HEARING THREE
COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND ABUSE
IN AMERICA'S PRISONS

DATE: November 2, 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 3:22 p.m.
PLACE: Washington University School of Law
Anheuser-Busch Hall, Room 310
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

Closing Remarks
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MR. SCHWARZ:

Our wonderful executive director, Alex Busansky, asked me to make some general comments in closing, which are first, on behalf of all of us, all the commissioners to thank everybody who's testified here in St. Louis. All who have spoken helped us understand the men and women who work in the system, the real challenges of the job, and what's at stake for everyone.

All who testified described serious problems, and helped think of solutions. And as the co-chair, Mr. Katzenbach, said yesterday, in many ways the combined testimony helped point out things in which we all agree.

Our wonderful staff will capture highlights from this hearing in a brief summary document next week, and later in the month they'll publish a transcript of the entire proceedings. Anybody who signed up to receive updates, and we hope you have, the staff will E-mail that summary to you and alert you when the transcript is ready. Otherwise, you people can find the materials on the website, which is
This is our third public hearing. We're now more than halfway through our inquiry. We will be gathering in Los Angeles for a fourth and final hearing in February. At that hearing we'll explore in-depth any issue that arose this time and many other issues. We're going to explore the issue of oversight. We'd love to see people in L.A.

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

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