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Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2012 3:40 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Track II US/China/India meeting in Beijing.

See Strobe's report below.

From: Strobe Talbott [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 3:06 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Cc: Schwerin, Daniel B; Fuchs, Michael H; Martin Indyk; Kenneth Lieberthal; Alexis Bataillon; John-Michael Arnold; Denny Blair (personal); Tanvi Madan; Nuland, Victoria J; Kurtz-Phelan, Daniel
Subject: Track II US/China/India meeting in Beijing
Importance: High

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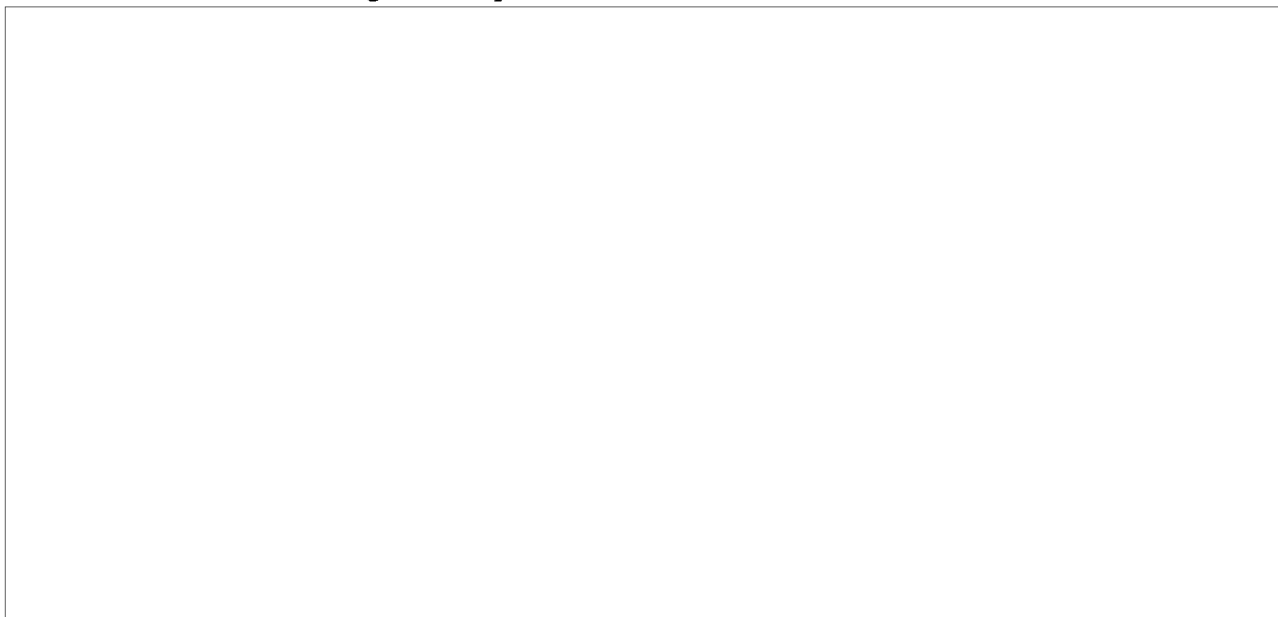
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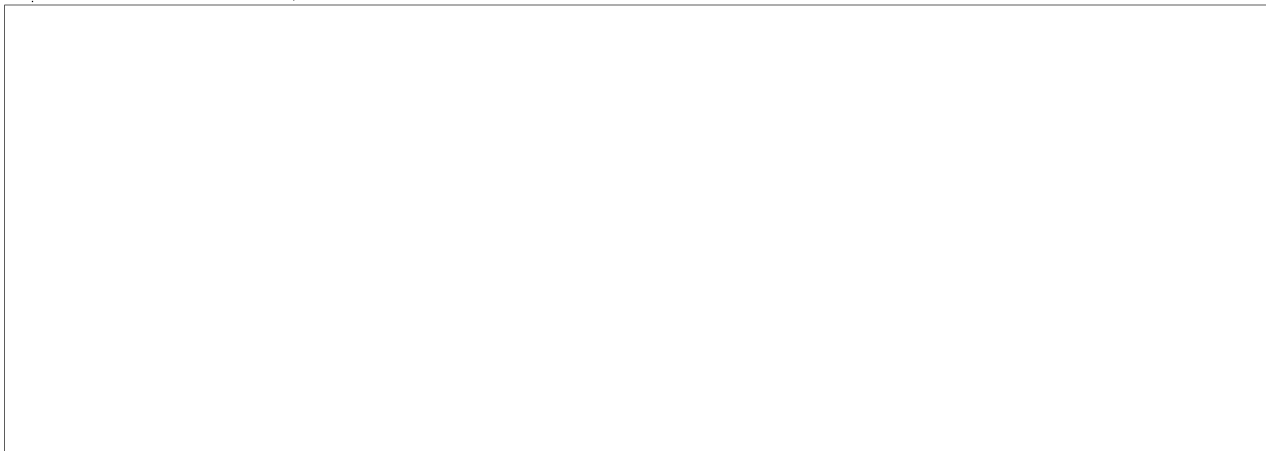
My four traveling companions (Dennis Blair, Martin Indyk, Ken Lieberthal, Tanvi Madan) and I returned late last night from Beijing where we conducted a day-and-a-half Track II "trialogue" with two 5-person delegations assembled by the Chinese Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) and the New Delhi-based Centre for Policy Research (CPR). I'm including at the bottom of this message a list of the participants with relevant points about their backgrounds (you'll see we had two admirals and a major-general). I'm attaching to this email the fuller bios.

