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and **Lawrence H. Summers**, co-chairs of the Transatlantic Relations Task Force, briefed the *Washington Post* editorial board and a group of columnists and other invited journalists on their Task Force's findings and recommendations. Senior Fellow **Walter Russell Mead** hosted luncheons in New York and Washington on his State Department-sponsored public diplomacy trip to the Middle East and

With the war in Iraq and the U.S. presidential election in the fall, media interest in Council content was at an all-time high this year. More than half of all Council meetings were on the record, transcribed, and posted for public access on the Council's website. The Council released nine books, six Task Force reports, six papers and special reports, and countless Q&A fact sheets and interviews by the website reporting team.

While responding to a broad audience, the Communications Department also took a more targeted approach to promoting Council content by holding briefings for top journalists. Council President **Richard N. Haass** gave background briefings to producers and reporters at the *New York Times* and ABC News in New York and the *Financial Times* in London. **Henry A. Kissinger**



New York Times Columnist **William Safire**, Fox News Sunday Host **Tony Snow**, Wall Street Journal *Washington Bureau* Chief **Gerald Seib**, *New York Times* Columnist **Thomas L. Friedman**, and ABC News Political Analyst **George Stephanopoulos** at the Council.

his new book, *Power, Terror, Peace, and War*. Senior Fellows **Princeton N. Lyman** and **Laurie Garrett** briefed a group of global health reporters on the Council Special Report on HIV/AIDS. The Communications Department also hosted a series of roundtables for journalists at the Council's Washington office to showcase the expertise of fellows in advance of major international events.



Amity R. Shlaes of the *Financial Times*, *David Margolick* of *Vanity Fair*, and *Jeff Greenfield* of *CNN* at a lunch with Council Senior Fellow **Walter Russell Mead**.