

NEWS RELEASE

ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: **CANADIAN DEFENCE AND THE CANADA-U.S. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE**

(Ottawa, September 3, 2002)--As the anniversary of 9/11 looms in the near future, a conference entitled *Canadian Defence and the Canada-U.S. Strategic Partnership* will examine if the security situation has improved in Canada and the United States since that tragedy. The conference, which is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, this week (September 5-6) at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa, is sponsored by the Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS) in the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University, the Calgary-based Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI), and the Center for the Study of the Presidency in Washington D.C.

“Today, the war on terrorism has brought Canada and the United States closer together than ever before because of our common borders and waterways,” said Dr. David Abshire, President, The Center for the Study of the Presidency. “This conference will enable both countries to better develop strategies for our mutual security.”

“The idea is not to reach a consensus but to share vital information that could shape the direction of our future defence policies,” said Dr. David Carment, Director of CSDS.

The two-day working session will be closed to the media to enable the 40 invited participants to hear and debate the views and ideas of 10 Canadian and American experts on sensitive topics such as the idea of a more integrated American-Canadian military or more American control over Canadian defence assets.

“One of the reasons we want a closed conference is so that the participants can openly share critical, provocative information about what kind of role Canadian defence officials want to have and will be able to have with the United States,” said Dr. David Bercuson, Vice-President (Research) of CDFAI.

A news conference featuring key participants is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2002

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Laurier Room, Lord Elgin Hotel

Individual interviews may be booked with American participants on Thursday, September 5 and with Canadian participants on Thursday and Friday, September 5-6. The Laurier Room will be available to the media for this purpose for both days.

Six papers have been prepared in advance to spark the debate. These papers are available to the media and the public at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 5 at the Lord Elgin Hotel. They are:

- Dr. David A. Charters: *Terrorism and Response: The Impact of the War on Terrorism on the Canadian-American Security Relationship*
- Dr. Jim Fergusson: *Canadian Defence and the Canada-U.S. Strategic Partnership: The Aerospace Dimension*
- Dr. Frank P. Harvey: *Terrorism, Proliferation and the Myth of American Independence: Multilateral vs. Unilateral Approaches to Security after 9/11 and the Implications for Canada*
- Dr. Rob Huebert: *The Canadian Navy and Continental Security and Beyond*
- Dr. Elinor Sloan: *Land Threats to North America and the Role of the Army*
- (Working Group) Steven Cundari, Jonah Czerwinski, James Kitfield, Dwight Mason, Christopher Sands: *The U.S.-Canada Strategic Partnership and the War on Terrorism*

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Background: Three Sponsors

The Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS)

The Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS) in The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University is internationally recognized for its advanced research, conference, workshop and guest lecture programs, graduate and undergraduate education; and public outreach programs on security and defence issues. CSDS programs and activities embrace faculty from several disciplinary and interdisciplinary departments and schools at Carleton University, most notably NPSIA, the Department of Political Science, and Department of History. The CSDS is a member of the Security and Defence Forum (SDF) program of the Department of National Defence. The SDF program is designed to assist and support teaching and research in the fields of international security, conflict and defence at selected Canadian universities.

Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI)

The Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI) is an independent, privately funded, federally registered, non-profit, non-partisan research institute which focuses on Canadian defence and foreign policy as well as national security. CDFAI is based in Calgary. One of the Institute's core beliefs is that an informed public will, in turn, produce an informed group that will draft, implement and support innovative and comprehensive Canadian policy. CDFAI is dedicated to improving Canada's participation in international peace and security by providing analysis and education that informs Canadians about defence and foreign policies and the instruments which serve them. To that end, the aim of the Institute is to provide Canadians with factual and comprehensive policy analysis and research in order to promote their understanding of Canada's foreign and defence policies.

