A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Our Mission

The National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) was founded in 1974 by Professor Hans J. Morgenthau and others. It is a nonprofit activist organization dedicated to the resolution of conflicts that threaten U.S. interests. Toward that end, the NCAFP identifies, articulates, and helps advance American foreign policy interests from a nonpartisan perspective within the framework of political realism.

American foreign policy interests include:

- preserving and strengthening national security;
- supporting countries committed to the values and the practice of political, religious, and cultural pluralism;
- improving U.S. relations with the developed and developing worlds;
- advancing human rights;
- encouraging realistic arms control agreements;
- curbing the proliferation of nuclear and other unconventional weapons;
- promoting an open and global economy.

An important part of the activity of the NCAFP is Track 1½ and Track II diplomacy. Such closed-door and off-the-record endeavors provide unique opportunities for senior U.S. and foreign officials, think-tank experts, and scholars to engage in discussions designed to defuse conflict, build confidence, and resolve problems.

Believing that an informed public is vital to a democratic society, the National Committee offers educational programs that address security challenges facing the United States and publishes a variety of publications, including its bimonthly journal, American Foreign Policy Interests, that present keen analyses of all aspects of American foreign policy.
Dear Reader,

As 2012 draws to an end, let us celebrate this holiday season of fond memories, warm friendships, and peace and goodwill.

The National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) celebrated 38 years in 2012. A highlight of the very active year was the NCAFP’s gala dinner honoring both Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Karl W. Eikenberry, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, who received the George F. Kennan Award for Distinguished Public Service, and Coca-Cola’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Muhtar Kent, who received the Global Business Leadership Award. The recipients of the NCAFP’s 21st Century Leader Award for outstanding personalities under the age of 40 were Brendan R. McGuire, Esq., Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, who was the lead prosecutor for some of the most vital terrorism trials conducted by the Department of Justice, and Ms. Farhana Qazi, an expert on terrorism who was the first woman to serve at the U.S. Counter Terrorism Center and now designs courses on Islamic civilization and Pakistan. The Evening’s Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Scott Pelley, Managing Editor, CBS Evening News and 60 Minutes correspondent.

The Track I½ and Track II diplomatic roles that the NCAFP plays in the resolution of conflicts that threaten U.S. national security interests are well known. It did, therefore, not entirely come as a surprise in 2012 to be invited by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to develop a project that will bring about order, peace, and stability in that country located in the strategic Horn of Africa. Professor Ephraim Isaac—a longtime member of the NCAFP, Chair of the Ethiopia Peace and Development Center, and Chairman of the National Council of Ethiopian Elders with a long history of activity as mediator in and around Ethiopia—initiated this project and is thus the logical individual to direct it, “Peace Dialogue for a Sustainable Stable Ethiopia.” The project is to engage the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) and the National Ogaden Liberation Front (NOLF) to meet and discuss how to reach peaceful solutions to what appear to be entrenched hostilities. In addition, all domestic political parties will be brought to the table as well as regional players in the Horn of Africa.
In November, the NCAFP hosted a roundtable discussion on the achievements of the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia since the 2005 elections and the electoral and political process in Ethiopia in general. Attendees included two members of the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia, representatives of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations, including the deputy ambassador, and members of the Ethiopian Diaspora.

Also in November, the NCAFP, working in conjunction with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on a parallel project also initiated by Professor Isaac, titled “Peace and Reconciliation: Oromo Dialogue,” convened the first of a set of steering committee meetings in Oslo, Norway. The group of about 15 Ethiopian Elders (mostly women) from Ethiopia and the Diaspora gathered with the goal of developing a road map for peace in their country.

The overall Africa project was under the direction of Ambassador Herman J. Cohen, former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, who organized a panel discussion on “The Role of Africa in the United Nations.” Panelists included Ambassadors Ibrahim Gambari, Joint Special Representative, African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, and Gerald W. Scott, Africa Area Adviser for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Ambassador Cohen also penned two articles that were published in American Foreign Policy Interests (AFPI): “Rwanda: Fifty Years of Ethnic Conflict on Steroids” and “Sudan: American Policy Toward the Land of Endless Conflict.”

The Forum on Asia-Pacific Security (FAPS), directed by Dr. Donald S. Zagoria, continues its Track I½ and Track II work focusing on cross-Strait relations and the question of Taiwan; the North Korea nuclear weapons issue; U.S.-Japan-South Korea trilateral relations; U.S.-Japan-South Korea-China quadrilateral relations; and the U.S.-China strategic dialogue.

