

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending November 30, 2011
(insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.
American Business Development Group 5810

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
301 Maple Ave West
Suite 500
Vienna, VA 22180

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

(a) If an individual:

- (1) Residence address(es) Yes No
- (2) Citizenship Yes No
- (3) Occupation Yes No

(b) If an organization:

- (1) Name Yes No
- (2) Ownership or control Yes No
- (3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

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 the service rendered.

(b) During this six 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

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) 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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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) 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:

Foreign Principal	Date of Termination
Kurdistan Regional Government	10/31/2011
DCNS	07/31/2011

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)	Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

None

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A ³	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B ⁴	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 this six 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, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

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

III - ACTIVITIES

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, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each 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.

DCNS: None

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, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Kurdistan Regional Government:

Assisted the KRG in reaching out to Congressional Members to join the Kurdish American Congressional Caucus.

Coordinated with Congressman Wilson and Rothman's staff regarding the Kurdish American Congressional Caucus Brief to be held November 3, 2011.

Spoke with Congressman Sheila Jackson Lee in regards to the KRG.

Set up meeting between Qubad Talabani and Congressman Brad Miller.

Set up separate meetings with Prime Minister Barhim Salih and Congressman Adam Smith, Senator John McCain, Senator Lindsey Graham, and Senator Mark Kirk.

DNCS: None

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, 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 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 monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
June 2011- October 2011	Kurdistan Regional Government	Monthly Retainer	\$50,000
June 2011- July 2011	DCNS	Monthly Retainer	\$18,000
			<u>\$58,000</u>
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising 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:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising 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 fundraising 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
06/30/2011	Ayal Frank	Consulting fee	\$10,000
07/31/2011	Ayal Frank	Consulting Fee	\$10,000
08/31/2011	Ayal Frank	Consulting Fee	\$10,000
09/30/2011	Ayal Frank	Consulting Fee	\$10,000
10/31/2011	Ayal Frank	Consulting Fee	\$10,000
06/30/2011	John Kidder	Consulting Fee	\$6,500
07/31/2011	John Kidder	Consulting Fee	\$6,500

 \$63,000

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	Recipient	Foreign Principal	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	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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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. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Kurdistan Regional Government

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
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- Email
- Website URL(s): _____
- Social media websites URL(s): _____
- 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 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.

(Date of signature)

7/7/2016

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

W H Skipper
William H. Skipper

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.

FW: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

email: "Ben.Parmentler@mail.house.gov Parmentier, Ben" Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 3:06:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: email: "Ayal.Frank@abdg.com Ayal Frank"

Thanks so much for this background and information, Ayal. Much appreciated. I will share it with Rep. Costa.

Best regards,

Ben Parmentier

Legislative Assistant

Rep. Jim Costa, CA-20

1314 Longworth HOB

Washington, DC 20515

From: Lopez, Juan
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 12:33 PM
To: Parmentier, Ben
Subject: FW: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Lopez, Juan
Subject: Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

Dear Juan -

Because Mr. Costa recently visited the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and has led a CODEL there previously, I thought he

<https://ediscovery.google.com/discovery/DisplayMessage?hl=en&m=4df96d58-2010-49d5-9bf4-a6818ee84a94&at=ACD7onoS5rRwj4alhGj1EPcihxhb4B1TBW...> 1/2

would be interested in joining the Kurdish American Congressional Caucus.

The caucus meets at least once a quarter on Capitol Hill. Since its founding in 2008, it has held numerous briefings on Iraq and the Kurdistan Region for members and staff; it has hosted several receptions, and it has organized other events such as book signings with authors that have written on the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

The purpose of the caucus is to educate other members of Congress and staff about the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and to represent the issues of the Kurdish American community in the U.S.

See attached background materials about the caucus. I would be happy to draft up a memo on the subject as well. I stand ready to answer any questions.

Hopefully, the congressman would favorably consider joining.

