

# VIPS Memos

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### Moscow Has Upped the Ante in Syria

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SUBJECT: Moscow Has Upped the Ante in Syria  
September 9, 2018

### VIPS Tells Media Support for Brennan is Not Unanimous

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### VIPS Asks Twitter to Restore Van Buren's Account

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August 8, 2018

### VIPS Plead for Humanitarian Asylum for Julian Assange

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SUBJECT: Humanitarian Asylum for Julian Assange  
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### VIPS to Trump: Intel on Iran Could be CATASTROPHIC

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SUBJECT: Intelligence on Iran Fails the Smell Test  
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## **VIPS Call on Trump Not to Pull Out of Iran Nuclear Deal**

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SUBJECT: Being "Played" By Bogus Evidence on Iran

May 7, 2018

## **Trump Urged to Seek Evidence Before Attacking Syria**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Evidence Required for Military Decision on Syria

April 13, 2018

## **Trump Should Withdraw Haspel Nomination, Intel Vets Say**

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## **Growing Risk of U.S.-Iran Hostilities Based on False Pretexts, Intel Vets Warn**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: War With Iran

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## **Intel Vets Tell Trump Iran Is Not Top Terror Sponsor**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Is Iran the "World's Leading Sponsor of Terrorism?"

December 21, 2017

## **Intel Vets Challenge 'Russia Hack' Evidence**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Was the "Russian Hack" an Inside Job?

July 24, 2017

## **Intel Vets Voice Doubts on Syrian Crisis**

OPEN MEMORANDUM FOR: The American People

SUBJECT: Mattis 'No Doubt' Stance on Alleged Syrian CW Smacks of Politicized Intelligence

April 26, 2017

## **Trump Should Rethink Syria Escalation**

MEMORANDUM FOR: President Trump

SUBJECT: Syria: Was It Really "A Chemical Weapons Attack"?

April 11, 2017

**A Demand for Russian 'Hacking' Proof**

MEMORANDUM FOR: President Obama  
SUBJECT: A Key Issue That Still Needs to be Resolved  
January 17, 2017

**US Intel Vets Dispute Russia Hacking Claims**

MEMORANDUM FOR: U.S. Senate  
SUBJECT: Allegations of Hacking Election Are Baseless  
December 12, 2016

**Obama Warned to Diffuse Tensions with Russia**

ALERT MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: PREVENTING STILL WORSE IN SYRIA  
October 2, 2016

**US Media Ignores CIA Cover-up on Torture**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Vice Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
SUBJECT: U.S. Media Mum On How Your Committee Faced Down Both CIA and Obama  
September 16, 2016

**Merkel Urged to Temper NATO's Belligerence**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany  
SUBJECT: NATO Summit in Warsaw  
July 6, 2016

**Intel Vets Call 'Dissent Memo' on Syria 'Reckless'**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
SUBJECT: Beware Foggy Bottom Dissent  
June 25, 2016

**Intel Vets Urge Fast Report on Clinton's Emails**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Those "Damn Emails" – "Really a Concern"  
May 23, 2016

**VIPS Offers Advice to Candidates**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Ben Carson, Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, Bernie Sanders, Dr. Jill Stein, and Donald Trump  
February 26, 2016

**A Call for Proof on Syria-Sarin Attack**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State Kerry & Foreign Minister Lavrov  
SUBJECT: A Call for Proof on Syria-Sarin Attack  
December 22, 2015

**U.S. Intel Vets Decry CIA's Use of Torture**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Veteran Intelligence Professionals Challenge CIA's "Rebuttal" on Torture  
September 19, 2015

**Obama Should Release MH-17 Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Releasing an Intelligence Report on Shoot-Down of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17  
July 22, 2015

**Judith Miller's Blame-Shifting Memoir**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Americans Malnourished on the Truth About Iraq  
SUBJECT: A New "Miller's Tale" (with apologies to Geoffrey Chaucer)  
April 7, 2015

**US Intel Vets Oppose Brennan's CIA Plan**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: John Brennan's Restructuring Plan for CIA  
March 9, 2015

**Curbs on Surveillance State Urged**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board  
Subject: Two Administrations and Congress Dismantled the Constitution How Can It Be Restored?  
March 5, 2015

