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Question: Mr Snowden – Did we meet them? I cannot recall one occasion when we have been invited to attend a meeting of congressional delegations invited by DFAT.

Answer: If the schedule permits the US Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group usually hosts a lunch for visiting US Congressional members (Congressman Sensenbrenner on 31 May 2005). Congressional Staffers meet with counterparts from both sides of the house.

Question: Which committee did Congressman Sensenbrenner meet during his visit to Australia (Chair – What Committee?)

Answer: The Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD on 31 May 2005.

Question: Mr Snowdon – How many people do we have in it? (Congressional section Australian Embassy Washington).

Answer: The Congressional Liaison branch is headed by a senior career diplomat at the Counsellor level and permanently staffed by three locally engaged staff. All Australian diplomats engage with relevant contacts on Capitol Hill in the course of their normal duties.

Question: Mr Edwards - ...I would be very interested to see whether we could get a list of the congressman and staffers who have been here and when they came.

Answer: See attached at A

US VISITORS HOSTED BY DFAT SINCE AUGUST 2002

August 2002

Ms Angela Ellard

Staff Director and Counsel
Sub-Committee on Trade, Committee on Ways and Means
US House of Representatives

December 2002

Ms Dayna Cade

Trade Counsel
Office of Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Nebraska)

Mr Christopher Campbell

Professional Staff Member
US Senate Committee on the Judiciary
(and Trade Adviser to Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah))

Mr Hunter Moorhead Jr

Professional Staff Member
Sub-Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Mr Timothy E. Punke

Senior International Trade Counsel (Minority)
Senate Finance Committee, United States Senate

Dr Randall (Randy) Soderquist

Senior Policy Adviser for Economic and International Affairs
Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico)

Mr James Travis

Senior Legislative Assistant for Agriculture and Water Resources
Office of Congressman Cal Dooley (D-Ca)

January 2003

Ms Viji Rangaswami

Minority Trade Counsel, Sub-Committee on Trade
Committee on Ways and Means, US House of Representatives

Mr Jason Vaillancourt

Professional Staff Member
House Committee on Agriculture, US House of Representatives

Mr David Stewart

Legislative Director
Office of Congressman Philip English

Mr Andrew Vermilye

Senior Policy Adviser
Office of Senator John Breaux

Mr Patrick Wilson

Committee on Small Business and Rep. Donald A Manzullo, Chairman
US House of Representatives

May 2003

Ms Sara J. Fitzgerald

Trade Policy Analyst
Center for International Trade and Economics (CITE)

June 2003

Mr Timothy Reif

Chief Democratic Trade Counsel
Sub-Committee on Trade, Committee on Ways and Means

August 2003

Ms Lori L. Denham

Legislative Director
Calvin M Dooley, Member of Congress, 20th District, California

Mr Ryan E. Weston

Staff Director
Sub-Committee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research
Hon. Frank D. Lucas, Chairman
US House of Representatives, Committee on Agriculture

Ms Paula Steiner

Legislative Director
Congressman Steve King, Fifth District, Iowa

Mr Andrew Willis Baker

Deputy Counsel
Committee on Agriculture, US House of Representatives (Congressman Stenholm)

Mr Tyson R. Redpath

Legislative Assistant
Office of Rep. John A. Boehner (R-Ohio)

Mr John J. De Stephano II

Coalitions Coordinator, House Republican Conference

January 2004

Mr Vergil Cabasco

Legislative Director
Office of Representative Jennifer Dunn (R-Washington)
US House of Representatives

Mr Beau Schuyler

Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative John Tanner (D-Tennessee)

Ms Stephanie Lester

Professional Staff
Subcommittee on Trade, Committee on Ways and Means
House of Representatives

Mr J.J. Piskadlo, Jr
Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Jim Davis (D-Florida)

Mr Michael J. Seyfert
Assistant Legislative Director
Office of Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas)

Ms Debra A. Dixon
Legislative Director
Office of Representative Xavier Becerra (D-California)

February 2004

Mr Christopher McCannell
Chief of Staff
Office of Representative Joseph Crowley (D-New York)

Mr Brian Gaston
Chief of Staff and
Director of Policy Analysis and Management
Office of the Majority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Missouri)

Mr Steve Pinkos
Staff Director and Deputy General Counsel
Judiciary Committee, House of Representatives

Ms Arshi Siddiqui
Policy Adviser
Office of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-California)

Ms Anne Steckel
Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Richard Durbin (D-Illinois)

Mr Lance Walker
Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Jeff Flake (R-Arizona)

March 2004

Mr Dan Fata
Foreign Affairs Policy Analyst
Senate Republican Policy Committee

Mr Andy Olson
Legislative Counsel, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist

Mr Rich Verma
Senior Counsel and Political Director, Senate Democratic Whip, Senator Harry Reid of Nevada

April 2004

Ms Emily J. Reynolds
Secretary of the Senate
United States Senate

Ms Susan McCue
Chief of Staff
Office of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D Nevada)

Mr Peter Reinecke
Chief of Staff
Office of Senator Tom Harkin (D Iowa)

Ms Ali Wade
Chief of Staff
Office of Representative Adam Smith (D-Washington)

Mr Alex Vogel
Chief Counsel
Office of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tennessee)

Mr Malloy McDaniel
Whip Liaison
Office of Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky)

Mr Robert Traynham
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Senate Republican Committee

Mr Darren Willcox
Assistant to the Speaker for Policy
Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois)

Mr Timothy S. Bergreen
Legislative Director
Office of Representative Adam Schiff (D-California)

