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**Foreign Policy In Focus Task Force on Terrorism:
A Secure America in a Secure World**

Due to an editor’s error at the Dow Jones Newswire a story about the report was circulated today. Because of this mistake we are now lifting the embargo for this report. We apologize for the inconvenience.

This new report from Foreign Policy In Focus argues that the open-ended global war on terror is counterproductive, making U.S. citizens more vulnerable to terrorist attacks at home and abroad. It offers an alternative approach that would focus on preventing successful terrorist attacks by improving homeland security, bringing terrorists to justice and addressing terrorism’s root causes.

The report will now be released to the public on Wednesday Sept. 1, at 5:00p.m. EST. Until then you can still obtain a copy at <http://www.fpif.org/embargo/>. The user name is “journalist” and the password is “enterhere.” When printed, the report is 56 pages long.

Members of the media should let Emily Schwartz Greco or Kyle Johnson know if they would like a hard copy mailed to them. The report will be available to the public and posted to www.fpif.org at 5:00 pm EST today.

John Gershman, the report’s author, is available for interviews. John is the co-director of Foreign Policy In Focus for the Interhemispheric Resource Center and an adjunct professor at NYU’s Robert F. Wagner School for Public Service. He is based in Princeton, New Jersey. 609-213-2176 (m); john@irc-online.org

“The Bush administration’s go-it-alone foreign policy has weakened the very organizations and alliances necessary for an effective global effort to combat terrorism, and the 9/11 Commission’s recommendations don’t go far enough,” Gershman said. “The U.S. shouldn’t fight a war on terrorism. Instead, the nation should tackle this threat through a strong, coordinated strategy that emphasizes civilian operations, improved homeland security, and international cooperation.”

A task force of 23 experts, including former government officials who served in the Reagan and Clinton administrations, and a relative of a 9/11 victim, have endorsed the report. They include:

Robert Alvarez - Salih Booker - Elsbeth L. Bothe - John Cavanagh - Marcus Corbin - David Cortright - Kristen Dawkins - Lloyd J. Dumas - Rev. Dr. Robert W. Edgar - John Feffer - Van Gosse - William D. Hartung - Colleen Kelly - Michael Klare - Lawrence J. Korb - Jules Lobel - Robert K. Musil PhD, M.P.H.- Col. Dan Smith - Joe Stork - Joe Volk - Bruce Zagaris - John Zavales - Stephen Zunes

Please contact FPIF Media Director Emily Schwartz Greco or IRC Communications Director Kyle Johnson if you need assistance reaching John Gershman or would like to arrange an interview with a task force member.

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