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Abstract (Summary)

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The Sept. 4 news story by Robin Wright and Dan Eggen, "Leak Inquiry Includes Iran Experts in Administration," incorrectly referred to me as co-author of a 1996 paper produced by the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies.

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Its introductory paragraph said, "The main substantive ideas in this paper emerge from a discussion in which prominent opinion makers, including [myself] participated." Thus, there is no warrant for attributing any particular idea, let alone all of them, to any one participant.

David Wurmser, as the group's rapporteur, drafted the report. There were no co-authors, and the discussion participants were not asked to clear the final text of the paper. Further, the report was not commissioned by Mr. Netanyahu.

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