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Dear Students in My Friday Sections,

For your third response paper, I suggest writing on **Multilateral Sanctions Theory** and **Iran** based on the three readings in the syllabus and the unclassified briefs I provided in my *NSC Simulation* instructions sent out last night, which are also copied below. That way you can both prepare for Friday and write an outstanding final response paper.

Kind Regards,

David

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### **National Security Council Consultative Meeting Simulation**

During our section on Friday we will hold a **simulated consultative meeting** of Deputy and Special Assistants to the U.S. President on national security affairs.

We will discuss **sanctions** over the Iranian nuclear crisis, in an effort to reach consensus on three major policy recommendations for the statutory members of the [National Security Council](#).

Assuming the State Department reaches a negotiated agreement in the P5+1 Talks, we will debate whether and how to unweave the three and a half decade patchwork of **sanctions** on Iran.

**First**, we need to come to agreement on *what* sanctions are, *whether* they work, if so *how* and in what contexts, as well as *what* if any strategic value they have.

**Second**, we need to determine which unilateral and multilateral sanctions imposed on Iran should be repealed. To do that, we need to determine the economic impact of these sanctions, the trigger and the target, and whether these sanctions are reversible.

We must remember not to conflate ends and means. After all, grand **strategy** clearly determines the ends or objectives and the ways or means to get there.

Please prepare for our National Security Council Consultative Meeting simulation by reading the following **unclassified** briefs:

1. [The Making and Unmaking of Iran Sanctions](#), International Crisis Group, Middle East Report, No. 138, February 2013. See also attached.
2. [The Spider Web of Sanctions](#), International Crisis Group, Interactive Data: Year Enacted, Economic Impact, Trigger, Targets, Reversibility.
3. [Timeline on Iran's Nuclear Program](#), New York Times, Middle East, Multimedia, November 20th, 2014.

You are apart of these meetings because of your expertise. So please ensure that you have also **read** the [latest scholarship](#) on [sanctions](#).

Be sure to prepare at least three detailed talking points based on the unclassified briefs.

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### **Positions in the National Security Council Consultative Meeting**

1. Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs: 10am **Sonya** / 11am **Sally**
2. Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor: 10am **Sam** / 11am **Daniel**
3. Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications: 10am **Margaret** / 11am **Alex Lin**
4. Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy White House Counsel, and Legal Advisor to the National Security Council: 10am **Anna Lea** / 11am **Sabrina**
5. Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs: 10am **Hugo** / 11am **Camille**
6. Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for Arms Control and WMD, Proliferation and Terrorism: 10am **Geordie** / 11am **Nick**
7. Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs: 10am **Harriet** / 11am **Carlos**