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From: Mohammad Mansouri [mmansouri@niacouncil.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:23 AM
To: Trita Parsi
Subject: RE: Turkish organizations

All right,

I am back in town. Will catch up with emails and stuff and send two to Salar and Bitra as soon as I can.

Meeting with Maryam was very good yesterday. She sort of wants me to keep track of things and document my findings during the trip to Iran and talking to Iranian NGOs so that the information remains in the system. I told her I will. It will hopefully be done through some surveys and other reporting tools that I will design for this trip.

I will gather my receipts of the last 8 months and send it over soon. There are something like \$350 for the cell phone, less than \$100 for calling Tehran and maybe another \$250 for expenses such as internet connection, at the most. You have to find other ways to take care of the rest of it. It won't be a good idea to pay some money back to NED from the last year's budget.

And please tell me when you will receive the money from either one of the organizations so that I can go ahead and buy the laptop.

Say hi and be well,
Talk to you soon,

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----- Original Message -----

From: Trita Parsi <tparsi@niacouncil.org>
Date: Mon, 08 May 2006 15:33:49 -0400

>Great! Thanks so much. I will be traveling a lot, but lets schedule a
>time in the next coming weeks. tp

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>From: Anisa Afshar [mailto:anisaa@ned.org]
>Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 3:06 PM
>To: Trita Parsi
>Cc: Abdulwahab Alkebsi
>Subject: Turkish organizations

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>Dear Trita:

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>Unfortunately this week we are too busy for leaving the office! Let's
>hold on to this idea and schedule it later in one or two weeks.

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>Regarding the Turkish organizations; Their websites are all in Turkish.
>So I thought I would give you their organizational background:

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>1- The Organization for Research and Dissemination of Economic and
>Social Issues (GAYA), a leading Ankara-based nonprofit organization
>established in 2004, is dedicated to promoting women's empowerment
>through socio-economic development projects. GAYA's current projects
>in rural development and reproductive health activities are funded by
>the Leonardo DaVinci European Union Vocational Training Program. GAYA
>also administered a project on social migration and shanty towns in
>Ankara and provided vocational training opportunities for women in shanty towns. GAYA
board members include: 1) Mr.
>Emre Sayin, a doctorate candidate in Political Science at Middle East
>Technical University in Ankara; 2) Ms. Leyla Osan, trainer and expert
>in organizational management; 3) Mr. Murat Cagatay, former trainer of
>NED grantee, TOSAM; and 4) Ms. Yurdum Cagatay, project manager for this project.
>GAYA is also a member of LIDEA Consultancy, an umbrella organization
>providing consultancy for local NGOs.

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>2- The Foundation of Anatolian Folklore and Culture (FAFC) is an
>Istanbul-based NGO, established in 2000 to promote democratic values
>and freedom of expression. FAFC has organized campaigns and public
>gatherings to promote greater tolerance and freedom of expression.
>FAFC's first gathering was held in Istanbul in March 1997 and brought
>together journalists and lawyers from 12 different countries to discuss
>freedom of expression in the region. FAFC has since organized three
>additional regional gatherings on freedom of expression held in
>November 2000, October 2003, and November 2005. FAFC's fourth gathering
>took place in November 2005 with the participation of Human Rights
>Watch, International PEN, Article 19, Freemuse, and the Istanbul Metropolitan
Municipality.

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>Last year, FAFC used non-NED funds to support its "Opposites Side By Side"
>project (MacArthur Foundation), and to monitor freedom of expression
>cases more effectively (Sigrid Rausing Trust). In addition, the Open
>Society Institute recently awarded a grant to FAFC to support its video
>documentation center. FAFC continues to strive for the elimination of
>legal and practical obstacles to freedom of expression. The current
>chairperson of FAFC, Ms. Nesrin Uluturk-Keles, is a lawyer and Sanar
>Yurdatapan who will be the program director for this project is a
>well-known human rights activist who won the 2002 Human Rights Watch
>Award. He is also the project coordinator of the two FAFC sister
>organizations: the Association for Freedom of Expression (AFE), and the
>Association for Promotion and Education of Human Rights (APEHR).

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>3- Young Leaders of Anatolia Association (AGL), an off-shoot of
>Economist Platform, established in July 2000 in Istanbul, was
>registered in November
>2004 as a nongovernmental organization to raise awareness among youth
>in Turkey of democratic values and the need for greater participation
>in public life. Economist Platform aims to provide policy alternatives
>that promote Turkey's economic development process. AGL was
>established by students with academics, businesspersons and opinion
>leaders in response to the absence of Turkish youth in politics and
>civic life. The group, which is a leading youth organization in
>Turkey, has over 250 members from different sectors of Turkish society.
>AGL activities include working groups on good governance, local
>development projects in Anatolia, and annual summits on Turkey's
>development process. Economist Platform, received its first grant from
>CIPE in January 2005 to conduct its annual economic policies summit and
>create an independent, unbiased news network that provides Turkish and
>English content. AGL has seven members on its board, and Mr. Tuna Beklevic, chairman,
Mr. Ozen Demircan will administer this project.

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>Please think about these three and tell us which one we should contact
>first.
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>Best,
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>Anisa
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>-----Original Message-----
>From: Trita Parsi [mailto:tparsi@niacouncil.org]
>Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2006 3:36 PM
>To: Abdulwahab Alkebsi; Anisa Afshar; 'Mohammad Mansouri'
>Cc: Rula Jamous
>Subject: RE: from NED
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>Tuesday is fine. Say 10.30?
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>-----Original Message-----
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>From: Abdulwahab Alkebsi [mailto:abdu@ned.org]
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>To: tparsi@niacouncil.org; Anisa Afshar; Mohammad Mansouri
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>Cc: Rula Jamous
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>Subject: RE: from NED
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>Monday morning is not a good time. Staff meetings, etc... How about
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>Tuesday morning?
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>Abdulwahab Alkebsi
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>-----Original Message-----

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>From: Trita Parsi [mailto:tparsi@niacouncil.org]
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>Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2006 12:45 PM
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>To: Anisa Afshar; Mohammad Mansouri
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>Cc: Abdulwahab Alkebsi; Rula Jamous
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>Subject: Re: from NED

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>Great seeing you yesterday! Do you want to do a site visit monday morning?

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>Trita
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>Sincerely,
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>Trita Parsi
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>President

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>-----Original Message-----
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>From: "Anisa Afshar" <anisaa@ned.org>
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>Date: Wed, 3 May 2006 12:12:04
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>To:"Anisa Afshar" <anisaa@ned.org>
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>Cc:"Abdulwahab Alkebsi" <abdu@ned.org>,"Rula Jamous" <rulaj@ned.org>
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>Subject: from NED
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>Dear all:
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>Hope you are having a great day. I am just letting you know that I have
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>began using "skype" and it is an easy way to speak through Internet and
>it
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>does not cost anything. All one needs to do is to download Skype for
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>(http://www.skype.com/download/) and then buy a headset that had a
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>microphone. If you want to do this then we can talk on Skype. My
>username is
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>anisaafshar and feel free to call me on Skype and we can talk about
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>grants or politics in your country.
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>Hope to see you on Skype.
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>Anisa
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