As in the past, FAPS organized in New York numerous closed-door and off-the-record conferences, special meetings with sitting and former politicians, diplomats, and leading experts, and public meetings engaging NCAFP members and guests in the work it does. When in China, the NCAFP delegation is hosted by the Taiwan Affairs Office of the People’s Republic of China (PRC), and in Taiwan by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of China (ROC).
Among other delegations that FAPS hosted in New York were China’s Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), which was led by Vice President Fu Mengzi; the PRC’s Taiwan Affairs Office headed by Vice-Minister Chen Yuanfeng; the Shanghai Institute for International and Strategic Studies led by its Vice President Dr. Xia Liping; a delegation led by Dr. Tsai Chung-wen, who is the National Policy Adviser to Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou; a delegation led by the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Legislative Yuan in Taiwan, Dr. Yu-fan Lin and one that was led by John Chiang, who is the head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Legislative Yuan in Taiwan. Roundtable discussions were also held on U.S.-PRC-ROC cross-Strait relations on energy cooperation between the United States and China.

In coordination with NCAFP’s 21st Century Leaders Council, FAPS sponsored a public panel discussion on the future of China and on U.S.-China relations. The panel, moderated by Ambassador Winston Lord, included a delegation of young Chinese leaders brought to New York by the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR). Abe Denmark, a NCAFP 21st Century Leader, works for NBR and was involved in hosting the Chinese delegation. Because of the nature of the event, it attracted a broad range of attendees, including many who had not previously been exposed to the work of the National Committee. Also, FAPS hosted two additional public events this winter that focused attention on the potentially explosive maritime disputes in Asia. One event focused on the territorial disputes around the Korean Peninsula and the other event focused on the Diaoyu Tai/Senkaku Island dispute. These events also attracted widespread public attention.

Distinguished guests FAPS hosted in New York included, among others, Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry; Ambassador Ma Zhengang (co-chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the China’s People’s Political Consultative Congress); Legislator John Chiang (head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Legislative Yuan in the ROC); James Steinberg (former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State); and Michael Schiffer, senior adviser to Senator John Kerry on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

FAPS also published a report on U.S.-China relations titled “The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Rivalry or Partnership?” that was highly praised by, among others, Dr. Henry Kissinger—who remarked that he is in “substantial concurrence” with it. “At this crucial
juncture in the bilateral relationship, it is good to know that the NCAFP is engaging in this sector of the Chinese policy and security-affairs community in meaningful dialogue. Best wishes on this and other projects. . . .”

Articles on that part of the world that appeared in AFPI include “Six-Party Talks: Will/Should They Resume” by Ralph A. Cossa; “Triple-Pronged Engagement: China’s Approach to North Korea” by John Delury; “Tough Challenges, Hard Choices: Dealing with North Korea After the Collapse of the Leap Day Agreement” by Evans J.R. Revere (also appeared in booklet form); “An Agenda for U.S.-China Oil and Gas Dialogue and Cooperation” by Jonathan Chenis; “DPP Transformation and Constitutional One China” by Xu Shiquan; “Approaches to the Construction of a Cross-Strait Peace Framework: Difficulties and Feasible Solutions” by Chen Qimao; “What Kind of Leader Will Xi Jinping Be?” by P. H. Yu; and “U.S. – China Relations: The Years Ahead” by Matthew Nimetz, which was published in booklet form only.

With the support of an anonymous grant, the NCAFP’s Transatlantic Relations program, directed by Dr. Bernard E. Brown, sponsored a closed-door and off-the-record roundtable conference on “Transatlantic Relations: The Crisis.” It was organized by Dr. Brown and Ambassador Herman Cohen. In addition to Dr. Brown and Ambassador Cohen, speakers included two former U.S. Ambassadors to NATO, Robert E. Hunter and Kurt Volker, and Mr. Jacob Funk Kirkegaard of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Discussants for the presentations were Drs. Giuseppe Amendola of New York University, Irene Finel-Honigman of Columbia University, and Hugo Kaufmann of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

The morning session on “NATO: A New Realism” was moderated by Ambassador Donald Blinken, former U.S. Envoy to Hungary; the afternoon session on “The Euro Crisis and Its Implications for Transatlantic Relations” by Ambassador Cohen. Summaries of the conference appeared in American Foreign Policy Interests (Part I in the July–August 2012 issue; and Part II in the September–October 2012 issue) as well as in booklet form.