Many thanks, Ayal

Ayal Frank
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Attachments:

KAC Dear Colleague.doc 29k

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Kurdish Caucus talking points.doc 33k

KAC Iraqi Elections 2010 brief.doc 29k

KAC1 Members.doc 28k

**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515**

**KURDISH AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS
BRIEF**

Honored Speaker:
Prime Minister Barham Salih
Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 3 – 2:30PM
H-137 CAPITOL BUILDING

Dear Colleague:

Last week, President Obama announced the administration's intention to withdraw all our forces from Iraq by the end of the year as stipulated in the U.S.-Iraq Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). U.S.-Iraq relations will change. The U.S. military mission in Iraq will transition to a civilian mission in 2012 and beyond. Diplomacy will be a big part of that mission as will trade and other bilateral exchanges such as in culture and education.

What affect will the United States transition have on the government of Iraq, the country's security and stability and Iraq's people? And, what are the implications of this transition on the Kurdistan Region and the Kurdish people of Iraq?

To address these important questions, we as Kurdish American Congressional Caucus co-chairs are honored to host Dr. Barham Salih, the prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). See attached the prime minister's bio.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Prime Minister Salih to the U.S. We believe his perspective on these timely issues will be quite helpful to both Americans and Iraqis.

The U.S. should be known as a Nation that stands by her friends. It is critical to ensure that U.S. foreign policy continues to reinforce the hard-earned success of Iraq's Kurds.

For more information about the caucus and this brief, please contact Sam Cunningham with Rep. Joe Wilson at Samuel.Cunningham@mail.house.gov or x52452 or Jonathan Moore with Rep. Steve Rothman at Jonathan.Moore@mail.house.gov or x55061.

Joe Wilson (R-SC)
Member of Congress

Steve Rothman (D-NJ)
Member of Congress

Kurdish American Congressional Caucus

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Elisha Kehl

From: Bashford, Janice <Janice.Bashford@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2011 11:18 AM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE:

I will call you on Monday.

Janice Bashford
Legislative Director/Chief Counsel
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)
2160 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-3816
Fax: (202) 225-3317
Janice.Bashford@mail.house.gov

From: Ayal Frank [<mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdq.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2011 10:49 AM
To: Bashford, Janice
Subject:

Dear Janice - thank you for taking my call, and for your time. I look forward to speaking again soon. Best, Ayal

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Elisha Kehl

From: Montgomery, Kristin <Kristin.Montgomery@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE:

Sure, if he could call our main office line at 202.225.3032 I would be happy to connect them.

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdq.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 2:06 PM
To: Montgomery, Kristin
Subject: RE:

Great. Let me suggest that Qubad call the congressman at a number that is convenient to him.

From: Montgomery, Kristin [Kristin.Montgomery@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 2:02 PM
To: Ayal Frank
Subject: RE:

Yes, we can do that. Please let me know by Monday, Oct 3rd.

Thanks,

Kristin

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdq.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 1:56 PM
To: Montgomery, Kristin
Cc: Orr, Ashley
Subject: RE:

Kristin - I believe this day/time will work. Can we pencil it in, and I will reconfirm? Thanks, Ayal

From: Montgomery, Kristin [Kristin.Montgomery@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 11:29 AM
To: Ayal Frank
Cc: Orr, Ashley
Subject:

Hi, Ayal! Mr. Miller will be available to speak with Qubad Talabani on **October 5th at 3:00pm**. Please let me know if this time works for you. If possible, could you provide me with more details about what he would like to discuss with Mr. Miller?

Thanks,

Kristin

Kristin Montgomery | Scheduler

Office of Congressman Brad Miller
1127 Longworth House Office Building
202.225.3032 (p) | 202.225.0181 (f)



RE: Kurdistan Regional Government Prime Minister to Washington

email: "Lisa_Radogno@kirk.senate.gov Radogno, Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 3:38:36 PM Eastern Daylight Time Lisa (Kirk)"

To: email: "Ayal.Frank@abdg.com Ayal Frank"

Cc: email: "Kayla_Miller@kirk.senate.gov Miller, Kayla (Kirk)"

Hi Ayal,

The 9th is certainly a possibility but I cannot confirm a time until next week when we receive committee schedules. I will be in touch next week.

Thanks!