The Center for the Study of the Presidency

The Center for the Study of the Presidency, founded in 1969, is a non-partisan and non-profit organization which studies, informs, and advises the American federal government and brings together experts from government, academia, and the corporate world on a wide range of key issues facing the Presidency. The Center also publishes the award winning Presidential Studies Quarterly. In 1999, the Center began a series of projects and initiatives focusing on a variety of issues that led to a report to the President-elect in early, 2001. Working with scholars, practitioners, and seasoned government experts, the Center completed the report by publishing a book of case studies and an in-depth review of Presidential decision-making in Cold War and post-Cold War military interventions. Efforts that contributed to this work eventually identified new challenges to and new solutions for Presidential leadership in the 21st Century, specifically in the area of national security reform

BIOGRAPHIES: PEOPLE AVAILABLE AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE

THREE SPONSORING AGENCIES

1. David M. Abshire, President, The Center for the Study of the Presidency

David M. Abshire is also Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. and President of the Richard Lounsbery Foundation in New York. He was co-founder of CSIS in 1962 and served as its chief executive for many years.

Dr. Abshire served as Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations and later as Chairman of the U.S. Board of International Broadcasting. He was a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, and the President's Task Force on U.S. Government International Broadcasting. He has also served on the Advisory Board of the Naval War College and on the Executive Panel to the Chief of Naval Operations. From 1983-1987, he was Ambassador to NATO where, in reaction to the threat posed by Soviet SS-20 missiles, he was the U.S. point person in Europe for deployment of Pershing and Cruise missiles. It was this NATO success that convinced the Soviets to sign the historic INF Treaty and withdraw their missiles. Ambassador Abshire initiated a new conventional defense improvement effort so that NATO would not have to rely heavily on nuclear weapons. For this, he was given the highest Defense Department civilian award – its Distinguished Public Service Medal. In 1987, he served as Special Counsellor to President Reagan with Cabinet rank.

Dr. Abshire served in the Korean War as platoon leader, company commander, and division assistant intelligence officer, and received many commendations, including the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster with V for Valor. In addition to numerous journal, magazine and newspaper articles, Dr. Abshire is the author of five books and recently edited the Center's *Triumphs and Tragedies of the Modern Presidency: 76 Case Studies in Presidential Leadership*.

2. Dr. David J. Bercuson, Vice-President Research, Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI)

Dr. Bercuson is also Director for the Centre for Military & Strategic Studies (CMSS) at the University of Calgary. In 1988, he was elected to the Royal Society of Canada and in May 1989, he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at The University of Calgary. In 1997, he was appointed Special Advisor to the Minister of National Defence on the Future of the Canadian Forces, and is a member of the Minister's Monitoring Committee.

David Bercuson is the 2002 winner of the J. B. Tyrrell Historical Medal from the Royal Society of Canada and the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the 33 Field Engineer Squadron, a Land Force Reserve military engineer unit of the Canadian Forces.

Dr. Bercuson has published on a wide range of topics specializing in modern Canadian politics, Canadian defence and foreign policy, and Canadian military history. He has written, co-authored, or edited several books and does political commentary for CBC and CTV television as well as regular columns for the *Calgary Herald*, the *National Post* and other newspapers. One of his books, *Deadly Seas: The Story of the St. Croix, U305 and the Battle of the Atlantic*, co-authored with Dr. Holger Herwig, was on the *Maclean's* Bestseller list for several weeks. His newest book, *The Destruction of the Bismarck*, co-authored with Holger Herwig, was published in the fall of 2001. Dr. Bercuson and Dr. Herwig are providing historical expertise to James Cameron in the development of a film on the Bismarck to be released in Winter, 2002 on the Discovery Channel.

3. David Carment, Director, Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS) at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University

David Carment is also an Associate Professor of International Affairs at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University. Dr. Carment is a member of the Board of Directors for The Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (www.fewer.org) and serves as the principal investigator for the Country Indicators for Foreign Policy project (www.carleton.ca/cifp).

His most recent work focuses on conflict prevention capacity building (see the working paper series at www.idrc.ca); developing risk assessment and early warning training manuals for NGOs and Regional Organizations (see www.carleton.ca/cifp), and evaluating models of third party intervention (www.carleton.ca/~dcarment/index.html).

