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Cc: 'Chris Preble'; 'Doug Bandow'; 'Larry Madison'; 'Marcus Epstein'; 'Philip Giraldi'; 'samah Norquist'
Subject: Update on Meetings for the 7th and 14th
Attachments: R meetings - June 7 and 14.doc

Friends,

I wanted to send you all an update for our meetings scheduled for tomorrow (June 7th) and next Thursday (June 14th).

A few notes: Rep Bono's FPLA asked to postpone our 9:30am meeting to next week and I have not confirmed a time for that meeting yet, though I'm trying to get her for the two empty slots in the afternoon.

We will meet at 9:15am in the House Cafeteria instead tomorrow so that we can introduce Chris and Samah (?) to our presentation.

Jake will join us in the afternoon but will not be attending the morning meetings.

I have not received confirmation from Larry, Marcus, Phil, or Samah regarding these meetings and would be curious to hear their suggestions, comments, or questions if they have any.

Also, included below, you will note a short synopsis of whether each member has co-sponsored the relevant sanctions legislation so that we can gear our approach appropriately.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning.

Thu Jun 7 –

9:15am – meet in House Cafeteria

10:00am – Rep Pence (IN-6) Rnk. sub-c For Aff – LeAnne Holdman (1317 Longworth)
Co-sponsor, 1400 and 957
Very Conservative on FP issues

10:45am – Rep Jo Ann Davis (VA-1) For Aff – Amanda Foster (1123 Longworth)
Co-sponsor, 957

11:30am – Rep Hall (TX-4) Rnk. Sub-c Commerce - Kyle Oliver (2406 Rayburn)

1:00pm – Sen Snowe (ME) Commerce - Dylan Williams (154 Russell)
Co-sponsor, 970
Favors targeted sanctions on Sudan

2:00pm – Sen Warner (VA) Armed Srv - Scott Suozzi (225 Russell)
[Interview with FOX about Iran](#)

3:00pm – Sen Shelby (AL) Rnk Banking - Watson Donald (110 Hart)
Statement on how nuke program, human rights abuses trouble him
Worried about Iranian hegemony in Iraq and Middle East

4:10pm - Sen DeMint (SC) Rnk sub-c Comm – Phillip Denby (340 Russel)
Statement expressing concern about Holocaust conference

Thu Jun 14 –

???? – Rep Bono (CA-45) Commerce – Chris Foster (104 Cannon) **quick**
Co-sponsor, 1400

9:00am

9:45am

10:30am – Sen Dole (NC) Armed Services, Banking – Arjun Mody (555 Dirksen)
Co-sponsor, 970
Co-sponsored Iran Freedom Support Act of 2005
Supported renewed sanctions on Burma
Dole mission to Bam rejected by Iran

11:15am – Sen Collins (ME) Armed Services, Rnk HS and Gov Aff – Patrick Hughes (413 Dirksen)
Co-sponsor, 970
Has pressured Treasury to go after U.S. companies with interests in Iran

1:00pm – Sen Martinez (FL) Armed Srv, Banking – John Goetchius (356 Russell)
Statement saying Iran's attitude must improve before talks
Recently called for sanctions against Sudan

2:00pm

2:45pm – Rep Inglis (SC-4) Foreign Affairs – Ryan Hamilton (330 Cannon)

3:30pm – Rep Rogers (MI-8) – Andrew Hawkins/Andy Keiser (133 Cannon)
Co-sponsor, 1400 and 957

4:15pm

Regards,

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From: Emily Blout <eblout@niacouncil.org>
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Subject: Great meeting you yesterday: An invitation

Manijeh,

It was great meeting you yesterday after the hearing. I have cc'd this message to Babak Talebi, Director of Community Relations here at NIAC. He'd be happy to sit down with you next week to talk about how you can become more involved in the organization.

In the mean time, would you be interested in attending this event on Tuesday? Let me know and I will reserve a spot for you.

The American Conservative Defense Alliance, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Coalition for a Realistic Foreign Policy, National Iranian American Council, Open Society Policy Center and Reuniting America would like to invite you to an off-record discussion with groups and individuals concerned about a potential rush to war with Iran without appreciation of the consequences and before full and open Congressional and public debate. Increasingly provocative statements by the U.S. administration and Iranian regime have heightened concerns a military conflict might erupt -- accidentally or otherwise.

