Study of Iran-US Relations

Terms of Reference

1. Background

The United States must create a unified policy on a proper approach towards Iran-US relations, especially on the issue of nuclear power. Iran’s nuclear weapon status may critically destabilize the Greater Middle East and world energy supplies, as well as throw the entire region into a security crisis.

2. Activities and outputs

a. To assess the situation of the current state of Iranian nuclear and missile technology development; specifically what is the range of their missiles; how far advanced is Iran towards the development of a nuclear arsenal; how and where have they obtained their technological capabilities; and where they plan to or have obtained uranium or other fissile material for use in their nuclear program.

b. To examine the current and future threats of a nuclear armed Iran, including threats to allies and US interests, both in the region and globally.

c. To ascertain the risk of the transfer of nuclear devices from the state to state actors and the state to non-state groups, specifically the global jihadist movement and trans-national criminal organizations.

d. To assess the possible uses of peaceful/domestic nuclear energy in Iran,

e. To investigate the current policies of key allies, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, their success and their possible reactions to a change in American policy, while investigating possible support from allies in France, Germany, the UK, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other interested parties.

f. To investigate scenarios and the proactive US policy options.

g. To make a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the study, including supporting documentation.
The presentation will be reviewed by Dr. J. D. Crouch II, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor and his staff.

The work under this contract will be done by the Middle East Group at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, NY, using the facilities and equipment at that establishment.

3. **Intended Beneficiaries**

The White House and National Security Council.

4. **Timeline and deliverables**

The contract will commence on 11 October 2005 and will finish on 6 December 2005.

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<td>a. To complete an outline of the study showing research methods and sources of information</td>
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<td>b. To submit a draft of the review of previous studies, if any, and an outline of the presentation</td>
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<td>c. To make a PowerPoint presentation and provide supporting documentation</td>
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