His most recent books are: *Using Force to Prevent Ethnic Violence: An Evaluation of Theory and Evidence* and *Conflict Prevention: Path to Peace or Grand Illusion?* He recently co-published, *The Role of Bias in Third Party Intervention: Theory and Evidence*, (BCSIA Discussion Paper 2001-08, International Security Program, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, October 2001).

CANADIAN PAPER AUTHORS

1. Dr. David A. Charters

Dr. David Charters has been the Director, Centre for Conflict Studies, University of New Brunswick since 1986 and, before that, the Deputy Director of the Centre. He is a Professor of History at the University of New Brunswick teaching courses such as The Nature of War Since 1945, Intelligence in War and Diplomacy; and War and Diplomacy in the Modern Middle East. He was the Secretary Treasurer of the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (1991-97) International Studies Association, Intelligence Studies Section. He is the Executive Editor, *Journal of Conflict Studies*, and Former Executive Editor of the *Conflict Quarterly*. Dr. Charters has written numerous monographs, book chapters, book reviews, research reports and articles such as “The Future of Military Intelligence Within the Canadian Forces”, *Canadian Military Journal* (Winter 2001-2002). He has also written enumerable book chapters including “Policing and Security in High Intensity Peace Operations” in *Canada and International Law: Peacekeeping and War Crimes in the Modern Era* (edited by Richard D. Wiggers and Ann L. Griffiths, 2002).

2. Dr. James Fergusson

Dr. Fergusson is Deputy Director of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba. He teaches a range of courses in the areas of international relations, foreign and defence policy, and strategic studies. He has published numerous articles on strategic studies, non-proliferation and arms control, the defence industry, and Canadian foreign and defence policy. Dr. Fergusson is currently completing a manuscript entitled *Deja Vu All Over Again: Canadian Policy from ABM and SDI, to NMD and Beyond*. He has been commissioned to write several reports for government. Most recently, he completed a study for International Security Research and Outreach Programme, IDA, DFAIT on *Strategic Stability Re-considered*, and a study for the Director-General International and Industry Programmes, DND, on *Theatre Missile Defence: NATO/European Programs and Technologies*. Dr. Fergusson regularly lectures to the General and Senior Officer Space Indoctrination Course (NDHQ), the Canadian Forces' College on Strategic Defence and National Security, and the Air Force Staff Course in Winnipeg. He has also testified before the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, most recently on the future of nuclear deterrence and Canadian policy, and the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veteran's Affairs on National Missile Defence. He was one of the principal authors of *To Secure a Nation: The Case for a New Defence White Paper*. Council for Canadian Security in the 21st Century. November 2001.

3. Dr. Frank Harvey

Dr. Frank Harvey is the Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and a Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He was a co-author of *To Secure a Nation: Canadian Defence and Security in the 21st Century: The Case for a New Defence White Paper*. His books include *Millennium Reflection on International Studies* (co-edited with Michael Brecher, University of Michigan Press, Forthcoming, 2002), and *Using Force to Prevent Ethnic Violence: An Evaluation of Theory and Evidence* (with David Carment, Praeger, 2001). He has also published numerous articles on nuclear and conventional deterrence, strategic stability, coercive diplomacy, crisis decision-making, protracted ethnic conflict and national missile defence. His commentaries have appeared in the *Globe and Mail*, *National Post* and *Chronicle-Herald* (Halifax). Dr. Harvey received Dalhousie's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1998. He was a NATO Fellow from 1998-2000 and has received several research grants from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Department of National Defence and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

