

For Six Month Period Ending 5/31/2009
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant
American Business Development Group

(b) Registration No.
5810

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
2800 S. Shirlington Road, Suite 401
Arlington, VA 22206

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
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|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A³ Yes No
Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Kurdistan Regional Government: Communicated and facilitated meetings for foreign principals with Members of Congress and Congressional Staff as well as Executive Branch agencies; specifically the Department of Defense, State, and Commerce.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

-Meeting for Falah Bakir, Director Department of Foreign Relations Kurdistan Regional Government with General (Ret.) Christman, Senior Counselor to President US Chamber of Commerce.

-Falah Bakir meeting with Allen Makovsky, Professional Staff Member House Foreign Affairs Committee.

-Kurdistan Regional Government Minister of Tourism, Nimrod Baito with Congressman Daryl Issa, Alcee Hastings, Michael Arcuri, Brian Bilbray, Lincoln Davis, Joe Wilson, Pail Broun, Russ Carnahan.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
January - June 2009	Kurdistan Regional Government	Monthly retainer	\$60,000

\$60,000

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose

^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
1/31/09	Ayal Frank	Consulting Services	\$10,000
2/28/09	Ayal Frank	Consulting Services	\$10,000
3/31/09	Ayal Frank	Consulting Services	\$10,000
4/30/09	Ayal Frank	Consulting Services	\$10,000
5/31/09	Ayal Frank	Consulting Services	\$10,000
6/30/09	Ayal Frank	Consulting Services	\$10,000

\$60,000

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
6/24/09	\$1000	Galyean for Congress, Inc.	James Galyean
3/11/09	\$500	Lincoln Davis for Congress	Lincoln Davis
2/13/09	\$5000	Fund for American's Future	Lindsey Graham
3/4/09	\$5000	Carolina Majority PAC	Joe Wilson
3/10/09	\$250	Lincoln Davis for Congress	Lincoln Davis
4/20/09	\$3500	Gresham Barrett for Governor	Gresham Barrett

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
Yes No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

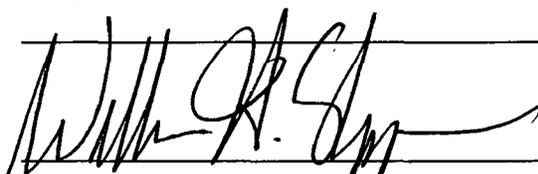
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(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

26 June 09



GEORGE G. DEMETRIADES, JR



WILLIAM H. SKIPPER

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: American Business Development Group

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Frank	Ayal	05/14/2007		
Demetriades Jr.	George	05/14/2007		
Skipper	William	05/14/2007		

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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

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Mark Rosborg

From: George Demetriades
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 2:47 PM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Dear Colleague- Briefing on Iraq by Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States
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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:04 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Dear Colleague- Briefing on Iraq by Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 10:42 AM
Subject: FW: Dear Colleague- Briefing on Iraq by Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States

Dear House staff - See below, in case you missed the invite. Hope you can join. Best,
 Ayal

From: Lowell, Brandi
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 11:51 AM
To: Lowell, Brandi; Callahan, Paul
Subject: Dear Colleague- Briefing on Iraq by Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States

November 14, 2008

Dear Colleague:

The bipartisan Kurdish - American Caucus invites you to attend a briefing on Iraq by Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States (Representative Talabani's biography is enclosed for your review).

The briefing will be held on **Monday, November 24, at 2:00 pm in 121 Cannon House Office Building.**

Representative Talabani will brief members and senior staff about the U.S.-Iraqi negotiations on the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) as well as other critical political, security and economic developments in Iraq.

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Representative Talabani will also discuss last month's state visit to Washington of Kurdistan Region of Iraq president Masoud Barzani. President Barzani met with President Bush and cabinet members as well as the think tank community, business leaders and members of the media. See attached an op-ed by President Barzani, published in the Wall Street Journal earlier this month.

A question-answer session will follow Representative Talabani's presentation.

The event will also provide members and senior staff the opportunity to learn more about the Kurdish American Caucus, established in the House in May of this year. To date, the caucus has eighteen members.

Please RSVP via email to this event by November 20 to Brandi Lowell in Rep. Davis's office (brandi.lowell@mail.house.gov) or Paul Callahan (paul.callahan@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Wilson's office.

We hope you can attend this important event.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Davis (D-TN)
Member of Congress

Joe Wilson (R-SC)
Member of Congress

Qubad Talabani Bio

Qubad Talabani is the Representative of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to the United States.

