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Debate to Address the Question: How Do We Balance Privacy Rights and National Security?

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Oct. 18, 2007— On Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 PM, the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, in partnership with MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, will hold the second event of its National Discussion and Debate Series. Four participants will argue the proposed resolution: “In the war against terrorism and with advances in technology, Americans need to lower their expectations of privacy” in a debate moderated by Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for PBS’s *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

Supporting the resolution will be Douglas W. Kmiec, professor of constitutional law at Pepperdine Law School, who served as Assistant Attorney General to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush; and K. A. Taipale, Executive Director of the Center for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology Policy. Opposing the resolution will be John, Lord Alderdice, political conflict resolution and terrorism specialist and former Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly; and Marc Rotenberg, Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and Georgetown University law professor. More information, including biographies of the debaters, research, lesson plans, news, audio, and video, is available online at www.millercenter.org/debates.

The debate, the second in a series of five set to take place during the 2007–08 academic year, will take place at the American Red Cross building in Washington, D.C. It will be webcast live and archived on the Miller Center’s web site. PBS affiliates throughout Virginia and stations carrying the PBS World digital channel will carry the events both live and delayed. The conversation has already started online via interactive group pages on YouTube, MySpace, Facebook, Google, and Yahoo.

The National Discussion and Debate Series, the Miller Center’s newest initiative, will address major issues facing the United States, including health care, immigration, and the changing nature of “family” in America. Its aim is to

examine these issues in depth, and to contribute to the national conversation with a genuine, thoughtful give-and-take that will both enlighten people and provoke dialogue. The first debate on keeping American troops in Iraq took place on Sept. 18 in the historic Dome Room of the University of Virginia's Rotunda in Charlottesville, Va., and is archived online at www.millercenter.org/debates.

The debate will air on these Virginia PBS stations:

- **WCVW 57 Richmond** will carry the debate on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00 PM. (<http://www.wcve.org>)
- **WCVE-23 Richmond** will air it on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00 PM. (<http://www.wcve.org>)
- **WHTJ-41 Charlottesville** will air the debate on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00 PM. (<http://www.wcve.org/whtj>)
- **WHRO-15 Norfolk** will air the debate on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00 PM. (<http://www.whro.org/home>)
- **WBRA 15 Roanoke/WMSY 52 Marion/WSBN 47 Norton** will carry the debate live at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 13. (<http://www.wbra.org>)
- **WVPT – Virginia's Public Television, 51 Staunton/WVPY 42 Front Royal** will air the debate live at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 13. (<http://www.wvpt.net>)

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