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You are Cordially Invited to:

## Privacy Protection in Intelligence Reform

**WHEN:** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, December 2, 2004

**WHERE:** Center for Democracy & Technology, 1634 Eye Street NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20006

**PANELISTS:** Jim Dempsey (Center for Democracy and Technology); Tim Edgar (ACLU); Dan Gallington (Potomac Institute); and Paul Rosenzweig (Heritage Foundation)

**PROGRAM:** This roundtable is devoted to considering the privacy implications of the controversial intelligence reform proposals that Congress continues to consider. While much of the focus has been on the NID authorities, the competing bills contain different but critically important provisions on information sharing and oversight that could both challenge and protect the right to privacy. The tension between national security and civil liberties has been one of the most contentious issues in homeland security policy. If passed, the 9/11 intelligence reform bill could have a dramatic and lasting effect on the structure and practice of U.S. intelligence collection and information sharing. We cannot afford to pass this legislation without a well-considered debate on those matters affecting the right to privacy.

Important questions to consider include:

- What are the fundamental differences in the protection of civil liberties in the competing intelligence reform bills?
- How is information sharing handled differently in the House and Senate (and perhaps the compromise) intelligence reform bills?
- What are the merits and shortcomings of key provisions?
- What, if any, provisions should be added or excluded to ensure the proper use of information and protection of U.S. Persons' civil liberties? and,
- What are the political and bureaucratic obstacles to better achieving the dual goals of better information sharing and improved privacy protection?

This Roundtable is co-hosted by the Center for Democracy and Technology and the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies' Project Guardian. For more information on Project Guardian see <http://www.potomacinstitute.org/research/projectguardian/pgintro.htm>.

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