

Appendix 27: email from Cohen to Shoukri and Monahan re putting the "fear of all three gods" into conference organizers, April 17, 2009



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Subject RE: June Conference

On the question of moving, I wld suggest we handle it as Plan B. That is to say, if we get comfortable that it is balanced and that people perceive it to be so [i.e. no marches etc], then no need to move it to a hotel.

But if there is any doubt, and given that the incremental costs don't seem excessive, I wld move it.

Ergo, can we book something as insurance and then decide in a week or two when we see how things are going. Then at most, we mught lose our deposit but that wld be an insurance premium well worth paying.

[the interesting thing, if I read your note right, is that the organisers don't seem bent out of shape at the suggestion. I can only assume that you put the fear of all 3 gods involved here into them! Good work]

-----Original Message-----

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Mamdouh, Mickey and Stan

I met with the organizers (Bruce Ryder and Susan Drummond) today to impress upon them the seriousness of the situation and had a productive discussion.

First, they have welcomed my offer to assist in recruiting additional speakers to provide some balance. I am wondering, Stan, whether you have spoken to David D about his own participation as well as about his assistance in recruiting others.

Second, they are open to moving the conference off-site to a hotel, subject

to cost. I am having someone investigate the availability of a modestly price hotel option. Mickey you raised this idea - do you think it worth it.

to invest the additional money needed to move it off-campus? By the way, as

of now it is scheduled for Glendon, not the main campus. I expect the incremental cost would not be large.

Let me know what you think.

Patrick

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