

March 22, 2012

To: Katonah Great Decisions Participants

From: Fred Piker – Discussion Leader

Re: Summary of 3/20/12 Meeting – “Cybersecurity: The New Frontier” –
Topic Leader: Dick Ten Dyke

10:15: KICKOFF

Welcome and Introduction of Guests & New Chapter Members

Gerry Golub and Herb Kaufman (of the Chappaqua Great Decisions Chapter) and Ebba Sayre and Janeen Sudaka-Karlsson joined us today

Future 2011-12 Day Time Meeting Dates

4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15

Future Schedule of 2012 Spring Daytime Meeting Topics

4/3 – “Promoting Democracy: Foreign Policy Imperative?” - Co-Topic Leader:
Harry Stanton

4/17 – “Exit From Afghanistan & Iraq: Right Time, Right Pace?” - Co-Topic
Leader – Tyler Beebe

5/1 – “Middle East Realignment: The Arab Upheaval” – Co-Topic Leader:
Mike Kornfield

**NOTE – MIKE IS SEEKING A CO-TOPIC LEADER. IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED, PLEASE ADVISE HIM (makorn@aol.com) AND ME**

5/15 – “Mexico & Its Relationships with U. S. and Central America” – Topic
Leaders: Joe Adams and Maureen/John Carpenter

Topics Suggested So Far For September 2012-Mid January 2013

(By 5/15 dates and topics will be scheduled. Members’ suggestions are welcomed)

Turkey
Immigration

Sovereign Debt/Foreign Policy Issues
Human Rights
Role of Foreign Policy
Climate Change/Foreign Policy Implications
Future of the Euro
U. S. Military Power
Islam
Aging & Population
Brazil
Turkey
Russia & Putin
North Korea
India
Iran
Potential Change in China Arising from New Leadership
Book Review-“Strategic Decisions”-Author-Zbigniew Brzezinski
Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
Education and National Security

Issues for Current Events Module

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See comments on last page

GROUP DISCUSSION

*CHAPTER MOTTO - “DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT
FONDNESS FOR DISPUTE OR DESIRE FOR VICTORY” – BEN FRANKLIN*

Readings & References - Pre-Meeting Preparation

**To ensure an informative discussion, participants are encouraged to review the
“Priority” readings and time permitting, “Supplementary” readings as well.**

Priority

FPA 2012 Briefing Book-“Cybersecurity: The New Frontier”

FPA Website – www.fpa.org – go to “Great Decisions” – then to “Resource Library”-
then to “Cybersecurity” – you will find several readings

Supplementary

FPA 2012 Briefing Book-page 58

“Cyber War: The Next Threat to National Security and What To Do About It” – Author: Richard Clarke

Topic Introduction

Ron Deibert, author of the FPA reading, and Michael Chertoff, a former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (who provides comment in the 2012 Great Decisions TV interview), believe cyberspace (transformation of the domain into a matter of national security) and cybersecurity (threats to and through cyberspace) pose significant challenges to the U. S. and the rest of the world. These challenges are further echoed by: (1) James Clapper, U. S. Director of National Intelligence in his recent appearance before the Senate Intelligence Community; (2) Army Lt. General Keith Alexander, Director of the National Security Agency (as reported in the February 27 WSJ); and (3) Richard Clarke in his February 16th WSJ article, “Cyber Attacks Can Spark Real Wars.”

Initially Dick provided an overview on cybersecurity focusing on “how did we get here?” Prior to viewing the related FPA DVD segment, he also called our attention to specific issues raised during the DVD interview which segued to the discussion questions listed below. Dick’s introductory comments, together with the DVD, and the discussion questions were directed toward the central question, “What are the foreign policy implications associated with cyberspace and cybersecurity?” **NOTE – COPIES OF DICK’S “HOW DID WE GET HERE?” AND HIS COMPANION DISCUSSION HANDOUT ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS TRANSMISSION.**

Preliminary Discussion Questions

**LISTED BELOW ARE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY DICK.
NOTE - SOME OVERLAP WITH THE FPA QUESTIONS LISTED ON PAGE 58
OF THE 2012 FPA BRIEFING BOOK**

- 1- How does cybersecurity affect our relations with Israel, China, India, etc?
- 2- Should the U. S. use cyberspace to support of political activism?
- 3- Should governments take a more active role in managing cyberspace?
- 4- In the use of cyberspace, what would constitute an act of war?
- 5- Should the U. S. Congress act? If so, how?

Participant Observations

Referring to Dick's handout, some participants cited the following issues raised during the DVD as "highest priority"/most in need of some kind of action:

- Military Offense & Defense
 - Protecting our Nation's Infrastructure
 - Personal Security vs. Convenience
 - Stuxnet (who did it and who made the decision to use it?)
- Is it possible to defend against Stuxnet?

What level of resources and availability are required to address cybersecurity issues?

If one uses the Internet, is it possible to protect one's personal data?

How confident can we be (or should we) in the ability of our experts to protect against cybercrime?

By not using or limiting use of the Internet, we can control (somewhat) release of one's personal data

Younger people (e. g. – those under 50) are more open and willing to share personal data

The release of U. S. classified information via Wikileaks raises significant security issues

Is technology reaching the stage where it precludes mankind's control? If so, how can we live in a world like this?

The Internet has broken down the barriers to protect intellectual property

Dick called attention to the backside of his handout – 4 levels of cyberattacks and recommended steps to address them

12:00 P. M-ADJOURNMENT & COMMENCEMENT OF OPTIONAL CURRENT EVENTS MODULE

Discussion focused on:

- (1) Issues associated with the recent (alleged) killing of Afghanistan citizens by an American soldier, and
- (2) Recent WSJ editorial by a Goldman Sachs executive who decided to resign

(3) What right does the U. S. have to proclaim Iran cannot have a nuclear bomb?

12:30 P. M. – ADJOURNMENT OF OPTIONAL MODULE

Hope you can join us on 4/3.

Best regards,