**Udall Urged to Disclose Full Torture Report**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Senator Mark Udall  
SUBJECT: Stopping Torture

December 29, 2014

**Warning Merkel on Russian 'Invasion' Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany  
SUBJECT: Ukraine and NATO  
August 29, 2014

**Obama Should Release Ukraine Evidence**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Intelligence on Shoot-Down of Malaysian Plane  
July 29, 2014

**Needed: Obama-Putin Summit on Ukraine**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Urgent Action on Ukraine  
May 4, 2014

**Obama Urged to Show Restraint on Ukraine**

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
SUBJECT: Russia, Ukraine, and the U.S. National Interest  
April 28, 2014

**NSA Insiders Reveal What Went Wrong**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Input for Your Decisions on NSA  
January 7, 2014

**Obama Urged to Fire DNI Clapper**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Fire Clapper  
December 11, 2013

**Time for Proof on Syrian CW Attack**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov  
SUBJECT: Time for Proof on Syrian CW Attack  
October 1, 2013

**Obama Warned on Syrian Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Is Syria a Trap?

September 6, 2013

**An Appeal to Gen. Dempsey on Syria**

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Syria and Our Oath to Defend the Constitution

August 30, 2013

**Brennan's Loose Talk on Iran Nukes**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

SUBJECT: Due Diligence on John Brennan

February 22, 2013

**A Persian Gulf 'Hot Line' Proposed**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Avoiding Spiraling Violence in the Persian Gulf

July 31, 2012

**Avoiding Another Long War**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Avoiding Another Long War

January 4, 2012

**Obama Warned Israel May Bomb Iran**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: War With Iran

August 3, 2010

**Intelligence Vets Back Torture Probe**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Accountability for Torture

September 27, 2009

**Memo to President Obama on Torture**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Torture

April 29, 2009

**Obama Urged to Back Chas Freeman**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Obama's DNI Urged to Back Freeman  
March 8, 2009

### Dangers of a Cornered George Bush

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Memo  
FROM: Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity & Dr. Justin Frank  
SUBJECT: Assessing the potential dangers and possible countermeasures available to constrain GW Bush  
July 27, 2007

### How Not to Counter Terrorism

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Memo  
SUBJECT: Have Bush administration policies made Americans safer from the threat of terrorism since 9/11?  
June 18, 2007

### Intel Vets Question the Iraq-UK Crisis

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Memo  
SUBJECT: Brinkmanship Unwise in Uncharted Waters  
March 29, 2007

### Intelligence Vets' Memo to Congress

MEMORANDUM FOR: Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader  
SUBJECT: Denouement on Iraq: First Stop the Bleeding  
March 14, 2007

### Bush Urged to Counsel with "Wise Women" on Iraq

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Recommendation: Try a Circle of "Wise Women"  
August 24, 2005

### Advice for Bush's State of the Union

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Your State-of-the-Union Address  
January 13, 2004

### One Person Can Make a Difference

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colleagues in Intelligence  
SUBJECT: One Person Can Make a Difference

October 13, 2003

**Intelligence Vets Urged to Speak Out on Iraq Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colleagues in Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Now It's Your Turn  
August 22, 2003

**Intelligence Unglued**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Intelligence Unglued  
July 14, 2003

**VIPS to Annan: Return UN Inspectors to Iraq**

LETTER TO: The Honorable Kofi Annan, Secretary General, The United Nations  
May 19, 2003

**The Iraq War Intelligence Fiasco**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Intelligence Fiasco  
May 1, 2003

**The Stakes in the Search for Weapons of Mass Destruction**

MEMORANDUM  
SUBJECT: The Stakes in the Search for Weapons of Mass Destruction  
April 24, 2003

**Arafat Interviewed by VIPS' Christisons**

INTERVIEW: Arafat Interviewed by Christisons  
March 26, 2003

**Iraq Intel: Forgery, Hyperbole, Half-Truth**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Forgery, Hyperbole, Half-Truth: A Problem  
March 18, 2003

**Cooking Intelligence for War in Iraq**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Confused Americans  
SUBJECT: Cooking Intelligence for War  
March 12, 2003



**Powell's UN Speech and the Case for War**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Today's Speech By Secretary Powell At The UN

February 5, 2003

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