The RAND Corporation has been the leader in pragmatic, progressive, and prescient terrorism and counterterrorism research for over three decades. In order to continue to provide policymakers with advanced and interdisciplinary analysis on the ever-evolving threat of terrorism, RAND will be holding a day of presentations and discussions regarding its current policy research on combating terrorism.

The event will take place on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, from 8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. at the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, D.C.

A preliminary conference program is as follows:

8:00 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Introduction
Ambassador David Aaron, Assistant to the RAND President for Research on Counterterrorism, RAND Corporation
9:05 A.M. Welcoming Remarks
Dr. James Thomson, President and CEO, RAND Corporation
9:15 A.M. Presentation I
The Jihadists Operational Code
Mr. Brian Jenkins, Senior Advisor to the RAND President, RAND Corporation
10:00 A.M. Presentation II
Panel Discussion: Thinking Like Them: Results of an Opposition Exercise
Mr. John Parachini, Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation and Others
10:45 A.M. Break
11:00 A.M. Presentation III
Winning the War for the Soul of Islam
Dr. Cheryl Benard, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation
11:45 A.M. Presentation IV
Defending Against Suicide Terrorism
Dr. Bruce Hoffman, Director, Washington Office; Acting Director, Center for Middle East Public Policy, RAND Corporation
12:30 P.M. Lunch
Keynote Address By: (to be announced)
2:00 P.M. Presentation V
Panel Discussion: Terrorism and Intelligence Reform
Moderator: Dr. Lynn Davis, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation
Panelists: Mr. Kevin O’Connell, Director, Intelligence Policy Center, RAND Corporation
Dr. Greg Treverton, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation
Mr. Michael Wermuth, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation
2:45 P.M. Presentation VI
Curbing al-Qaeda Recruitment
3:00 P.M. Break
3:30 P.M. Presentation VII
Preventing Terrorist Use of Nuclear Weapons
Dr. Michael Hynes, Senior Physical Scientist, RAND Corporation
4:30 P.M. Presentation VIII
Fighting Terrorism: The Lessons of Iraq
Dr. Andrew Rathmell, Research Leader, RAND Europe
5:15 P.M. Closing Remarks
Dr. James Thomson, President and CEO, RAND Corporation

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