Lisa Radogno

Senator Mark Kirk

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdg.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 3:15 PM

To: Radogno, Lisa (Kirk)

Cc: Miller, Kayla (Kirk)

Subject: RE: Kurdistan Regional Government Prime Minister to Washington

Lisa - that time will not work. The delegation is arriving a day later, on the 1st. However, it is also staying an extra day and so Barham will be able to see the senator on the 9th if that works better for him. Can I suggest we speak by phone about a time that works for both sides? I am at 202-246-8163. Many thanks, Ayal

From: Radogno, Lisa (Kirk) [mailto:Lisa_Radogno@kirk.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 2:09 PM

To: Ayal Frank

Cc: Miller, Kayla (Kirk)

Subject: RE: Kurdistan Regional Government Prime Minister to Washington

Okay thank you!

Lisa Radogno

Senator Mark Kirk

From: Ayal Frank [<mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdg.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 1:00 PM

To: Radogno, Lisa (Kirk)

Cc: Miller, Kayla (Kirk)

Subject: RE: Kurdistan Regional Government Prime Minister to Washington

Lisa - many thanks for the email and the senator's interest to meet Barham. I will get back to you soonest about the suggested day/time. Best, Ayal

From: Radogno, Lisa (Kirk) [mailto:Lisa_Radogno@kirk.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 10:54 AM

To: Ayal Frank

Cc: Miller, Kayla (Kirk)

Subject: FW: Kurdistan Regional Government Prime Minister to Washington

Hi Ayal,

Senator Kirk is available next Tuesday Nov. 1st at 4:15 pm. Does that work? We are in SH-524 in the Hart building.

Thanks!

Lisa Radogno

Senator Mark Kirk

From: Ayal Frank <Ayal.Frank@abdq.com<<mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdq.com>>>

Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2011 14:58:52 -0400

To: "Miller, Kayla (Kirk)" <dcscheduling@kirk.senate.gov<<mailto:dcscheduling@kirk.senate.gov>>>

Cc: "Munson, Lester (Kirk)" <Lester_Munson@kirk.senate.gov<mailto:Lester_Munson@kirk.senate.gov>>

Subject: Kurdistan Regional Government Prime Minister to Washington

Dear Kayla -

The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) prime minister, Barham Salih, is scheduled to travel to Washington in early November. Prime Minister Salih previously served twice as deputy prime minister in the Government of Iraq. See below the prime minister's bio. Dr. Salih will be accompanied by KRG Minister of Natural Resources, Ashti Hawrami, and Minister of Planning, Ali Sindi.

With the US Military final drawdown in Iraq set for 31 December this year and ongoing questions about the State Department's plan for civilian transition in 2012, I thought Senator Kirk would benefit from a briefing from the prime minister, an Iraqi leader respected across the country. Dr. Salih would be available to meet the senator during the window of October 31 through November 8.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best, Ayal

Prime Minister Barham Salih is a veteran Kurdish politician with years of public service and leadership in both the Kurdistan Region and in Iraq. His life and political outlook have been defined by his experience as a political activist committed to freeing the Kurdistan Region and Iraq from tyranny and to the pursuit of democracy and human rights.

Dr Salih was appointed Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Region on 30 September 2009, leading the sixth Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) cabinet. In the July 2009 Kurdistan Region parliamentary elections he headed the Kurdistan List, which won 59 out of 111 seats.

Born in the city of Suleimaniah in 1960, Dr Salih joined the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) in 1976. At the age of 18 and 19, he was twice arrested by the Ba'athist regime for his involvement in the Kurdish national movement, and was detained and tortured. On his release he studied hard to complete his education, achieving the third highest baccalaureate grade in all of Iraq that year. Following continued persecution, he left Iraq for the United Kingdom.

During his years of exile, Dr Salih worked hard to improve Kurdistan's relations with the West and campaigned against

Saddam Hussein's dictatorial Ba'ath regime. He was put in charge of the PUK's foreign relations in London and at the same time continued his studies. He gained a degree in Civil Engineering and Construction in 1983 from the University of Cardiff, and a Doctorate in Statistics and Computer Applications in Engineering in 1987 from the University of Liverpool.

Following the 1991 Gulf War and the withdrawal of the Iraqi army and administration from Kurdistan, Dr Salih was elected to the PUK's leadership and appointed as the PUK representative in Washington. He developed relations with influential groups and decision-makers in Washington, and participated in the Iraqi opposition's conferences and meetings before the fall of the Ba'athist regime.

