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Defeating the Jihadists: A Blueprint for Action

**Report of Task Force Chaired by Richard A. Clarke
Maps Strategies to Defeat the Jihadist Movement**

*It is imperative that we implement effective policies that address the causes, conditions, and misunderstandings that have brought the world to the current impasse. The Century Foundation's **Defeating the Jihadists: A Blueprint for Action** builds on the findings of the 9/11 Commission and provides a detailed plan for creating a more secure world. It is essential reading.*

—**Bob Kerrey, President, New School University**

Defeating the Jihadists: A Blueprint for Action (Century Foundation Press, 2004), a Century Foundation report prepared by a task force assembled and chaired by **Richard A. Clarke**, assesses the nation's successes and failures on homeland security and calls for a stronger, more effective strategy for dealing with jihadists, including al Qaeda. The report, scheduled for release November 16, 2004, offers a detailed action plan for neutralizing the international movement at the core of worldwide terrorism. Central to these plans are the group's proposals for significant changes in U.S. policy toward key Muslim countries. The report also describes the nature of the jihadist threat; provides comprehensive profiles of the various jihadist groups; and offers a rationale for the effort and money that would be needed to make the plan a success.

The report's authors are Richard A. Clarke, Glenn P. Aga, Roger W. Cressey, Stephen E. Flynn, Blake W. Mobley, Eric Rosenbach, Steven Simon, William F. Wechsler, and Lee S. Wolosky (bios attached)—all experts on various aspects of national security, intelligence, counterterrorism, military operations.

The action plan presented in the report builds on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and serves as a road map for winning the war against the jihadists. Key recommendations in the report include:

- Focus on winning the "Battle of Ideas"
- Invest in education and development in Islamic nations
- Implement tailored strategies for key countries, particularly Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Iraq
- Defuse sources of Islamic hatred for the United States
- Improve U.S. intelligence and law enforcement organization
- Reinvigorate efforts to combat terrorist financing
- Improve U.S. military organization
- Accelerate security investments for ports, trains, and chemical plants

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- Strengthen oversight of nuclear terrorism prevention efforts
- Improve U.S. energy security by reducing reliance on Middle East oil

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