It's worth noting that that we had an easier several days in the Middle Kingdom that you did: we were there in the immediate aftermath of the U.S.-China Strategic & Economic Dialogue, which, of course, coincided with the denouement (such as it is) of the Chen Guangcheng drama, and the beginning of Sec. Clinton's visit to India by way of Bangladesh.

All parties to the triologue felt that the exercise was basically fruitful and merits follow-up. We hope you'll agree with us on what might happen next: namely, a second meeting, to be held in or around Washington in September.



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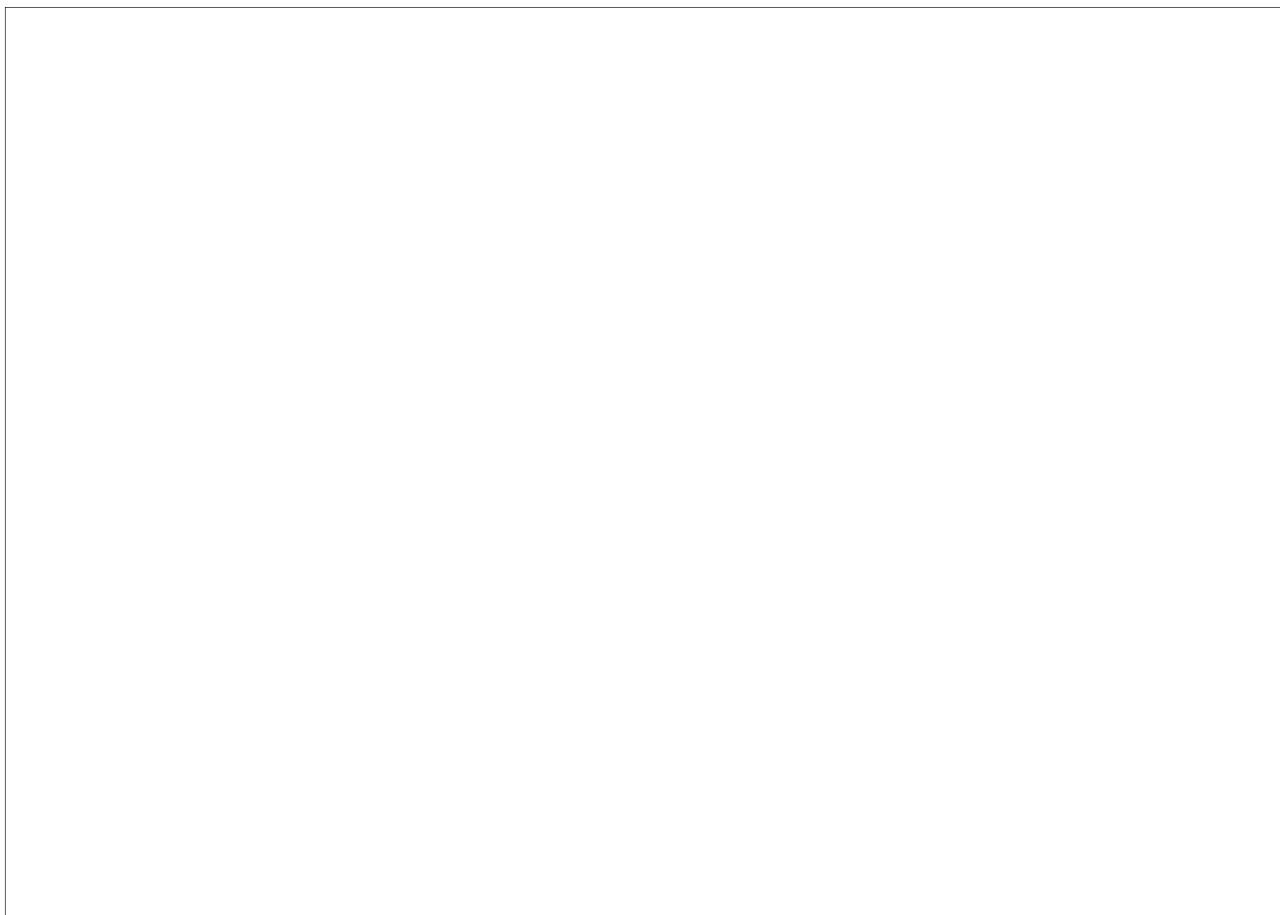


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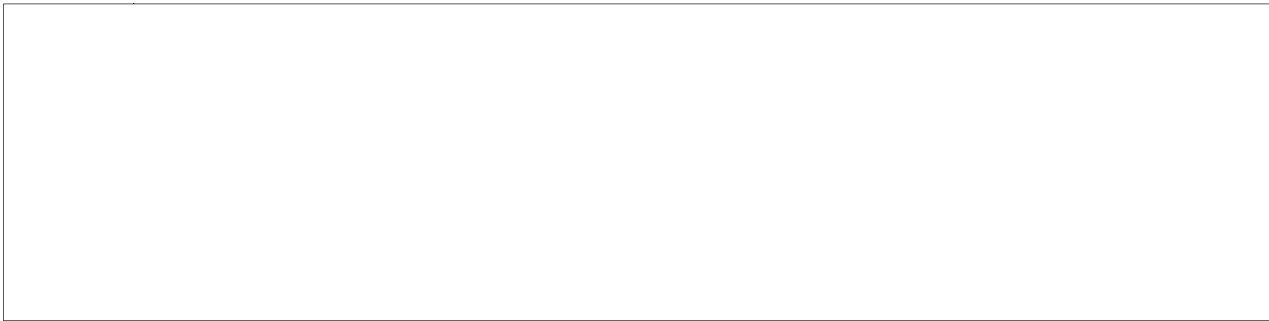
In that regard, we agreed that we would, if asked by the press or anyone else about the meeting, acknowledge that it took place, emphasize that it was strictly a three-way engagement of think tanks, with the participants speaking entirely as private citizens, but under no circumstances would we divulge—on any basis—anything whatsoever about the agenda or the discussion. (Note that I’ve cc’d Toria on this message as well as the appropriate people on in S/P.)

FORMAT AND TONE

The formal sessions, held at a conference room at CICIR, started at 9 a.m. both days and went until dinner on Monday and through lunch on Tuesday, so we were at it for about 14 hours. There were also numerous sidebars (the Indians and the US team were at the same hotel). The Chinese were all English-speaking so there was no time lost on translation. There were half a dozen CICIR staffers (or at least so identified) in the room listening carefully and in a couple of cases taking copious notes.