The day-long gathering was followed by a panel discussion for NCAFP members and guests titled “Does the Transatlantic Alliance
Still Matter?” Moderated by Ambassador Cohen, panelists were Ambassadors Hunter and Volker and Mr. Kirkegaard. Insofar as a stable and likeminded Europe serves the security interests of the alliance, a conclusion reached was that NATO not only matters but must be strengthened. The alliance would also be well-served if the European Union would create a coherent, unified military force able to conduct operations independent of NATO. Another recommendation advanced was the need to distribute commands according to the contributions made by individual sovereign states.

The NCAFP’s continuing concern about transatlantic relations is evident in the stream of articles that appeared in AFPI: “The Eurozone Debt Crisis: Prospects for Europe, China, and the United States” by Dan Steinbock; “Quo Vadis, Russia?” by Michael Rywkin; “NATO Goes Realistic” by Bernard E. Brown; “U.S.-European Relations in the ‘Greater’ Middle East” by Robert E. Hunter; and “Russian Foreign Policy at the Outset of Putin’s Third Term” by Michael Rywkin.

The Central Asia/Caspian Sea Basin Region Project (CAP) hosted a panel discussion titled “A Conversation on the Caucasus.” The event featured Dr. Stephen Blank, professor of National Securities Studies at the U.S. Army War College, and NCAFP Adviser Professor Alexander Cooley, Chair of the Department of Political Science and Tow Professor for Distinguished Scholars and Practitioners at Barnard College. Among topics discussed were the regional implications of the recent elections in Georgia, including relations between Georgia and Russia; the regional ambitions of Turkey and Iran; and the relative shortsightedness of U.S. policies in this vital region important to U.S. interests.

Because of regional tensions and deep concerns about Afghanistan after the U.S. withdrawal, the NCAFP recommends that U.S. interests would benefit by (1) being broadly engaged in Central Asia using the tools of both hard and soft power, (2) working with regional partners to coordinate security arrangements ahead of the planned U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and reassuring regional partners of its long-term interest in Central Asia post-Afghanistan, and (3) facilitating regional cooperation between the Central Asian states.

Stephen Blank contributed an article on the region titled “Russia’s Caucasus Wars: The Wrecks of Empire and the Wars of Decolonization.” Michael Rywkin’s articles also pertain to that region. Professor Cooley’s
recently published book on the region is titled *Great Games, Local Rules, The New Great Power Contest in Central Asia*.

The highlight of the Middle East Project, led by the award-winning journalist and author Amir Taheri, was a closed-door and off-the-record roundtable discussion on “The United States and a Changing Middle East.” In addition to Mr. Taheri, presenters included Raghiba Dergham, senior diplomatic correspondent for *Al Hayat*; David Makovsky, Ziegler Distinguished Fellow and Director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process, at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Dr. Aaron David Miller, Vice President for New Initiatives and Distinguished Scholar, Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and Judith Miller, Adjunct Fellow at the Manhattan Institute. NCAFP policy recommendations that would serve U.S. national security interests included, among other proposals, preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability; the resolution of the Israel-Palestinian conflict by implementing the two states principle; resolutely combating radical Islamic forces; and materially supporting the forces of reform in the broader Middle East. A summary of the roundtable appeared both in AFPI and in booklet form.

At a salon event for patron members at a private home, Mr. Taheri spoke on “Iran: Sleepwalking to War?” In addition, AFPI has published numerous articles on the broader Middle East, including “U.S.-European Relations in the ‘Greater’ Middle East” by Robert E. Hunter; “Arab Fall or Arab Winter?” by Howard J. Wiarda; “Saudi Arabia: Change Begins Within the Family” by Amir Taheri; “Al Qaeda in Yemen Pushed Back, but Terrorism Threat Remains Strong” by Eva Sohlmans; “Israel and Water—(What’s Next for the) Turn Around Nation: How Israel’s Leadership in Advanced Water Technologies Can Enhance Global Economic Growth and Diplomatic Relations” by Marjorie S. Federbush and Jerome C. Muys, Jr.; and “The Future of the Arab Spring: Best-Case Scenario, Worst-Case Scenario” by Amir Taheri.

