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SEMINAR ON

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
DECEMBER 6-7, 2007

Preliminary AGENDA (Oct. 26)

Thursday, December 6, 2007

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
Saul Room, lobby level
The Brookings Institution
1775 Massachusetts Ave NW

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**
Saul Room

- ❖ *Peter Schoettle, Senior Staff, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution;*
- ❖ *Malcolm Ewing, Program Manager, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution*

THEME 1: U.S. NATIONAL GRAND STRATEGY

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **What Should US Grand Strategy Be?**
Falk Auditorium

- ❖ *Newt Gingrich, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives; Senior Scholar, American Enterprise Institute (confirmed)*

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **What Should US Grand Strategy Be?**
Falk Auditorium

- ❖ *General Wesley K. Clark, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and former Democratic Party Presidential Candidate (confirmed)*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Break**

Thursday, December 6, 2007 (continued)

THEME 2: DEALING WITH IRAQ

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Falk Auditorium

Iraq: Looking Ahead: What Should the US Do? Panel Session

- ❖ *Kenneth M. Pollack, Director of Research, Saban Center for Middle East Policy; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, the Brookings Institution; (confirmed) and*
- ❖ *Frederick W. Kagan, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute (invited and possible)*

THEME 3: RELATIONS WITH KEY STATES

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Saul Room

Luncheon

Pakistan's War on Terror, and Building Bridges Between the West and the Islamic World

- ❖ *Mahmud Ali Durrani, Pakistani Ambassador to the United States (confirmed)*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Falk Auditorium

Why Campaign 08 Matters to the World

- ❖ *Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution; former Deputy Secretary of State (confirmed)*

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

THEME 2: DEALING WITH IRAQ

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Understanding Iraq: Perspectives from Iraq

- ❖ *Rend Al-Rahim, Senior Fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace; and former Ambassador of Iraq to the U.S.; (invited)*
- ❖ *Laith Kubba, Program Director for Middle East and North Africa, National Endowment for Democracy; (confirmed)*
- ❖ *Raad Al Kadiri, PFC Energy; (invited) and*
- ❖ *Qubad Talabani, Representative to the U.S. of the Kurdistan Regional Government (confirmed)*

Friday, December 7, 2007

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
Saul Room

THEME 1: U.S. NATIONAL GRAND STRATEGY

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. **A Democratic Perspective on National Security Issues**
Falk Auditorium ❖ *Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Chairman, Armed Services
Committee; Member, Homeland Security and Governmental
Affairs Committee and Intelligence Committee, U.S. Senate
(invited)*

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Break**

THEME 4: FINANCIAL DIPLOMACY: TREASURY'S GROWING ROLE IN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Financial Controls: The Treasury Department's Growing Ability
To Promote U.S. National Security**
Falk Auditorium ❖ *Stuart Levey, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and
Financial Intelligence (confirmed)*

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

THEME 5: COUNTERING TERRORISM AND INSURGENCIES

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon **Defeating Terrorism and Insurgencies: What Should the U.S. Do?**
Falk Auditorium **Panel Session**
❖ *(to be invited)*
❖ *David Kilcullen, Chief Strategist, Coordinator for Counter-
Terrorism, Department of State (confirmed)*

THEME 6: THE MIDDLE EAST, ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**
Saul Room **The American, Israeli and Palestinian Triangle**
❖ *Ambassador Afif Safieh, Head of PLO Mission to the United
States (confirmed)*

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. **Break**

Friday, December 7, 2007 (continued)

THEME 7: NORTH KOREA AND CONTROLLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Falk Auditorium

Korea, Nuclear Weapons and the Six-Party Talks

- ❖ *Ambassador Christopher Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, and Head of US Delegation to the Six-Party Talks on North Korea (confirmed)*

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

THEME 8: U.S. GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY TO SUPPORT NATION BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Challenge of Building USG Institutional Capacity

- ❖ *Ambassador John Herbst, Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State (invited)*

4:00 – 4:10 p.m.

Break

THEME 9: U.S. ENERGY SECURITY

4:10 – 5:20 p.m.
Falk Auditorium

The Heightened Scramble for Energy Supplies: Implications for U.S. National Security: What Should be Done? Panel Session

- ❖ *Frank A. Verrastro, Director, Energy Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies; (invited) and*
- ❖ *David Sandalow, Director, Project on Energy Security, and Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Program, Brookings Institution; former Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State (invited)*

5:20 – 5:30p.m.
Falk Auditorium

Wrap-up, Evaluation and Awarding of Certificates

- ❖ *Peter Schoettle, Senior Staff, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution; and*
- ❖ *Malcolm Ewing, Program Manager, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution*