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## PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, March 20

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11:45 am - 1:45 pm     **Lunch:** City Club of Washington  
555 13th Street, NW, Concourse Level

**Speaker:** Mr. Barukh Binah, Minister Counselor  
Public and Interreligious Affairs  
Embassy of Israel

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2:15-3:15 pm     **Meeting:** Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2255

**Speaker:** Deborah E. Bodlander  
Professional Staff Member  
House Committee on International Relations

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3:45-4:45 pm     **Meeting:** Dirksen Senate Building, Room 419

**Speaker:** Danielle Pletka  
Professional Staff Member  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

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THURSDAY, March 21

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8:45-10:00 am     **Meeting:** National Security Council  
Old Executive Office Building, Room 472

**Speaker:** Stephen Grummon  
Director, Near East/South Asian Affairs  
National Security Council

THURSDAY, March 21

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10:30 -11:45 am	<b>Meeting:</b>	U.S. Department of State, Room 6245
	<b>Speakers:</b>	David Welch Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
		Robert D. Deutsch Director, Bureau of Near Eastern & North- ern Gulf Affairs
		Richard A. Roth Director, Office of Israel & Arab-Israeli Affairs
12:15-2:15 pm	<b>Lunch:</b>	City Club of Washington 555 13th Street, NW, Concourse Level
	<b>Speaker:</b>	The Honorable Walid Al-Moualem Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotenti- ary of the Syrian Arab Republic

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2:45-4:15 pm	<b>Meeting:</b>	U.S. Department of Defense, The Pentagon
	<b>Speakers:</b>	Col. Joseph E. Miller Deputy Director, Middle East
		Lt. Col. Steven L. Neely Country Director for Jordan, Syria and Lebanon
		Mr. Darrell Buchanan Country Director for Iraq
		Capt. Derek F. Offer Country Director for Kuwait and Iran

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FRIDAY, March 22

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8:15-10:00 am	<b>Meeting:</b>	Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling A.F.B.
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Anne D. Alexander, Chief, Levant Division, Mediterranean Team

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10:30 am-12 n.	<b>Meeting:</b>	U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1412
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Cherie A. Loustaunau Deputy Director, Office of Near East, International Trade Administration

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12:30-2:30 pm	<b>Lunch:</b>	City Club of Washington 555 13th Street, NW, Concourse Level
	<b>Speaker:</b>	The Honorable Ahmed Maher El Sayed Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt

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3:00-4:00 pm	<b>Meeting:</b>	National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1210
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Dr. John Duke Anthony, President National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

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## GUIDE TO SPEAKERS

**Anne D. Alexander** (B.A., Duke University; M.S.L.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Naval Postgraduate School)

Chief, Levant Team, Mediterranean Division, Defense Intelligence Agency, U.S. Department of Defense

Ms. Alexander has gained extensive experience with issues ranging across the Middle East while serving in a variety of analytic assignments. Prior to her current duties, she served as Maghreb Military Political Analyst, Political Analyst on the Iraqi Task Force during Operation Desert Storm, and Staff Analyst for Near East and South Asian Affairs on the National Security Council (NSC) Staff. Ms. Alexander is a recent recipient of the National Intelligence Achievement Medal for her support to the NSC during sensitive Middle East Peace Process negotiations.

**Walid Al-Moualem** (B.A., Cairo University)

Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic

Ambassador Al-Moualem has a long career of distinguished service. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador to the United States in 1990, he headed various departments in the Syrian Government including Director of the Foreign Minister's Office; Director, Department of Documentation; and Director, Department of Special Offices. Ambassador Al-Moualem has also served as the Charge D'Affaires to London and Ambassador to Romania (1975-1980). The Ambassador is the author of numerous publications (in Arabic) including *The World and the Middle East in the American Perspective* (1987); *Palestine and the Armed Peace* (1970); *History of Syria: 1946-1958* (1983); and *Syria: The Road to Freedom: 1916-1946* (1986).

