Belated Greetings… I am embarrassed that it has been so long since I have written you all. As you may know, CSIS is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and it has been an exceptionally busy one for us. I hope you have been monitoring our meetings and projects online. And, as always, you are all most welcome to join us for our public events.

Progress on our New Building… We are now less than 10 months away from moving into our new building at 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW. The construction is going well and we are pouring concrete almost every day. We are now pouring the slab for the 5th floor, so we are two-thirds of the way to the top. We hope to have all of the concrete poured by the end of November. Then there will be a race to get the building weather tight. We are expecting a tough winter and we cannot afford to lose any days to foul weather. That means getting the curtain wall up as soon as possible so that the more detailed technical tradesmen can start installing key components. Even with all the scaffolding in place we can still see the grandeur of the new public spaces. I have been studying the blueprints for over a year now and it is so exciting to see the space emerge three dimensionally.

Grand Opening… We plan to have our grand opening for the new building in October 2013. We will have a week-long celebration, culminating in a party for staff and alumni. We will send out more information when detailed plans are set. But do plan on joining us for the homecoming.

iTunes University Courses… We have launched something new in our partnership with iTunes University. We are now creating "courses" on themes, drawing together the many activities at CSIS into multimedia presentations that showcase a powerful collection of insights concerning important topics such as global development. These sessions are aimed at young professionals hoping to gain more insight into a particular field and the career paths of senior level officials in that field. Please find a link to our most recent “course” on “Careers in Global Development” on the iTunes website here: https://itunes.apple.com/us/course/careers-in-global-development/id564243019. Our new “Ideas Lab” has been the backbone for this project and has allowed CSIS to develop exciting new multimedia presentations such as these “courses” across all of our areas of expertise. The “Ideas Lab” has quickly become an integral part of CSIS and I am excited about the new dimension it is adding to our work. I also encourage all of you to follow CSIS on Facebook and Twitter, as they are constantly being updated with our recent project and program developments.
**Recent Initiatives**… CSIS has been busier than ever and our programs are constantly working hard on initiatives that have significant policy impact. For example, we recently completed a report that was commissioned by Congress to examine the future U.S. military force posture options for the Asia Pacific-region. The study, led by our International Security Program Director David Berteau and our Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair Mike Green, has generated significant buzz in the policy community, as well as in the media. If you would like to take a look at the final report, please click on the following link: [http://csis.org/files/publication/120814_FINAL_PACOM_optimized.pdf](http://csis.org/files/publication/120814_FINAL_PACOM_optimized.pdf). We have also just concluded four spectacular public sessions on the series, ‘Strengthening of America—Our Children’s Future,’ led by CSIS Chairman and former Senator Sam Nunn. The sessions were intended to spark a conversation about our growing and unsustainable national debt. We held a series of four simulated congressional hearings with retired members of Congress and prominent national figures, including Bob Gates, Mike Mullen, Bob Rubin, and James Baker to discuss the need for a long-term solution to our fiscal crisis. These were exciting and truly informative sessions. To find out more about this series, please check out its page on our website: [http://csis.org/program/strengthening-america-our-childrens-future](http://csis.org/program/strengthening-america-our-childrens-future).

**CSIS Meetings**… CSIS continues to serve as a platform for high-level government and business officials to speak and share their views. Recently, the Center has hosted a number of senior officials, including Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State; Leon Panetta, Secretary of Defense; Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Admiral Sandy Winnefeld, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Some of the event recordings are available on our website. I invite you check out our events page, [http://csis.org/events](http://csis.org/events), to see what is happening at the Center and which events are on the horizon.

**New Program Chairs**… We have expanded our pool with a few new senior staff additions. Earlier this year, Chris Johnson joined us as the Freeman Chair in China Studies. He is an accomplished Asian affairs specialist with nearly 20 years of experience working in the intelligence community on China. Matthew Goodman is now our new William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy. He has significant experience working on international economics, as he previously worked in the White House as the coordinator for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the East Asia Summit. Scott Miller has recently replaced Meredith Broadbent as our new Scholl Chair in International Business. Well-versed on the many dimensions of trade policy, Scott comes to us from Procter & Gamble where he was a senior trade policy expert. We are delighted to have them all with us.

**Launch of New Sumitro Chair in Southeast Asia Studies**… We have formally launched the Sumitro Chair at CSIS. Ernie Bower, who is the director of our Southeast Asia Program, is the first Chairholder and he continues and he continues to grow this vital program. As Southeast Asia is becoming far more important in the geopolitical system now, we are proud to have the strongest and most dynamic program in Washington concerning this important region.

**New Perspectives in Foreign Policy**… As you may already know, within the last year CSIS has started a new, online publication that is a forum for our young professionals to challenge and analyze foreign policy issues. The invitation to submit a piece for publication is also extended to you, our alums, and if you would like to share your perspective with us or wish to learn more about the journal, please email: [newperspectives@csis.org](mailto:newperspectives@csis.org). To check out some of the recent articles, please click here: [http://csis.org/program/new-perspectives](http://csis.org/program/new-perspectives).
Please Stay in Touch… As alums, you are an important part of the Center’s family and we enjoy hearing from you. If you have any personal or professional news or updates you would like to share with us, please email: alumni@csis.org. We look forward to welcoming you all back to CSIS at our building grand opening next year!

Now and Then

Jeffrey Bean (Research Assistant and Program Coordinator, Freeman Chair in China Studies, 2009-2012) is currently a M.A. candidate at the George Washington University for a degree in security policy studies.

Xiaoqing Lu Boynton (Fellow, Global Health Policy Center and Freeman Chair in China Studies, 2005-2012) recently joined the Albright Stonebridge Group as a Director.

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