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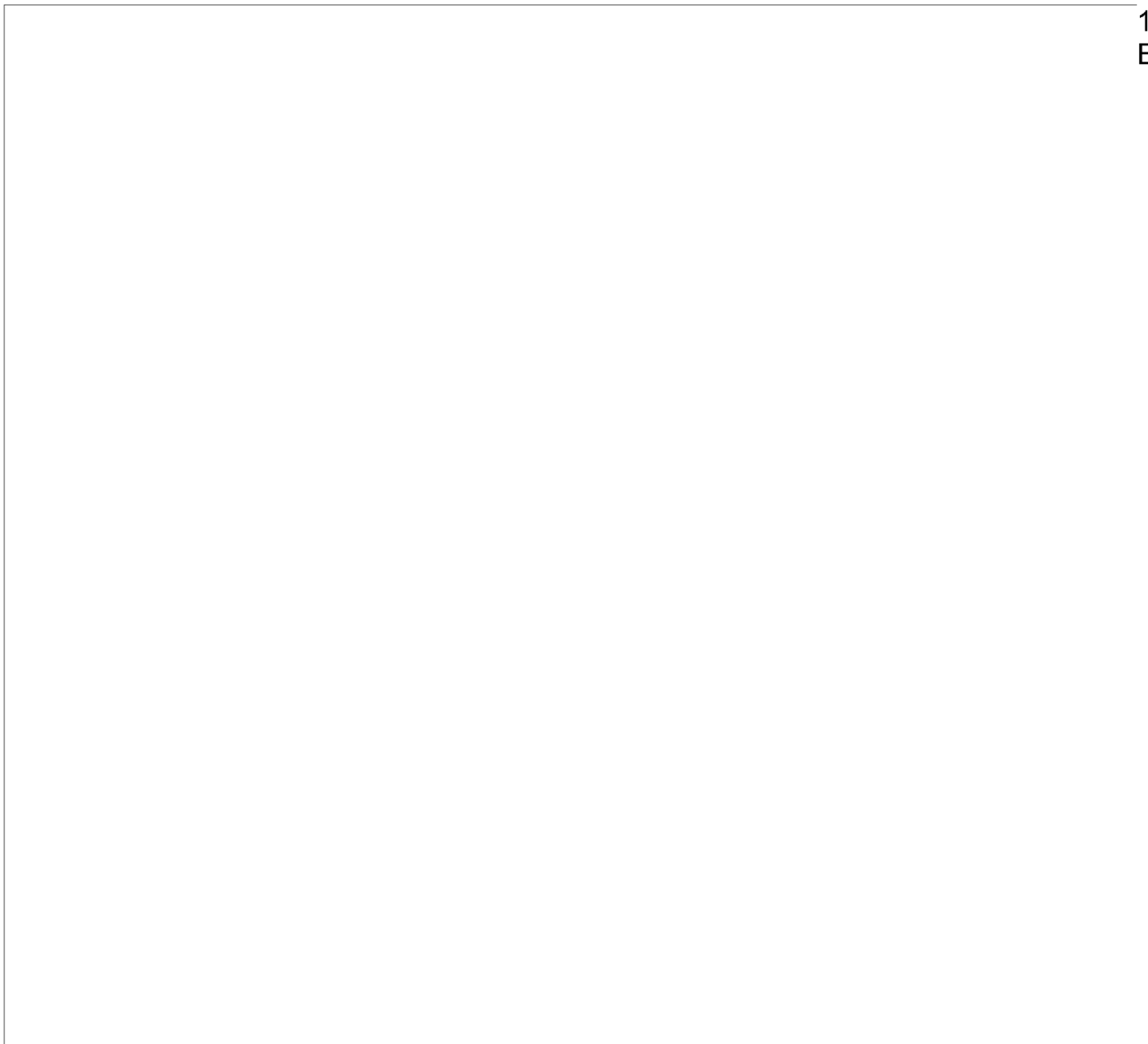


