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EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS FACING THE NEXT PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON — On Tuesday, May 24, the Partnership for Public Service’s Center for Presidential Transition will hold a discussion with national security experts on the importance of a well-planned transfer of power next year to ensure America’s safety and security.

In January, a new president will take office and instantly assume responsibility for a wide range of national security challenges, from terrorism to foreign wars to nuclear proliferation. This complex global security environment demands that the next team start preparing now, even in the midst of one of the most raucous and uncertain political seasons in recent memory.

In a conversation moderated by former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Michèle Flournoy, Stephen Hadley, former national security advisor, former Rep. Jane Harman and John Negroponte, the first director of national intelligence, will discuss the national security risks facing the next president, lessons learned from past presidential transitions and how the new administration can quickly implement its policy agenda.

“Presidential transitions are a time of great risk for our nation, particularly in our post 9/11 world, and they have traditionally been rushed and chaotic,” said Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service.

“Each of the remaining presidential candidates must begin preparing now to keep the country safe and secure. A lack of thorough preparation could put the nation in jeopardy,” Stier said.

WHAT: Panel discussion with experts on the national security risks facing the next president

WHO: Stephen Hadley, former national security advisor, President George W. Bush

Former Rep. Jane Harman (D-Calif.)

Ambassador John Negroponte, first director of national intelligence, President George W. Bush

Max Stier, President and CEO, Partnership for Public Service

**Moderator: Michèle Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy,
Department of Defense, President Barack Obama**

WHEN: Tuesday, May 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m. (12:30 p.m., registration)

WHERE: Partnership for Public Service
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Washington, D.C.

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BACKGROUND: The Partnership for Public Service is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that believes good government starts with good people. It works to revitalize federal government by inspiring a new generation to serve and transforming the way government works by strengthening the civil service and systems that support it. The Partnership's Center for Presidential Transition is designed to help presidential candidates navigate the transition process, prepare political appointees to lead effectively and work with the outgoing administration to encourage a smooth transfer of power. Learn more at ourpublicservice.org.

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