In that capacity, Mr. Talabani works closely with the U.S. Government, the media and research institutions providing critical analysis and up-to-date information about the situation in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region.

In the aftermath of Operation Iraqi Freedom in spring 2003, he served for one year as a Senior Foreign Relations officer for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) (a leading Kurdish political party in Iraq), operating mainly out of Baghdad and Suleimani. In that position, he worked closely with the U.S.-led Coalition Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA), and was the PUK's top liaison to the Coalition after it became the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). In addition, while in Iraq, Mr. Talabani was a key PUK negotiator during the drafting of the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL), Iraq's first post-Saddam constitution. He also acted as a liaison officer between the PUK and U.S. forces in Iraq.

From 2001 until spring 2003, Mr. Talabani served as the Deputy Representative of the PUK in Washington D.C. In 2000-2001, he was a Special Assistant to the then PUK Representative in Washington, Dr. Barham Salih. Presently, Dr. Salih is Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr. Talabani is frequently interviewed by the popular press and other publications. He has appeared numerous times to discuss Kurdish and Iraqi issues on major television networks including: CNN, BBC, FOX News, and other American and international networks.

Mr. Talabani's family has been involved in Kurdish politics for decades. His father, Jalal Talabani, is the

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President of Iraq and Secretary General of the PUK.

Mr. Talabani studied in London and holds a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering.

He lives with his wife Sherri Kraham in Washington, D.C.

Kurdistan Is a Model for Iraq

Our path to a secular, federal democracy is inspired by the U.S.

The Wall Street Journal

Opinion

November 12, 2008

By MASOUD BARZANI

Iraq's Kurds have consistently been America's closest allies in Iraq. Our Peshmerga forces fought alongside the U.S. military to liberate the country, suffering more casualties than any other U.S. ally.

And while some Iraqi politicians have challenged the U.S.-Iraq security agreement, Iraq's Kurdish leaders have endorsed the pact as essential for U.S. combat troops to continue fighting terrorists in Iraq.

The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) is committed to a federal, democratic Iraq that is at peace with its neighbors.

We have benefited enormously from the service and sacrifices of America's armed forces and their families, and we are deeply grateful. We are also proud to have shared in such sacrifices; my brother was among those severely wounded during the liberation of Iraq.

Last year, following a U.S. request, we deployed Kurdish troops to Baghdad. These troops played a decisive role in the success of the surge. Last month I once again visited Baghdad to meet with the leadership of the federal government. We stressed our commitment to developing an Iraqi state that abides by its constitution and that is based upon a federal model with clearly delineated powers for its regions.

In spite of all this, some commentators now suggest that the Kurds are causing problems by insisting on territorial demands and proceeding with the development of Kurdistan's oil resources. These allegations are troubling. We are proceeding entirely in accord with the Iraqi constitution, implementing provisions that were brokered by the U.S.

In the constitutional negotiations that took place in the summer of 2005, two issues were critical to us: first, that the Kurdistan Region has the right to develop the oil on its territory, and second, that there be a fair process to determine the administrative borders of Iraq's Kurdistan Region -- thus resolving once and for all the issue of "disputed" territories.

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Unfortunately, ever since the discovery of oil in Iraq in the 1920s, successive Iraqi governments have sought to keep oil out of Kurdish hands, blocking exploration and development of fields in Kurdistan. Saddam Hussein's government went even further, using Iraqi oil revenues to finance the military campaigns that destroyed more than 4,500 Kurdish villages and to pay for the poison gas used to kill thousands of Kurdish civilians.

The Kurdish leadership agreed to a U.S.-sponsored compromise in 2005 in which the central government would have the authority to manage existing oil fields, but new fields would fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the regions. Since then, the KRG has taken the lead with Baghdad in negotiations on a hydrocarbon law that is faithful to Iraq's constitution and is conducive to modernizing Iraq's oil infrastructure and substantially increasing its oil production.

We have awarded contracts for foreign oil companies (including some American ones) to explore our territory. In so doing, Kurdistan is not threatening the unity of Iraq. It is simply implementing the constitution.

The "disputed territories" have a tragic history. Since the 1950s, Iraqi regimes encouraged Arabs to settle in Kirkuk and other predominantly Kurdish and Turkmen areas. Saddam Hussein accelerated this process by engaging in ethnic cleansing, expelling or killing Kurds and Turkmen, or by requiring nationality corrections (in which non-Arabs are forced to declare themselves to be Arabs) and by moving Arabs into Kurdish homes.

