

THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT ENABLES IRAN POWER PROJECTION

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MR CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU MY CONCERNS ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT TO OUR NATIONS CURRENT AND FUTURE NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT OR AS IT OFFICIALLY TITLED: THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF AGREEMENT (JCPOA) IS THE MOST DANGEROUS NUCLEAR AGREEMENT EVER SIGNED BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT. ITS IMPACT ON IRAN'S ABILITY TO DOMINATE THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND FORCE PROJECT IN THE FUTURE IS PROFOUND. I HARKEN BACK TO MY DAYS ON ACTIVE DUTY WHEN I COMMANDED A USAF TASK FORCE TO A CENTO EXERCISE IN IRAN IN 1977 COMPOSED OF 12 F4E'S AND 6 F 111 E'S FLYING OUT OF SHIRAZ IRAN. THE SHAH OF IRAN WAS HIGHLY MOVITATED IN EXPANDING STABILITY IN THE REGION UNTIL THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION THREW HIM UNDER THE BUS AS THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE IN EGYPT, LIBYA AND SYRIA AS WELL AS ENABLING THE IRANIANS TO MAKE IRAQ A PROXY WITH OUR WITHDRAWAL IN 2011.

I SAY THIS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. HAVING READ THE JCPOA DOCUMENT IN FULL, ONE CAN MAKE A REASONABLE CASE THAT IT LIMITS IRANIAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT OVER THE SHORT TERM WITH SOME REASONABLE OVERSIGHT PROCEDURES. HOWEVER THESE ARE JUST WORDS SIMILAR TO WHAT NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN PRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER 1938 AND YET A YEAR LATER, WORLD WAR II STARTED AND 60 MILLION LIVES WERE LOST. MY POINT IS THAT THE WORDS MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE IF WE BELIEVED THAT IRAN WAS A TRUSTFUL PARTNER IN THIS AGREEMENT, YET THE MULLAHS HAVE NEVER OBSERVED AN AGREEMENT IN THE PAST.
2. THIS AGREEMENT SHOULD BE A FORMAL TREATY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION YET THE PRESIDENT DID NOT FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION. IT MAKES ME VERY DOUBTFUL THAT THE WORDS ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.
3. THE SENATE HAS NOT HAD A VOTE TO APPROVE THE JCPOA BECAUSE THE SENATE DEMOCRATES FILLIBUSTERED IT. THIS IS ANOTHER REASON WHY IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.
4. THERE IS NO COUPLING WITH THE JCPOA AND IRANS PROXY FORCE PROJECTION OF ITS RADICAL ISLAMIC TERROR ACTIVITIES GLOBALLY I.E. YEMEN, SYRIA, IRAQ, LEBANON, GAZA, AS WELL AS SOUTH AMERICA.

