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**60th Anniversary of Radio Free Europe's**

**First Broadcasts to Czechoslovakia**

**June 2, 2011**

**Kenney Auditorium, Johns Hopkins SAIS**

**4:30 PM Welcome**

Kurt Volker

Senior Fellow and Managing Director, Center on Transatlantic Relations

Johns Hopkins SAIS

**4:40 PM Remarks**

H.E. Karel Schwarzenberg

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

*introduced by Amb. Petr Gandalovič*

Thomas A. Dine

President, American Friends of the Czech Republic

former President, RFE/RL, Inc.

**5:05 PM Panel discussion:**

**"No Freedom Without Media Freedom"**

The Arab world has been turned upside down this spring by mass protests for democratic change that have shaken the stable autocracies that once thrived in the region. Many credit free media -- traditional and new, international and local -- with helping to fuel the protests. The panel will look at the role independent media have played in hot spots such as Iran, Pakistan and the Middle East and consider whether recent declines in media freedom will hinder or stoke demands for more freedom in countries around the world.

Amb. Husain Haqqani

Ambassador of Pakistan to the U.S.

David Kramer
Executive Director, Freedom House

Carl Gershman

President, National Endowment for Democracy

Golnaz Esfandiari

Senior Correspondent, RFE/RL

Moderator: Walter Isaacson

President, Aspen Institute
Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors

**6:00 PM Concluding Remarks**

Amb. Petr Gandalovič

Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States