

**Yousef Al Otaiba**

To: Chamberlin, Wendy Cc: Richard Clarke

September 13, 2016 at 10:38 AM

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Looks good.

Go ahead and send a copy separately to Saif Al Hajeri please.

[See More from Chamberlin, Wendy](#)


**Chamberlin, Wendy**

To: Yousef Al Otaiba Cc: Richard Clarke

September 13, 2016 at 8:15 AM

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 New contact info found in this email: Wendy Chamberlin wchamberlin@mei.edu

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Dear Yousef,

I took a crack at a letter for your comment and corrections. I addressed it to Dr. Al Suwaidi. Should I cc anyone else?

Dear Dr. Jamal Al-Suwaidi,

I very much hope you and your family shared a joyous Eid Al Faty together. The Board and Staff of the Middle East Institute joins me in wishing you best wishes and good health.

This letter is to acknowledge and record formerly the generous unrestricted grant of \$20 million pledged by the ECSSR to the Middle East Institute for the purpose of supporting MEI's capital campaign.

We understand the grant will be transferred to MEI in four semi-annual installments with the first \$5 million installment to be made in September, 2016 and the second in December, 2016. The 2017 installments of \$5 million each will be made in June and December.

ECSSR's contribution of \$20,000,000 to the MEI capital campaign will be used to expand office and meeting space for MEI scholars. It will enable the Institute to renovate our current building to accommodate a conference space large enough for an audience of 150 people. MEI will open the only private exhibition space to display contemporary Arab art. Importantly, MEI will augment its scholar roster with world class experts in order to counter the more egregious misperceptions about the region, inform U.S. government policy makers, and convene regional leaders for discreet dialogue on pressing issues.

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We are most appreciative of your support and ask that you acknowledge this letter as accurately reflecting the understandings.

With highest regards,

Wendy Chamberlin

President, The Middle East Institute


Chamberlin, Wendy

Request for a meeting

To: salhajeri@tawazun.ae Bcc: otaiba7@hotmail.com

Inbox - Yousef Al Otaiba September 20, 2016 at 12:37 PM

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Your Excellency,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you had a joyous and auspicious Eid.

Please let me say how grateful we are at the Middle East Institute (MEI) that Dr. Jamal Al Suwaidi's has agreed that ECSSR will grant \$20 million to the MEI capital campaign fund. Ambassador Yousef Otaiba kindly informed our chairman, Richard Clarke of the ECSSR grant.

Dr. Paul Salem, Vice President of MEI, and I will be visiting Abu Dhabi Wednesday 28th or Tuesday afternoon the 27th. We would very much like to call on you if you are free.

**Wendy J. Chamberlin**

*President*

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Sent - Yousef Al Otaiba February 20, 2017 at 10:36 AM



Re: MEI Development Discussion

To: Richard Clarke Cc: gdady@dccapitalpartners.com, wendyjchamberlin@gmail.com, Susan Bastress, Tyler Pedigo

No problem.

Original Message

From: Richard Clarke

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 1:18 PM

To: Yousef Al Otaiba

Cc: [gdady@dccapitalpartners.com](mailto:gdady@dccapitalpartners.com); [wendyjchamberlin@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjchamberlin@gmail.com); Susan Bastress; Tyler Pedigo

Subject: Re: MEI Development Discussion

Next 4-5 weeks

On Feb 20, 2017, at 12:54, Yousef Al Otaiba <[otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Sure, happy to.

Is there a specific window in mind or is it relatively open ended?

Original Message

From: Richard Clarke

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 12:52 PM

To: Yousef; [gdady@dccapitalpartners.com](mailto:gdady@dccapitalpartners.com); [wendyjchamberlin@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjchamberlin@gmail.com); Susan Bastress; Tyler Pedigo

Subject: MEI Development Discussion

Yousef,

Would you be willing to spend an hour at your convenience in our grand new temporary MEI headquarters to get a tour, say hi to staff, and then have a chat about how we should raise funds from others?

We would want Gail, Wendy, and Susan in on that discussion.

If you are willing, we will start working schedules.

Dick

**Yousef Al Otaiba**

To: Ramy Yaacoub

January 21, 2013 at 10:26 AM

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Welcome back.

Is everything moving on track from your end?

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: Ramy Yaacoub <[ramy.yaacoub@gmail.com](mailto:ramy.yaacoub@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2013 18:25:09

To: <[otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)>

Subject: Checking in

Hop you are doing well. Just got back to DC last night.

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Found in Sent - Yousef Al Otaiba Mailbox



**Yousef Al Otaiba**

To: Karl Jonathan D.

January 12, 2013 at 10:30 AM

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And that's why I keep mentioning it to everyone :-)

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: "Karl Jonathan D." <[Jonathan.D.Karl@abc.com](mailto:Jonathan.D.Karl@abc.com)>

Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2013 18:29:05

To: <[otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)>

Subject: Re: Checking in

Excellent!!!!!!

Congrats and please give my best to Abeer.

And, I'm sorry to say, nobody's really going to care how you're doing for a while.

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**Yousef Al Otaiba**

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January 12, 2013 at 10:08 AM

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Yes, sorry for not informing you earlier.

Baby samia just turned one day old :-)

She's very cute but very tiny. Mama is doing well and recovering nicely and I'm doing ok too if anyone is interested :-)

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From: "Karl Jonathan D." <[Jonathan.D.Karl@abc.com](mailto:Jonathan.D.Karl@abc.com)>

Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2013 18:05:50

To: <[otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)>

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How is Abeer? Any news?

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Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2013 18:47:08  
To: <[otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)>  
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MEI agreement is \$1.5 million per year, I'll take care of that.

You will cover lobbying and communication support for the opposition group since 1. I cannot do that and 2. It will be a much smaller amount.

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From: Ramy Yaacoub <[ramy.yaacoub@gmail.com](mailto:ramy.yaacoub@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2013 19:04:11

To: <[otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)>

Subject: Re: Checking in

Ok, Naguib was under the impression that he would be partially funding it. I will work with Richard to get things moving asap, and will explain to Naguib.

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RE: The Middle East Institute  
To: mac@centerhousehold.com

Sent - Yousef Al Otaiba April 19, 2008 at 4:40 PM

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Mac,

Sorry to have missed but we're usually swamped during the week, very difficult to get break out.

Hope Wendy's visit was successful and she managed to secure the meetings she needed.

I'm aware of MEI's fundraising drive and I'll do what I can to help support it but I feel its important to manage expectations. I think the numbers you're mentioning are a little far off our original estimates. I'll revisit the issue and come back to you with numbers we feel comfortable with. Of course I'm only speaking for abu dhabi gov't on this issue.

Yousef

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To: [otaiba7@hotmail.com](mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com)  
Subject: The Middle East Institute  
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 10:09:55 +0400

Yousef:

We missed you at the dinner last evening but I understand how duty comes first – 20 years in the Marine Corps certainly taught me that.

I have committed to Wendy Chamberlin to raise \$50-million from the UAE for the Middle East Institute and I'm asking for suggestions on how to approach HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed and HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid for each emirate to contribute to this endowment. \$10-million would be spent building the new Arabic language training center, and the rest would be invested so the interest could be used to run the Institute and fund new programs.

I suspect that now is the right time to approach the respective leaders given the huge liquidity in the country as well as the obvious need to promote Arab/Muslim awareness in the US. The UAE has taken leadership positions on so many issues globally, so my hope is that they will step forward now in this regard.

How do you suggest I proceed? Thanks. Mac

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