

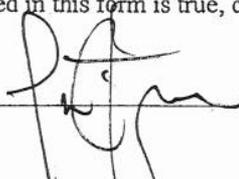
TRAVEL EXPENSES:

| | Total Transportation Expenses | Total Lodging Expenses | Total Meal Expenses |
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| For employee: | \$ 782.90 | \$ 856 | \$ 396.92 |
| For accompanying family member: | / | / | / |

| | Other Expenses (dollar amount) | Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| For employee: | \$ 10 | Taxi in Oxford |
| For accompanying family member: | / | / |

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE: _____



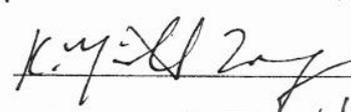
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I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: _____

Rep. K. Michael Conaway

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: _____



DATE: 6/10/08



April 22, 2008

Scott Graves
Legislative Director
Office of Congressman Michael Conaway
U.S. House of Representatives
511 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4311

Dear Mr. Graves:

On behalf of the German Marshall Fund (GMF), the University of Oxford, and the joint project on 'The Politics of WTO Reform', I am pleased to invite you to a special High-Level Meeting on WTO Reform with Senior US Congressional staff representatives. The need to 'make the WTO work better' has become one of the most pressing problems within global governance, and open dialogue can help lead to innovative solutions to the problems facing the current world trading structure. The meetings will take place in an informal setting to encourage open debate on the future of the WTO. The conference would take place on **May 23-24, 2008 at the European Studies Centre at Oxford.**

The focus of the project thus far has been to link together researchers who are concerned with systemic problems in the multilateral trading system, in particular, to debate the roles of the US and EU in reforming the WTO after the conclusion of the Doha Round. One of the main organizational objectives is to work towards building a 'network of networks' of likeminded scholars, analysts, and practitioners. Core researchers involved include Dr Kalypso Nicolaïdis (Director of the European Studies Centre at the University of Oxford), Professor Robert Howse (Alene and Allan F. Smith Professor of Law at the University of Michigan), and Dr Sophie Meunier (Research Scholar in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University). Others, including representatives from the European Commission, the Evian Group, the Warwick Commission, the Overseas Development Institute, the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, and Oxfam, have also expressed interest in actively participating in the network.

The project has already conducted a series of events and is planning forthcoming outputs for 2008. On October 26, 2007, a successful meeting was held at Oxford to discuss different themes and topics related to the project with Denis Redonnet, Deputy Head of Cabinet for External Trade at the European Commission. Forthcoming events include a scheduled meeting with Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the WTO, in Oxford; as well as a first group publication synthesising some of the conceptual and empirical work of the group.

We hope you will join us for the conference on this important topic. GMF will cover transatlantic flights, food, and accommodation in Oxford. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Dodie Jones at (202) 745-3950 or djones@gmfus.org.

Sincerely

Dodie Jones
Congressional Officer
The German Marshall Fund of the United States

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The German Marshall Fund of the United States
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box):
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): See Attachment
6. Dates of travel: May 22-25, 2008
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, DC - Oxford, England - Washington, DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box):
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
- a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:
- If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*):
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: GMF is responsible for the selection and recruitment of participants, and for all aspects of the organization of this meeting
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13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: GMF seeks to strengthen understanding and awareness between the U.S. and Europe. This meeting works towards this goal by bringing congressional staff and European Officials and thinkers together to discuss how to cooperate better on trade pol
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: Economy class air travel will be provided on commercial aircraft
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15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*):
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or
 - The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
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17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Oxford was selected because it houses the joint GMF-Oxford project on "The Politics of WTO Reform"
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Cotswold Lodge Hotel
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$298 per night
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20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Proximity to University of Oxford
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21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates | Total Transportation Expenses per Participant | Total Lodging Expenses per Participant | Total Meal Expenses per Participant |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | \$1,072 | \$894 | \$440 |
| For each accompanying family member | N/A | N/A | N/A |

| | Other Expenses (dollar amount) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | N/A | N/A |
| For each accompanying family member | N/A | N/A |

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Dodie Jones

Name and title: Dodie Jones, Program officer

Organization: The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Address: 1700 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Telephone number: 202 683 2629

Fax number: 202 265 1662

Email Address: djones@gmfus.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 U.S. House of Representatives
 HT-2, The Capitol
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)
 (202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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STRENGTHENING TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION

Special High-Level Oxford Meeting on WTO Reform

A Two Day Meeting Organised by the European Studies Centre at the University of Oxford
and the German Marshall Fund of the United States

May 23-24, 2008
University of Oxford

Agenda

How can the policies, bargains, rulings, decision-making procedures, and institutional features of the World Trade Organization (WTO) better serve the goal of its Members to live well and within the means of the planet? The need to 'make the WTO work better' has become one of the most pressing problems within global governance, although there is little agreement as to what this may mean. Institutional reform and democratisation? Normative adaptation to reflect 'trade and' issues? Or are new principles required to reconcile bilateralism, regionalism and multilateralism? Such concerns have become more pronounced in the context of the Doha Round where negotiation proposals have often not matched the expectations of many actors in what was dubbed 'the development agenda'. Whatever the results, it is now time to look beyond the round. How the Members of the WTO system chart a viable course of reform post-Doha will be crucial in terms of both normative concerns and livelihood security. This Special High-Level Oxford Meeting on WTO Reform aims to bring together trade practitioners, analysts, and scholars in an informal atmosphere to debate these concerns. **The meeting will be conducted under Chatham House Rules.**