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Received by NSD/FARA Registration Unit 07/12/2016 10:26:32 AM
Google Apps Vault - RE: Meeting with Congressman Smith and KRG PM Saliah

1:11 PM

To: Bryant, Rebecca

Subject: RE: Meeting with
Congressman Smith and KRG PM Saliah

Rebecca - can
we do the meeting on Thursday, 3 November, at 12:30? I believe that was
the other time you suggested when we spoke. Many thanks, Ayal

From: Bryant, Rebecca
[mailto:Rebecca.Bryant@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011
3:10 PM

To: Ayal Frank

Subject: Meeting with Congressman
Smith and KRG PM Saliah

Ayal,

I hope this email finds you well. I was hoping to discuss
the possibility of a meeting with Congressman Smith and the Kurdistan Regional
Government Prime Minister Barhim Salih next week while the KRG PM is in town.
The general topic would be to discuss the future of Iraq. I can have Mike Casey with
the House Armed Services Committee provide you with further details if
necessary. Please feel free to give me a call at 202.225.8901 if you have any

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questions. Many thanks!

Cheers,

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RE: KRG Prime Minister to Washington

email: "Ellen_Cahill@mccain.senate.gov Cahill,
Ellen (McCain)"
To: email: "Ayal.Frank@abdg.com Ayal Frank"

Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 3:10:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Hi Ayal,

Senators McCain and Graham are free to meet with Dr. Salih at 4:00 pm Thursday, November 3th.

Please let me know if that time works on your end.

Regards,

Ellen

From: Ayal Frank [mailto:Ayal.Frank@abdg.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 4:04 PM

To: Cahill, Ellen (McCain)

Subject: KRG Prime Minister to Washington

Dear Ellen -

The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) prime minister, Barham Salih, is scheduled to travel to Washington in early November. Prime Minister Salih previously served twice as deputy prime minister in the Government of Iraq. See below the prime minister's bio. Dr. Salih will be accompanied by KRG Minister of Natural Resources, Ashti Hawrami, and Minister of Planning, Ali Sindi.

I thought Senator McCain would be interested in hosting a meeting for himself and a number of other senators with the prime minister. In the past, we have done so with senators Lieberman and Graham. Dr. Salih would be available to meet senators during the window of October 31 through November 8.

I would be happy to discuss the details of such a meeting by telephone.

Thank you in advance.

Best, Ayal

Prime Minister Barham Salih is a veteran Kurdish politician with years of public service and leadership in both the Kurdistan Region and in Iraq. His life and political outlook have been defined by his experience as a political activist committed to freeing the Kurdistan Region and Iraq from tyranny and to the pursuit of democracy and human rights.

Dr Salih was appointed Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Region on 30 September 2009, leading the sixth Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) cabinet. In the July 2009 Kurdistan Region parliamentary elections he headed the Kurdistan List, which won 59 out of 111 seats.

Born in the city of Suleimaniah in 1960, Dr Salih joined the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) in 1976. At the age of 18 and 19, he was twice arrested by the Ba'athist regime for his involvement in the Kurdish national movement, and was detained and tortured. On his release he studied hard to complete his education, achieving the third highest baccalaureate grade in all of Iraq that year. Following continued persecution, he left Iraq for the United Kingdom.

During his years of exile, Dr Salih worked hard to improve Kurdistan's relations with the West and campaigned against Saddam Hussein's dictatorial Ba'ath regime. He was put in charge of the PUK's foreign relations in London and at the same time continued his studies. He gained a degree in Civil Engineering and Construction in 1983 from the University of Cardiff, and a Doctorate in Statistics and Computer Applications in Engineering in 1987 from the University of Liverpool.

Following the 1991 Gulf War and the withdrawal of the Iraqi army and administration from Kurdistan, Dr Salih was elected to the PUK's leadership and appointed as the PUK representative in Washington. He developed relations with influential groups and decision-makers in Washington, and participated in the Iraqi opposition's conferences and meetings before the fall of the Ba'athist regime.

RE: Meeting with Congressman Smith and KRG PM Saliah

email: "Rebecca.Bryant@mail.house.gov Bryant,
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To: email: "Ayal.Frank@abdg.com Ayal Frank"

Ayal,

Thank you for following up! I am stilling working on a few things for next week – I have 11:30 am on HOLD on the Congressman's calendar, but if that doesn't work, I can look at doing 12:30. Just let me know what your flexibility allows for.

Cheers,

Rebecca

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