The dispute between Baghdad and the Kurds over Kirkuk has lasted more than 80 years and has often been violent. All sides have now agreed to a formula to resolve the problem, to bring justice to Kirkuk, and to correct the crimes against Kurds committed by Saddam Hussein's regime. Iraq's constitution requires that a referendum be held in disputed territories to determine if their populations want to join the Kurdistan Region. Conducting a plebiscite is not easy, but it is preferable to another 80 years of conflict.

If the pro-Kurdistan side should lose the referendum in Kirkuk, I promise that Kurdistan will respect that result. And if they win, I promise that we will do everything in our power to ensure outsized representation of Kirkuk's Turkmen, Arabs and Christians both on the local level and in the parliament and government of the Kurdistan Region.

Regional stability cannot come from resolving internal disputes alone. That is why expanding and deepening our ties with Turkey is my top priority.

My meeting last month in Baghdad with the Turkish special envoy to Iraq was a historic and positive development. There should be further direct contacts between the KRG and Turkey, as well as multilateral contacts that involve the U.S. We are eager to work with Turkey to seek increased peace and prosperity in the region.

I am proud that the Kurdistan Region is both a model and gateway for the rest of Iraq. Our difficult path to a secular, federal democracy is very much inspired by the U.S. And so we look forward to working with the Obama-Biden administration to support and defend our hard-fought successes in Iraq, and to remain proud of what the Kurdistan region is today: a thriving civil society in the heart of the Middle East. When we insist on strict compliance with our country's constitution, we are only following America's great example.

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Mr. Barzani is the president of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

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Subject: FW: Dear Colleague: Meet and Greet with Kurdistan Regional Government officials

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 12:50 PM
Subject: FW: Dear Colleague: Meet and Greet with Kurdistan Regional Government officials

Dear House staff - See below, in case you missed the invite. Hope you can join. Best,
Ayal

From: Lowell, Brandi [mailto:Brandi.Lowell@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Lowell, Brandi; Callahan, Paul
Subject: Dear Colleague: Meet and Greet with Kurdistan Regional Government officials

January 16, 2009

Dear Colleague:

The bipartisan Kurdish-American Caucus invites you to an informal meet and greet with Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government Representative to the United States, and possibly Mohammad Raouf, the Kurdistan Regional Government Minister of Trade, and his delegation of officials in government and business leaders.

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00 am in 441 Cannon House Office Building.**

Minister Raouf will be available to answer questions about the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and its economic development as well as prospects for greater trade and American investment in the region.

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The event will also provide members and senior staff the opportunity to learn more about the Kurdish-American Caucus, established in the House in May 2008. To date, the caucus has eighteen members.

Please RSVP by January 23rd to Brandi Lowell in Rep. Davis's office (brandi.lowell@mail.house.gov) or Paul Callahan (paul.callahan@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Wilson's office.

We hope you can attend this important gathering.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Davis (D-TN)
Member of Congress

Joe Wilson (R-SC)
Member of Congress

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Mark Rosborg

From: George Demetriades
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:11 AM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Subject of my call
 here's another FARA thing.

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:11 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Subject of my call

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 10:30 AM
To: Serchuk, Vance (Lieberman)
Subject: Subject of my call

Vance - I left you a message on Tuesday. Allow me to explain via email the reason for calling. In light of the March anniversary of the genocide committed in Halabja by Saddam's regime, and because of the senator's friendship and support of Kurdish issues over many years, the KRG is hopeful that he would consider submitting a statement for the record on the Anfal subject. See below a draft for your consideration. Of course, please feel free to edit it as you see fit. I also stand ready to answer any questions. Thank you in advance and best regards, Ayal

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:17 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Subject of my call

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 10:30 AM
To: Serchuk, Vance (Lieberman)
Subject: Subject of my call

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From: Serchuk, Vance (Lieberman) [mailto:Vance_Serchuk@lieberman.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 4:10 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: Re: Chance to speak

Ayal,

Of course. I'm back Tuesday. Let's talk then.