Ms Elizabeth A. Hart
Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Baron Hill

Mr Tommy Barletta
Press Secretary and Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Cal Dooley (D-California)

May 2004

Mr Robert Primus
Chief of Staff
Congressman Michael Capuano (Democrat-Massachusetts)

Ms Amy Steinmann

Director of Floor Operations
House Majority Whip Roy Blunt (Republican-Missouri)

Mr Rob Cogorno

Floor Director
House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (Democrat-Maryland)

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House Rules Committee, Majority Staff

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Assistant to the Speaker for Policy
Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert (Republican, Illinois)

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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Democrat-California)

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Congressman Kevin Brady (Republican-Texas)

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Legislative Assistant
Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (Democrat-Nevada)

June-July 2004

Mr Bruce Artim

Chief Counsel/Staff Director
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Chairman, Senator Orrin Hatch (Republican-Utah)

Mr Andrew Kauders

Communications Director and Senior Advisor
House Democratic Caucus
Chairman, Congressman Robert Menendez (Democrat-New Jersey)

Ms Jane Alonso

Professional Staff Member
Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
Chair, Senator Susan Collins (Republican-Maine)

Ms Ur M Jaddou

Senior Counsel
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (Democrat-California)

Ms Rachelle M Johnson

Legislative Assistant
Senator Thad Cochran (Republican-Mississippi)

Mr Jason Briggs
Legislative Assistant
Senator Ben Nelson (Democrat-Nebraska)

August 2004

Allison Beach
Legislative Counsel
Congressman Lamar Smith (Republican-Texas)

Jorge Castro
Tax and Trade Counsel
Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (Democrat-Ohio)

George Dalley
Chief of Staff
Congressman Charles Rangel (Democrat-New York)

George Fishman
Majority Chief Counsel
House Judiciary Committee
Immigration, Border Security and Claims Subcommittee

Ms Johnnie Kaberle
Senior Policy Analyst
Office of House Majority Whip Roy Blunt (Republican-Missouri)

Debra Marshall
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Congressman Fred Upton (Republican-Michigan)

Leon Sequeira
Legal Counsel
Office of Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell (Republican-Kentucky)

Kristin Wells
Minority Counsel
House Judiciary Committee

November 2004

The Honorable Ben Chandler
(Democrat – Kentucky)
United States House of Representatives
accompanied by Mrs Jennifer Chandler

The Honorable Jim Cooper
(Democrat – Tennessee)
United States House of Representatives
accompanied by Mrs Martha Cooper

The Honorable James Matheson
 (Democrat – Utah)
 United States House of Representatives
accompanied by Mrs Amy Herbener

The Honorable Mike Ross
 (Democrat – Arkansas)
 United States House of Representatives
accompanied by Mrs Holly Ross

December 2004

Mr Elliot Berke
 General Counsel
 House Majority Leader Tom Delay (Republican-Texas)

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 Administrative Assistant
 Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart (Republican-Florida)
 Comm.: Rules; Homeland Security

Mr Christopher Kang
 Judiciary Committee Counsel
 Senate Democratic Whip Richard Durbin (Democrat-Illinois)
 Comm.: Appropriations; Governmental Affairs;
 Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Select Intelligence

Ms Jill Konz
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 Foreign Relations; Select Intelligence

Mr Peter Muller
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 Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (Democrat-California)
 Comm.: Armed Services; Transportation and Infrastructure

Mr Gregg Sheiowitz
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 Congressman Joseph Crowley (Democrat-New York)
 Comm.: Financial Services; International Relations

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 Manager of Committee Relations and Floor Debate
 House Republican Conference
 Chairwoman Deborah Pryce (Republican-Ohio)

Mr Bill Wicker

Communications Director
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Ranking Minority Member Jeff Bingaman (Democrat-New Mexico)

February 2005

The Honorable Steve King

(Republican – Iowa)
United States House of Representatives
accompanied by **Mrs Marilyn King**

Delegation

Mrs Amy Lloyd

Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa)

Mr Matthew Lloyd

Communications Director
Office of Congressman Mike Pence (R-Indiana)

Mr Steve Meeks

Professional Staff Member
Majority Staff
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

Ms Pam Miller

Director
Majority Staff
Livestock and Horticulture Subcommittee
House Committee on Agriculture

Dr Elizabeth Parker

Professional Staff Member
Majority Staff
House Committee on Agriculture

March 2005

Mr Scott Bates

Senior Policy Advisor, House Committee on Homeland Security (Minority)

Ms Jennifer Bonar

Counsel, Office of Sen. Jim Bunning (R-KY)

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Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC)

Mr Andrew House

Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA)

Ms Rachael Leman

Deputy Policy Director, House Committee on Rules (Majority)

Mr Dana O'Brien

Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO)

Mr Mike Quaranta

Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE)

Ms Christy Seyfert

Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry (Majority)

Ms Gene Smith

Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA)

May 05

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.

(Republican – 5th District, Wisconsin)

Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

United States House of Representatives

accompanied by **Mrs Cheryl Sensenbrenner**

Mr Tom Schreiber

Chief of Staff

Office of Congressman Sensenbrenner

August 2005

Mr James (Jim) Conzelman

Counsellor to the Chairman

Committee on Financial Services

United States House of Representatives

Mr Robert Foster

Staff Director

Committee on Financial Services

United States House of Representatives

Ms Erika Jeffers

Professional Staff Member

Committee on Financial Services

United States House of Representatives

Mr Rohit Kumar

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

United States Senate

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Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

United States Senate

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Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

United States Senate