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Subject: Summary of today's heads of committees meeting

All who were there please add/change/comment as you see fit.

Follow up:

- **TASK: ALL COMMITTEES:**
 - Can each committee:
 - economics
 - environment
 - state to state
 - water
 - infrastructure (passages will be done as part of infrastructure)
 - legal
 - prisoners
 - culture of peace (report on Ireland expected here)
 - security
 - territory
 - refugees
 - please prepare one or two pages answering each of the following questions:
 - where have you reached until now/achieved,
 - what do you think you can agree as part of this process,
 - what do you need leadership decisions on.
 - Please coordinate with your committee heads and **have a draft to me by THURSDAY the 16th**. I will collect all the drafts and circulate to the whole LPU and to NAD, so that they can be circulated to all the committee heads in advance of the next heads of committee meeting which should happen during the week of the 19th at some point. Hopefully we can use this process to resolve many of the issues the committees are having with respect to where issues are supposed to be discussed and the pace for discussions.
- **MINUTES:** once minutes are finalized I will email to NAD to circulate by email to all the committee heads. Please keep in mind wider circulation when drafting meeting minutes.
- **BRAINSTORMING MEETING WED:**
 - All ideas to ZS by COB today
 - LPU meeting to prepare tomorrow at 2pm.
 - XAVIER has kindly agreed to put together packages for the heads of committee tomorrow.

Major points:

- Bush cautioned AM against leaving office on the 9th of January.
- AM noted that after 1 yr of talking to Olmert, he's gotten 2 checkpoints removed, and 16 times the number of settlement tenders. He wouldn't give the map. Nothing concrete. Bush needs to change MidEast policy if he wants things to get better in the region.

- SE thinks Fatah will not reform. No signs of progress on this on the ground.
- Bush – says his “Bush declaration” means that a Palestinian state is inevitable. Will be born in the next 12 months, though not while Bush still in power.
- Bush thinks it is impossible to reach an agreement with Olmert. Should keep on, but not expect anything.
- AM noted that any government that includes all pali factions would have AM program. Bush noted that hamas that were elected were “not all terrorists” some were teachers professors other professionals. SE reading of this is that the CIA is trying to set up Hamas as the real interlocutor.
- SE going with AM to Syria. He is also pushing AM to go to Tehran.
- AM noted he would delay meetings with Olmert until he can give AM something in writing. Also still waiting for answers to the questions.
- Steve Hadley mirrored Bush – continue with negotiations at all levels, but don’t expect any breakthroughs. Also noted that the current admin would praise pali efforts to next admin and encourage them to take up the file immediately.
- Rice meeting (1st one pre-Bush meeting) – fight over security council briefing
- David meeting (was actually a phone call where SE handed me the phone – this is when I sent around that language from the quartet statement he read us) he also said that they wanted to delay the meeting, don’t want AM to go etc. In summary, debate was over whether or not AM would go, and when it would be. In the end, AM went and so did the FMs. Rice talked about Iran, not about settlements.
- Rice meeting (post security council, post bush) – SE criticized her for missing an opportunity with SC meeting. Rice to AM, asking him how to take what Olmert did and push it to a higher level. AM told her again that he wouldn’t accept a bridging proposal, etc. Don’t want to start from scratch, but that doesn’t mean accepting bad proposal.
- Rice said you got 1967, SE responded without Ariel, Maale Adumim, Gush Etzion, etc. – basically Bush-Sharon letter. She pressured AM to work of Olmert map. AM got agitated and told her if you say 1967 our 1.9 is much closer – why wouldn’t you say to work off our map??? Anyway, East Jerusalem is the basic issue – without it we will not go. Rice said of course not – we look at it as four issues 1. neighborhoods (in past meetings this was territory) 2. administrative arrangements 3. political aspects – how to have two capitals for two states, 4. holy basin (in past meetings this was holy sites). On Ariel – we need to find a way to let Israel have contiguity.
- SE responded that Bush is saying something different.
- AM to Rice: “I’m sick of your promises” enough promises you promised on the roadblocks, economy, settlements, the wall – we got nothing.
- 16th Oct – Rice will come but prob only if TL gets a coalition.
- MS point (which prompted Wednesday’s “brainstorming”):
 - There is a contradiction between saying that we don’t want to give Rice anything to create a bridging proposal from, and instructions to accelerate the technical discussions. We should be slowing down the committees. Need to block Rice.
 - Also, message to TL should be clear – most US and Israelis talk when they leave. We need to tell TL to talk right away and to make sure that her

coalition is uniform in promoting peace. Not the multiple and conflicting camps we have now.

- Rice thinks
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