5. IRAN HAS ALREADY MADE VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT EVEN BEFORE IT WAS APPROVED. THESE VIOLATIONS INCLUDE THE VISIT OF GEN QASEM SOLEIMANI TO MOSCOW WHERE HE MET PRESIDENT PUTIN AND THEIR TOP MILITARY AND DEFENSE LEADERS IN VIOLATION OF THE UN SANCTIONS TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF THE S- 300 SAM. IN OTHER WORDS THEY INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE AGREEMENTS AND NOTHING HAPPENS.
6. THE IRANIANS LAUNCHED A NUCLEAR CAPABLE IRBM ON 10 OCT 2015 IN VIOLATION OF UNSC RESOLUTION 1929 AND YET NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THEM.
7. THE SANCTIONS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE AGAINST IRAN YET THEY WERE RECEIVING \$700M EVERY 28 DAYS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE TALKS WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER \$13 B PER YEAR JUST TO NEGOTIATE. THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT AID TO THEIR ECONOMY AND TERRORISTS PROJECTION ACTIVITIES.
8. ONCE THE SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED THEY WILL GET BETWEEN \$100 B AND \$150 B OF THEIR EMBARGOED FUNDS WHICH RUSSIA, CHINA, GERMANY, FRANCE AND UK HAVE ALREADY LINED UP FOR TRADE PURPOSES. WHAT DOES NOT GO TO BOOST THEIR ECONOMY WILL GO INTO POWER PROJECTING TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE WEST AND OUR ALLIES WHICH IS THEIR TOP PRIORITY.
9. THE MEMBERS OF THE P5+1 TOLD OUR NEGOTIATORS THAT THEY WOULD NOT SNAP BACK IF THE US CONGRESS DISAPPROVED THE DEAL? WHY SHOULD WE EXPECT THEM TO EVER IMPLEMENT SNAP BACK PROCEDURES. THAT IS A PIPE DREAM UNFORTUNATELY, SO IRAN WILL NOT REALLY SEE THE MEMBERS WORKING HARD TO OVERSEE THIS FLAWED AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY RUSSIA AND CHINA.
10. NOW SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN JULY, THE RUSSIANS FORCE PROJECTED FORCES INTO SYRIA TO KEEP BASHIR ASSAD IN POWER AND TO ATTACK FREE SYRIAN ARMY FORCES SUPPORTED BY THE US LED COALITION. IN ADDITION, THE PRC IS NOW SUPPORTING THE ASSAD GOVERNMENT. IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE OF IRANAIN BAD BEHAVIOR BEING SUPPORTED BY RUSSIA AND CHINA AFTER THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT?
11. ISRAEL WHO HAS THE MOST TO LOSE WITH THIS AGREEMENT IS NOW FACING A THIRD INTIFIDA INSTIGATED BY IRAN.
12. IN THE MEANTIME WITH A GROWING RADICAL ISLAMIC THREAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN UNILATERAL DISARMING THE US MILITARY EVER SINCE THEY CAME INTO OFFICE STARTING IN APRIL 2009 WITH THE CANCELLATION OF THE F22, THE COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTER, THE NEXT GENERATION BOMBER, THE MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM IN POLAND AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND WITHDRAWING PREMATURELY FROM A STABILIZED IRAQ WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF ISIS.
13. THE ADMINISTRATION SHIFTED ITS POLICY SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENTS CAIRO SPEECH WHERE HE HAD MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

- MEMBERS IN THE FRONT ROW AND PRESIDENT MUBARAK WAS NOT INVITED WHICH RESULTED IN THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, A RADICAL ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION, TAKING OVER EGYPT UNTIL THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND GEN AL SISI THREW THEM OUT.
14. IT FURTHER CREATED INSTABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY ATTACKING LIBYA TO REMOVE COL QADDAFI WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION. THIS RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF FOUR AMERICANS ON 11 SEPT 2012 WHEN THE US CONSULATE WAS ATTACKED BY ANSAR AL SHARIA. NO AMERICAN MILITARY RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING.
 15. TODAY AS YOU LOOK ACROSS THE REGION YOU SEE A LAWLESS LIBYA DOMINATED BY RADICAL ISLAMISTS. SYRIA IS IN SHAMBLES WITH RUSSIAN MILITARY FORCES IN COUNTRY ATTACKING THE FREE SYRIAN ARMY. IRAQ A PROXY OF IRAN WITH QUDS FORCES FIGHTING ALONG SIDE IRAQI FORCES LED BY GEN QASEN SOLEIMANI AND RUSSIAN MILITARY ADVISORS IN BAGHDAD. YEMEN IS IN SHAMBLES. ISRAEL IS ABSORBED WITH A THIRD INTIFADA. THERE ARE OVER 100,00 MISSILES PREPOSITIONED BY HEZBOLLAH IN LEBANON AND GAZA.
 16. TODAY A LAND AND AIR BRIDGE FROM IRAN GOES THRU IRAQ THAT THE RUSSIANS AND IRANIANS ARE USING TO REINFORCE SYRIA IN VIOLATION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. TOMORROW IRAN CAN USE IT TO ATTACK ISRAEL.
 17. THIS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS SITUATION EVER IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM VERY SCEPTICAL OF THE IRANIANS AGREEING TO FOLLOW THIS NUCLEAR AGREEMENT FOR VERY LONG AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO FORCE PROJECT IRGC AND IRREGULAR FORCES THROUGHOUT THE REGION TO SPREAD RADICAL ISLAM WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION CALLS VIOLENT EXTREMISM. I KNOW NOT THE IDEOLOGY OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM BUT I DO KNOW THE IDEOLOGY OF RADICAL ISLAM-THE KORAN, HADITH AND SHARIA LAW.
 18. FINALLY BECAUSE OF THESE HUGE ERRORS OF LEADING FROM BEHIND RUSSIA HAS NOW REMEMERGED AS A POWER IN THE REGION AFTER A 42 YEAR ABSENCE.