The meeting will convene **Tuesday, November 13, from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm at 1920 L Street, N.W., Suite 200** (conference room). Lunch will be provided.

Schedule

- 10:30am Welcome and Introductions
- 10:40 Panel Discussion: Setting the Context of US-Iran Relations
(Moderated by Morton Halperin, Executive Director, Open Society Policy Center)
- Current bilateral relations (Suzanne Maloney, Saban Center, Brookings Institution)
 - Iran Issue in Presidential Campaign (John Isaacs, Council for Livable World)
 - US Jewish perspectives (Thomas Dine, consultant)
 - The Politics of Iran in Israel (Daniel Levy, New America Foundation, The Century Foundation)
 - US Military perspectives (Brigadier Gen. John Johns)
 - Iranian perspectives (Fariba Amini, freelance journalist/writer)
- 11:50 Lunch (Senator Jim Webb - invited)
- 12:30 Panel Discussion: Current Initiatives and Potential Avenues for Collective Response
(Moderated by former Congressman Bob Barr (GA, 1995-2003))
- Legislative initiatives (Carah Ong, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation)
 - Track 2 Diplomacy - (John Marks, Search for Common Ground)
 - Public Education initiatives (Christopher Preble, Cato Institute)
 - Media Advocacy (Ira Arlook, Fenton Communications)

Invitations not transferable, but please forward contact information of others interested in attending.

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To: Mike Amitay; btalebi@niacouncil.org; Michael Ostrolenk; Ana Micka
Subject: RE: Conf. Call to Discuss Dec. 5 Mtg

Hi Everyone,

I can do a call at 3:30 pm tomorrow. Here is the RSVP list so far. Mike and I have been following up with folks. Has anyone else been able to make follow-up calls/emails? Best, Carah

RSVPs

- Mike Amitay, Open Society Policy Center
- Jim Babka, Downsize DC (by phone)
- Jake Colvin, USA*Engage
- Jim Fine, Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Lara Friedman, Americans for Peace Now
- George Gund, Lee & Gund Foundation
- Ana Micka, Reuniting America
- Iara Lee, Lee & Gund Foundation
- Justin Logan, The CATO Institute
- Carah Ong, Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation
- Michael Ostralenk, American Conservative Defense Alliance
- Chris Preble, The CATO Institute
- Ira Shorr, Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Mark Sommer, Mainstream Media Project (by phone)
- Kim Spencer, LinkTV (by phone)
- Sue Veres Royal, US in the World at New America Foundation
- Jessica Willbanks, Faithful Security (by phone)
- Perry Willis, Downsize DC (by phone)

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Subject: Conf. Call to Discuss Dec. 5 Mtg

Dear All,
Can we set a call tomorrow afternoon (1:30, 2:30 or 3:30) to discuss Dec. 5 meeting?
Thanks.
Mike

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Subject: Welcome Back and Update

Dear Babak, Mike, Michael and Ana,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I just wanted to check in regarding the December 5 meeting. Below is a list of folks who have RSVPed thus far and a reminder of our invite list. It would be great if we could all check in with those who have not RSVPed, especially by phone. The people who have declined thus far are Lynn Kunkle as she had a previously scheduled appointment and Richard Parker (referred by Heather Hamilton). Other than Richard Parker, we have not sent 2nd tier invites. Should we send those now?

Should we have a call either later this week or first thing next week in preparation for the December 5 meeting?

I hope you all are doing well and look forward to talking soon.

With warmest regards,
Carah

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Mark Sommer, Mainstream Media Project (by phone)
Kim Spencer, LinkTV (by phone)
Sue Veres Royal, US in the World at New America Foundation
Jessica Willbanks, Faithful Security (by phone)
Perry Willis, Downsize DC (by phone)

List of Invitees:

Representative, AntiWar.com (Michael Ostralenk)
Mike Amitay, Open Society Policy Center
Ira Arlook, Fenton Communications (Ana Micka)
Jim Babka, Downsize DC (Michael Ostralenk/Carah Ong)