From: Ayal Frank <Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com>
To: Serchuk, Vance (Lieberman)
Sent: Wed Feb 18 16:07:49 2009
Subject: Chance to speak

Dear Vance - I hope this email finds you well. I called over to the senator's office and was told that you are on international travel. I was hopeful that I could take up an issue with you upon your return. It has to do with the anniversary of Saddam's use of chemical weapons against Iraq's Kurdish community in the late 1980s. Perhaps, we can speak next week. Thank you in advance. Best regards, Ayal

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:12 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: [Junk released by User action] RE: Draft Legislation

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 9:37 AM
To: Berkowitz, Paul
Subject: RE: [Junk released by User action] RE: Draft Legislation

Paul - please see again below, not attached, the draft legislation for your review. Of course, I stand ready to answer any questions. Mr. Rohrabacher may consider reaching out to Kurdish American Caucus members to be original co-sponsors. See below, in a previous email of mine, the current list of caucus members. Many thanks, Ayal

(Original Signature of Member)

111TH CONGRESS
1st SESSION

H. CON. RES. _____

Expressing the sense of the Congress calling on the Government of Iraq to accomplish key objectives that will facilitate national reconciliation in Iraq based on its historic constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. _____ submitted the following concurrent resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Expressing the sense of the Congress calling on the Government of Iraq to accomplish key objectives that will facilitate national reconciliation based on its historic constitution.

Whereas the security situation in Iraq has improved over the past year in no small measure to the role played by the U.S. Armed Forces to stabilize the country;

Whereas the U.S. Armed Forces should be commended for its role in stabilizing Iraq and allowing the country to make important political progress;

Whereas Iraqis of all political, ethnic and religious persuasion voted in great numbers fairly and freely in provincial elections in fourteen of eighteen provinces in January 2009;

Whereas the citizens of the three provinces administered by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) are scheduled to vote in provincial elections later this year;

Whereas parliamentary elections are scheduled this year for both the Iraqi Council of Representatives and the Kurdistan Parliament;

Whereas the Government of Iraq has recognized other key political, security and economic benchmarks, some of which have been fully or partially met;

Whereas it is in the national security interest of the U.S. that Iraqi objectives be met as soon as possible;

Whereas it is also in the interest of the current Government of Iraq, and to the benefit of all Iraqis, to reach resolution on a number of key outstanding issues based on the letter and the spirit of the constitution of Iraq;

Whereas a solution to the territories in dispute in Iraq, to include resolving the administrative statuses of Kirkuk, according to the Iraqi constitution and Article 140, must be found as soon as possible;

Whereas the resolution of disputed territories should also be based on democratic principals and the federal structure of government recognized in the Iraqi constitution and approved by the Iraqi Council of Representatives in October 2007;

Whereas the resolution of the disputed territories benchmark will be critical to resolving other outstanding political and economic issues in Iraq;

Whereas Iraq does not have the necessary national hydrocarbon law for it to take full economic advantage of the country's vast natural resources;

Whereas passage of a national hydrocarbon law and relevant side agreements including an understanding on revenue sharing is a key objective;

Whereas passage of a national hydrocarbon law, in a way that does not contradict Iraq's constitution, will both strengthen the country's economy and bring greater stability to it;

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that it is the sense of the Congress that --

(1) The Government of Iraq should resolve without further delay, based on the Constitution of Iraq and the principals of democracy and federalism, the issues of disputed territories and a national hydrocarbon law.

(2) The U.S. Government should actively facilitate and encourage the Government of Iraq to resolve these two outstanding issues.

From: Berkowitz, Paul [mailto:Paul.Berkowitz@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:50 AM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: Re: [Junk released by User action] RE: Draft Legislation

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From: Ayal Frank <Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com>
To: Berkowitz, Paul
Sent: Fri Feb 27 21:46:58 2009
Subject: RE: [Junk released by User action] RE: Draft Legislation

Paul - I sent you the legislation twice on 20 and 24 Feb, and you are right; the draft was not in my most recent email on 26 Feb. Do you have my previous emails? If not, I will send the legislation again on Tuesday. Thanks, Ayal

-----Original Message-----

From: Berkowitz, Paul [<mailto:Paul.Berkowitz@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Fri 2/27/2009 1:59 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: [Junk released by User action] RE: Draft Legislation

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Paul Berkowitz
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House Foreign Affairs Committee
Subcommittee on International Organizations,
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From: Ayal Frank [<mailto:Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 9:40 AM
To: Berkowitz, Paul
Subject: RE: Draft Legislation

Paul - thanks. See below also the current member list of the Kurdish American Caucus. Mr. Rohrabacher may also consider reaching out to them

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about being original co-sponsors. Best, Ayal

- * Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
- * Congressman Jo Bonner (R-AL)
- * Congressman Jim Cooper (D-TN)
- * Congressman Lincoln Davis (D-TN, Co-Chair)
- * Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA)
- * Congressman Sam Graves (R-MO)
- * Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY)
- * Congressman Peter Hoekstra (R-MI)
- * Congressman Walter Jones (R-NC)
- * Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY)
- * Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-NY)
- * Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA)
- * Congressman Thomas Petri (R-WI)
- * Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)
- * Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ)
- * Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)
- * Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA)
- * Congressman Christopher Van Hollen (D-MD)
- * Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC, Co-Chair)

