

# US Tour Assignment

Team 2

11 May 2017

# Team 2 - The American National Security Establishment and its Significance to Israel

- **Issue #1** – The decision-making process in the United States in comparison to the decision-making process in Israel. To what extent, if at all, does the American decision-making procedure ensure better strategic decisions?
- **Issue #2** – The relationship between the White House, Congress, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the National Security Council. Involvement of other bodies in the process, such as the media and think tanks (all knowing that these issues are not yet finally formed in the current administration).
- **Issue #3** – American military power as a tool of policy and strategy. What characterizes civil-military relations in the United States?
- **Issue #4** – What is the meaning of the American decision-making process on Israel's conduct vis-a-vis the US, and vice versa?

# Organization of Team & Tasks

Issue Assignment	#1	#4	#2	#3
Issues	The decision-making process in the United States in comparison to the decision-making process in Israel. To what extent, if at all, does the American decision-making procedure ensure better strategic decisions?	What is the meaning of the American decision-making process on Israel's conduct vis-a-vis the US, and vice versa?	The relationship between the White House, Congress, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the National Security Council. Involvement of other bodies in the process, such as the media and think tanks (all knowing that these issues are not yet finally formed in the current administration).	American military power as a tool of policy and strategy. What characterizes civil-military relations in the United States?
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Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main effort on issue assigned (prepare questions for lectures)</li> <li>- Supporting effort on other issues (provide observations for other teams)</li> <li>- Summarize 2-3 key insights on the issue assigned</li> <li>- Contribute useful <b>integrative</b> insights across all issues</li> <li>- Write 3 pages (maximum) on the issue</li> </ul>			

# Schedule

- Xx May: Team discussion in US?
- 5 Jun (Mon) 1300hrs: Team discussion in MABAL
- 5-7 Jun: Writing by teams
- 7 Jun (End of day): Submission to Team Co-Leads/Integrators
- 8-9 Jun: Compilation by Team Co-Leads
- 10 Jun: Shabbat
- 11 Jun: Circulation to Team Members and Haim for comments
- 12 Jun: Amendments
- 13 Jun: Submission of Assignment to Prof Avi Ben Zvi

## Other Points to Note

- Attention required from 15-17 May at NDU, Pentagon, Washington Institute, Congress, Embassy
- No time for jet-lag (I'm sorry for this! ☹️)
- Make use of free time to start writing down key observations, insights, concepts and processes before you lose them
- Clarify with Haim along the way



- Bibliography:
  - Ng, W.H., “US Tour Assignment”, **Israel National Defense College**, 11 May 2017
  - For internet articles, to add: retrieved on DD MMM 2017, website link