4. Dr. Rob Huebert

Dr. Rob Huebert is the Associate Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies and a Professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary where he teaches Strategic Studies, International Conflict Resolution, Arctic Security, International Relations, and International Terrorism. Dr. Huebert has also taught at the University of Manitoba, Dalhousie University and Memorial University in Newfoundland. His primary areas of interest are Canadian naval and Arctic issues. He has written numerous book chapters, articles, and monographs on topics such as Canadian ocean policy, Canadian Arctic security, circumpolar cooperation, the future of Canada's military, Canada's refugee policy, Canadian northern environmental foreign policy, and the Canadian navy. He was a co author of *To Secure a Nation: Canadian Defence and Security in the 21st Century*. His manuscript, *The Voyage of the Polar Sea and Canadian Northern Foreign Policy*, (Vancouver: UBC Press) is under consideration for publication. He is also the Editor of the *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary.

5. Dr. Elinor C. Sloan

Dr. Elinor Sloan was recently appointed Assistant Professor of International Security Studies, with the Department of Political Science at Carleton University after spending five years as a defence analyst with the Directorate of Strategic Analysis, Department of National Defence in Ottawa. She is the author of *The Revolution in Military Affairs* (McGill-Queen's University Press, June 2002). She won a Deputy Minister's Commendation at National Defence in 1997 and a prestigious American academic fellowship in 1993 and 1994 to pursue her PhD (International Relations) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston which she completed in May 1997.

AMERICAN PAPER AUTHORS

Please note that this paper was written by various authors. James Kitfield is the appointed spokesperson at the news conference. Two of the authors, Chris Sands and Dwight Mason will also be available to answer questions.

James Kitfield

James Kitfield is the national security and foreign affairs correspondent for National Journal magazine, a newsweekly on politics and government published by National Journal Inc. He has written on defense, national security and foreign policy issues from Washington, D.C. for more than fifteen years. Kitfield is also the author of *Prodigal Soldiers*, (How the Generation of Officers Born of Vietnam Revolutionized the American Style of War), published by Simon & Schuster in 1995. The Chicago Tribune lauded the book as "a major work of U.S. military history," and the Wall Street Journal referred to it as "one of the most illuminating military books in recent years." The German Marshall Fund awarded Kitfield a special award in 2001 as part of the second annual Peter R. Weitz Prizes for excellence in reporting on European affairs. He received the 2000 Edwin Hood Award for Diplomatic Correspondence given annually by the National Press Club to recognize excellence in reporting on diplomatic and foreign policy issues. Kitfield is the first two-time winner of the Gerald R. Ford Award for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense. He has twice been the recipient of the Washington Monthly Journalism Award for Investigative Reporting, most recently in April of 2000 for an article he wrote about the overworked status of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Christopher Sands

Christopher Sands directs the Canada Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Center's ongoing research effort on Canadian affairs. In this capacity, he has written on Canadian politics, Canada-U.S. relations, Quebec separatism, NAFTA, the North American auto industry, Canadian culture and trade, and the role of the U.S. Congress in North America. He is the author of two regular CSIS publications that appear on its Web site: *Canada Focus* and the *North American Integration Monitor*. Prior to joining CSIS, he was the Canadian affairs specialist for the Michigan World Trade Center, led a state of Michigan office charged with the promotion of trade and investment with Canada, and served on Michigan governor James J. Blanchard's Task Force on International Trade. In 1999, he has a Fulbright Scholar and visiting fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Dwight N. Mason

Until recently, Dwight Mason was, the Chairman of the United States Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense (PJBD), a strategic-level advisory body consisting of military and diplomatic representatives from both Canada and the United States. In this capacity, he was responsible for advising American policy-makers, including the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on American-Canadian political military affairs. Prior to his appointment to this position by former President Bill Clinton in 1994, Mr. Mason was a Foreign Service Officer and served in a number of management and diplomatic positions. He has been the Director for the Office of Environmental Protection at the Department of State, the Executive Director of the Bureau of Management also at the Department of State, Staff Assistant to Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and a Political Officer in Ecuador, Colombia and Morocco. He has served twice at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa first as Counselor for Political Affairs and subsequently as Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister. Currently he is a consultant to the law firm of Dilworth, Paxson.