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Jake,

The Secretary asked me this afternoon about timing for a call/meeting with HbJ on the Syrian opposition. I told her I wanted to consult with Robert to double check on this:

Robert agrees that HbJ remains quite involved in the Syria issue. For instance, when he was in the London meeting on the Syria opposition just before UNGA, the Qatari rep got HbJ on the phone in minutes during the meeting to weigh in on a Q re the SNC – and HbJ's view carried the day.

We are now sending to Amb Susan Ziadeh the list of organizations that we want to Qataris to contact inside Syria to ask them to choose reps to send to Doha. We are also sending her the list of names we are socializing for consideration for the "political council." Susan can discuss these lists in Doha on Sunday, so it would make sense for S to wait until Monday or Tuesday to engage with HbJ on some of these ideas for managing the conference and its outcomes.

Robert confirms that there is a lot of talk about the Doha meeting being postponed for a few days, but there is no new firm date. We are quite comfortable with a delay as it gives us (and others) time to press for good representation/participation and a better outcome. The idea of a follow-on conference in Cairo is still very much alive.

She suggested she might also check with HbJ on whether he is planning a trip here anytime soon. Meeting him in person would be great if he's planning a trip here.

I'll send a note up on Monday with some ideas on the Libya meeting that the Secretary asked about.

Beth