From: Berkowitz, Paul [<mailto:Paul.Berkowitz@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 1:35 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE: Draft Legislation

Hi

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From: Ayal Frank [<mailto:Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 1:28 PM
To: Berkowitz, Paul
Subject: Draft Legislation

Paul - see attached, and below. Many thanks, Ayal

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 2:03 PM
To: 'Berkowitz, Paul'
Subject: RE: Follow Up to Meeting

Dear Paul - per our meeting with the congressman and you, and at Mr. Rohrabacher's request, please find attached draft legislation for consideration. Of course, I stand ready to answer any questions on the subject and would be happy to discuss this initiative with you again. Thank you and best regards, Ayal

From: Berkowitz, Paul [<mailto:Paul.Berkowitz@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 3:39 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: Re: Follow Up to Meeting

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Best
Paul

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From: Ayal Frank
To: Berkowitz, Paul
Sent: Thu Feb 12 15:33:27 2009
Subject: Follow Up to Meeting

Dear Paul -

It was good to have met the congressman and you today. Thanks for your time.

In the way of a follow up: the following are Kurds in Baghdad whom we recommend the congressman and the delegation meet: Iraqi president Jalal Talabani; Barham Salih, deputy prime minister; Latif Rashid, minister of Water Resources, and Fauzi Hariri, minister of Industry as well as Tanya Gilly, a member of the Iraqi parliament; Fuad Masoum, the head of the Kurdish bloc in parliament and Fryad Rawaduzi, a member of parliament.

Secondly, Paul Callahan, in Mr. Joe Wilson's office is the person to contact to notify that Mr. Rohrabacher has agreed to join the Kurdish American Congressional Caucus.

Finally, in the coming days, I will send you background for the purpose of the legislation we spoke about at the meeting.

Many thanks again. Best regards, Ayal

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From: George Demetriades
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:16 AM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Quil Lawrence Event - Draft Invite
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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:15 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Quil Lawrence Event - Draft Invite

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2009 1:58 PM
To: Lowell, Brandi
Subject: Quil Lawrence Event - Draft Invite

Dear Brandi - Assuming all is okayed with ethics, please find below a draft invite I put together for the event next Wednesday, for your review. Please find also Quil's bio. Do you want to put Mr. Wilson's name to this or would you prefer that it be from Mr. Davis only? Thank you for all your support. Ayal

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When: Wednesday, March 25, at 11AM, in Cannon HOB, Room Y

Please note that this event is reserved to Members and senior staff *only*.

Please RSVP to Brandi Lowell, brandi.lowell@mail.house.gov, on my staff, by March 23.

I hope you can attend this event.

Sincerely,

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Lincoln Davis (D-TN)
Member of Congress

David Aquila Lawrence, or "Quil" as he's been known since birth, grew up in East Benton, Maine. After a few years supporting a passion for travel and writing, he found his way to journalism in 1996, writing his first pieces from Morocco for The Toronto Globe and Mail and Christian Science Monitor Radio.

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From: Lowell, Brandi [mailto:Brandi.Lowell@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE: Quil Lawrence Event

No problem, 10 will work just fine. We will talk today.

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 9:34 AM
To: Lowell, Brandi
Subject: RE: Quil Lawrence Event

Brandi - I believe we will need to do it at 10am. I hope that attracts a good number of senior staff. Can we discuss today? Thanks, Ayal

From: Lowell, Brandi [mailto:Brandi.Lowell@mail.house.gov]

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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 9:34 AM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: Re: Quil Lawrence Event

Ayal,
Of these two I'd suggest 3:30.
Brandi

From: Ayal Frank <Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com>
To: Lowell, Brandi
Sent: Mon Mar 16 20:13:10 2009
Subject: RE: Quil Lawrence Event

Brandi - thanks. Which do you believe would get a bigger draw: 10am or 3:30pm? Ayal

From: Lowell, Brandi [mailto:Brandi.Lowell@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Mon 3/16/2009 6:14 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE: Quil Lawrence Event

Hello, Ayal.
Rep. Davis and I (and other members of his senior staff, or they'd be free to fill my shoes) will be in TN for district events on 3/26. So, how is 3/25 at either 10am or later, 3:30 or 4:00? I will block both off in the meantime.
Best,
Brandi

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 3:40 PM
To: Lowell, Brandi
Subject: RE: Quil Lawrence Event

Brandi - many thanks. Ayal

From: Lowell, Brandi [mailto:Brandi.Lowell@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 1:22 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE: Quil Lawrence Event

Ayal,

I will have a date for you this afternoon.

