Shuttle Accident Inquiry Goes Behind Closed Doors

The surprising news that NASA has hired the civilian members of the Board investigating the Columbia space shuttle disaster means that the Board is able to evade laws that would have required its meetings to be open to the public.

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance at an All Time High

Domestic surveillance of suspected foreign intelligence and terrorist targets reached a record high in 2002 according to a new report from Attorney General John Ashcroft.

U.S. Unprepared for ‘Dirty Bomb’ Aftermath

In the April 28 issue of Defense News, FAS’ Jaime Yassif argues for the need to develop urban area decontamination plans in the event of a radiological attack. Our ability to decontaminate will determine how much property can be salvaged and economic damage reduced. PDF | HTML

Sensitive But Unclassified Information

The controversial category of "sensitive but unclassified" information refers to government information that is neither classified nor publicly releasable. It is critically examined in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.