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Dear Colleague:

I would like to bring to your attention the enclosed report by the U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project that charts a way forward for relations between the United States and the Muslim world. The report is entitled: "Changing Course: A New Direction for U.S. Relations with the Muslim World."

Formed in January 2007, this bipartisan group brought together former government officials, business leaders, clergy, experts on foreign policy and others to re-examine the critically important question of how the United States can work with the Muslim world to restore trust, reduce threats of violence, and forge closer relationships. Resulting from nearly two years of research and discussion, the Project's report offers a thoughtful analysis of the current state of America's relations with the Muslim world and constructive recommendations on how we can approach this pressing concern in a bipartisan framework.

I hope that you and your staff will have a chance to review the report, which can be accessed at www.usmuslimengagement.org. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact the Project co-directors Robert Fersh (rfersh@sfcg.org) and David Fairman (dfairman@cbuilding.org).

Sincerely,



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