**John Duke Anthony** (B.A., Virginia Military Institute; M.A., Georgetown University; Ph.D., SAIS, Johns Hopkins University)

Founding President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

A consultant on the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf States to the Departments of Defense, State and Treasury, Dr. Anthony is also an Adjunct Professor of Middle East Studies at the Defense Intelligence College and an Adjunct Professor in Middle East Studies at the Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management. He has served as Chairman of the Department of State's Near East/North Africa Program at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) and, since 1980, as Chairman of FSI's Advanced Area Studies Program for the Arabian Peninsula. He has traveled extensively in every country in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf and has contributed to Congressional Hearings dealing with American policies towards these two regions. He is the author of many publications, including his best known work, *Arab States of the Lower Gulf: People, Politics, Petroleum*.

**Barukh Binah** (B.A., Hebrew University)

Minister Counselor, Public and Interreligious Affairs, Embassy of Israel

Minister Binah joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1979 after serving in the Israel Defense Forces as an analyst in Mid-Eastern Affairs. In the Ministry, he has served as a senior research fellow as well as spokesman of Israel's Mission to the U.N. and of the Consulate General of Israel in New York. Minister Binah has also served as spokesman and Director of the Press Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem and in this capacity participated in the Madrid Peace Conference. Since 1992 he has served as the Counselor for Congressional Affairs at the Embassy in Washington.

**Deborah E. Bodlander** (M.A., George Washington University)

Professional Staff Member, Committee on International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives

Ms. Bodlander is the senior Middle East policy analyst for the House Committee on International Relations. In that capacity, she is responsible for policy issues pertaining to the nations of the region, including the Middle East Peace Process, U.S. bilateral relations, and oversight of the U.S. assistance, national security concerns, and authorizing legislation. Prior to serving on the staff of the full committee, Ms. Bodlander was the Republican Middle East Analyst for the Committee's Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

**Darrell Buchanan** (B.A., Principia College; M.A., American University)

Country Director for Iraq in the Near East South Asia Region of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense

Mr. Buchanan entered the Central Intelligence Agency in 1982, and his present position is a rotational assignment from that agency. He recently has held management and senior analytic positions in the Office of the Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis and previously served in the Office of Imagery Analysis.

**Robert S. Deutsch** (B.A., University of Denver; M.B.A., Columbia University)

Director, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs' Northern Gulf Affairs (Iran/Iraq), U.S. Department of State

A career foreign service officer, Mr. Deutsch has extensive experience pursuing U.S. economic interests overseas. He has served in economic, commercial and political positions in Rome, Paris, Johannesburg, and Libreville. On a recent assignment in Rome, he coordinated with Italy on Yugoslav, Iraqi and Libya sanctions. Previously, Mr. Deutsch served as Director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs' Office of Economic Sanctions Policy.



**Ahmed Maher El Sayed (B.A., Cairo University)**

Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Having joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1957, Ambassador El Sayed has spent his entire career in the diplomatic corps. Early in his career, he served in the Egyptian missions to Zurich, Paris and Kinshasa before becoming aide to President Sadat's National Security Advisor (1972-74). After serving as the Minister of the Embassy in Paris and as the Chief of Cabinet at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he spent the early 1980's as Egypt's Ambassador to Portugal and to Belgium. From 1988 to 1992, he was Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and subsequently, Russia. Over the years, the Ambassador has participated in some of Egypt's most crucial foreign dealings, including participating in the Camp David Peace Negotiations between Egypt and Israel and in the negotiations and arbitration procedure for the settlement of the TABA Dispute between Egypt and Israel.

**Stephen Grummon (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University)**

Director for Near East/South Asian Affairs, National Security Council

In the National Security Council (NSC), Dr. Grummon has responsibilities for the Persian Gulf/South Asian region. Prior to coming to the NSC, he worked at the Department of State, where he was a member of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, and also in the Office of Counterterrorism and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Dr. Grummon was an International Relations Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, a Research Fellow at the Asia Society, and a Scholar-in-Residence at the Washington Institute for Near East Affairs. He has taught at both Johns Hopkins and at Duke University.