Thanks,
Brandi

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From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2009 1:49 PM
To: Lowell, Brandi
Subject: Quil Lawrence Event

Dear Brandi - the author can also do this event on Wednesday, March 25 at a time convenient to you all. We should figure out if the KRG representation in Washington can buy the books and have them available to staff at the gathering. We are also checking on our end. Best, Ayal

-----Original Message-----

From: Lowell, Brandi [mailto:Brandi.Lowell@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wed 3/11/2009 10:24 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: Re: Redeployment of U.S. Forces to the Kurdistan Region

Thank you, Ayal. I will read it and share with the boss before he departs for TN tomorrow. He and I discussed other options as well (in addition to, not in place of), such as a letter to the Sec. Of State

I said I'd email you today but I didn't think it would be 10:30 at night!

Friday is good, sometime between noon and 3, as is Monday after 10. Just let me know.

Brandi

From: Ayal Frank <Ayal.Frank@american-bdg.com>
To: Lowell, Brandi
Sent: Wed Mar 11 17:18:25 2009
Subject: Redeployment of U.S. Forces to the Kurdistan Region

Brandi - per the discussion today about the redeployment of U.S. forces to the Kurdistan Region, please find attached for your review draft legislation that I wrote on the subject. Perhaps, we can discuss this legislation when we meet. Thank you in advance and best regards, Ayal

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 12:19 PM
To: Lowell, Brandi
Subject: Invitation: Author Quil Lawrence Event

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Where: 505 Cannon HOB

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 3:31 PM
To: 'Webb, Brandon'
Subject: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

Dear Brandon - many thanks for taking my call. See attached as requested. I stand ready to answer any questions, of course. I'm hopeful that the congressman can join the caucus. Thank you again. Best regards, Ayal

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Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:14 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 4:06 PM
To: daniel.hazard@mail.house.gov
Subject: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

Dear Daniel - many thanks for taking my call. See attached. I stand ready to answer any questions, of course. I'm hopeful that the congresswoman can join the caucus. Thank you again. Best regards, Ayal

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To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Kurdish American Caucus

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:16 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Kurdish American Caucus

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2009 2:34 PM
To: sarah.tuke@mail.house.gov
Subject: Kurdish American Caucus

Dear Sarah - thanks so much for calling me back. See attached as promised. Best, Ayal

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 3:22 PM
To: 'sarah.tuke@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Introduction

Dear Sarah - this is written for the purpose of an introduction. I serve as an advisor to the Kurdistan Region Government in Iraq. As you may know, there is a large Kurdish American community in Tennessee, the largest concentration of Kurds in the country. I was hopeful that we could speak by telephone at a time convenient to you. In advance, many thanks. Best regards, Ayal

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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Top Iraqi Kurdish Official in Washington

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:17 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Top Iraqi Kurdish Official in Washington

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 10:23 AM
To: rhonda.gillis@mail.house.gov
Subject: Top Iraqi Kurdish Official in Washington

Dear Rhonda - A senior Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) official will be in town this week and into the first part of next week and we thought Mr. Connolly would be interested in meeting with him to hear first hand from the Kurdish side in Iraq as to developments in the country. Minister Falah Bakir, who heads the KRG Foreign Relations bureau, would welcome the chance to meet the congressman. As you may know, there are several hundred American Kurds living in the congressman's district.

Many thanks in advance for your time and assistance.

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 10:27 AM
To: jessica.orsulak@mail.house.gov
Cc: shelley.husband@mail.house.gov
Subject: Top Iraqi Kurdish Official in Washington

Dear Jessica - A senior Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) official will be in town this week and into the first part of next week and we thought Mr. Goodlatte would be interested in meeting with him to hear first hand from the Kurdish side in Iraq as to developments in the country. Minister Falah Bakir, who heads the KRG Foreign Relations Department, would welcome the chance to meet the congressman. As you may know, there are several hundred American Kurds living in the congressman's district.

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 10:30 AM
To: simone.litrenta@mail.house.gov
Cc: 'Sixkiller, Mariah'
Subject: Top Iraqi Kurdish Official in Washington

Dear Simone - A senior Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) official will be in town this week and into the first part of next week and we thought Mr. Hoyer would be interested in meeting with him to hear first hand from the Kurdish side in Iraq as to developments in the country. Minister Falah Bakir, who heads the KRG Foreign Relations Department, would welcome the chance to meet and brief the congressman.

