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From: Dravis, Samantha
Sent: Fri 9/8/2017 6:31:42 PM
Subject: Re: CNAS Private Roundtable on U.S. Climate Leadership on 9.14

I'll try to make it

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 8, 2017, at 2:07 PM, Elizabeth Rosenberg <erosenberg@cnas.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Dravis,

I hope this finds you well. I am following up to my initial invitation to ask if you are able to attend a private, off-the-record roundtable to discuss the future of U.S. climate leadership on September 14th at the Center for a New American Security. The event will feature remarks from George David Banks, Special Assistant to the President for International Energy and the Environment, and Elgie Holstein, Senior Director for Strategic Planning at the Environmental Defense Fund. For additional details, see the invitation below.

I hope you will be able to join us for what I am sure will be an engaging and dynamic discussion. Please RSVP to Kaleigh Thomas at kthomas@cnas.org if you are able to attend.

Best,

Elizabeth Rosenberg
Senior Fellow and Program Director
Energy, Economics, and Security
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A CNAS EVENT INVITATION

The Future of U.S. Climate Leadership

Thursday, September 14, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

A private roundtable with remarks by:

George David Banks

Special Assistant to the President
for International Energy and the Environment
National Security Council

Elgie Holstein

Senior Director for Strategic Planning
Environmental Defense Fund

Presented by:

Elizabeth Rosenberg, CNAS Program Director and Senior Fellow, will host.

David Gordon, CNAS Adjunct Senior Fellow, will moderate.

Divya Reddy, Eurasia Group Practice Head, will serve as a discussant.

Please join us for a private, off-the-record roundtable to discuss the future of U.S. climate leadership. The dust is now settling on President Donald Trump's controversial decision to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. We must now focus on climate policy issues facing the United States – both international and domestic – in the aftermath of leaving the Paris Agreement. At this time, the starting point for effective policy should be to do what is principled yet practical. The discussion will focus on the following questions: (1) How should the U.S. administration craft a climate agenda that serves U.S. interests? (2) Is the strategic implication of the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris agreement in order to focus on clean energy a concept around which U.S. stakeholders can rally? (3) Can the United States remain a global leader on climate policy?

The event will coincide with the launch of a CNAS report on "**After-Paris: A Climate Agenda that Serves U.S. Interests**" by David F. Gordon, Divya P. Reddy, and Elizabeth Rosenberg.

Please note that this is a private, off-the-record event and invites are non-transferrable. **To RSVP to this event, please contact Kaleigh Thomas at kthomas@cnas.org.**

Center for a New American Security

1152 15th Street NW | Suite 950

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Thursday, September 14, 2017

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George David Banks serves as Special Assistant to the President for International Energy and Environment. Banks was previously Executive Vice President of the American Council for Capital Formation, a business association based in Washington, D.C. Banks also served as GOP Deputy Staff Director of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and Senior Adviser on International Climate at the Council on Environmental Quality under President George W. Bush. He also worked as a diplomat for the U.S. State Department and analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency. Banks holds a B.A. in economics, history, and political science and an M.A. in economics from the University of Missouri, as well as a J.D. from George Mason University.

Elgie Holstein serves as the Senior Director for Strategic Planning at the Environmental Defense Fund. In this role, he coordinates strategy and policy work and represents EDF's programs to policymakers, supporters, and the media. Holstein brings extensive career experience — having held a number of senior positions in government and the private sector — with a focus on energy, natural resources, and environmental policy. Holstein's government service has included senior positions in which he has been responsible for a variety of natural resources, environmental, science, energy, and economic policy issues. Those positions include Associate Director of Office of Management and Budget for Natural Resources, Energy and Science; Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, White House National Economic Council; Assistant Secretary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Energy.

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