**Cherie A. Loustaunau (B.A. and M.A., Georgetown University)**

Deputy Director, Office of the Near East, Department of Commerce

Ms. Loustaunau is responsible for helping to develop and implement U.S. commercial policy towards the Middle East and North Africa and for advising U.S. firms on trade and investment engaged in the commercial aspects of the Middle East Peace Process. She joined the Department of Commerce in 1967 after serving as a research assistant in the Economics Department of the World Bank, and has worked on most of the countries in the Middle East and South Asia. Ms. Loustaunau is the author of a booklet, "An Introduction to Contract Procedures in the Near East and North America," as well as a number of articles.

**Joseph Edward Miller (B.A., St. Mary's University; M.S., University of Southern California, M.A., Naval Postgraduate School)**

Acting Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Near East South Asia Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense

In his current position at the Pentagon, Col. Miller monitors the Middle East Peace Process. His distinguished military career has included serving on the Department of the Army Staff, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Intelligence, and as the intelligence analyst for Israel, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria and Jordan (1981-1984). In the late 80's he commanded a Nuclear Custodial Detachment in Italy and served as a Deputy Brigade Commander in Germany. Prior to his current position he commanded the 4th Battalion (HAWK), 1st Air Defense Artillery.

**Steven L. Neely (B.S., Methodist College; M.S., Campbell University)**

Country Director for Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, U.S. Department of Defense

Lt. Colonel Neely began his development as a Middle East Foreign Area Officer as an Arabic language student at the Defense Language Institute, followed by a tour with the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Damascus, Syria. He served as Chief Operations, Office of Military Cooperation in Kuwait prior to coming to the Pentagon. Since 1993, he has served as Country Director for Kuwait, Iran, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Algeria, and Morocco in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

**Derek Francis Offer (B.S., United States Naval Academy; M.A., Naval War College; M.A., Salve Regina College)**

Country Director for Kuwait and Iran, U.S. Department of Defense

Capt. Offer earned his wings as a Navy Flight Officer in 1976. His many postings and duties have included a command tour to Diego Garcia with a detachment to the Arabian Gulf. He has also served as Aide to the President of the Naval War College, Executive Officer of the "Grey Knights" of Patrol Squadron Forty-Six, Commander of Task Group Seven-Two PT Eight, and Chief Staff Officer for Commander Patrol Wing Ten. Capt. Offer is now the Country Director for Kuwait and Iran.



**Richard Allen Roth** (B.A., University of Michigan)

Director of the Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Mr. Roth entered the Foreign Service in 1973, and during the early part of his career held positions in Ethiopia, South Africa, Kenya and the Seychelles. He became chief of the political section at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers (1984-86), then served as Deputy Political Counselor at the Embassy in Lisbon. Prior to becoming Director of the Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs (IAI), Mr. Roth served as Deputy Director of IAI (1993-95) and Deputy Director of Southern African Affairs (1990-93). In this assignment he was a member of the U.S. negotiating team which led the international effort to reach peace in Angola and the Mozambique (1990-1993). Mr. Roth has twice received the State Department's Superior Honor Award and a Meritorious Honor Award for his work in Algeria.

**Danielle M. Pletka** (B.A., Smith College; M.A., Johns Hopkins University)

Professional Staff Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Ms. Pletka has held her current position as Director for Near East and South Asia Affairs for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Republican Staff since 1992. Prior to that appointment, Ms. Pletka worked as a journalist for *Insight Magazine* in Washington, DC and with the *Los Angeles Times* and Reuters in the Middle East. She speaks several languages and has traveled widely throughout the Middle East and South Asia.

**David Welch** (B.A., Georgetown University School of Foreign Service; M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy)

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State

As a Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Welch has had a number of assignments in the Middle East and South Asia, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, and Pakistan. Most recently he was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh (1992-1995). In the absence of an Ambassador, he served there for two years (1992-94) as Charge d'Affaires. Mr. Welch was a member of the National Security Council staff at the White House (1989-91), and has had several positions in the U.S. State Department.

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