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Committee on Ethics

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard
 2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Abraham Williams **or** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 1/14/17 Return: 1/22/17
 b. Dates at personal expense: AACCESS-Ohio initially paid for trip, and Rep. Gabbard reimbursed them in full. **or** None
 4. Departure city: Washington DC Destination: Lebanon and Syria Return city: Washington DC
 5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (AACCESS) - Ohio. Rep. Gabbard reimbursed the sponsor in full.
 6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached.
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7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
 8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: Additional meetings added on the ground.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:



DATE: Feb 8, 2017

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

Original Amendment

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (AACCESS)- OH
Sam Khawam, Elias Khawam
- Travel Destination(s): Lebanon & Syria
- Date of Departure: January 14, 2017 Date of Return: January 22, 2017
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Tulsi Gabbard and Abraham Williams (spouse)
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (list amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$4,125.00	\$1,350.00	\$284	\$100/ parking
Accompanying Relative	\$2,775.00		\$260	

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sam Khawam

Name: Sam Khawam

Title: Board member

Organization: AACCESS-Ohio

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1529 Barclay Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145

Telephone number: 216-338-4101

Email Address: khawamsam@gmail.com

Committee staff may contact the above named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

Revised June 2003 by Committee on Ethics

Rep. Gabbard paid AACCESS-OHIO FOR the costs of the trip. IN

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (AACCESS) - Ohio
3. Travel destination(s): Beirut, Lebanon / Damascus, Syria
4. a. Date of departure 01/14/2017 Date of return: 01/22/2017
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Abraham Williams
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
Rep. Gabbard serves on the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees, and in those capacities follows the developments in the conflict in Syria and its impact on neighboring countries.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 01/05/17

(Resubmitted)

Tulsi Gabbard
Signature of Employing Member

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Committee on Ethics

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 23, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip):
Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (AACCESS) **INDHIO**
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box)
3. Check only one. I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip. or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. or
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: **SAM KHAWAM**
ELIAS KHAWAM
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary).
Rep. Tulsi Gabbard was invited as a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, with an interest in Armed Forces and National Security, to assess the Syrian refugee crisis first hand.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: January 14, 2016 Date of return: January 22, 2016
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Beirut, Lebanon / Damascus, Syria
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above.
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging.
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night. or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights.
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted.

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel trip. An hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees constitutes agenda is attached by checking box:

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): or
b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip.

AACCESS Ohio, with Arab-American membership, has requested that Rep. Gabbard attend this fact-finding mission due to her expressed interest in the Armed Services National Security and Foreign Affairs as it relates to the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Lebanon and Syria. By witnessing the extent of the damage, meeting politicians, clergy and refugees, and observing the damage of the armed conflict first hand, she will gain a better perspective to others in Congress as it relates to assessing the situation further. AACCESS has secured these meetings and will be facilitating all logistics such as travel, lodging, transportation, security, etc.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: _____)
b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: _____)
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted: _____

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (Specify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or
b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

Approximate cost per day of meals is \$65/person

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Fact-finding trip to Lebanon and Syria to witness first-hand the political, economic and social environment of the refugee crisis, its effect on the region & US interests. Meetings with political and religious leaders, as well as refugees is required.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Radisson Blu Martinez Hotel City: Beirut Cost per night: \$136 +tax
Reason(s) for selecting: Central location - consideration of convenience & safety.

Hotel name: Sheraton Damascus City: Damascus Cost per night: \$130 +tax
Reason(s) for selecting: Central location - consideration of convenience & safety.

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (Signify that the statement is true by checking box)

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$3,400.00	\$1,040.60	\$390.00
For each accompanying relative	\$3,400.00	(included above)	\$390.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$100	taxi, parking, incidentals
For each accompanying relative	\$100	taxi, parking, incidentals

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19. Check one.

