

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE START CENTER MARYLAND OFFICE

AGENDA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Stamp Student Union - Colony Ballroom - University of Maryland

PROGRAM THEME: "Strategic Visioning Four Years after 9/11: The University's Role in Informing Counter-Terrorism Policy and Practice"

10:00 a.m. REMARKS

Dr. Gary LaFree, START Center Director, welcomes guests and dais officials who will make remarks:

Dr. Jacques Gansler, Vice President for Research

Dr. Melvin Bernstein, Director of University Programs, Department of Homeland Security

Dean Edward Montgomery, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Provost William W. Destler

Under Secretary Charles E. McQueary officially dedicates the START Center Maryland office

BREAK

11:15 a.m. INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION IN COLONY BALLROOM

MODERATOR: Dr. Gary LaFree, Center Director

PANEL DISCUSSION THEMES:

Introduction and Overview of START Mission: Dr. Gary LaFree, University of Maryland

Dr. Jacques Gansler, University of Maryland

What difficulties and challenges do universities face in doing interdisciplinary and multi-university research; joint university-government research and sensitive or classified research?

Dr. Arie Kruglanski, University of Maryland

How is social science relevant/important to policymakers and practitioners in the war on terrorism?

Dr. Melvin Bernstein, Director of University Programs, Department of Homeland Security

What are the main terrorism and counter-terrorism priorities of policymakers and practitioners today that university scholars should address in their work? Where does the nation go from here four years after 9/11 in regards to terrorism and counter-terrorism research and education?

12:30pm Adjourn

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

START, Maryland Office Open House, 3300 Symons Hall