



AMERICA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. – TURKISH RELATIONS

Monday, June 2, 2008
2:00 – 6:30 pm
The Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel

Welcoming remarks: 2:00 – 2:20 pm

Arzuhan Doğan Yalçındağ

Chair of the Board of Directors, TUSIAD

Strobe Talbott

President, Brookings

**Setting the Stage: The Stakes for U.S. – Turkish Relations in
America's Elections** 2:25 – 2:40 pm

Mark R. Parris

Brookings, ex-U.S. Ambassador to Ankara

First session: Handicapping the 2008 U.S. Presidential Race 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Thomas E. Mann

Senior Fellow in Governance Studies, Brookings

Coffee Break 4:15 – 4:30 pm

**Second session: Implications for Turkey of a Republican /
Democratic Victory** 4:30 – 5:45 pm

Richard Burt

McClarty Associates, ex-Assistant Secretary of State for Europe

Philip Gordon

Brookings, ex-Director for Europe, National Security Council

Soli Ozel

Bilgi University

Cocktail Reception 6:00 – 6:30 pm