

# VIPS Memos

## Publications from the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity

### 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

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Request to Withdraw Nomination of Gina Haspel  
March 25, 2018

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

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: War With Iran  
February 26, 2018

### 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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