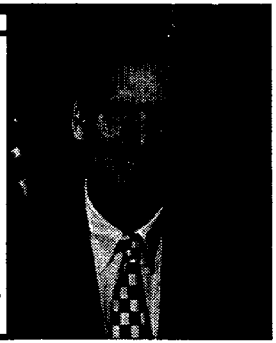

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CHAIRMAN GREGG BEGINS SERIES OF HEARINGS ON DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Day One of three-day hearings to address federal readiness includes Powell, O'Neill, and Mineta

(Washington, DC) – U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today began a series of hearings to assess the capabilities of United States federal agencies for preventing, preparing for, and responding to acts of terrorism. Eighteen government officials have been asked to testify over the three-day period, including Secretary of State Colin Powell; Secretary of the Treasury Paul O'Neill; and the Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta all testifying on Tuesday. Scheduled to testify later in the week are the Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson; the Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans; the Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman; and the Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Senator Gregg serves as the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary (CJS). As an overseer of the budget for the Department of Justice, the lead agency for domestic terrorism, Senator Gregg has expressed concerns about the current level of preparedness of the over forty federal agencies responsible for one aspect of dealing with domestic terrorism.

“During my tenure as Chairman of CJS,” Gregg stated, “I have read numerous reports that detail the difficulty federal agencies face in determining what their responsibilities in dealing with terrorism are and how they can best meet those obligations. Our intention with these hearings is to learn what federal agencies perceive their responsibilities to be and how well they are coordinating with other federal agencies working on the same problems. The hearings will be an important first step to begin coordinating federal efforts into one coordinated, united response.”

Also participating in this week’s hearings will be Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator John Warner (R-VA), Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, and Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities.

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Series of Hearings on Terrorism and U.S. Federal Government Capabilities
Hart Building, Room 216

Hearing 1, May 8

- 9:15 a.m. Opening Statements
- 9:30 a.m. The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary, Department of the Treasury
- 10:05 a.m. The Honorable Colin Powell, Secretary, Department of State
- 11:05 a.m. The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, Department of Transportation

Hearing 2, May 8

- 1:30 p.m. The Honorable Joe M. Allbaugh, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 2:30 p.m. John A. Gordon, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
- 3:30 p.m. The Honorable Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Hearing 3, May 9

- 9:30 a.m. The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice
- 10:30 a.m. The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
- 11:30 a.m. The Honorable Donald L. Evans, Secretary, Department of Commerce

Hearing 4, May 9

- 1:30 p.m. The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs
- 2:30 p.m. The Honorable Ann M. Veneman, Secretary, Department of Agriculture
- 3:30 p.m. The Honorable Robert J. Lamb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior

Hearing 5, May 10

- 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. General Bruce Lawlor, Commander, Joint Task Force-Civil Support
- 11:30 a.m. Dr. Bernadine Healy, President & Chief Executive Officer, The American Red Cross

Hearing 6, May 10 Closed Session, Hart Building, Room 219

- 1:30 p.m. George Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency
- 2:30 p.m. The Honorable Louis Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 3:30 p.m. Vice Admiral Thomas Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

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- 4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Panel of State and Local Representatives from Fire, Police, Public Health, and Emergency Managers (Hart Building, Room 216)