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Subject: RE: Lieberman Staff Call regarding S1 meeting with Am. Arab/Muslim Groups

OPA please see below:

The reporter was Richard Pollock, Bureau Chief, PJTV Washington. The Senate Committee is not responding to his inquiry.

Thanks,

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Importance: High

David,

Gordon Lederman of Sen. Lieberman's Staff called me asking about the 2-day HSAC meeting last week with American Muslim and Arab groups. He was called by a reporter who told him MPAC, ISNA and Muslim American Society "rejected the ideas" of soliciting their help with countering violent extremism and were "angry and indignant". The reporter was not from a major publication, but Gordon needs to clear with Committee Press Officer to see if he can tell me who it was specifically.

After speaking with Irfan, I told him that this would be the first DHS/CRCL is hearing this, and clarified that the Secretary were looking for their ideas on how DHS could share into with them. He doesn't seem to be swayed by the reporter's version but I think it would beneficial to get up there or make a conference call early next week - with the plan of having the Officer meet with staff the following week Feb. 16-19.

Please loop in proper OPA contacts and call me to discuss when you have a minute.

Thanks,

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