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Regarding: Job Announcement, Executive director

Dear Dr. Amirahmadi,

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to discuss AIC's announcement for an Executive director with you. According to your recommendations, I am hereby sending over my resume and the information you required.

I am currently working on my Masters in Economics at the Stockholm School of Economics, and on my Masters in Political Science at Stockholm University. I will receive both my degrees in December 1999. In Political Science I have focused on the political situation in Iran, whereas my focus in Economics has been on trade and development.

Most of my work experience has pertained to politics and diplomacy, and US-Iran relations in particular. I have worked in the United States Congress as a political advisor to Congressman Robert Ney of Ohio, formulating and marketing his position vis-à-vis Iran. As I am sure you are aware, Congressmen Ney originally positioned himself in favor of the political isolation of Iran and had extensive contacts with the Mojahedin. My job at his office was to point out to him the benefits of engagement with Iran and persuade him to change his position to favor such a policy. This task was successfully accomplished and Congressman Ney are today one of Capitol Hill's most outspoken advocates of dialogue with Iran.

I have also worked as a diplomat with the Swedish Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. My duties at the Mission were to assist with the work in the Third Committee of the General Assembly (where I was involved in the drafting of the yearly Human Rights Resolution on Iran) and the Security Council. In the Security Council, I was involved in the handling of the conflicts in Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Western Sahara and Iraq. While working in the UN, I developed and improved both my understanding of the mechanisms of the international political system, while at the same time observing the behavior of Iran and the US during the crisis in Afghanistan.

Moreover, during the last couple of years I have, alongside my studies, had hands on advocacy concerning US-Iran relations. In 1997, I founded Iranians for International Cooperation ([www.iic.org](http://www.iic.org)), an US based advocacy group promoting the use of dialogue as a means for solving international disputes, and I have twice been elected President of the organization. IIC has today app. 500 active members worldwide and we are actively lobbying on parliaments in the US, Sweden, the UK and the EU.

My involvement in Mideast affairs has provided me with an insight on the complexity of US-Iran relations, and a deep understanding for the concerns of the different actors in this field, be they states, individuals or interest groups. Furthermore, it has also provided me with vast connections with the most prominent experts on the Middle East and the major actors in this field.

It is my strong conviction that my wide experience in fields in which political and diplomatic skills have been decisive will enable me to become an asset to AIC. I believe that my experience of having both seen the inside of Congress, with all its interest groups, and the behavior of the main actors in the multilateral setting at the UN, will be highly valued at AIC.

Last but not least, some personal information. I hold a Swedish Passport, so entering the US will not be a problem for me. However, in order to be able to work in the US, I must have a US work permit, which I currently lack. However, this work permit can be granted to me through AIC, if you choose to hire me. I would be very happy to work for AIC this coming summer and hopefully also after my graduation.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and in my enclosed CV you will find additional information on my experience and on how I can be reached.

Yours faithfully,

Trita Parsi