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. or
 b. N/A - sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature



Name:

Sam Khawam

Title:

Executive Director, Board of Directors

Organization:

AACCESS Ohio

Address:

11555 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111

Telephone number:

216-338-4101

Email address:

khawamsam@gmail.com

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Committee on Ethics

NON-GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implied knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1. Name of your organization: SAM KHAWAM
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: ACCESS IN OHIO
3. My organization has provided funds to the above named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination): LEBANON / SYRIA
on (date): Jun/14-22/2017 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor Yes No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip. Yes No
5. Check one
a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or
b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Name

Title

Organization

Address

Telephone number

Email Address

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1. Name of your organization. ELIAS KHAWAJAM
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor AACCESS IN OHIO
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination) Lebanon and Syria on (date) Jan 14th to 22nd 2017. That primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. Yes No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip. Yes No
5. Check one:
a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or
b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. (Signature)

Signature _____

Name Elias Khawajam

Title Private Individual

Organization _____

Address 638 Pathfinder Trail Anaheim, CA 92807

Telephone number 714-936-6400

E-mail Address elias111@aol.com

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
Washington, DC 20515

January 12, 2017

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
U.S. House of Representatives
1609 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Lebanon and Syria,¹ scheduled for January 14 to 22, 2017, sponsored by Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Ohio, Sam Khawam, and Elias Khawam.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued warnings concerning travel to Lebanon and Syria, available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/lebanon-travel-warning.html> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/syria-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

SWB/LTS:mmm

FINAL: MIDDLE EAST TRIP ITINERARY REP. TULSI GABBARD AND ABRAHAM WILLIAMS (SPOUSE)

Dates of travel: January 14, 2017- January 22, 2017

Countries of travel: Lebanon and Syria

As similar to the original submission approved by the House Committee on Ethics on January 12, 2017, this trip to the Middle East consisted of travel within Lebanon and Syria. The final itinerary reflects changes due to the rapidly shifting environment in Syria and Lebanon and due to our desire to meet as many individuals and groups within Syria and Lebanon. The final itinerary reflects more meetings than the proposed itinerary. No gifts were received by any foreign government or representatives of a foreign government. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard fully reimbursed AACCESS - Ohio for the total cost of her trip and that of her spouse, Abraham Williams, using Rep. Gabbard's personal funds.

In addition to the listed meetings/visits, in Syria Rep. Tulsi Gabbard spent time throughout the trip speaking and hearing informally from Syrian people in the streets, markets, cafes, etc.

JAN 14, 2017 TRAVEL

10:30 PM DEPARTED WASHINGTON DC TO BEIRUT

JAN 15, 2017 TRAVEL

7:00 PM ARRIVED IN BEIRUT

8:00 PM SYRIAN EMBASSY FOR VISAS

JAN 16, 2017

9:00 AM DEPARTED BEIRUT FOR DAMASCUS (TRAVEL TIME: 2.5 HRS)

11:30 AM ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS

12:15 PM MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF SYRIA BASHAR AL ASSAD (1.5 HRS)

2:30 PM MEETING WITH FIRST LADY OF SYRIA ASMA AL ASSAD (1 HR)

4:30 PM MEETING WITH MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADER GRAND MUFTI AHMAD

BADREDDIN HASSOUN, AND VISIT TO HISTORIC GREAT MOSQUE, DAMASCUS (1

HR)

5:30 PM MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP REPRESENTING PATRIARCH IGNATIUS APHREM OF ANTIOCH SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH (1 HR)

7:30 PM MEETING WITH ACADEMICS AND BUSINESS LEADERS REGARDING HOW THE WAR HAS IMPACTED SYRIAN SOCIETY & EDUCATION (2 HRS)

JAN 17, 2017

7:30 AM DEPARTED FOR ALEPPO (3 HR)

10:30 AM MEETING WITH ALEPPO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BOUTRAS MERJANEH (0.5 HR)

11:00 AM HUMANITARIAN VISIT TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, SYRIAN ARAB RED CRESCENT, OTHER HUMANITARIAN WORKERS (1.5 HRS)

12:30 PM TOURED THROUGH EASTERN PART OF ALEPPO TO SEE IMPACT OF CONFLICT ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMY (1.0 HR)

1:30 PM VISITED THE CITADEL OF ALEPPO, UNESCO HERITAGE SITE (1.0 HR)

2:30 PM VISITED ALEPPO CHURCH LEADERS AT RUINS OF HISTORIC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (1.0 HR)

3:30 PM VISITED WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ALEPPO (1.0 HR)

- PRESBYTERIAN REV. ABRAHAM NSEIR, ALEPPO
- ARCHBISHOP ANTONY SHAHDA OF THE SYRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALEPPO
- ARCHBISHOP MAR ANTONY AUDO OF THE CHALDEAN CHURCH, ALEPPO
- ARCHBISHOP YOUSEF TOBAJI OF THE MARONITE CHURCH, ALEPPO
- FATHER IBRAHIM NSEIR OF THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALEPPO

