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MEMORANDUM FOR General Abizaid

SUBJECT: IFPA-Sponsored CENTCOM Conference on Syria & Iran (25 May 05)

1. On 26 May 2005, the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis ran a CENTCOM sponsored conference entitled, "Opportunities and Challenges in Middle East Policy." RADM Moeller served as the senior CENTCOM representative and co-hosted with **Dr. Jacquelyn Davis** of IFPA. (Tab A) As recorded in the conference hotwash (Tab B), session "kick-off" speakers included Richard Perle, Danielle Pletka, Henry Sokolski, Ken Pollack, Marius Deeb, and Doug Feith. Also in attendance were Ilan Berman, Hans Binnendijk, MG Trudy Clarke, Michael Eisenstadt, Richard Gullickson, and approximately 20 others. The conference consisted of three major sessions:

- The Bush Administration's grand strategy, regional strategy, and stability planning for the Middle East after Iraq's elections
- Iran and Syria: Assessing capabilities, intentions, and the prospects for new relations with the United States
- Implications for U.S. security planning and interagency collaboration

2. The joint J5/CAG conference summary (Tab C) indicates that the conference was useful in helping the command in framing the region's issues and giving us some outside thoughts on Syria and Iran in particular.

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