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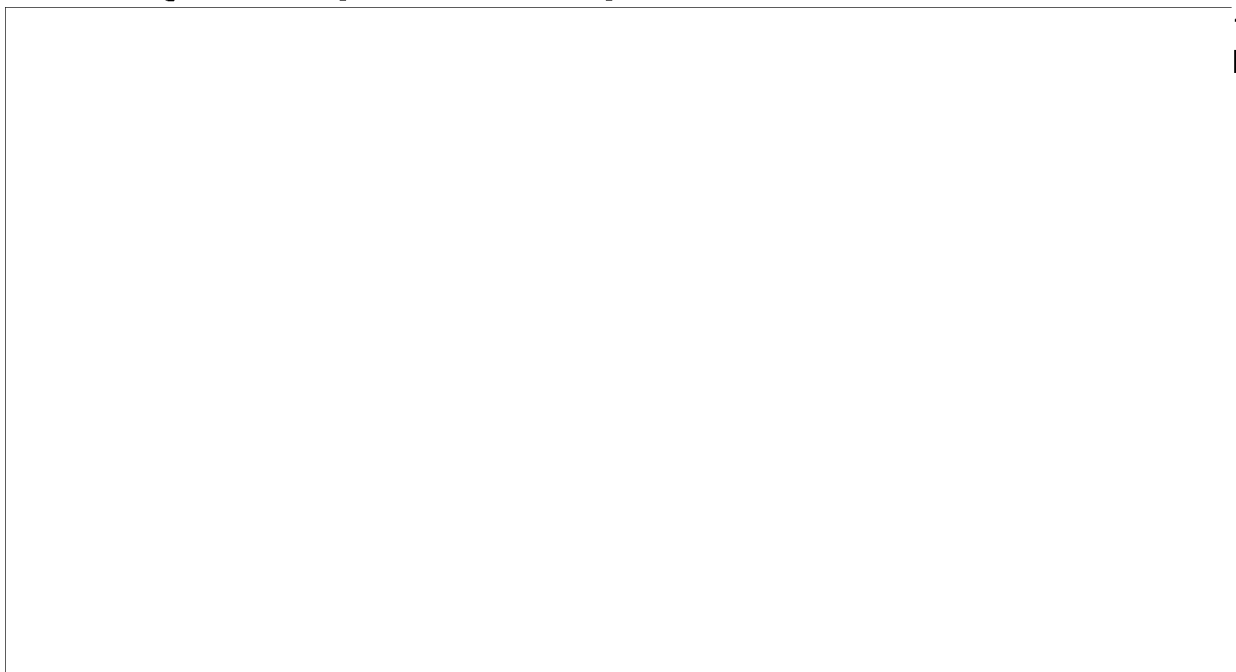
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NEXT STEPS

Looking ahead, we agreed to the following:



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Martin, Dennis, Ken, and Tanvi are consolidating their notes, so we'll soon be in a position to provide further impressions and information to you and your colleagues, should you so desire.

Strobe

U.S. Delegation

- (1) Strobe Talbott, President, Brookings Institution
- (2) Martin Indyk, Vice-President and Director, Foreign Policy Program, Brookings
- (3) Ken Lieberthal, Director, John L. Thornton China Center, Brookings Institution
- (4) Dennis C. Blair, Former U.S. Director of National Intelligence and former Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command
- (5) Tanvi Madan, incoming Fellow, Brookings Institution

Indian Delegation

- (1) Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research
- (2) Sanjaya Baru, Director for Geo-economics and Strategy, IISS
- (3) Vice Admiral P.S. Das (Retd), Distinguished Fellow, The Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies
- (4) Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research
- (5) Shyam Saran, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research

Chinese Delegation

- (1) Cui Liru, President, CICIR
- (2) Yuan Peng, Director, Institute of American Studies, CICIR
- (3) Yang Mingjie, Vice President, CICIR
- (4) Hu Shisheng, Director, South Asia division, CICIR

(5) Yao Yunzhu, Major General and Director, Center for China-America Defense Relations,
Academy of Military Science, People's Liberation Army