

A WAY AHEAD WITH CHINA: A MILLER CENTER ROUNDTABLE

China's rising influence in the world has led to varied impulses by Americans in how to deal with this change. Some are quick to encourage a strong embrace of the world's largest country, others are quick to cast China as the villain in a recreated Cold War dynamic. Our changing relationship demands a strategy that takes neither of those paths, and should be based on a careful consideration of what the United States wants to gain from our relations. We have much to gain from an informed, comprehensive approach to this important relationship. The Miller Center of Public Affairs Schlesinger Chair Admiral Prueher's experience as a former Ambassador to China presents us with the opportunity to host a Roundtable charting the way towards effective productive relations with China. The Miller Center will convene a 3 day roundtable hosted in our Washington, DC Office, timed to coincide with official state visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao on January 19.

Roundtable Objective: *convene some of the best thinkers on US-Sino relations to derive actionable steps for US entities.*

Schedule:

All events take place at the Miller Center's Washington DC Office unless otherwise indicated. We recognize that all roundtable participants cannot be at every session, and are grateful for the time you can spend with us.

Day One: January 20, 2011

2:30 Opening Session: *What do we want?*

Following the luncheon in honor of President Jintao at the US-China Business Council, participants will meet for the opening "big picture" session. The session will begin with the fundamental question: *What does the US want our ideal relationship with China to look like?* What does the US need and want from China? What does China need and want from the US? Our relationship with China is and will continue to be a protracted negotiation, and to guide that endeavor we must step back and determine what our desired endpoint is.

6:00 Dinner

Pershing Room, Army/Navy Club 901 17th Street, Washington, DC

Day Two: January 21, 2011

9:00 Morning Session: *How does it look right now?*

Our relationship with China spans many policy and economic spheres: political, military, economic, culture, and trade with significant overlap between the areas. Topic areas to be discussed and considered include: Energy, Raw Materials, National Security (SCS, SEA, Japan, nuclear capacity), Trade (policy, WTO, intellectual property), Foreign Exchange, Education, Human Rights, Pollution, Crisis Response, and World Organizations.

12:00 Lunch (Guest Speaker Possible)

1:00 Afternoon Session: *What are the steps to get from here to there?*

Once we have envisioned what our ideal relationship is with China, and have surveyed the current status of our relationship, the roundtable will set about with the difficult work on deriving actionable recommendations for how to move us closer to the ideal. We will look at:

- Actions the US can take to regain bargaining power, including reducing our deficits
- Reviewing the Taiwan Relations Act
- Evaluating opportunities and challenges in a free trade agreement
- Determining the best military relationship
- Identifying who should be taking these steps
- Assessing our energy and environmental relationship with China
- Membership and our actions within world economic organizations

6:00 Dinner

Those members who are staying in town at the hotel may meet at The Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, those who would rather return home are welcome to do so.

There will be the opportunity to continue at wrap up the conversation on Saturday, January 22. On this day some roundtable members will review the work of the previous two days and distill the main points further.

Roundtable Participants

The Miller Center has taken advantage of the official State Visit of President Hu Jintao to assemble important thinkers on Chinese relations. The participants include:

- **Dr. James Shinn**, Engineering Department, Princeton University, former Assistant Secretary for Asia in the Department of Defense
- **Michael Ducker** Chief Operating Officer for FedEx Express and President of its International Division.
- **David Farr** Chief Executive Officer of Emerson and Chairman of US China Business Council.

- **David Finkelstein** Vice President and Director of the Center for Naval Analyses' China Studies,
- **Admiral Timothy Keating**, US Navy (Ret.)
- **Charles Freeman, III** Freeman Chair in China Studies at Center for Strategic and International Studies.
- **Harry Harding** Dean of the University of Virginia's Frank Batten Sr. School of Leadership and Public Policy, Vice-Chair of the Board of the Asia Foundation, a Senior Fellow at the Asia Society Center on U.S.-China Relations, and Counselor to Eurasia Group,
- **David Michael Lampton** Dean of Faculty at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and Professor of Chinese Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Final Report

We will deliver a policy report on the 10th anniversary of a low point in US-China relations: the collision of a U.S. surveillance plane with a Chinese fighter over Hainan Island on April 1, 2001. Miller Center Schlesinger Chair Admiral Prueher played a leading role in talks that led to the release of the American crew, which will allow us to maximize the release of our recommendations on that date. The report will offer concise, real world recommendations on what we should be doing in China.