Day 1: Thursday 22 May

- 9.30 *First group of Congressional staff departs Washington, DC-Dulles*
- 18.00 *Second group of Congressional staff departs Washington, DC-Dulles*
- 22.00 *First group of Congressional staff arrive at London Heathrow*
- 23.30 *First group of Congressional staff arrive in Oxford*

Day 2: Friday 23 May

- 6.40 *Second group of Congressional Staff arrive at London Heathrow*
- 8.30 *Second group of Congressional Staff arrive in Oxford*
- 11.00-11.15 Introduction
Joe Guinan, Program Officer, Economic Policy, German Marshall Fund of the United States; Kalypto Nicolaïdis and Matthew Eagleton-Pierce, University of Oxford
Will feature overview of the 'Politics of WTO Reform' project, including a brief history, research aims and scope, and collaborators and engagements.
- 11.15-13.00 Launching the discussion
Theme 1: Debating contested boundaries and issue linkages
The organisation of issues that are recognised as 'trade-related' is an enduring concern for WTO Members, one which has arguably become more problematic during the Doha Round. The US and the EU work to organise some trade issues into the WTO, and organise other issues out. The boundaries of the WTO's mandate, therefore, are never stable but always a source of debate between different types of actors. How does one assess the 'appropriate' agenda for the institution? How can the WTO link with, or reconcile, relations with other prominent regimes, such as aid, the environment, or investment? In particular, in light of the contested discussions in recent years, how can one re-examine the central relationship between trade and development?
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch at St Antony's College
- 14.00-15.00 Continued informal discussion on Theme 1
- 15.00-16.00 Theme 2: Re-examining the relationship between multilateralism and preferentialism
Both the US and the EU have tended to try to export their own policy paradigms to govern the multilateral level. In general terms, this means seeking to mould WTO rules in ways that are compatible with their own internal political economy. Increasingly, however, both powers appear to be torn between contradictory principles, such as non-discrimination and preferential treatment, or bilateralism and multilateralism. How can one understand these practices? Is there a need to minimise the friction between regionalism and non-discriminatory trade relations managed by the WTO? If so, what disciplines or procedures could help clarify WTO provisions on regional trade agreements?
- 16.00-16.15 Pause for coffee
- 16.15-18.00 Continued informal discussion on Theme 2

19.00-21.00 Working dinner

Day 3: Saturday 24 May

9.00 -11:00 Theme 3: Debating support for trade integration in a shifting political economic landscape

It is clear that while the US and the EU continue to exert a strong imprint on the meaning and practice of reform in the multilateral system, the contours of the world economy are changing rapidly in different directions. For some, there are now multiple poles of influence in trade policy, including China, India, and Brazil. At the same time, in many countries, there has been a weakening of public support for increased integration and new trade flows. How can one understand these trends, which sometimes appear contradictory? What are the implications for the WTO regime when faced with domestic political fall-outs? How could one propose new approaches or visions for multilateral cooperation?

11:00-12:00 Informal Discussion

12:00-14:00 Working Lunch with Oxford and GMF staff

14:00-18:00 Individual Working Period

18:00-20.00 Debrief and Working Dinner

Day 4: Sunday 25 May

11.00 *Congressional Staff Departs*

Participants [TBC]

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| Alan Beattie | Columnist, <i>Financial Times</i> |
| Carolyn Deere | Director, Global Trade Governance Project, Global Economic Governance Programme, Oxford; Resident Scholar, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva |
| Arunabha Ghosh | DPhil Candidate in International Relations; Associate, Global Trade Governance Project, Global Economic Governance Programme, Oxford |
| Joe Guinan | Program Officer, Economic Policy, German Marshall Fund of the United States |
| Jennifer Hillman | Member of the WTO Appellate Body; Distinguished Visiting Fellow of the Institute of International Economic Law at Georgetown University Law Center; Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States |
| Emily Jones | Policy Adviser Economic Justice, Oxfam GB |
| Mehmet Karli | DPhil Candidate in Law, Oxford |
| Jean-Pierre Lehmann | Director of the Evian Group; and Professor of International Political Economy at IMD International Institute for Management Development |
| Tobias Lenz | DPhil Candidate in International Relations, Oxford |
| Christopher McCrudden | Professor in Human Rights Law, Oxford |
| Amrita Narlikar | University Lecturer in International Relations, University of Cambridge |
| Kalypso Nicolaïdis | Director, European Studies Centre, and University Lecturer in International Relations, Oxford |
| Jim Rollo | Professor of European Economic Integration, University of Sussex |
| Dan Sarooshi | Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford |
| Debra Steger | Former Director of the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat; Law Professor, University of Ottawa |
| Leila Vignal | Senior Research Associate, Oxford University Centre for the Environment; European Studies Centre, Oxford |

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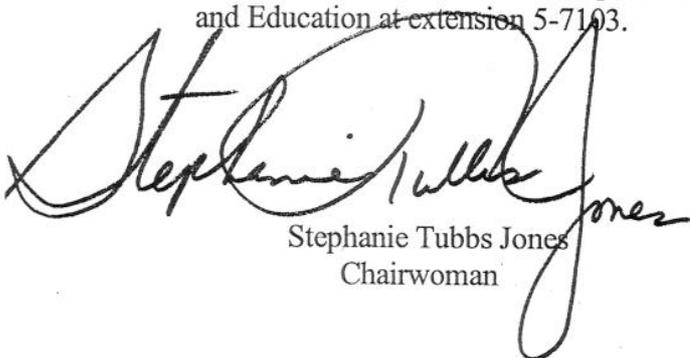
Mr. Scott Graves
Office of the Honorable K. Michael Conaway
511 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Graves:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Oxford, England scheduled for May 22 to 25, 2008 sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Stephanie Tubbs Jones
Chairwoman

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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