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FOR MEMBERS AND STAFF

Dear Colleague:

I invite you to join me for a discussion of a new in-depth report that explores one of the central global challenges of our time: developing harmonious relations between Muslim-majority countries and the West. The report, entitled "Changing Course: A New Direction for U.S. Relations with the Muslim World," offers thoughtful, creative, and multi-faceted proposals for meeting that challenge.

This stimulating report is the result of nearly two years of intensive work by a 34-member Leadership Group on U.S.-Muslim Engagement that includes experts and leaders in foreign policy, defense, business, religion, public opinion, psychology and philanthropy. The Leadership Group includes Madeleine Albright, Richard Armitage, Dennis Ross, Richard Land, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Tom Dine, and many others. It was produced by a bipartisan commission under the auspices of two leading conflict-resolution organizations, Search for Common Ground and the Consensus Building Institute.

Members of the Leadership Group will present an overview of this report to interested Members and staff **TOMORROW, Wednesday, September 24th, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in 2200 Rayburn.** I hope you can join me for what promises to be a very interesting discussion.

For more information on the report, please visit www.usmuslimengagement.org, or feel free to contact the project co-directors Robert Fersh (rfersh@sfcg.org) and David Fairman (dfairman@cbuilding.org).

Sincerely,



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