IN SUMMARY MR CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMITTEE I AM VERY CONCERNED WE HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL RIVAL NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S FAILED AGREEMENT AND ENCOURAGE MORE IRANIAN PROXY FORCE PROJECTION. I JUST HOPE THE CONSEQUENCES WILL NOT BE REPEATED.

WHO WOULD HAVE PREDICTED SEVEN YEARS AGO WE WOULD LEAVE A VACUUM FOR RUSSIAN REMEERGENCE INTO THE REGION AND IRAN WOULD BE THE DE FACTO HEGEMON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL DURING THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES FOR AMERICA.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
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1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2012. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

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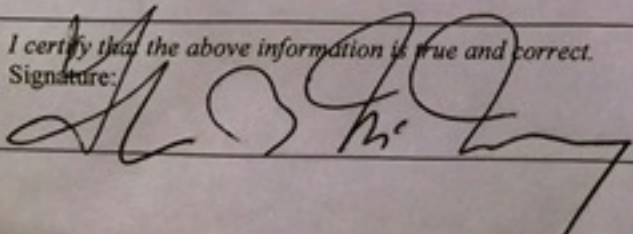
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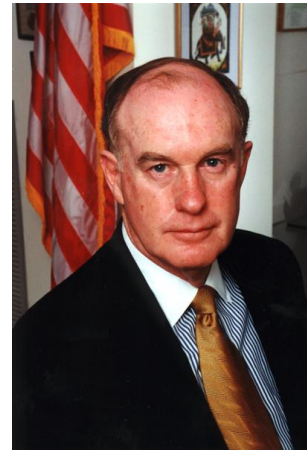


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In January 2000, Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney, USAF (Ret.), established his own consulting firm, GRTT (Government Reform Through Technology) and is now the Chairman of YottaStor LLC. In addition, he is a consultant and a Fox News Military Analyst.



From March 1996, to December 1999, he was Chief Executive Officer and President of Business Executives for National Security (BENS), a national, nonpartisan organization of business and professional leaders, with headquarters in Washington, DC. BENS works to engage the business community in securing America's future with a more efficient defense establishment. In February 2000, General McInerney received a Laurel from *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine for his efforts on behalf of military reform as President of BENS. He has also made numerous appearances on National Television discussing Defense Reform and global military crises such as Kosovo, EP 3 incident in China and now the War on Terrorism where he is a senior Fox News Military Analyst.

Prior to joining BENS, General McInerney was Vice President of Command and Control for Loral Defense Systems-Eagan. He joined Loral (then Unisys Electronic Systems Division) in 1994 following 35 years as a pilot, commander, and Joint Force Commander in the United States Air Force.

General McInerney retired from military service as Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force and as Director of the Defense Performance Review (DPR), reporting to the Secretary of Defense. In that capacity, he led the Pentagon's "reinventing government" effort, visiting more than 100 leading-edge commercial companies to assimilate their ideas about business re-engineering. The DPR was part of Vice President Gore's National Performance Review on Reinventing Government, which focused on making the government perform better at less cost -- a fundamental BENS objective.

After his commissioning as a second lieutenant in 1959, and completion of pilot training in 1960, General McInerney served in numerous key Air Force assignments and had extensive military command and overseas experience. A command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours, he completed four tours of duty in Vietnam, flight reconnaissance missions during the Cuban missile crisis and air escort missions in the Berlin Corridor.

General McInerney earned a bachelor of science degree from the US Military Academy in 1959 and a master's degree in international relations from George Washington University in 1972. He completed Armed Forces Staff College in 1970 and the National War College in 1973.

In 2011 General McInerney helped form YottaStor a Cloud Computing LLC with emphasis on Large Object Data Storage especially for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platforms as well as Space Imagery, Cyber Warfare, Medical Imaging and Disaster Recovery and Continuity of Operations Planning (DR/COP).

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