4:30 PM VISITED WITH ALEPPO COMMUNITY LEADERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
AND VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS (2.0 HR)

6:30 PM VISITED ALEPPO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (1.0 HR)

7:30 PM RETURN TO DAMASCUS (3 HR)

10:30 PM MEETING WITH SYRIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (1.0 HR)

JANUARY 18, 2017

9:00 AM VISITED PATIENTS AT DAMASCUS HOSPITAL (1.0 HR)

10:30 AM VISITED BARZI COMMUNITY CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN (1.5
HR)

12:15 PM MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT BORDER SECURITY
ISSUES AND THREAT OF ISIS & AL-QAEDA IN NORTHEASTERN SYRIA (1.0 HR)

1:30 PM VISITED WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO WERE TORTURED AND
ESCAPED ISIS/AL-QAEDA TERRITORIES (1.0 HR)

2:45 PM MEETING WITH FORMER FOREIGN FIGHTERS FROM TURKMENISTAN AND
URUGUAY (1.0 HR)

3:30 PM MEETING WITH SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE LEADERS REGARDING IMPACT OF SANCTIONS ON SYRIAN PEOPLE &
ECONOMY (1.0 HR)

5:00 PM MEETING WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WALID MUALLEM (1.0 HR)

6:00 PM MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF SYRIA BASHAR AL ASSAD (0.5 HRS)

JANUARY 19, 2017

7:00 AM MEETING WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE TORTURED, AND
ESCAPED ISIS/AL-QAEDA TERRITORIES (1.5 HRS)

9:00 AM MEETING WITH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN BASHAR JA'AFARI (1.0 HR)

10:30 AM MEETING WITH SYRIAN POLITICAL OPPOSITION LEADERS (1.5 HRS)

1:30 PM MEETING WITH MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION ALI HAIDAR (1.5 HRS)

3:00 PM WALKED THROUGH OLD CITY OF DAMASCUS (2 HRS)

5:00 PM RETURNED TO LEBANON (2.5 HRS)

JANUARY 20, 2017

9:30 AM MEETING WITH MG ABBAS IBRAHIM, HEAD OF LEBANON'S DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SECURITY (1.5 HRS)

11:00 AM MEETING WITH GEN JEAN KHAWAJI, COMMANDER OF LEBANESE ARMED FORCES (1.5 HR)

12:00PM MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF LEBANON MISHAL AOUN (1.0 HR)

4:00 PM MEETING WITH PATRIARCH MORAN MOR BECHERA BOUTROS RAHI OF MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH (1 HR)

6:00 PM MEETING WITH FORMER PRESIDENT OF LEBANON EMILE LAHOUD (1.5 HRS)

JANUARY 21, 2017

8:30 AM MEETING WITH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON ALI ABDUL KARIM (0.5 HRS)

9:30 AM MEETING WITH US AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON ELIZABETH RICHARDS (1 HR)

11:00 AM MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER OF LEBANON SAAD HARRIRI (1 HR)

3:00 PM VISITED CHRISTIAN CULTURAL SITE (1.5 HRS)

7:00 PM MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OF IRAQ IBRAHIM AL JAAFARI (1.5
HRS)

11:30 PM DEPARTED FOR BEIRUT AIRPORT TO RETURN TO US

JANUARY 22, 2017 TRAVEL

2:20 AM DEPARTED BEIRUT

2:45 PM ARRIVED AT WASHINGTON, DULLES

Flight info and Proposed Trip Itinerary

Flight Info

Jan 14, British Airway 10:30pm FLT # 292 Washington Dulles (IAD). To Heathrow (LHR)
Arrive @ 10:35am

British Airway 3pm FLT # 149 Heathrow (LHR) To Beirut arrive @ 9:50pm

All segments Business Class

Jan 22, British Airway 8:30am FLT # 321 Beirut To Heathrow (LHR) arrive @ 12:20pm

British Airway 5:00pm FLT # 293 arrive Washington Dulles (IAD) @ 8:30pm

All segments Business Class

Proposed Trip Itinerary

Jan 15, 2016

Arrival at Radisson Hotel in Lebanon; Check-in.

Jan 16, 2016:

10:00-11:30am

Travel and Meet with President Gen. Michel Aoun at the Presidential Palace, in Baabda, Beirut to discuss the current status of Lebanon following his recent election.

11:30am-1:00pm

Travel and Meet with Speaker of the Parliament, Nabih Berri, at his office in Ain Teneh, Beirut to discuss political climate.

