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Subject: Re: Kaine event

Here are the two reports we released last week. We received good coverage of an event on the Syrian opposition, and we've fielded many calls and questions from the Hill.

The reports support the effort to build the Syrian opposition and outline an integrated strategy for the region to counter ISIS.

1. Supporting the Syrian Opposition

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security/report/2014/09/12/96990/supporting-the-syrian-opposition/>

Based on extensive field research in the spring and summer including interviews with more than 50 members of the Syrian opposition, the report recommends reinvigorated support for U.S. efforts to build the opposition. It highlights the substantial challenges ahead.

2. Defeating ISIS: An Integrated Strategy to Advance Middle East Stability:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security/report/2014/09/10/96739/defeating-isis-an-integrated-strategy-to-advance-middle-east-stability/>

The paper outlines strategic goals for the U.S. and proposes a strategy to defeat ISIS based on three pillars:

1. Building and managing an international coalition to defeat ISIS and stabilize the region;
2. Increasing support for Iraq's political, economic and security transitions with a revived U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement
3. Initiating a more concerted effort to end Syria's civil war and support the creation of a transitional government.

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Gents,

We had a very good response to our products last week and our event on Friday was well

covered. Brian will send some links later - I am on a plane about to take off for London.
We had a lot of questions about AUMF issues and decided to host Kaine next week... Tent. the
23rd. Happy to discuss.

Best,

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Sent on a "smart" phone. Please excuse typos.