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**Subject:** Per our conversation today

Markus,

It was so good talking to you! Thanks for taking the time to grab lunch and allowing me to tell you a little bit about my organization and the Iranian-American community. Even though you won't admit it, you're incredibly insightful and knowledgeable about Iran and US-Iran policy. I hope we can work together soon.

Two things:

1) I'll be sending you information on NGO to NGO exchanges, Voice of America Persian (VOA), and sanctions on humanitarian aid (it is illegal for US citizens to give more than \$100 to an orphanage in Tehran for example) shortly. Let me know if you think of anything else you'd like information on.

2) I wanted to make a correction. H.R. 2347, which your boss sponsored, does not include a provision that prohibits export of civilian aircraft parts. However, HR 1400, which your boss co-sponsored, does. It is my understanding that the counterpart to HR 1400 in the Senate- S.970- is getting ready to move (mid-spring). This presents a great opportunity for your boss to a) insert language into HR 2347 saying that humanitarian exports, including exports relating to civilian aviation, cannot be prohibited by any new or existing law, or b) for your boss to make sure that the provision barring export of civilian aircraft parts is stripped from HR 1400 during conference. (Sec. 203.1 in the House, Sec 7b.2 in the Senate).

I cannot emphasize enough how important is for the US to make clear that sanctions are not directed or intended to hurt the Iranian people. It is the Iranian government that is to blame. Expressing a "sense of congress" or giving \$10 million for exchanges is not enough. It is congress' responsibility, in my view, to do everything in its power to ensure that the Iranian people do not suffer at our hands and are not isolated from the rest of the world. It also the US's responsibility to ensure that Iranian planes, which are US made and aging, do not fall out of the sky for lack of replacement parts.

Let me know your thoughts...

Sincerely,

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