Lauren Coletta, Common Cause (Babak Talebi)
Jake Colvin, USA*Engage (Carah Ong)
Lara Friedman, Americans for Peace Now (Carah Ong/Mike Amitay)
Adam Green & Ilyse Hogue, MoveOn.org (Carah Ong/Mike Amitay)
John Isaacs, Council for a Livable World (Carah Ong)
Ben Kroetz & Darcy Scott Martin, True Majority (Carah Ong)
Lynn Kunkle, 3D Security (Carah Ong)
Justin Logan, CATO Institute (Carah Ong)
Priscilla Lewis, US in the World (Carah Ong)
Ana Micka, Reuniting America
Carah Ong, Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation
Michael Ostralenk, American Conservative Defense Alliance
Steve Riskin, US Institute of Peace (Carah Ong/Mike Amitay)
Doug Shaw, Physicians for Social Responsibility (Carah Ong/Mike Amitay)
Mark Sommers, Mainstream Media Project (Carah Ong)
Kim Spencer, Link TV (Ana Micka)
Babak Talebi, National Iranian American Council
Jessica Wilbanks, Faithful Security (Carah Ong)
Heather Hamilton, ConnectUS (Carah Ong)
Tom Andrews, Win Without War (Carah Ong)

2nd Tier Invitees:

Jim Fine, Friends Committee on National Legislation (Carah Ong)
Richard Parker, AmericanForeignPolicy.org (Carah Ong)
Ken Ballen, Terror Free Tomorrows (Michael Ostralenk/Carah Ong)
Geoffrey Kemp, Nixon Center (Michael Ostralenk)
Jon Rainwaiter, Peace Action West (Carah Ong)
Suzanne DiMaggio, Eurasia Foundation, (Mike Amitay/Carah Ong)
Aura Kanegis, American Friends Service Committee (Carah Ong)

From: Carah Ong <cong@armscontrolcenter.org>
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Subject: CONFIRMED: DECEMBER 5 STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING ON IRAN

Importance: High

November 30, 2007

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased you are able to join us for the Strategic Planning meeting on **Wednesday, December 5, 2007 from 2:30-4:30 pm** at the Open Society Policy Center (1120 19th Street, NW - 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036).

The purpose of this meeting is help establish parameters of a transpartisan campaign to avert a military conflict with Iran and promote constructive relations through direct, unconditional and comprehensive talks between the United States and Iran. We would like to jointly outline concrete steps to move this campaign forward and ask organizations to take ownership of specific tasks. We will also identify critical needs and potential resources.

Below, please find an agenda for the meeting, a list of RSVPs as of November 30 and conference call coordinates for those phoning into the meeting.

Thank you again for joining us. We look forward to working together and hope we can make significant progress in preparing our collaborative efforts for the coming year.

Best regards,

Mike Amitay, Open Society Policy Center
Ana Micka, Reuniting America
Carah Ong, Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation
Michael Ostrolenk, American Conservative Defense Alliance
Babak Talebi, National Iranian American Council

AGENDA: Wednesday, December 5, 2007

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL CAMPAIGN COMPONENTS

CAMPAIGN MESSAGING

- س Build consensus on key elements of “common story” and on big messages that might inform campaign.

MEDIA

- س Outline elements of media component of the campaign
 - Print and online ad campaigns

- Editorial Board Meetings with experts and in collaboration with speaking tours
- Public Service Announcements for use by grassroots
- Place experts in broadcast media
- Develop a media training “how to” resource and kit for grassroots groups, including a sample Op-Ed

LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

- س Identify elements of a legislative strategy
 - Legislation promoting diplomacy
 - Sponsorship of Congressional briefings
 - Press for hearings and recommend expert witnesses
 - Develop policy recommendations for Presidential and Congressional candidates

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- س Outline elements of public outreach and grassroots campaign
 - Discuss toolkit for grassroots action that includes information on organizing and conducting constituent meetings, editorial board meetings and inserting Iran as non-partisan issue into election campaigns.
 - Discuss potential speaking tours, town hall meetings and other public events
 - Consider website with campaign-specific branding that makes campaign resources available to the public and could include online petition, calendar of events and opportunities for action
 - Coordinated email action alerts

RESOURCES – What is available and what is needed?

- س A common understanding of existing resources and outstanding needs.
- س A list of resources to develop.

CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS

- س Map next steps for individual organizations and a timeline for action.

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 Lauren Coletta, Common Cause
 Jake Colvin, USA*Engage
 Sarah Dufendach, Common Cause
 Maryam Elahi, OSI International Women’s Program (by phone)
 Ivan Eland, The Independent Institute
 Jim Fine, Friends Committee on National Legislation
 Lara Friedman, Americans for Peace Now
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