In addition to events already mentioned in which members participated, all members and guests were invited to attend the following briefings and panel discussions: “The Militarization of United States Foreign Policy” with Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry, “The Impact of Austerity Measures on the Transatlantic Link: Can the Challenges Be Overcome?” with Dr. Artis Pabriks, Latvia’s Minister of Defense; “Diplomatic History: The Turkey-Armenia
Protocols” with David L. Phillips and Dr. Helena K. Finn; “A Conversation with Amir Taheri on Iran;” Faces of the Future: Today's 21st Century Leadership at the NCAF” with Brendan R. McGuire, Esq., and Nicolas Thompson; “A National Strategic Narrative: A Vision for America in the Age of Uncertainty” with Captain Wayne Porter and Colonel Mark Mykelby; “Northeast Asia Security in a Time of Transition” with Evans J.R. Revere, Dr. Sheila A. Smith, and Rear Admiral Michael McDevitt; “Maritime Issues in Asia: Finding Peaceful Solutions” with Evans J.R. Revere and Professors Gerald L. Curtis, Edward I-Hsin Chen and Song Yann-huei; and “Diplomacy in the Digital Age: Perspectives from Canada and U.S.” with Dr. Theresa Pardo, Phillip J. Crowley, General Harry D. Raduege, Jr., Eugene Roman, and Dr. Janice Stein. (This event was co-sponsored with the Consulate General of Canada, The State University of New York, and the Province of Ontario.)

In the NCAF salon series for patron members, Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry and Mrs. Ching Eikenberry spoke about their experience living and working in Afghanistan and on the evolution of the use of hard and soft power and diplomacy. Evgeny Morozov and Nicholas Thompson discussed “The Future of the Internet Agenda After the Arab Spring.” Dr. John Parker, author of Persian Dreams: Moscow and Tehran Since the Fall of the Shah, and Dr. Mark Galeotti, expert on modern Russia, discussed “Russia’s Putin: Which Way Next on Iran?” Elizabeth Rubin, foreign/war correspondent and contributing author to the New York Times Magazine spoke on her forthcoming documentary “Study Kabul.” David L. Phillips, NCAF Board of Advisers, discussed the release of his latest book, Liberating Kosovo: Coercive Diplomacy and U.S. Intervention.

with the World in the Wake of Conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan”); Nancy Soderberg and Ryan Costello (“President Obama’s Nuclear Legacy”); and on cyber warfare, Misha Glenny and Camino Kavanagh (“800 Titles but No Policy—Thoughts on Cyber Warfare”). A separate booklet has also appeared on this subject titled “Cyberpower and National Security.”

The NCAFP could not have pursued this plethora of activities without the generous support of Mutual of America, our devoted members and friends, and foundations, including Anonymous (2), the Carnegie Corporation, the China Energy Fund Committee, the Center for Global Partnership, the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Henry Luce Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Norwegian Foreign Ministry (NFM), the Smith Richardson Foundation, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S.-Japan Foundation, and the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The generous backing that the NCAFP receives enables us to continue to offer exemplary programs on a wide range of foreign policy issues affecting U.S. national security interests; to move closer to bringing the NCAFP’s Track I½ and Track II projects to successful conclusions; and to realize the mission that the National Committee on American Foreign Policy undertook 38 years ago.

Sincerely,

George D. Schwab

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Encomiums
“Mutual understanding and respect among nations help promote peace, tolerance, and prosperity around the world. Since 1974, your organization has helped advance American foreign policy and resolve conflicts that threaten our national security.... I appreciate members of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy for your commitment to furthering human rights, strengthening our global economy, and extending freedom and democracy to people everywhere.”

President George W. Bush

“The National Committee’s 1994 Conference on Northern Ireland...helped to set the stage for an historic period of U.S. engagement in promoting peace in Northern Ireland. By reaching out to key Irish and British political leaders, you contributed to IRA and loyalist cease-fires. We are grateful for your abiding commitment to the cause of peace and for your extraordinary contributions in advancing that goal.”

President Bill Clinton

“On behalf of...Secretary [of State Condoleezza] Rice thanks for forwarding the report on the [January 2005] visit to Beijing and Taiwan by members of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy...The Perspectives reviewed in your report were very helpful and have been studied carefully by the Department. I appreciate you sharing your observations and welcome other reports from the Committee on foreign policy topics of interest.”

