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From: Richard Clarke <[redacted]>
Subject: Summer in Washington
Date: July 11, 2016 at 1:17:57 PM EDT
To: Saif Mohamed Al Hajeri <[redacted]>
Cc: Wendy Chamberlin <[redacted]>

Saif,

I hope you had a nice Eid in Abu Dhabi.

The heat and humidity have settled in on Washington and the politicians are beginning to leave the city for the summer, but some of us labor on.

I was wondering if you could give me an idea of when the first \$5m contribution to the MEI Capital Campaign would be arriving. Did you get all of the explanation you needed about our publicity plan? To recap:

—MEI plans no announcements 

—In November, at the Annual Banquet and 70th anniversary, I will say that we are half way to our goal of \$40m in pledges, from a variety of our past friends and donors

—Sometime in 2017, we will file our Not-for-Profit (501c3) tax return with the government. That will identify all sources of revenue. Because we are a Not-for-Profit institution, our filing will be available for public inspection. It is possible a reporter might look at the file and write a story, but that may also not happen.

—We understand that you do not want to brag about the gift or have something named after you, but we believe that steps to "hide" the contribution would not be a good idea. It would look like we were trying for some reason to cover up the relationship. That would provoke questions and suspicion. We are proud of our long history with the UAE.

If you need anything else, please let me know. Thanks.

All my best,

Dick

Richard A. Clarke
Chair
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The Middle East Institute



Saif Mohamed Al Hajeri

October 16, 2016 at 8:38 AM



To: Richard Clarke Cc: Yousef Al Otaiba

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Hello Dick,

I had a meeting with Dr Jamal this afternoon and we agreed on the way forward.

I am transferring the 20\$ M tomorrow to the ECSSR and then they will directly transfer them to the institute.

Best regards

Saif

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: Richard Clarke

Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2016 22:02

To: Saif Mohamed Al Hajeri

Subject: Moving Ahead

Saif,

Greetings from Washington.

Yousef said he discussed with you the delay that we have incurred with Dr. Jamal.

We are at the point of starting construction, but can not proceed without the fund transfer.

Could you please move the June tranche to us this week?

Many thanks,

Dick

Richard A. Clarke