

to suspend Ms. Tabatabai's security clearance immediately pending further review, as the State Department did with her former supervisor, Robert Malley.

In addition, we ask that you provide answers to the following questions no later than October 6:

- 1. On what date did the Department of Defense learn that Ms. Tabatabai had served as part of the Iranian government-linked Iran Experts Initiative?
- 2. On what date was Ms. Tabatabai granted a security clearance, and what was the sponsoring agency that made the determination to grant Ms. Tabatabai a security clearance?
- 3. Has Ms. Tabatabai's security clearance been subjected to a periodic reinvestigation and, if so, on what date was Ms. Tabatabai's most recent periodic reinvestigation completed?
- 4. Was Ms. Tabatabai subjected to any additional counterintelligence screening, to include a polygraph investigation, as part of her security clearance investigation or any subsequent review of her eligibility to hold a security clearance or access restricted or special access information?
- 5. On her Standard Form-86, did Ms. Tabatabai list her contacts with:
 - a. Former Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif;
 - b. Academic Adnan Tabatabai;
 - c. Mostafa Zahrani, the head of the Iran think tank IPIS; and/or
 - d. Former Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh?
- 6. Was Ms. Tabatabai read into any special access programs (SAPs)?
 - a. If so, was she subjected to enhanced security vetting, per SAP security policy, or was she granted a waiver?
 - b. If she was granted a waiver to be read into SAPs, which DoD official approved the waiver?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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