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McCain and Obama Advisors to Debate Asia Policy
September 22

Washington, D.C. – Senior foreign policy advisors to presidential candidates Senator McCain and Senator Obama will debate the future of U.S. foreign policy toward the Asia-Pacific on September 22. The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is hosting the debate to help inform the public of the presidential candidates' views toward this important region. The next U.S. administration will need an effective Asia policy to address challenges ranging from global warming to traditional and nontraditional security threats as well as maintaining prosperity.

Who: **Moderator:** *Ambassador Thomas Pickering*, NBR Advisor and former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Ambassador to the United Nations, Russia, India, Israel, Nigeria, and Jordan.

Master of Ceremonies: *Lori Matsukawa*, Co-anchor for Seattle's NBC affiliate, KING 5 Television.

McCain/Palin Representatives:

Michael J. Green, Associate Professor of International Relations, Georgetown University; Senior Advisor and Japan Chair, CSIS; former Special Assistant to the President and former Senior Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council

Daniel A. Blumenthal, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; former Senior Director for China, Taiwan, and Mongolia, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense

Obama/Biden Representatives:

Ambassador Robert S. Gelbard, Chairman, Washington Global Partners LLC; former Ambassador to Indonesia and Bolivia; President Clinton's Special Envoy to the Balkans; former Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State

Frank Jannuzi, Professional Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and former Political-Military Analyst, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State

When: Monday, September 22, at 5 p.m.

Where: The National Press Club, Ballroom 524 14th Street NW 13th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20045

For more information or to request an invitation visit www.nbr.org.

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