Joseph Donovan
Director, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs
U.S. Department of State

“I commend you for the thoughtfulness and sophistication of the analysis that you generated at the Committee’s Roundtable. Your report makes a valuable and timely contribution, particularly given the recent visit of Chinese Vice Premier, Qian Qichen. The NCAFP continues to be held in high esteem in the international affairs community. We look forward to your continuing efforts to illuminate these difficult and important issues.”

The Honorable Colin L. Powell
Secretary of State

“I just wanted to thank you for your summary of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy’s trip to Beijing and Taipei this past January [2005]. This is a perfect example of what ‘open source intelligence’ can provide, and I have disseminated your findings through appropriate channels. The cross-strait situation will continue to remain on the forefront of our consciousness for the foreseeable future. Your work on this subject couldn’t be more timely – thank you so much for bringing it to my attention.”

The Honorable John D. Negroponte
Director of National Intelligence
“I have cherished my association with the National Committee on American Foreign Policy over the years. I have been impressed with your superb “Track II” discussions and the analytical work your committee has done on so many critical foreign policy issues, ranging from Northern Ireland, to the Middle East, to the Caspian Sea, to the Taiwan Strait, to the Korean Peninsula.”

Lieutenant General Karl W. Eikenberry  
U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan

“The persistent, well-informed efforts by you and your highly qualified group have built trust in all three capitals [Washington, Beijing, Taipei]. The access and insights that you develop as a result are invaluable as we all pursue peace in the Taiwan Strait.”

James F. Moriarty  
Former Special Assistant to the President  
Senior Advisor on Asian Affairs, National Security Council

“Let me express once more my admiration for the way the Committee has pursued its chartered task and for the success it has had in that effort.”

The Honorable George F. Kennan  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union

“I have been associated with this Committee because Hans Morgenthau was a friend of mine and because of the tremendous work they’re doing.”

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
Former Secretary of State

“The rationale and agenda for the NCAFP’s Forum on Asia-Pacific Security are solidly assured for years to come. No organization is better equipped to carry on this assignment. One can point not only to its experience and contacts accumulated over a decade but to its record of proved results. Like some other successful track II operations, the NCAFP projects have spurred candid, unofficial dialogue, floated trial balloons, suggested new avenues, and improved lines of communication. They have also provided an umbrella for informal side conversations and developing personal bonds for participating government officials.

In fact, this is to understatement the NCAFP’s achievements substantially. NCAFP dialogues have produced concrete results in national policies. These range from helping to restart negotiations to providing ideas in major speeches to promoting shifts in diplomatic postures.

We might better describe the projects as track 1.5 rather than track II, that is, as semi-governmental rather than strictly academic. The participants have included current, past, and future policy officials from the countries involved. While acting informally and unofficially, they have probed their counterparts and reported to their superiors and factored conclusions into their national approaches. The NCAFP, in turn, has been meticulous in staying independent of the U.S. government while securing its unofficial attendance and keeping it fully posted.”
At a time when events in the Middle East and elsewhere absorb so much of our governmental, academic, and public attention, this forum is a particularly valuable asset. America must devote sufficient focus and resources to what will be the world’s most important region in this century. This is what the Northeast Asia Projects should continue to do, with policy relevance and impact.”

The Honorable Winston Lord
Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Former U.S. Ambassador to China

“I am delighted to hear that the outstanding work of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy goes on unabated, analyzing and developing your country’s role in international affairs.”

The Rt. Hon. The Baroness Margaret Thatcher,
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“We always look forward to receiving your publications. The NCAFP Forum on Northeast Asian Security’s publications and reports are highly regarded by [the government of] Taiwan.”

His Excellency Ma Ying-jeou,
President of Taiwan (ROC)

“I want to thank you again for inviting me to attend the conference earlier this week [August 2004] on North Korea sponsored by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. This conference was the rare exception to my experience with so many Track II conferences—the issues were timely, the participants well-informed and representative of all the parties, and the presentations and discussions first-rate.”

Mitchell B. Reiss
Director, Policy Planning Staff, U.S. Department of State

“The National Committee on American Foreign Policy’s program is the best track two effort that exists in contributing to the stability in the Taiwan Strait.”

President Chen Shui-bian, Taiwan

“The National Committee on American Foreign Policy is very renowned in Chinese diplomatic circles. It does useful work in promoting U.S.-China relations. The Chinese side attaches great importance to your visits.”

