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The Honorable John Kerry  
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Secretary Kerry:

Yesterday, the Associated Press (AP) reported that Iran will be allowed to conduct its own inspections of the Parchin nuclear site as part of the secret side deal reached between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran. Specifically, the AP reported that “the agreement diverges from normal inspection procedures between the IAEA and a member country by essentially ceding the agency’s investigative authority to Iran. It allows Tehran to employ its own experts and equipment in the search for evidence for activities that it has consistently denied - trying to develop nuclear weapons.”

These reports are based on a review of the text of the agreement, labeled “separate arrangement II.” It is worth noting that while the AP has reviewed these documents, no member of Congress or the public has had that same opportunity.

Given this development, I would request your response to the following questions at your earliest possible convenience.

- 1) On July 24, I, along with Senator Cotton, sent you a letter accepting an offer you made during your July 22 briefing to members of Congress on the nuclear agreement with Iran. I requested that briefing occur the week of July 27.

I received a response in the form of a letter dated August 11 from Julia Frifield, Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs. The letter stated, in part, that “the level of engagement with Congress that we have maintained on this nuclear deal has been unprecedented and we look forward to continuing our close consultations.”

To date, I have not been a part of any briefing that disclosed that Iran would be performing their own inspections at Parchin. I would request, once again, a complete briefing on the contents of the two separate side agreements.

2) On July 22, National Security Advisor Susan Rice said this about the separate side agreements: “We know their contents and we’re satisfied with them. We will share contents of those briefings in full in a classified session with Congress. So there’s nothing in that regard that we know that they won’t know.”

- Was anyone in the administration aware that under these agreements, Iran would be permitted to perform its own inspections at Parchin? If so, when was that important fact shared with Congress?
- If the administration was not aware of this provision, why was Secretary Rice so confident that the administration knows the contents of the separate side agreements?

The fact that Congress and the American public are just now learning that Iran will be performing its own inspections at Parchin, over a month after the completion of the nuclear deal with Iran, raises an obvious question: “What else don’t we know?”

It is unacceptable that the American people are learning such critical information about this deal from the press. This new development illustrates, once again, that it is absolutely crucial that Congress is able to review the text of these side agreements. I look forward to your prompt response to these questions and stand ready to assist in scheduling a briefing on these side deals as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Mike Pompeo  
Member of Congress