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 12:14 PM
To: jennifer.allen@mail.house.gov
Subject: Top Iraqi Kurdish Official in Washington

Dear Jennifer - A senior Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) official will be in town this week and into the first part of next week and we thought Mr. Wolf would be interested in meeting with him to hear first hand from the Kurdish side in Iraq as to developments in the country. Minister Falah Bakir, who heads the KRG Foreign Relations Department, would welcome the chance to meet and brief the congressman. His bio is attached. As you may know, there are a couple hundred American Kurds living in the congressman's district.

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To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Follow Up to Call
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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:12 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Follow Up to Call

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 11:49 AM
To: Katz, Jonathan
Subject: Follow Up to Call

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Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:11 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 2:11 PM
To: Lester Munson
Subject: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

Dear Lester - I hope this email finds you well and that this week is relatively quiet. I was writing to follow up on our March meeting to see if the congressman has decided favorably to join the Kurdish American Caucus. Thank you in advance for your time and support of this request. Best regards, Ayal

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To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Meeting Request

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 2:37 PM
To: leigh.young@mail.house.gov
Subject: Meeting Request

Dear Leigh -

Thank you for taking my call. As requested, I was writing to inquire if Mr. Sessions would be interested in getting a brief from the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) representative to the U.S., Qubad Talabani. See attached Mr. Talabani's bio.

As said, there are about 4000 Kurdish Americans living in the Dallas area and the congressman has also previously supported issues of importance to the KRG. Furthermore, at least one Dallas-based company, Hunt Oil, is doing business in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

It is for the above reasons and also because of the importance of Iraq's stability and development to U.S. national interests that I thought that the congressman would be interested in meeting with Mr. Talabani. He would be available to meet Mr. Sessions most any time during the month of June.

Thank you again. Best regards, Ayal

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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:27 AM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW:

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:20 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW:

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 12:37 PM
To: 'vince.jesaitis@mail.house.gov'
Subject:

Dear Vince - I hope this email finds you well. I was writing because the Kurdistan Regional Government representative to the U.S., Qubad Talabani, was recently in Houston. Among other meetings he held, he spoke to a good crowd at the Houston chamber of commerce. The Houston business community was interested in hearing more about doing business in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. I thought you would want to know. I'd be happy to share with you a list of attendees if you would like. Best regards, Ayal

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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:26 AM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Iraqi-Kurdish Brief

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:20 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Iraqi-Kurdish Brief

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 3:34 PM
To: howard.diamond@mail.house.gov
Subject: Iraqi-Kurdish Brief

Dear Howard - I hope this email finds you well. Congrats, also, on your recent promotion to staff director and good luck in your new post. Would you be interested in getting a brief from Qubad Talabani, the Kurdistan Regional Government representative to the U.S. who is also the son of Iraqi president Jalal Talabani? It has been a number of years since he has briefed you on Iraq issues. He would be available to come by most any time this month, at your convenience. See attached his bio, FYI. Thank you in advance and best regards, Ayal

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:09 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Kurdish Americans

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 10:42 AM
To: george.tagg@mail.house.gov
Subject: Kurdish Americans

Dear George - This is written in the way of an introduction. I serve as a senior advisor to the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government. As you may know, the city of Nashville and the surroundings areas is home to the largest concentration of Kurdish Americans in the U.S. Specifically, the number in that community in the Nashville area is about 9000. It was in that context that I was writing. Perhaps, we can speak by telephone at your convenience. Thank you in advance and best regards, Ayal

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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:26 AM
To: Mark Rosborg
Subject: FW: Minister Baito and Caucus Material

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:21 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Minister Baito and Caucus Material

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 12:34 PM
To: 'elyse.anderson@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Minister Baito and Caucus Material

Dear Elyse -

Many thanks for taking my call. See attached, and below.

I was writing to inform you of a visit to Washington of the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) minister of tourism, Nimrud Baito. I thought the minister's visit would be of interest to Mr. Wolf also because the minister is an ethnic Assyrian and belongs to the Assyrian Patriotic Party in Iraq. As such, he is in an excellent position to brief the congressman about human and religious minority rights in the country. The minister will be in Washington the week of 22 June and would welcome the chance to meet the congressman. See below his short bio.