His Excellency Tang Jiaxuan
State Councilor, People’s Republic of China
“...Thanks to the NCAFP for providing an institutional home for the ideas and ideals of the realist tradition.”

The Honorable James A. Baker III
Former Secretary of State

“I read your summary of the NCAFP’s most recent North Korean Track II dialogue with great interest. Your insights and the work of the NCAFP are invaluable and will shape my actions at PACOM. I look forward to our future discussions.”

Admiral Robert Willard
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command

“It is not every day I praise another foreign affairs organization. But I want to do just that...After thirty years, the National Committee on American Foreign Policy is going strong. This is a very good thing for all of us. The National Committee stands out as an oasis of non-partisanship and serious thought about this country’s purpose in the world.”

The Honorable Richard N. Haass
President of the Council on Foreign Relations

“The NCAFP’s role in fostering peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland is exemplary. It has provided a forum where representatives of the communities can express their points of view and know that they will be heard by an audience willing to share its experience in foreign policy and to offer constructive advice.”

Noel Fahey
Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

“Thank you for sharing the report on the National Committee’s roundtable on the UN Human Rights Council, and a copy of Ambassador Frank Wisner’s address to the Committee on his experience as the US Special Representative to the Kosovo Final Status Talks. Both documents are testament to the valuable contribution the National Committee makes to the foreign policy debate in this country.”

Sir Nigel Sheinwald KCMG
Ambassador of Britain to the United States

“The United States appreciates the work of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and I am pleased that our ties of friendship and cooperation continue.”

The Honorable Susan Rice
Representative of the United States to the United Nations
“Through its discussions, publications, and direct involvement in crises from Northern Ireland, to China, to North Korea, and the Middle East, the National Committee has made an important contribution to ensuring America’s national interests are advanced from a nonpartisan perspective within the framework of Morgenthau’s political realism.”

The Honorable Nancy Soderberg  
Vice President, International Crisis Group  
Former Ambassador to the United Nations

“The invitation to me from the National Committee on American Foreign Policy duly arrived. It created a major political storm…. Two days before the conference, President Clinton authorized a 48 hour visa that restricted me to the New York area. The backlash from the British government and system was hysterical. The Daily Telegraph summed it up by describing it as the ‘worst rift since Suez’….

[There] can be no doubt that the granting of the visa was a major shift in U.S. foreign policy and it marked a defining moment in the development of the Irish peace process.”

Gerry Adams  
President, Sinn Féin

“American Foreign Policy Interests is an effective journal in the field of foreign affairs—and little is more vital for the enigmatic future than clearheaded discussions of America’s role in the world.”

Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.  
Dean of American Historians

“Since 1974, the National Committee on American Foreign Policy has provided a high standard of analysis and perspective regarding many areas where conflict resolution is critical. From experts in diplomacy to members of academia, the Committee represents some of the most perceptive minds and point[s] of view that have added an important component to sensitive global debates.”

Governor George E. Pataki

“I believe that the NCAFP has performed a very valuable service on the work in cross-strait relations which you ably coordinate. I read carefully all of the trip and roundtable reports…. I find that they provide valuable insights on views in the Mainland and on Taiwan and on possibilities for renewing dialogue between the two sides. Participants from both Taiwan and the Mainland have told me that your roundtable meetings provide them with unique opportunities to interact and informally exchange views. In the absence of any official channel between the two sides, this opportunity for Track Two contact is especially important.”

Raymond F. Burghardt  
Former Director, American Institute in Taiwan
“Taiwan is a key and difficult issue in U.S. diplomacy with the PRC, an issue to which I have been devoting considerable attention. I have therefore found especially helpful the opportunities to meet with various NCAFP delegations over the past year…. The NCAFP has produced a series of helpful reports on its cross-strait program, including a recent interim report, ‘Cross-Strait Relations: Breaking the Impasse,’ which has many useful insights. Your inputs and insights are about the most balanced and useful that we see.”

The Honorable Joseph W. Prueher
Former U.S. Ambassador to China

“Since its establishment in 1974, the National Committee on American Foreign Policy has demonstrated a commitment to promoting human rights, supporting our allies, and advancing the interests of the United States.”

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor of New York

“I cannot sufficiently emphasize the importance of this and similar sessions hosted [on North Korea] by the NCAFP in the past.”

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