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IN AMERICA'S PRISONS

DATE: November 2, 2005
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PLACE: Washington University School of Law
Anheuser-Busch Hall, Room 310
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

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MR. SCHWARZ:

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Our wonderful executive director,

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Alex Busansky, asked me to make some general comments

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in closing, which are first, on behalf of all of us,

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all the commissioners to thank everybody who's

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testified here in St. Louis. All who have spoken

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helped us understand the men and women who work in the

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system, the real challenges of the job, and what's at

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stake for everyone.

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All who testified described serious

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problems, and helped think of solutions. And as the

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co-chair, Mr. Katzenbach, said yesterday, in many ways

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the combined testimony helped point out things in

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which we all agree.

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Our wonderful staff will capture highlights

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from this hearing in a brief summary document next

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week, and later in the month they'll publish a

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transcript of the entire proceedings. Anybody who

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signed up to receive updates, and we hope you have,

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the staff will E-mail that summary to you and alert

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you when the transcript is ready. Otherwise, you

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people can find the materials on the website, which is

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1 www.prisoncommission.org.

2 This is our third public hearing. We're
3 now more than halfway through our inquiry. We will be
4 gathering in Los Angeles for a fourth and final
5 hearing in February. At that hearing we'll explore
6 in-depth any issue that arose this time and many other
7 issues. We're going to explore the issue of
8 oversight. We'd love to see people in L.A.

9 So thanks again for coming, and this
10 concludes the hearing. And in just 25 minutes or so
11 the Honorable Commissioner, Mr. Bright, is going to be
12 presenting a discussion on the death penalty and
13 poverty and so forth and so on.

14 (The proceedings were concluded at 3:22 p.m.)

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