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Dear Friends:

Below you will find some points that I wish to raise during our telephone conversation. Some of these points have already been raised in previous correspondence, others have not.

If possible, please review these before the conference call. I will try to be as concise as possible.

#### 1. Lift sanctions or grant exemption for non-profits?

One key decision that needs to be made is whether we conduct a lobbying effort aimed at lifting sanctions altogether or simply lobby for an exemption for non-profits.

It is important to keep the following in mind:

The main purpose of the sanctions are not to halt Iran's alleged attempts to acquire WMD or halt its alleged support to terrorist groups. The main purpose is to constitute a political obstacle to a US-Iran dialogue and improved US-Iran relations. From the Israeli perspective (the sole force behind the lobby efforts to impose and now extend the sanctions), *every step Washington takes towards Tehran is a step away from Tel Aviv.*

As such, AIPAC (the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee) could very well accept an exemption for non-profits as it would serve two purposes for them:

1. Just as with the partial of lifting of sanctions by Albright in 2000, they can point to the exemption for non-profits and claim that it is a great concession from the US side that Iran has failed or will fail to reciprocate. Thus, they can argue the sanctions, as a whole, should be kept in place since Iran deserves no further goodwill gestures. (This has been AIPAC's main argument during their campaign to extend the sanctions—Iran does not deserve a lifting of sanctions as she has failed to reciprocate Albright's goodwill gesture). Keep in mind that Iran will most likely not reciprocate