 - 195 members		total - 195
1958 - 168 members		total - 168
1957 - 144 members		total - 144
1950 - 152 members		total - 152
1949 - 153 members		total - 153
1948 - 156 members		total - 156
1946 - 127 members		total - 127
1945 - 81 members		total - 81
1944 - 76 members		total - 76
1940 - 32 members		total - 32

* In 1995-1996 new criteria for active membership were imposed.

** In 1987 the status of active membership was extended to radio engineers who had previously been classified as technicians.

***In 1978 a technician's pass was created to provide accreditation for broadcast news employees who did not meet the criteria for active membership.

Statistics

Broadcast coverage of Committees and the main Gallery studio for 2004:

Month	Committees Covered	Studio			Interviews	
		TV	Radio	Appearances	TV	Radio
January	24	37	7	6	11	3
February	26	28	8	18	11	7
March	41	30	15	19	9	9
April	40	45	12	8	14	5
May	22	25	5	16	16	9
June	33	24	7	17	12	10
July	27	24	7	14	20	11
August	8	16	5	2	6	5

Individual TV organizations covering Senate Committee hearings for 2004:

Month	ABC	CBS	NBC	CNN	FNC	CSPAN
January	13	9	15	11	11	17
February	17	17	17	18	17	12
March	14	16	18	20	13	15
April	17	15	16	18	13	17
May	11	9	11	15	9	11
June	12	11	12	16	13	14
July	10	9	10	14	12	12
August	4	3	3	4	3	6

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	Covered	TV	Radio	Appearances	TV	Radio
January	24	26	9	28	26	9
February	39	37	9	22	27	10
March	35	28	10	24	23	9
April	28	30	7	9	15	5
May	36	37	10	26	20	8
June	32	33	7	17	17	11
July	41	31	13	23	22	13
August	1	4	0	6	8	4
September	44	30	10	28	18	10
October	40	32	10	26	25	5
November	24	37	7	31	16	12
December	1	1	0	3	10	3

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January	13	9	15	11	11	17
February	16	17	18	20	12	18
March	10	7	8	12	10	17
April	10	10	10	12	9	7
May	11	12	14	14	14	15
June	8	8	11	13	12	13
July	10	13	11	17	16	19
August	0	0	0	0	0	1
September	16	13	13	17	10	21
October	12	8	11	15	10	22
November	6	5	8	12	11	16
December	0	0	0	0	0	1

**BROADCAST COVERAGE OF SENATE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF
AUGUST 2004**

Hearings

- 8-3 Governmental Affairs Committee on reaction to the 9/11 Commission's report on pre-war intelligence. SD-342. TV: ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC (POOL), NBC, FEDNET, C-SPAN (POOL), NEWSHOUR, SRS, MEDILL. RADIO: ABC, WAND, TRN.
Chairman Collins
- 8-16 Governmental Affairs Committee on reorganization of the intelligence community. SD-342. TV: NBC, C-SPAN, SRS.
Chairman Collins
- 8-16 Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on recommendations for transportation security. SR-253. TV: ABC, CNN, FNC, NBC, C-SPAN, SRS, AVIATION NEWS TODAY, CAPITOL PULSE.
Chairman McCain
- 8-16 Armed Services Committee on the Pentagon implications of intelligence reorganization proposals. SH-216. TV: ABC, FNC, FEDNET, C-SPAN, NEWSHOUR, AZTECA AMERICA. RADIO: TRN.
Chairman Warner
- 8-17 Armed Services Committee continues on the Pentagon implications of intelligence reorganization proposals. SH-216. TV: NBC, C-SPAN, NHK. RADIO: FEDNET, WAND.
Chairman Warner
- 8-17 Governmental Affairs Committee on the need for overhauls in the intelligence community. SH-216. TV: CNN, CBN, C-SPAN, WBNS, SRS.
Chairman Collins
- 8-18 Select Intelligence Committee on ways to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Committee re: pre-war intelligence. SH-216. TV: ABC (CUTS), CBS (POOL), CNN (CUTS), FNC (CUTS), C-SPAN (POOL), NEWSHOUR (CUTS), NHK (CUTS). RADIO: TRN.
- 8-19 Judiciary Committee on the 9/11 Commission's recommendations for the future of federal law enforcement and border security. SD-226. TV: ABC (CUTS), CBS, CNN, FNC (POOL), NBC, FEDNET, C-SPAN (POOL), NEWSHOUR (CUTS), SRS, AL-JAZEERA (CUTS). RADIO: WAND.
Chairman Hatch

Studio

- 8-5 Senator Schumer on stinger missiles. TV: ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC, NBC. RADIO: ABC, WAND, PRI.
- 8-10 Senator Roberts on a CIA nomination. TV: NEWSHOUR (LIVE).
- 8-23 Senator Roberts on intelligence reform. TV: NEWSHOUR.
- 8-23 Senator Specter on the 2004 election. TV: TRIBUNE.
- 8-25 Senator Warner on the Abu Ghraib prison report. TV: ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC, NBC, C-SPAN, NEWSHOUR. RADIO: TRN.
- 8-27 Senator Stevens on the status of appropriations bills. TV: CNN, FNC, NBC, C-SPAN (LIVE), KTUU.

Stakeouts

- 8-3 Senators Lieberman and Collins following a Governmental Affairs hearing on 9/11 Commission recommendations. DIRKSEN CENTER HALLWAY. TV: ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC.
- 8-17 Senator Warner following closed Armed Services Committee hearing on intelligence reorganization. RUSSELL ROTUNDA. TV: ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC, NBC, C-SPAN, NHK.
- 8-25 Senator Levin following closed Armed Services Committee hearing on prisoner abuse in Abu Ghraib. CRYPT. TV: ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC (POOL), NBC, NEWSHOUR. RADIO: ABC.
- 8-26 Following Governmental Affairs closed hearing on reorganization of the intelligence community. CRYPT. TV: CBS, FNC.

Senators' Appearances in the Large Gallery Studio either for a news conference or for an exclusive interview (August)

Roberts	2
Schumer	1
Specter	1
Warner	1

TOTAL: 5

