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Subject: Re: Libya leader roundtable Thursday

Hi. Thanks for your interest in a reporters' roundtable with the deputy prime minister of Libya's Government of National Accord. It is confirmed for 10 a.m. Thursday at Mercury Public Affairs, 300 Tingey St SE.

Deputy Prime Minister Ahmed Maiteeq speaks English well. He has been meeting with Congressional leaders and other foreign policy experts about the situation in Libya where a self-styled general and warlord derailed a planned political peace process by launching a surprise attack on the UN-backed GNA in Tripoli. President Trump's public praise for that warlord has caused considerable confusion about U.S. policy and drawn bi-partisan criticism in the U.S.:

<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/menendez-graham-murphy-barrasso-urge-pres-trump-to-support-a-peaceful-political-solution-to-crisis-in-libya>

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/16/politics/trump-libya-haftar-doj-letter/index.html>

<https://www.heritage.org/middle-east/commentary/trump-gets-f-libya>

<https://news.yahoo.com/how-trumps-embrace-of-a-rogue-libyan-warlord-sparked-a-humanitarian-catastrophe-144505107.html>

Happy to provide any additional background, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me at asmith@mercuryllc.com or my cell (727)580-2867.

Cheers,

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