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SECURITY AND FREEDOM: ARE THE GOVERNMENTS'
EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM
VIOLATIVE OF OUR FREEDOMS?

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Introduction

Tonight's panel is titled Security and Freedom: Are the Government's Efforts to Deal with Terrorism Violative of our Freedoms? I am told, traditionally, this is the most intriguing session of the day. You are in for a real treat. Our two speakers are Michael Power and David Cole. I spoke with both of them before the panel and what was interesting about Michael Power is his background as an insider. He is a partner in an Ottawa law firm, Gowling, Lefleur, and Henderson. They practice in the area of privacy and security, electronic government, and Internet law.

You know when you want to know how the sausage is made, this is the man in there making the sausage. He was in the Canadian Department of Justice giving advice on issues of terrorism and other criminal law matters to the Department of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, the Department of Justice, the Treasury Board, and the Secretary on many matters.

David Cole is our U.S. speaker. He is a professor at Georgetown University Law Center and a staff attorney for the Center of Constitutional Rights. He just got into town, so he has not been around all week. But, if he sounds very familiar to you, that is because he comes into our living room fairly frequently as the commentator for National Public Radios, *All Things Considered* and as the foreign legal affairs correspondent for *The Nation*. What he has really drawn national attention for recently is his book "No Equal Justice," which should be required reading everywhere. It is amazing and it has won a slew of awards in recent years, including best non-fiction book for 1999. We will begin with Michael.

