



**Susan Collins**

**Speaker:** Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) – Chairman on Homeland Security & Government Affairs

**On:** Friday, April 7, 2006

**Location:** River of Grass Ballroom

Susan M. Collins was elected to represent the State of Maine in the United States Senate in 1996 and was re-elected to a second term in 2002. She was the 15th woman in history to be elected to the Senate in her own right. Senator Collins is the Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC), which has jurisdiction over the Department of Homeland Security and is the Senate's chief oversight committee. She also serves on the Armed Services Committee and the Special Committee on Aging. Senator Collins co-authored the Collins-Lieberman intelligence reform legislation, which was signed into law in December 2004. The law represents the most sweeping changes to our intelligence community in more than 50 years and implements many of the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission.

A magna cum laude graduate of St. Lawrence University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Senator Collins worked for former Maine Senator William S. Cohen for 12 years. In 1987, she joined the cabinet of Maine Governor John R. McKernan as Commissioner of Professional and Financial

Regulation. She then served as New England Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration from 1992 to 1993. In 1994, Senator Collins ran her first campaign for public office and became the first woman in Maine history to receive a major party nomination for governor after winning an eight-way Republican primary. She lost the general election in the fall. In December of 1994, she became the founding executive director of the Center for Family Business at Husson College in Bangor, Maine, a position she held until she resigned in 1996 to run for the Senate seat being vacated by Senator Cohen. She won both a contested Republican primary and a four-way general election later that year.

Senator Collins has received many professional and civic honors from groups ranging from the American Diabetes Association to the National Federation of Independent Businesses, from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Association to the National School Boards Association. She was raised in Caribou, Maine where both her parents have at one time served as mayor. Her family runs a fifth-generation lumber business, founded by her ancestors in 1844 and operated today by two of her brothers.



**John McLaughlin**

**Speaker:** Mr. John McLaughlin – Director of CIA (retired)

**On:** Friday, April 14, 2006

**Location:** River of Grass Ballroom

John E. McLaughlin is a Senior Fellow in the Merrill Center for Strategic Studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University. Mr. McLaughlin, a 1966 graduate of SAIS, most recently served as Acting Director of Central Intelligence from July to September of 2004 and as the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence since October 2000. Prior to that he was the Deputy Director for Intelligence at the Central Intelligence Agency, Vice Chairman for Estimates and Acting Chairman of the National Intelligence Council.

Earlier in his career with the CIA, which spanned three decades, Mr. McLaughlin focused on European, Russian, and Eurasian issues in the Directorate of Intelligence. He served as Director of the Office of European Analysis during the period marked by the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Then, four months after the break-up of the Soviet Union, he became Director of the CIA office – Slavic and Eurasian Analysis – that was responsible for CIA's analysis

of the fifteen independent states that emerged from the USSR. While Deputy Director for Intelligence, he created the Senior Analytic Service, a CIA career track that enables analysts to rise to very senior rank without branching out into management. He also founded the Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis, an institution dedicated to teaching the history, mission, and essential skills of the analytic profession to new CIA employees.

Mr. McLaughlin is the recipient of the Distinguished Intelligence Community Service Award and the National Security Medal. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and a national security advisor to the Cable News Network (CNN).

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