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SAVING AFGHANISTAN – THREE REPORTS CALLING FOR RETHINKING OUR STRATEGIES FOR AFGHANISTAN

SUMMARY: Three independent reports have concluded this month that a major new effort is needed to succeed in Afghanistan. These reports – by the Afghanistan Study Group, established by the Center for the Study of the Presidency following the Iraq Study Group; the Strategic Advisors Group of the Atlantic Council of the United States; and a paper written by Dr. Harlan Ullman and others – concur that without prompt actions by the U.S. and its allies, the mission in Afghanistan may fail – causing severe consequences to U.S. strategic interests worldwide, including the war on terrorism and the future of NATO. The U.S. cannot afford to let Afghanistan continue to be the neglected, or forgotten, war.

WHO: **Ambassador David M. Abshire** – President and CEO of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, who hosted the Afghanistan Study Group.
General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.) – Co-chair of the Afghanistan Study Group and Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United States. General Jones is also President and CEO of the Institute for 21st Century Energy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
Mr. Frederick Kempe – President and CEO of the Atlantic Council of the United States.
Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering - Co-chair of the Afghanistan Study Group. Ambassador Pickering serves as Vice Chairman of Hills & Company.
Dr. Harlan Ullman – Senior Advisor at CSIS and the Atlantic Council.

WHAT: Joint release of the reports hosted by the chair and ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs – Senator John Kerry (D-MA) and Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN). The Senators will make opening remarks, then speakers will shortly present their reports (which will be available at the event), followed by questions and answers from the press and attending Members of Congress.

WHEN: **2:00-3:15 PM; Wednesday, January 30th, 2008**

WHERE: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 419

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