1:00-2:15pm

Travel and Meet with Prime Minister, Saad Hariri, at his office in Alsarie, Beirut to discuss his recent election and his views for economic progress in the future.

2:15-3:30pm

Travel and Meet with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gebran Bassil, at his office in Ashrafieh, Beirut to discuss continued cooperation and political relations with the U.S. in the current climate.

3:30-5:00pm

Lunch meeting to discuss day's events

5:00-7:00pm

Travel and Meet with former President of Lebanon, General Emile Lahoud, at his residence in Borj Alghazal, Beirut in Alrabieh, Almaten region to discuss his take on the current political climate and how best to move forward.

7:00-8:00pm

Return travel to Radisson Hotel in Beirut.

Jan 17, 2016:

9:30-11:00am

Travel and Meet with the Sunni Mufti of State, Abdul Latif Daryan, at his office in Beirut to discuss the Muslim/Christian relationship in Lebanon; as well as the radicalizataion within Lebanon.

11:00am-12:45pm

Travel and Meeting with the Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Boutros Alrahi, at his center in Bekerki, Kesrawan region to discuss the plight of Christians in Lebanon and the overflow of Syrian refugees into Lebanon.

12:45-1:45

Lunch break to discuss earlier and upcoming events.

1:45-4:30pm

Travel and Visit the Syrian refugee camps in Bekaa Valley, eastern region, to witness their plight first-hand.

4:30-6:30pm

Travel and Meet with Leader of the Marada Movement and parliament member, Suleiman Frangieh, at his residence in Ehden in the northern region to gain his perspective regarding the political climate following his withdrawal as a Presidential candidate.

6:30-7:30pm

Return travel to Radisson hotel in Beirut.

Jan 18, 2016:

9:00-11:00am

Travel to the Sheraton Hotel in Damascus, Syria; Check-in
Breakfast meeting to discuss upcoming events.

11:00am-1:15pm

Travel and Meet with Youhana Yazigi, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Syria and Lebanon, at his office/residence in Damascus to discuss the plight of the Christians in Syria.

1:15-3:30pm

Lunch meeting to discuss previous and future events.

3:30-5:30pm

Travel and Visit displaced Syrian citizens and refugees at camps in Damascus.

5:30-6:00pm

Return to the Sheraton Hotel in Damascus.

Jan 19, 2016:

8:30-9:00am

Breakfast and discuss upcoming events.

9:00-11:00am

Travel and Visit the historic Christian town of Maloula, in northern Damascus, to assess the damage and speak with local citizens.

11:00am-2:30pm

Travel and Visit the historic Christian Convent of our lady of Saidnaya, about 17 miles north of Damascus, to view the damage and gain their perspective of the plight of Christians and refugees.

2:30pm-5:00pm

Return travel to Sheraton Hotel in Damascus
Discuss previous events and prepare for Press Conference.

5:00-7:00pm

Press conference with local and International media outlets and journalists at the Sheraton Hotel in Damascus.

Jan 20, 2016:

9:00-10:30am

Travel back to Radisson Hotel in Beirut and check-in.

10:30-11:30am

Breakfast meeting to discuss events and prepare for evening Press conference.

11:30am-1:15pm

Travel and Meet with General Jan Kahawaji, Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces, to discuss the fight against ISIS.

1:15-2:00pm

Return travel to Radisson Hotel in Beirut.

3:30-6:00pm

Travel and participate in Press conference with local and International media outlets and journalists at the Dar Alsihafa Center in Beirut.

6:00-6:45pm

Return travel to Radisson Hotel in Beirut.

Jan 21, 2016

10:30-12:00pm

Travel and Meet with the Minister of the Interior and Parliament Member, Nohad el Machnouk, at his office in Beirut to discuss the current political climate following recent elections.

12:00am-1:00pm

Working Lunch to discuss upcoming events and reflection on trip.

1:00-2:30pm

Travel and Meet with Dr. Selim Hoss, former Prime Minister of Lebanon and Parliament Member, to gain his perspective on the political situation.

2:30-4:30pm

Travel and Meet with Amin Gemayal, former President of Lebanon, at his office/residence in Bikfaya, in the Maten region of Lebanon to discuss the current political climate as it relates to the Lebanese/Syrian crisis.

4:30-5:30pm

Return travel to the Radisson Hotel in Beirut.

Jan 22, 2016

8:50am

Departing flight for U.S.