

From: Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 2:01 PM
To: Fuchs, Michael H
Subject: RE: Syria

Let's discuss.

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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

From: Fuchs, Michael H
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 1:52 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: FW: Syria

I can check in with some people on this, but wanted to make sure you had seen it

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

From: Amitabh Desai [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 5:46 PM
To: Fuchs, Michael H
Cc: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: FW: Syria

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

From: Amitabh Desai
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 6:56 PM
To: Jake Sullivan [redacted]
Subject: FW: Syria

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Dear Jake, just checking-in on this. Know your swamped. Thanks. Am [redacted]

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

From: Amitabh Desai
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 3:56 PM
To: Jake Sullivan
Subject: Syria

Dear Jake, we'd welcome State's view on an invitation we've received for WJC to travel to Damascus in November 2009. Below is background information from the organizers. Thanks, Ami

The Saban Forum is an annual, high-level U.S.-Israel dialogue that alternates between Washington and Jerusalem. President Clinton has spoken at the Saban Forum, including in 2008 in Washington. This year, the Saban Forum is convening in Jerusalem from November 13-16 at the King David Hotel. Each time Saban goes to Jerusalem, a side trip is planned for the American delegation. In 2005, they traveled to Ramallah for meetings with the Palestinian leadership and a lunch with President Abbas. In 2007, the Saban Forum took the American delegation to Amman for meetings with senior Jordanian officials and a lunch with King Abdullah. This year, the Saban Forum is planning to take the American delegation to Damascus. In that context, Saban folks contacted Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moullem and Presidential adviser Bouthaina Shaaban to determine whether President Asad would be willing to host the American delegation. Saban folks report the Syrians expressed a keen interest in facilitating this and offered a date in mid-November for a

meeting with President Asad. Saban folks are asking if President Clinton would have interest in joining or leading the delegation for the visit to Damascus and the meeting with President Asad.