

Cc: David Lowe
Subject: RE: Statement on Grant Relationship between NED and NIAC

Thanks Kelly—Just to clarify, before funding NIAC, NED was fully aware of NIAC’s intentions to work with NGOs that collaborate and work with the regime in Iran—and as Namazi says “invites [regime officials] to participate?”

Also, would you mind asking someone in your Middle East section to answer our questions below?

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To: Hicks, Trey (HSGAC)
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Trey,

Attached, please find additional information about NED’s grant to NIAC. Due to the sensitive nature of the information in naming specific groups who could become targets of the regime, we respectfully request that this information not be shared with individuals outside the Congress. In regard to your question about other NED grantees, we have a very small Iran grants portfolio which includes the Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation (ABF). The ABF was founded by Ladan and Roya Boroumand, daughters of Dr. Abdorrahman Boroumand, an Iranian lawyer and pro-democracy activist who was assassinated allegedly by the agents of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Paris on April 18, 1991.

Thank you.

Kelly Dougherty

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Thanks Kelly. Can you confirm for me a few points about NIAC’s engagement with and support of regime linked NGOS in Iran that NED’s statement fails to address?

- In 2003, the leader of Hamyaran made it clear that Hamyaran worked closely with and consulted directly with the Iranian regime. Was NED aware of the NGO’s connection with the regime? If not, why not? Here is a quote from the 2003 interview with Namazi, the leader of Hamyaran. A full copy is attached to this email:
 - At present the new policies of [Iran’s] Foreign Ministry have a more facilitating role and direct cooperation of Iranian NGOs with international counterparts is smoother and easier. We invite government officials to participate, and several have come to do so. The government’s professional staff has welcomed such initiatives. ... To come back to the question of the Iranian expatriates, the Foreign Ministry has been encouraging us to reach out to the Iranian experts in the diaspora. . .