Best regards, Ayal

Nimrod Baito was appointed KRG Minister of Tourism in the unified government on May 7th, 2006. Born in 1952 in Dohuk, in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, he trained as an electrical engineer. Previously, for ten years, the minister worked at Hewlett Packard, in the field of information technology. He is an ethnic Assyrian, and belongs to the Assyrian Patriotic Party.

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 12:08 PM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Meeting Request

George - do you believe we need to report meeting request emails? Ayal

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 12:58 PM
To: morgan.dayharris@mail.house.gov
Subject: Meeting Request

Dear Morgan - I was writing to inform you of a visit to Washington of the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) minister of tourism, Nimrud Baito. I thought the minister's visit would be of interest to Ms. Maloney also because the minister is an ethnic Assyrian and belongs to the Assyrian Patriotic Party in Iraq. As such, he is in an excellent position to brief the congresswoman about human and religious minority rights in the country. The minister will be in Washington the week of 22 June and would welcome the chance to meet the congresswoman. See below his short bio. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Best regards, Ayal

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Subject: FW: Letter to Chairman Delahunt

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:24 AM
To: George Demetriades
Subject: FW: Letter to Chairman Delahunt

FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 4:21 PM
To: Berkowitz, Paul
Subject: Letter to Chairman Delahunt

Dear Paul - see below the draft letter to Chairman Delahunt for your consideration. As always, call or email with questions. Of course, we look forward to continue helping organize the Rohrabacher co-del. Thanks and best, Ayal

June X, 2009

The Honorable William D. Delahunt
Chairman
International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittee
House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Bill,

As you know, the security situation in Iraq has improved over the past year in no small measure to the role played by the U.S. Armed Forces to stabilize the country. The U.S. Armed Forces should be commended for its role in stabilizing Iraq and allowing the country to make important political progress.

Earlier this year, Iraqis of all political, ethnic and religious persuasion voted in great numbers fairly in provincial elections in fourteen of eighteen provinces. And, the citizens of the three provinces administered by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) are scheduled to vote in provincial elections on July 25th. In addition, parliamentary elections are scheduled this year for both the Iraqi Council of Representatives and the Kurdistan Parliament.

At the same time, the Government of Iraq has recognized other key political, security and

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economic benchmarks, some of which have been fully or partially met. It is also in the national security interest of the U.S. that these Iraqi objectives be met as soon as possible.

I strongly believe it is in the interest of the Government of Iraq, and to the benefit of all Iraqis, to reach resolution on a number of key outstanding issues based on the letter and the spirit of the constitution of Iraq. These key issues are:

(1) **the territories in dispute in Iraq**, to include resolving the administrative statues of Kirkuk, according to the Iraqi constitution. The resolution of the disputed territories objective will also be critical to resolving other outstanding political and economic issues in Iraq.

(2) **A national hydrocarbon law**. Iraq does not have the necessary national hydrocarbon law for it to take full economic advantage of the country's vast natural resources. The passage of a national hydrocarbon law and relevant side agreements including an understanding on revenue sharing is critical.

I am of the firm conviction that the administration should actively facilitate and encourage the Iraqi Government to resolve these two outstanding issues. The resolution of these issues is in the American and Iraqi national interest. For this reason, I believe it is our responsibility to call on the relevant State Department officials to testify before the subcommittee in an open hearing. The purpose would be two-fold: (1) provide subcommittee members the chance to be briefed by the administration on the status of key Iraqi benchmarks and (2) allow subcommittee members the opportunity to inquire how the administration is operating and strategizing to resolve these benchmarks.

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Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Subject: FW: Thanks

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From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Garvey, Patrick (Foreign Relations)
Subject: Thanks

Dear Patrick - it was good meeting you yesterday. Thanks for your time. See below a letter I drafted for a member of Congress interested in having a relevant House subcommittee hold a hearing on the subject that we also talked about yesterday, for your information. Best, Ayal

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FARA

From: Ayal Frank
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 1:56 PM
To: miles_lackey@dodd.senate.gov
Subject: Brief from Iraqi Kurdish Official

Dear Miles - I was writing to re-introduce myself. I believe we communicated a number of years ago. I serve as an advisor to the Kurdistan Regional Government and have assisted a number of other Iraqi Kurdish leaders as well. I also believe you know Qubad Talabani, the KRG representative to the U.S. and the son of the president of Iraq, Jalal Talabani. I thought you may be interested in getting a brief from Qubad about Iraq and the Kurdistan Region also because Senator Dodd is a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and its Near East subcommittee. See attached Qubad's bio. Thank you in advance for your consideration and best regards, Ayal